

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

Success Story: Woody Hollow Cooperative Goes Over and Under the Challenges of Aging Infrastructure

\$956,000

Project investment from
USDA RD

\$800,000

Water & Waste Disposal
grant funding

\$156,000

Water & Waste Disposal
loan funding

1.125%

30-year loan
interest rate

\$500,000

Community Development
Block Grant Funding

68

Woody Hollow residents
positively impacted

Aging Infrastructure Demands CRUCIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Woody Hollow Cooperative in Boscawen, N.H., is a 30-lot, resident-owned community that had to face the reality of aging water infrastructure. With a system dating back to the 70s, residents suffered the effects of poor surface drainage, constant leaks and ruptures, and the resulting health and safety concerns. Having exceeded its useful design life, and realizing chronic water loss through deteriorated pipes, the infrastructure required a wholesale update that couldn't be ignored.

Paving the Way with INTELLIGENT PLANNING

Apart from disrupting everyday life, the proliferation of leaks increased the risk of soil-borne bacteria entering the distribution system. Community leaders knew they needed a comprehensive plan to address the various issues affecting resident health and well-being, instead of applying temporary fixes that only prolonged the intervals between system malfunctions. With project guidance supplied by CMA Engineers out of Portsmouth, NH, they turned to state and federal resources for help with funding.

Project Partners Team Up for TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACTS

USDA Rural Development answered the call for aid with \$955,000 through a Water & Waste Disposal loan and grant, and the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) contributed a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CBDG). Contractor John H. Lyman & Sons then worked tirelessly to replace deteriorated and damaged pipes, update electrical systems and restore road surfaces and drainage, improving quality of life for 68 people in this rural community.

For program regulations and requirements, please go to the [USDA RD fact sheet](#)



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