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ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE \$534,137 USDA GRANT FOR MOREHOUSE PARISH

WASHINGTON, D.C.--U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-Louisiana, today announced that a \$534,137 USDA grant has been secured for Morehouse Parish.

According to the USDA, the grant (rural development funds) will be used to upgrade an existing water system. Upgrades will include constructing a new 250 gallons-per-minute well at the old Bonita Road site, refurbishing the existing 450 gallons-per-minute water treatment plant at Jones, constructing a 50,000-gallon elevated storage tank at the treatment plant site to improve water distribution, and upgrading approximately 10,000 linear feet of four-inch line to six-inch line. As a result of this funding, the residents of Jones will have access to safe, potable drinking water. This project is in a special emphasis parish located in the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Initiative.

Alexander said, **"This federal funding will help address water system concerns in Morehouse Parish that have existed for years. It is good news to hear that this USDA grant will help improve the overall quality of the existing waters system."**

"I'm pleased that USDA Rural Development made this grant available to upgrade the Jones water system," said Vitter. **"This federal funding will ensure that residents of Morehouse Parish will continue to have access to a dependable supply of drinking water."**