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**Fayette County Receives \$238,200 in Water and Sewer Funds**  
*Grant to Improve Water Infrastructure System*

**Columbus** – Fayette County will eliminate the discharge of improperly treated wastewater into a local stream by installing a sewer line with assistance from a \$238,200 grant from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"By partnering with Fayette County to install a sewer line, we can help to eliminate a health hazard and improve the local living environment," said William J. Graves, Director of the Department's Community Development Division.

In addition to installing 6,700 linear feet of sewer line in Union Township to connect the Pine Tree Apartments to the City of Washington Court House's wastewater treatment facility, the County will install one pump station and demolish the apartment complex's wastewater treatment facility, which is failing. The estimated total project cost is \$476,400 and will benefit 56 households.

*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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