WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2018 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced that USDA is helping Patton Village, Texas, rebuild after Hurricane Harvey caused extensive damage last summer.

USDA recently invested $9.4 million in Water and Environmental Program loans and grants to upgrade two water distribution systems in the city and build a new one. The rebuilt systems are expected to be completed in Fall 2019.

Patton officials had sought USDA assistance to upgrade the water systems months before Hurricane Harvey destroyed much of the town and ravaged a huge swath of the South Central Texas coastline. After the storm struck the Texas coast on August 26, USDA asked city officials to update their application to reflect costs that take into account the additional damages the hurricane caused.

Hazlett visited Patton Village on Oct. 19, 2017. She met with the mayor and toured a neighborhood that received extensive flooding.

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