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County Receives USDA Funding for Bragg Estates Sewer Project

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County received good news today during its Facilities Committee meeting regarding funding for a sewer system for Bragg Estates, a neighborhood along Vass Road north of Spring Lake.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development will fund the installation of sewer service within the Bragg Estates Water and Sewer District. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing board for the water and sewer district, will consider the USDA funding conditions at its Dec. 15 meeting.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$2 million. A USDA Rural Utilities Services grant will cover up to \$1,453,000. The county will also receive a \$497,000 Rural Utilities Services 40-year loan for the project and contribute \$50,000 of county funding.

The Board of Commissioners established the Bragg Estates Water and Sewer District in December 2013 after failing septic systems in the area were reported. About 175 parcels will be served by the sewer project and property owners will be charged an availability fee and usage charge, to be determined.

The project will be very similar to a new \$3.4 million sewer system in the Overhills Water and Sewer District expected to start construction this spring and serve about 300 parcels. The County received a \$2.5 million USDA Rural Utilities Services grant and an \$819,000 Rural Utilities Services 40-year loan for the project. In addition, the County will fund \$50,700.

“We are very fortunate to have secured funding for two sewer projects in one year and we look forward to providing sewer service to the residents in these areas,” said Jeffery Brown, Cumberland County’s Engineering and Infrastructure Director.

The Overhills Park Water and Sewer District covers the Overhills Park Subdivision located just north of the Town of Spring Lake near the intersection of East Manchester Road and Highway 210. The commissioners established the district in 2009 after failing septic tanks were reported in the area.

During today’s meeting, the Facilities Committee recommended the purchase of two vacant lots in the Overhills district; one where a lift station will be constructed and the other to access the dedicated easement where the lift station will be constructed. The full Board of Commissioners will consider the purchase of the lots at the Dec. 15 meeting.

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