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**Village of Blanchester Receives \$500,000 in Water and Sewer Funds**  
*Grant to Improve Wastewater Infrastructure System*

**Columbus** – The Village of Blanchester (Clinton County) will eliminate sanitary sewer overflows from its wastewater system by replacing sewer lines with assistance from a \$500,000 grant from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"This grant will ensure that the citizens of Blanchester have an efficient wastewater treatment system," said William J. Graves, Director of the Department's Community Development Division. "Having a solid infrastructure is the basis for keeping our communities healthy and vibrant."

The Village will install 13,648 linear feet of sewer line. The estimated total project cost is nearly \$4.6 million and will benefit 1,549 households.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships and helps local governments maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems. Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project; ability to leverage funds; program impact; program readiness; and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.*

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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