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Groundbreaking for Eagle Park Acres new sanitary system

July 30, St. Louis – A groundbreaking for Eagle Park Acres new collector sanitary sewer system will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2010, at the intersection of Carver and Hill streets, Eagle Park Acres in Madison, Ill. Cong. Jerry Costello will join officials from Madison County, Ill., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, our partners and contractors for this commemorative ceremony. Construction of the \$1.68 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act project was awarded to H&M Backhoe Services of Belleville, Ill.

The subdivision of Eagle Park Acres currently suffers from a system of aging, inadequate and inefficient individual sewer systems for the 142 households resting in the 87-acre community. The new sewer system will replace the old systems and reduce sewage seepage. The Corps was first approached by Madison County officials in March 2006 to address the sewage issues.

This particular project is one of three projects under the same funding umbrella in Madison and St. Clair counties that addresses sewer issues. The second, a combined sewer overflow project in Belleville, is also ARRA-funded and currently under construction. The third project in Glen Carbon is currently in the design phase.

The American Society of Civil Engineers conducted a nationwide survey in which wastewater systems were identified as the second highest of a list of seven infrastructure systems listed as having major problems and needs. A community's first step to providing quality environmental services is to identify its environmental infrastructure components. Eagle Park Acres is one such example.

"Corps-wide, we recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment," said Col. Thomas O'Hara, Commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' St. Louis District. "By installing this sanitary system, we are removing several inefficient wastewater systems. This community and the environment will be greatly improved by this project."

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