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**SEN. GAUTREAUX & REP. LANDRY ANNOUNCE
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS HEADED TO MAURICE
FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**MORE THAN \$220,000 SET ASIDE
TO ADDRESS SEWER LEAKS**

District 26 State Senator Nick Gautreaux (D-Meaux) and State Representative District 31 Nancy Landry (R-Lafayette) announced that \$228,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are headed to Maurice in Vermilion Parish for much needed improvements to the town's sewer system. The funds will be used to identify leaks within the sewer collection lines and then repair the leaks to reduce storm water inflow.

"These grants funds are important not only to protecting the environment, but also the safety and well-being of citizens in the Maurice area. I am pleased that we have been able to secure the necessary dollars for these sewer system improvements," Sen. Gautreaux said.

"This type of financial assistance to deal with basic infrastructure needs is particularly important to our small communities who often find it difficult to find the funds on their own to make necessary repairs to basic service systems," Rep. Landry said.

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federal program administered by the state Division of Administration. The program is designed to help low income areas and small communities across the country to deal with special community problems and improve the quality of life in the area.

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PHOTO ATTACHED

Pictured left to right are Sen. Nick Gautreaux, Maurice Mayor Bob Ferguson, Maurice Councilman Gary Villien, Rep. Nancy Landry, Gov. Bobby Jindal and Brittany Morgan, assistant to Rep. Landry.