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## DBF, Inc. Aids Town of Henderson With Water Grant

William L. Remington, P.E., and Robert J. Duma, P.E., of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., recently joined Sandy Cook, Mayor of Henderson, Maryland, for the town's Earth Day celebration on April 22. As part of the event, Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, and Dr. William McGowan, USDA Rural Development State Director, presented Henderson officials with a \$175,000 grant which would assist the town in replacing their failing water system. This is the first Maryland town to receive funds from the federal Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program.

Following a period of record-low temperatures, the town's water system was damaged and in need of rehabilitation. At the mayor's request, DBF prepared a preliminary engineering report and an environmental report which allowed the town to quickly acquire the emergency funding. As a result of the grant assistance, DBF has begun design on the emergency water system improvements which will be constructed during the summer of 2015.

The water system improvements for the town's 140 residents will include rehabilitating three water wells, replacing electrical and communication system components, and chemical system upgrades. DBF engineers estimate that this phase of the new water system improvements will be completed within approximately six months.

Remington stated, "This is only one vital component of the three phase water system improvement project. There is another phase of improvements funded by Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program that is currently in design for upgrading the water system controls and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. Funding applications are being compiled for the final improvement phase of the water system which includes rehabilitation of the elevated water storage tank. DBF appreciates being a partner on the team for this very important project."



*Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, Lisa Mensah, addresses the crowd in Henderson.*



*From the left: Mayor Sandy Cook poses with USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Lisa Mensah and State Director Dr. William McGowan.*

During the celebration, Mensah presented Cook with a plaque as acknowledgement of the mayor's efforts in restoring clean, safe water to the town. Additionally, Cook received certificates from representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, and U.S. Representative Andy Harris. The celebration was also attended by other representatives from the USDA Rural Development, Community Development, Maryland Rural Water Association, Caroline County residents, and visitors from neighboring towns.

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