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Village of Grafton Embraces Sustainability Through Water Project

The Village of Grafton previously had one primary well for its public water supply. Its secondary well had produced unusually high nitrate rates in 2004, 2005, and 2007 and had been shut down. The building that housed its hydro pneumatic tanks was located in an unsound red brick structure, with walls that were cracking and crumbling, and a roof that was in danger of collapse.

USDA Rural Development funding was used to replace the secondary well, construct a new facility to house the hydro pneumatic tanks, and install water meters.

This project provided residents with access to sanitary water and gave them a powerful tool to track their water usage. Not only can this potentially reduce the water usage cost, it can also promote sustainability when Grafton residents carefully monitor their everyday water consumption. Because of the many benefits, USDA Rural Development has financed many water installation projects throughout Nebraska.



The exterior of the newly constructed water facility.

Obligation Amount:	Loans: \$464,000 and \$106,000	Grant: \$226,000
Date of Obligation:	June 20, 2014 and June 24, 2014	
Congressional District:	Representative Smith, District 3; US Senator Deb Fischer and US Senator Ben Sasse	
Partners:	Village of Grafton	
Demographics:	Village of Grafton residents.	
Impact:	Water meter installations that will enable residents to better conserve water. Brought safe water to the residents.	