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Columbia Heights Initiates Upgrades to its Wastewater Treatment Plant

LPFA Low-Interest Loan Program will Provide Savings for Caldwell Parish Community

BATON ROUGE -- The Caldwell Parish community of Columbia Heights recently began environmental upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant.

The Columbia Heights Sewerage District No. 1 is installing a new process designed to meet requirements of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The project, which is expected to be completed by early fall 2016, is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program and is made possible, in part, by zero-interest financing through the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority.

Marshall E. Davis, president of the Columbia Heights Sewerage District No. 1, said the wastewater treatment plant upgrades improve the environment and represent a significant investment in his rural community.

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The approximately \$2.3 million Columbia Heights wastewater treatment plant project involves funding from the Sewerage District, as well as USDA grants and

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loans, including a \$336,000 zero-percent interest loan through the [LPFA Rural Development Low Interest Loan Program](#). The zero-interest loan will save the Town \$8,232 in interest payments.

"With a hospital, health unit, schools and a number of businesses, the community of Columbia Heights is one of the more populated areas of rural Caldwell parish. Officials are working with DEQ to provide long-term, environmentally-sound solutions for their growing community. We're delighted they took advantage of the [LPFA Rural Development Low Interest Loan Program](#) which will allow them to do more with their limited resources," said Martin Walke, LPFA Vice President for Economic Development.

About LPFA's Rural Development Low Interest Loan Program

The [LPFA Rural Development Low Interest Loan Program](#) is a voluntary program established by the LPFA Board of Trustees solely with LPFA funds to help local governmental entities and their constituents. This program is designed to help address the financing needs of local governmental entities and to reduce their overall borrowing costs.

About Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)

The Louisiana Public Facilities Authority is a self-supporting public trust and public corporation that issues both taxable and tax-exempt bonds to finance public and private projects throughout the state. The LPFA finances industrial and economic development projects, provides low-cost funding for hospitals and hospital equipment, universities and other educational facilities and essential programs for state and local governmental units. The LPFA does not receive any funds from the state for its operations.

For more information about the LPFA and its low-interest loan programs, click [here](#).

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