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Trump Administration Invests \$13 Million in Epping, NH for Renewable Energy Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Facility

USDA Grants & Loans to Benefit 1700 Rural Residents, Environment

EPPING, NH, September 9, 2020 – The Trump Administration recently announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted \$7.29 million and loaned \$5.73 million to the town of Epping for implementing a renewable energy system into its wastewater treatment facility. The initiative will feature a new solar field to replace wastewater lagoons, positively impacting more than 1700 residents by improving the area’s soil and water quality, while reducing operational and maintenance costs at the facility. Also, Woody Hollow Cooperative—a small community in Boscawen, NH—received \$956,000 in USDA funding to improve its drinking water infrastructure.

USDA Rural Development State Director Anthony Linardos was pleased to announce the investments in a recent statement. “Delivering safe drinking water and modernizing wastewater management improves public health and drives economic development,” he said. “Adequate water and wastewater treatment are crucial in securing the well-being of rural Americans, and these essential projects will provide a healthier place to live and do business for generations to come. Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, the USDA is making huge impacts on small towns across America by upgrading and implementing this core infrastructure.”

The USDA provided funds for the projects through its Community Facilities Water & Waste Disposal Grant and Loan program. Upgraded water-and-wastewater-treatment facilities improve groundwater systems and reduce environmental toxins to improve the public and economic health of rural communities across the country. The Epping and Woody Hollow projects are part of a wider USDA Water & Environmental Program (WEP) investment representing \$268 million across 28 states. The Epping initiative will feature the installation of a solar field and the decommissioning of two lagoons that pose a public health hazard, while the Woody Hollow Cooperative project will replace aging pipes and materials to improve water quality for its 68 users.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. If you’d like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our [GovDelivery subscriber page](#).

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