

Relief is Here

Outline of Need: A community along Frogtown Creek in Muhlenberg County Kentucky has found relief this spring due to the combined efforts of county, state and federal organizations. In the past, they have had to contend with flooding, snakes and mosquito populations and were not able to enjoy any time outdoors.

How Rural Development Helped: The Muhlenberg Co. Fiscal Court partnered with USDA Rural Development, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Governor's Office for Local Development securing funds to remove several large log jams, sediment bars and other obstructions that hindered the water flow within Frogtown Creek, near the Cleaton and Drakesboro communities.

The Results: The removal of the log jams and other obstructions and reshaping of the channel has helped reduce the frequency and duration of flooding along the .5 miles of creek that is near 12 to 15 homes. Life-long area resident, Bobby Rager of Cleaton stated that it has made a tremendous difference in the area already. The reduction of the presence of mosquitoes and snakes was seen last fall. The heavy rains



last winter and so far this spring have caused fewer problems to area residents.

Community Programs is part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development mission area. Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan

Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.

Community Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments.

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