

Lover's Lane Upgrade Groundbreaking Held

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A \$626,000 project to construct approximately one mile of much-needed sewer line was officially launched today by the Warren County Water District during a groundbreaking for the Lover's Lane Sewer System Extension project.

"This project is a celebration of people working together," said Speaker of the House Jody Richards. "We have a strategy of bringing high quality water and sewer service to Kentucky and there is no better example of making it work than here in Warren County."

The project groundbreaking was highlighted by attendance of all area legislators who worked to make sure this important economic development project moved forward. WCWD general manager, Alan Vilines, thanked Speaker Richards, Rep. DeCesare, Rep. Wilkey, Senator Guthrie and with Judge-Executive Buchanon for securing the grant funding that allowed safe and environmentally sound sewer service to be extended without cost impact WCWD customers. The grant funds were awarded through the 2006 General Assembly.

"The overall theme here is partnership," said Buchanon. "We've got some major projects occurring right along this Lover's Lane route that might not be possible without this important infrastructure."

The 12-inch sewer interceptor – a large capacity line that transports wastewater for treatment – will serve a large area south of Cemetery Road including the Mount Victor Olde Town Development, Lifeskills, Inc., and numerous other surrounding developments. It will also allow for connections from existing area residents that currently rely on on-site septic tanks. "Anytime you can help to eliminate the need for on-site sewer systems, an improvement to the community results," said Vilines.

This project will provide sanitary sewer utilities to previously unserved areas which are rapidly growing along Lovers Lane. Additionally, this area is scheduled to receive upgraded roadways that will likely precipitate additional residential and commercial growth. The sewer line construction is being coordinated with widening of Lover's Lane to five lanes in order to accommodate increasing traffic in that area. According to Vilines, the commercial growth in this area will result in numerous new jobs – without construction of these sanitary sewers, this growth potential would be lessened.

As part of the road widening effort, existing water lines will be relocated – including almost one and a half miles of six-inch water line that WCWD will relocate and simultaneously upgrade to 10-inch water line. This increase in line size will provide upgraded fire protection and increased water pressure to all customers along this entire section of Lovers Lane. The Transportation Cabinet will fund the relocation with WCWD investing in the water line upgrade.

Both the sewer interceptor construction and water line relocation and upgrade are expected to be completed by December 2006.

WCWD is a public water and wastewater utility serving more than 22,500 water and 3,200 wastewater customers throughout Warren County. There are 1000 miles of water mains in the WCWD service area which spans 530 square miles. The WCWD sewer system includes 90 miles of sewer lines.