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**Tri-County Rural Water and Sewer District Receives
State Appalachian Development Program Grant**

COLUMBUS – Today Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia, announced that the Tri-County Rural Water and Sewer District (Washington County) received a \$250,000 State Appalachian Development Program Grant for the Tri-County Water Palmer Township Extension. The Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Community Development administers the State Appalachia Development Program Grants.

“This grant will allow the Water and Sewer District to provide residents and businesses with safe, affordable drinking water,” said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia. “By improving the infrastructure for the community we also make it more competitive for economic development, which in the long-term benefits all residents of the Appalachian region.”

The Tri-County Rural Water and Sewer District will utilize the \$250,000 State Appalachian Development Program Grant along with loan funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Drinking Water Assistance Fund to install approximately 113,000 linear feet of waterline in Palmer Township. The waterlines will be installed along State Route 676; county roads 6 and 18; and township roads 1,33,72,73, 170, and 179. The project will provide safe and affordable drinking water to 76 residents and businesses.

“We are pleased to work with the Governor’s Office of Appalachia to help communities in our region provide access to critical water and sewer infrastructure,” said Misty Casto, Executive Director of Buckeye Hills-HVRDD and Area Agency on Aging. “The Tri-County Water Palmer Township Extension will provide residents currently using wells, cisterns, or springs with safe, reliable water resources.”

The State Appalachian Development Program Grants provide funding for projects that improve the standard of living for residents of Ohio’s 32 Appalachian counties and support the goals of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). These projects support the ARC’s goal of developing and improving the infrastructure in Appalachia to make the region economically competitive.

*As an advocate for Ohio’s 32 Appalachian counties, the **Governor’s Office of Appalachia** works on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region’s assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio’s Appalachian region.*

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