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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Cities in His District to Receive Grant Money

Clay County and the Cities of Fayette and Norborne to Benefit

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, is pleased to announce Missouri [Department of Natural Resources](#) (DNR) grant money is coming to three areas in the 21st Senatorial District for wastewater and water well safety improvements.

“These grants are vital to the folks in rural Missouri,” Sen. Stouffer said. “Plugging abandoned wells in parts of Clay County and the City of Norborne cuts down on risks. Plus, Fayette will be able to make improvements to its water system.”

DNR officials say 21 Missouri communities will share \$242,000 in [Water Protection Program](#) grant funding. Of this amount, [Clay County](#) Public Water Supply District #8 will receive \$12,500, and the City of Norborne will receive \$5,445. The grant funds will assist in plugging old drinking water wells so they will no longer pose a hazard. DNR estimates there may be as many as 500,000 unplugged abandoned wells in Missouri.

Through a separate fund, the City of [Fayette](#) will receive \$500,000 in DNR grants to make improvements to its drinking water. The money will help pay for the conversion of the city’s wastewater treatment plant. City officials began addressing the need for wastewater improvements in 2005 and continue to seek grant and other funding opportunities to complete renovations.

“Getting these grants shows the importance of improving services,” Sen. Stouffer said. “A lot of these old wells and treatment plants are 100 years old, were only meant to be used for 50-80 years, and need to be made better not only for the folks currently living there now, but for generations to come.”

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