

(West Windsor, NJ) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded the Borough of Frenchtown \$3,633,000 in federal funding to upgrade the Borough's wastewater treatment plant. The funding award is comprised of a low-interest loan in the amount of \$2,633,000 and a grant of \$1,000,000.

"I am pleased to see USDA provide this financial assistance to Frenchtown Borough so it can embark on this much-needed project," Holt said.

Earlier this month, Holt wrote a letter to senior officials at USDA urging the department's Rural Development office to grant Frenchtown's request for funding assistance.

"The existing wastewater treatment plant...includes many components that are more than forty years old and are in imminent need of replacement," Holt wrote. "In addition, the wastewater treatment plant has for many years received excessive flow, thus rendering the plant unable to meet the capacity of the Borough's current and future needs. I believe that this project is vital to the Borough and its residents."

Once completed, the new \$13.6 million wastewater treatment plant will bring the Borough into compliance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards and provide a cost savings to taxpayers due to increased energy efficiency.