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USDA Rural Development Awards Foster Township's Sewer Project \$6.3 Million

Freeland, PA – August 8, 2008 – Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11) and USDA Rural Development's Gary H. Groves, State Director presented Foster Township Supervisor, Michael Spock, a ceremonial check highlighting the over \$6.3 million award for Foster Township's sewer extension project.

"The funding from the USDA will improve the quality of life for residents at AgMar and Hickory Hills in Foster Township," said Congressman Kanjorski. "Now the sewer systems for these two developments will function more effectively and efficiently. I would like to thank the USDA for providing Foster Township with this needed grant and loan."

"Rural Development's funding to Foster Township for its sewer extension project demonstrates Rural Development's commitment to the future of our rural communities," said Gary H. Groves, State Director. "The Foster Township residents in the service area that will be covered by the sewer extension will benefit with an improved quality of life," added Groves.

Rural Development's \$3,675,000 utilities loan and \$2,719,500 grant will be used to rehabilitate existing sewage collection systems in poor condition at the AgMar and Hickory Hills Developments. This will include removing two obsolete treatment facilities that no longer reliably function and connecting the developments to the sewage treatment plant in White Haven. The funds will also be used to expand the treatment plant at White Haven to accommodate these two newly-connected areas. The project serves 440 users and will add 20 more.

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