

# RCAP Project Highlights



## Where:

Long Island, Kansas

Infrastructure Type: Water

Project Type: Facilities Development

TAP: Phillip Fishburn

Population Served: 155

Low-Income Pop. Served: 9

Minority Pop. Served: 4

Number of Households: 93

Median HH Income: \$29,250

## Problem:

Community's water distribution lines are aging, leaking and in bad condition.

## Solution:

Provide assistance in the funding application process to obtain financial ability to further continue with the system rehabilitation project.

## Small Kansas town on their way to revitalization and prosperity

Long Island is a small community in northwest Phillips County. The city council is composed of young energetic leaders who want to continue to see their town survive and prosper. The city has several businesses and a grade school.

The council believes it is important to keep the city's infrastructure in good condition. The city's water system was originally installed around 1928 and very little improvements have been made to the distribution system since then. The infrastructure consists of encrusted interior distribution lines that are leaking.

The city sought funding from both RD and CDBG for a system rehabilitation project. Without the CDBG funding, it is not feasible for the city to complete the planned project. The city applied for USDA Rural Development funds to complete a second phase of a rehabilitation plan for their drinking water system. The project engineer conferred with the area RD specialist, and both agreed the city should ask MAP staff for assistance.

MAP assisted the city with the completion of the RD funding application and completed an environmental report. The city could reapply for CDBG funding next fall. The application for RD funding can be used again if the city chooses to use RD funding with CDBG funding.

The completed project will protect the health and safety of citizens, result in water conservation, and enable the city to operate its system in an efficient and sustainable manner.

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