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TO: Homeowners interested in participating in the Household Water Well Assistance Program

FROM: Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council

Dear Homeowner:

The Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is excited and proud to announce the Household Water Well Assistance Program to residents within the Council Area. Council feels the program will provide opportunities to individuals and families within northeast Pennsylvania to service, repair, or upgrade their household water well system to ensure clean, healthy drinking water for the homes and families in need.

Through the program, the Council will be able to provide low interest loans at a rate 1% for a lending term up to a maximum of 20 years to homeowners that qualify. There is a limited amount of funding available for the loan program, but depending upon the application amounts received there could be as high as 30-50 homes serviced through the program. Homeowners must reside within rural areas in the following counties (RC&D Service Area): Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, and/or Wayne. The following website provides information about determining if you are living in a "rural" area: http://www.ruralpa2.org/rural_muni_sd.cfm. The Council will also be able to assist you with this determination if you do not have computer access available to you.

Applications for the program will be available to homeowners beginning March 1st and applications will begin to be scored and evaluated for acceptance into the program beginning April 25th. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to attend one of the workshops that have been planned around the region to learn about the importance of placement and care of private water wells and the program.

The ultimate goal of the program is to establish a revolving loan fund through the project to continue to provide these water well improvement and enhancement services to individuals and families throughout the Council service area. The loans are very low interest, but do require repayment so the money can be loaned out to the next family in need.

The Council is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance and improve the ecological, cultural, and economic characteristics of the Pocono Northeast RC&D Area through projects and programs that promote the management, protection, and sustainable utilization of the Area's resources. The Council strives to provide projects and programs throughout the area to enhance lives and communities in a variety of ways. Hopefully we are able to assist you with your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Oram", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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