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Fond du Lac Receives Money for Lead Pipe Service Lines

Federal grant money facilitates the removal of lead pipes

Madison – Today, Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R–Fond du Lac) shared that the City of Fond du Lac has received \$200,000 through the federal "Safe Drinking Water Loan Program". This is in addition to the \$300,000 the city received last year also as part of the 2-year \$26 million program. These dollars are available through the City of Fond du Lac for the removal of lead pipe laterals that are on the homeowner's side of the property in conjunction with the city's annual street reconstruction projects. Other replacements may occur in spots where previous publicly-owned lead service laterals have already been replaced. This program is complementary to the funding that would come from ACT 137 which Representative Thiesfeldt along with Senator Cowles coauthored, and was signed into law this past January. ACT 137/SB 48, the 'Leading on Lead Bill', provides a funding mechanism for communities to provide financial assistance programs to private property owners for up to 50% of the cost of replacing their lead service lines.

Rep. Thiesfeldt stated, "This is another step in the process of removing harmful lead from the municipal water systems throughout the state. I encourage the federal government to continue this program of assistance in future years. City of Fond du Lac residents should contact their water utility to find out if they are eligible for this program."

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