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Muskingum County Receives \$277,000 in Water and Sewer Funds

Grant to Improve Water Infrastructure System

Columbus, Ohio – Muskingum County will install a new waterline and build a water storage tank to serve Hopewell Township residents with assistance from a \$277,000 grant from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"A key area of community development is ensuring that the proper infrastructure is in place for all Ohio communities," Patt-McDaniel said. "Having a safe, efficient, and improved infrastructure makes communities ripe for future business growth and development."

The water system serving the area is in need of improvement and requires additional water storage capacity. Muskingum County plans to install approximately 29,000 linear feet of waterline and construct a water storage tank utilizing funds from the Water and Sanitary Sewer Program. The more than \$1.3 million project will benefit 82 households in the area.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships and helps local governments maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems. Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project; ability to leverage funds; program impact; program readiness; and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.*

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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