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Check Presentation Ceremony planned to Celebrate USDA's \$2.3-Million in Loan and Grant Funding to Construct New Water Lines in Kenton County

New water lines will give 135 households access to public water

Erlanger, KY – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) State Director Tom Fern has announced \$2,333,000 in USDA funds (\$1,733,000 loan/\$600,000 grant) to extend water infrastructure to 135 households in rural Kenton County. The \$3.4 million project will also be supplemented by a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the Kenton County Fiscal Court by the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG), which was approved earlier this year, and funds from the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD).

"USDA is proud to work in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government, the Kenton County Fiscal Court, the Northern Kentucky Area Development District and the Northern Kentucky Water District to expand the community's water system," said Fern.

"This is terrific news for the residents of Southern Kenton County," said Kenton County Judge-executive Steve Arlinghaus. "Providing safe drinking water to all of the citizens of Kenton County has been a major priority for me during my 7½ years serving as a member of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, especially the past 2½ years as County Judge/Executive."



A ceremonial check presentation will take place at the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) Administrative Headquarters, located at 2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger Kentucky, 41018-0640 on August 19th at 1:30 pm.

The total cost of the project (NKWD-Kenton County Unserved Water Project 2012 (Subdistrict M) is \$3.4 million. Sources of funding include:

- CDBG (\$1,000,000)
- The Kenton County Fiscal Court (\$50,000)
- Northern Kentucky Water District (\$2,330,000)
 - (includes \$1,733,000 RD Loan and \$600,000 RD Grant)
- Other tap-on fees (\$16,500)

This project will serve 135 households along 6.7 miles of water line along the following roads including:

- Little Cruises Creek Road
- Rich Road (Little Cruises Creek to Rouse)
- Fontana Road
- KY 177 (#14669 to #15112)
- Rouse Road
- Camp Road
- Harbil Road
- Lakeview Drive

Construction bids are hoped to be secured by year-end once all approvals, easements and permits are secured.

“We are pleased to participate in this type of productive partnership in our efforts to make potable water service more readily available to residents of our region,” said Ron Lovan, President and CEO of NKWD.

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