



Swainsboro receives 7.2 million grant

The City of Swainsboro got an early Christmas present last week. Mayor Charles Schwabe announced that the city has been selected to receive a grant from the US Department of Agriculture for 7.2 million dollars. The grant, which is to be used for the renovation and replacement of waste water treatment facilities, was part of a 113 million dollar national funding package that included water projects at 31 locations throughout the country. "This is tremendous news for Swainsboro and we are very, very pleased. We have worked for quite some time hoping to get some help, and this award is a major boost to the future of this City." Schwabe commented.. In addition to the grant, the City will also receive a low interest loan from USDA to be used toward the project. Funds were made available through the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. "In addition to our Congressional delegation and our State officials, I would like to thank Councilman Cleve Edenfield, City Administrator Al Lawson and our USDA representative Mrs. Kathy Ross for their work in securing this funding. I am proud to say that the City of Swainsboro received the largest single grant of any city in the Nation in this round of funding," said Schwabe.

The City's current wastewater treatment plant was built in 1962 and will soon reach its limits in term of capacity and efficiency. "This grant will allow us to upgrade our wastewater infrastructure so that Swainsboro is ready for the growth and progress of the next 50 years," the Mayor added.