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**Lt. Governor Skillman Awards Scott County More than \$2 Million
for Water Infrastructure Improvements**

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that Scott County will receive \$2,147,412 for a water infrastructure project, funded by disaster recovery efforts from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“We have made it a priority to leverage all of the resources we can to help spur economic growth in communities that were affected by last year’s disasters,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “Extending sewer service to the unincorporated community of Lexington in Scott County will make the community a more desirable place to live, work and do business.”

This grant will fund the installation of wastewater treatment units to replace residents’ current individual septic systems to treat wastewater. Most of the current septic tanks drain into road ditches which have created several serious health concerns, including high ammonia and presence of E. coli at unsafe levels. The grant will also fund the purchase of a new wastewater treatment system that will allow the Scott County Regional Sewer District to expand its treatment capacity.

Disaster recovery funds through CDBG were made available to aid in economic recovery after several natural disasters caused damage in many areas across the state during 2008. The total cost of this extensive project is \$2,842,505. The county will also receive loan of up to \$612,184 from the State Revolving Fund.

Indiana’s CDBG Disaster Recovery program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA provides technical assistance to community leaders during the 18-month implementation of their water infrastructure projects.

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Lt. Governor Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA was created by legislation in 2005, making rural Indiana a major focus for the first time. For additional information on OCRA and its programs visit www.ocra.in.gov.

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