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MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECEIVES \$200,000 FOR COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

NEW PRAGUE, Minn., September 7, 2007 – Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., announced today that Wells Fargo has made a \$200,000 Equity Equivalent Investment to support MAP's revolving loan fund.

"We're committed to sustaining one of America's richest resources – its rural communities," says MAP CEO Martha Cashman. "We deeply appreciate that Wells Fargo chose MAP as its partner to invest in and revitalize rural America through our Community Loan Program."

"Wells Fargo recognizes that we're as strong as the communities we serve, and MAP is dedicated to helping rural communities improve their environment, quality of life and be self-sustaining.," said Sherry Valley, Wells Fargo Community Banking president for New Prague. "For this reason, MAP is a tremendous asset to Minnesota and an organization we're proud to support. Our investment will help improve rural communities."

MAP's short-term Community Loan Program is designed to provide funds to cover project pre-development costs in order for a community to apply and qualify for longer-term financing. To be eligible, a community or other water or wastewater entity must have fewer than 10,000 residents; use the loan to improve water or wastewater services; and complete a loan application. You can fill out an application online at <http://www.map-inc.org>. Click on "programs and services," then "financial help." Or call MAP at 1-800-822-2981 for more information.

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities in a nine-state area improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It's a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.

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