

# North Central Rural Water Consortium

Central Plains Water District – North Prairie Rural Water District

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## Project Updates

The Public is invited to attend:  
**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**  
**Benson/Pierce County REAP Zone Project**  
**May 12, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Esmond, ND**  
**City Watertower**

**Invited Guests:**  
**Senator Dorgan**  
**Senator Conrad**  
**Rep. Pomeroy**  
**Governor Hoeven**

### Calendar of Events

REAP Zone Groundbreaking Esmond, ND	<b>May 12</b>
NCRWC II Board Meeting Esmond, ND	<b>May 12</b>
Office Closed Memorial Day	<b>May 26</b>
NCRWC II Board Meeting Minot, ND	<b>June 11</b>
Office Closed Independence Day	<b>July 4</b>
NCRWC II Board Meeting Harvey, ND	<b>July 8</b>
NCRWC II Board Meeting Minot, ND	<b>August 12</b>

The Riverdale Supply, Brooks and Rambling Hills, the Cities of Granville and Pick City, and the Des Lacs/Logan Projects are now complete! Bringing our total customer base to 358. This number does not include the population of Granville, as they are a bulk user and have only one meter.

**Benson/Pierce County Project (REAP Zone):** As we reported last issue, in addition to the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) we received from the US-EPA with assistance from our congressional delegation, the REAP Zone Project has also been approved for loan and grant dollars from USDA-RUS. Since that time the NCRWC II has also obtained funding from the MR&I (Municipal, Rural, and Industrial) program.—see article

below. This project will serve over 235 rural residences and the community of Esmond. The first phase will be bid in June with construction scheduled to begin soon thereafter. When complete, this area will receive water from the Central Plains Water District. If you participated in this feasibility study and have not sent in your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received the paperwork or have any questions, please call 877-410-0760 or email lschatz@ndrw.org.

**Ward/McLean/McHenry County Project (Radar Hill):** NCRWC II has secured a USDA-RUS funding package in the

amount of \$3.1 million for pipeline construction in Ward, McLean, and McHenry counties. The proposed project will serve more than 330 rural residences in the area just south of Minot to just south of the city of Max. The western boundary is the Ft. Berthold reservation and the eastern boundary is Hwy. 41. Included in this project is the city of Benedict whose residents recently voted to receive water from the NCRWC II. Users in this project area will receive water from Ft. Berthold Rural Water or North Prairie Rural Water District's new water treatment plant scheduled to be up and running by September 2008.



## NCRWC II Appreciates Congressional Delegation

North Dakota's congressional delegation holds key leadership positions that enabled ND to secure \$24 million in funding which was designated for MR&I projects. Of this \$24 million, nearly \$1 million was earmarked for the NCRWC II's REAP zone project. Sen. Dorgan, as the chairman of the Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee within the Appropriations Committee, played a significant role in obtaining this funding. The Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) project was

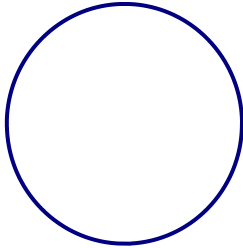
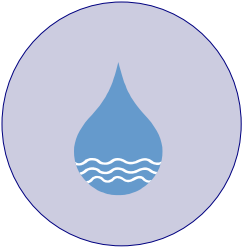
created in 1995 by Sen. Dorgan and has been extended due to the prestigious positions he and Sen. Conrad currently hold. Conrad is a member of the Subcommittee for Energy, Natural Resources & Infrastructure within the Senate Finance Committee and is also the chairman of the Budget Committee. In addition to these key roles, Congressman Pomeroy is on the powerful Ways and Means Committee as well as the Agriculture Commit-

tee. "Rep. Pomeroy has long been a champion for rural water in North Dakota as well as nationally," says Melody Kruckenberg, executive director of North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association. "For many years, he has sponsored the 'Dear Colleague' letters for the National Rural Water Association. One of these letters requests money for the USDA-RD loans and grants program." According to President Ralph Packulak, "Without USDA-RD loans and grants, the REAP zone project wouldn't have been feasible."

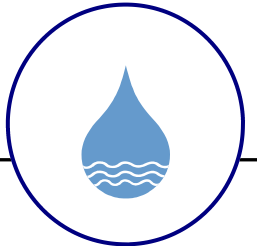


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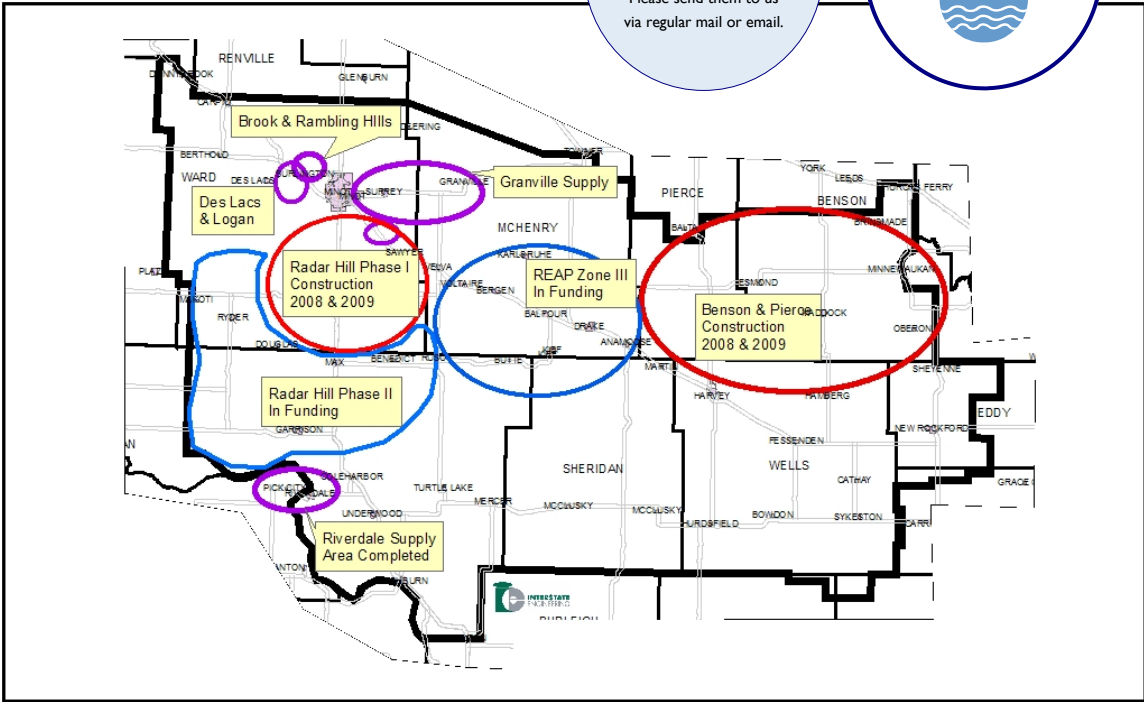


Are you already receiving NCRWC water? If so, we would love to hear your comments. Please send them to us via regular mail or email.



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