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**Groundbreaking Event Planned to Celebrate the Start of Construction to  
Install Over 6 Miles of New Water Mains in Rural Kenton County**  
*New mains will give 135 households access to public water*

**Erlanger, KY** – Construction is beginning the week of July 14, 2014 to extend new water mains to provide access to public water to 135 households in rural Kenton County thanks to \$2.3 million in loan and grant funding approved by the USDA Agency of Rural Development, \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the Kenton County Fiscal Court, and funds from the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) for this project.

“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 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) State Director Tom Fern.

“Residents in every community should be afforded easy access to safe, quality drinking water,” said Department for Local Government Commissioner Tony Wilder. “This new public water project in Kenton County will vastly improve and expand residents’ access to safe water, allowing them—some for the first time—to drink from their faucets without the fear of contamination or health risks.”

“I am very excited to see construction begin on this water main extension project. This project will be very beneficial to 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 7½ years serving as a member of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, especially the past 3½ years as County Judge/Executive.”

*Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) serves approximately 81,000 customer accounts, or nearly 300,000 people in Campbell and Kenton Counties, portions of Boone, Grant and Pendleton Counties, and the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport.*



A ceremonial groundbreaking event will take place on the project site at the intersection of Decoursey Pike (KY 177) & Rich Road (KY 14) on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Parking is available at the U.S. Post Office at 15000 Decoursey Pike, Morning View, KY 41063. Representatives of NKWD will be on site to assist attendees.

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

“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 & CEO of NKWD.

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