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USDA Deputy Under Secretary Joins Groundbreaking for Mercer County Sanitation District

BURGIN, Ky., June 29, 2016 – U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Lillian Salerno joined Rural Development State Director Thomas Fern and local officials today in breaking ground on a sanitation project for Mercer County.

“It is with great pride I’m able to be here in Kentucky today to take part in this groundbreaking event,” said Deputy Under Secretary Lillian Salerno. “This is a prime example of USDA Rural Development’s dedication to improving the infrastructure in rural Kentucky communities.”

“Today marks a new beginning for the City of Burgin. This system will provide residents greater access to city services and improve the overall sanitation of the county,” said State Director Tom Fern. “I commend Burgin’s community leaders for identifying and addressing the needs of local residents.”

Rural Development funds will be used to construct approximately 12.5 miles of gravity sewer lines in the Burgin area of Mercer County. The project will also consist of 3 pump stations and all related appurtenances. A force main system will be constructed to transport wastewater to the Danville, KY Waste Water Treatment Plant.

USDA Rural Development Kentucky funds for this project include a loan of \$3,873,000, along with a grant of \$4,105,000. Additional funding for this project was provided by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant in an amount of \$1,000,000, along with Kentucky: Infrastructure Authority loaning \$740,000.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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