

# Buckeye Water District to Get Upgrade

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The Buckeye Water District will be making upgrades to their water system and this is good news for residents in the area

News Channel 5's Joel Massey has more about the rural area getting improvements.

The Buckeye Water District broke ground on im-

provements that will increase the water system capacity in northeast Rapides Parish. Congressman Rodney Alexander is proud of the work being done.

Alexander said, "Nothing is more gratifying than to be able to see the faces of a couple who have lived down the end of a dirt road for 50 years and can now because of a grant enjoy a simple little thing like a drink of water. It's something we take for granted."

The Buckeye water district will use a nearly 2 million dollar USDA rural development loan to fund the

project.

Some of the improvements include a 500 gallon per minute water well, a 1 million gallon ground storage tank, and a new transmission station.

The Fifth Ward water system in Avoyelles parish also received USDA funding.

Nearly 4 million dollars will be used to replace a water production well, replace existing pumps and motors, and construct new water mains.