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### **SENATOR PERRY ANNOUNCES FUNDS HEADED TO VERMILION PARISH FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

### **OVER \$2.5 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND DOLLARS SET ASIDE TO UPGRADE AREA STREETS AND WATER SYSTEMS**

District 26 State Senator Jonathan “JP” Perry (R-Kaplan) announces that help is on the way for Vermilion Parish and its efforts to improve streets and provide a reliable, quality water supply to residents. Over \$2.4 million in Community Development Block Grant money and over \$100,000 in Community Water Enrichment Fund money is headed to the parish to assist in making these important infrastructure improvements.

“These funds will give the parish the ability to make vital improvements to our streets and our water systems,” said Sen. Perry. “It will make a huge difference in the daily lives of Vermilion Parish residents and I am thrilled to be making this announcement.”

The Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) program is a federal program administered through the Governor’s Office, Division of Administration in Louisiana. The program is designed to help low income areas across the country deal with special community problems and improve the quality of life in the area. The following funds are dedicated to Vermilion Parish via LCDBG:

- \$275,000 is granted to Maurice to reconstruct and rehabilitate streets.
- \$600,000 is granted to Abbeville to rehabilitate and reconstruct several streets in the central area of the city.
- \$1.6 million is granted to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to extend the community water system to 90 households in the parish.

The Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) was established in the 2008 regular session to provide a source of funding to aid rural local governments in rehabilitating, improving and constructing clean and safe community water systems. The following funds are dedicated to Vermilion Parish via CWEF:

- \$17,000 each to Abbeville, Delcambre, Kaplan, Erath and Maurice to make improvements and replacements in the water systems.
- \$12,448 to the Southeast Water District to purchase automatic read meters.
- \$2,250 to Pecan Island Water District to purchase parts for the gas chlorination system.
- \$35,000 to Waterworks District No. 1 to continue the waterline extension project.

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