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***Sullivan residents benefit from low interest and cleaner waterways***

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Sullivan closed a \$7 million loan through the State’s Wastewater Revolving Fund, saving the City approximately \$1.26 million in interest over a 20-year period. The loan will finance a new mechanical wastewater treatment facility and other needed upgrades.

“I believe it’s a very good program that helps communities. I’m thankful that we were able to take advantage of it,” said Mayor Timothy Boles. “When the sewer rates were set, (the financial advisors) were using 4%, so the fact that we got a 2.83% rate is a big savings for the community. We look forward to using SRF again to address CSO problems in the future.”

The project will eliminate pollutants to the nearby rivers and ditches, and the increased plant capacity will address ammonia violations and wet weather flows.

“By taking advantage of federal programs, the State of Indiana is able to help local communities save tax dollars on financing,” stated Rep. Bruce Borders (Jasonville). “I know Sullivan needs this treatment facility, and I’m glad that we can provide increased health and safety at a lower cost to our taxpayers.”

Governor Mitch Daniels created the Indiana Finance Authority in 2005 to more effectively manage the State’s finances under one agency. The Authority manages the State’s Wastewater State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Loan Programs, which provide political subdivisions and other eligible entities a low-cost financing alternative for their wastewater and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects.

“Governor Daniels is committed to helping communities and businesses invest wisely in both the future health and economy of Indiana , and our State Revolving Fund Programs help Hoosier communities and utilities achieve these goals,” said Ryan Kitchell, Director of the Authority.

The SRF Programs receive capitalization grants each year from the U.S. EPA, which the Authority then leverages with tax exempt bonds. Leveraging increases the funds available to the Authority to make loans. Currently, the Authority is able to make more than two dollars in loans for each one dollar received from the U.S. EPA. The SRF Programs have loaned more than \$1.7 billion to Indiana communities for infrastructure and improvements since 1991. During 2005 and through the first half of 2006, the SRF Loan Programs have saved Indiana communities \$40.5 million in interest costs.

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