

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development Wisconsin: Invests \$20.6 million to improve water infrastructure for rural residents in Chetek, Wisconsin

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CHETEK, Wis., June 13, 2023 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Wisconsin State Director, Julie Lassa, alongside Chetek Mayor Jeff Martin, Market and Johnson, CBS Squared, and City of Chetek officials, today helped the community celebrate the groundbreaking of a new wastewater treatment facility which will benefit over 2,000 people in rural Wisconsin.

Today's celebration marks the groundbreaking of a new wastewater treatment facility at a new location, thanks in part to a \$10,352,000 loan and \$10,344,000 grant through USDA's [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program](#). The grant is the largest awarded in USDA Rural Development Wisconsin history. This once in a generation project includes:

- Main lift station, one-half mile force main to convey wastewater
- Headworks/control building with inorganic material (grit) removal
- Preselected Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR)
- Aerobic digester
- UV/filter building
- Preselected Continuous Backwash Sand Filter (CBSF)
- Reed beds for natural filtration
- Inorganic material (grit) drying bed
- Chemical storage building, site work, lab equipment, electrical, HVAC, process

pipng and eventual demolition of the existing wastewater facility.

Construction is tentatively scheduled for completion in Fall 2024.

Background:

The [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#) provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage. The program serves people and businesses in eligible rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less.

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Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/wi>.

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