

## May 5, 2009 - Murtha: Funding in Place to Begin German Township Sewer Authority Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha (PA-12) announced today that funding is in place to begin construction of the \$15.8 million sewer project in German Township, Fayette County.

The project involves the construction of wastewater collection, delivery, pumping, and treatment facilities serving approximately 570 residential and commercial dwellings in the Edenborn, McClellandtown, and Ronco areas of German Township.

The total cost of the project is \$15.8 million. Funding will be provided by approximately \$9.2 million in grants and \$4.3 million in loans from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development; \$513,000 in connection/tap-in fees; and \$1.8 million earmarked by Murtha through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We have worked hard, over the years, to bring new sewage systems on line that will eliminate the health hazards associated with outdated facilities and open up opportunities for economic growth," commented Murtha. "We have been working on the German Township project for the past few years, and I'm pleased to see that we're ready to move forward with construction."

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. More information about USDA rural Development can be found at [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov). Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement.

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