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Washington D.C. - Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the Dunbar Township Municipal Authority, Fayette County, has received a \$1 million grant through the Army Corps of Engineers, a \$3,218,000 grant through the USDA Rural Development, and a \$2,574,000 loan through the USDA Rural Development for the township sanitary sewerage system project.

The funding will be used to construct a new wastewater collection, transportation, and pumping system as well as expand the existing sewer treatment plant. The current malfunctioning system presents a severe health hazard to local residents.

"The Dunbar Township project will eliminate the current malfunctioning waste disposal systems, resulting in a healthier community and an economic tool for local residents and businesses," Murtha said.

"The funding to the Dunbar Township Municipal Authority is a fine example of USDA Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities," stated Gary H. Groves, Pennsylvania USDA State Director. "Those in the Dunbar Township project area will benefit from the much-needed new wastewater system," added Groves.

This project will serve approximately 580 dwellings, and the funding received through Congressman Murtha and the USDA will help to reduce the monthly user charge to local residents. The total cost of the project is expected to be nearly \$7,000,000.