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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today that USDA Rural Development has approved a loan that will complete funding for a \$4.8 million sewage treatment project in Lilly Borough.

The Lilly Borough Sewer Authority will use the \$407,000 loan to cover a cost overrun in the bid price for the borough's new system, which is connected to the Central Mainline system. Central Mainline serves Bens Creek, Cassandra, Lower Dutchtown, Oil City, Plane Bank, Scanlan Hill and Upper Dutchtown in Portage, Washington and Cresson townships.

"Costs continue to rise for water and sewerage projects, yet they're vital components of safe, healthy communities, as well as key economic development tools," Murtha said. "I'm pleased that the final piece of the funding puzzle has fallen into place for a project that was so important to the people of Lilly."