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Revolving loan saves Gas City more than \$1.5 million

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – The City of Gas City closed a \$6.78 million loan today through the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA)'s Wastewater State Revolving Fund (SRF) program, saving the City more than \$1.5 million in interest over the 20-year life of the loan. The funds will pay for improvements to the town's wastewater treatment plant and sewer system.

"To a relatively small city like Gas City, \$1.5 million in savings is an astronomical amount and we are so pleased to have gotten a loan through the SRF Program," said Mayor Larry Leach. "Our new wastewater treatment plant will be state of the art and will allow us growing room for the future along with handling new development that is already happening, such as the new Wal-Mart Distribution Center that has added more than 800 jobs for local residents."

"Economic development always starts with sound infrastructure," said Sen. David Ford. "Providing for adequate wastewater treatment at the lowest possible costs means that residents of Gas City will be able to have jobs that pay better and lower water bills at the same time. Citizens win on both counts."

The City has been working on correcting bypass issues, due in part to the age of the treatment plant and the location of the metering system, which would often give inaccurate readings during high river levels. IDEM had cited the utility several times for bypassing too much into the river.

"The project will allow us to treat more wastewater to alleviate our bypassing issues, plus our metering system will be more accurate so we can tell when there is a problem," said Mayor Leach. "We're also going to use Ultraviolet as our final treatment instead of chlorine, so there won't be any chemicals dumped into the river, which we're also happy about."

Governor Mitch Daniels created the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) in 2005 to more effectively manage State-related financial programs such as the Wastewater and Drinking Water SRF Programs under one entity. Since the inception of the IFA, the SRF Programs have loaned more than \$492 million to local communities at below-market interest rates, saving utility customers more than \$82 million in interest.

"The SRF Programs provide Indiana communities with a unique opportunity to save money while addressing much-needed wastewater and drinking water improvements," said Jennifer Alvey,

Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana . “Governor Daniels is very focused on the health of Hoosiers. We are pleased to provide an economical way for communities to offer a cleaner environment and excellent quality of life for current and future residents of our State.”

“This loan will bring tremendous savings to the people of Gas City ,” said Rep. Timothy Harris. “The city will now be able to maintain lower rates and still make the necessary improvements without transferring the cost to residents.”

Communities can learn more information about obtaining a State Revolving Fund loan by contacting Bill Harkins at (317) 234-4862, wharkins@ifa.in.gov or by visiting www.srf.in.gov.

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