



BEECH ISLAND, FHA OFFICIALS LOOK OVER WATER PROJECT PLAT MAP
From left, Mullis, FHA's Mike Jenkins, Atkinson and Carter

FHA allocates \$235,000

Beech Island given water system grant

BEECH ISLAND, S.C. —A \$235,000 federal water system grant will enable this Aiken County community to "greatly enhance its potential as a residential and industrial area," Beech Island Water Commission members said Friday.

The grant, obtained through the Farmers Home Administration, has been approved for a project expected to cost about

\$250,000.

The water commission members said the federal and local funds will be used to set up a water system consisting of a 250,000 gallon storage tank, pumping station, treatment facilities and 13 miles of pipe.

When the project is completed it will meet water demands of 251 families and provide "an excellent base" for future growth,

the water commissioners pointed out.

The federal funds were acquired through the Aiken Farmers Home Administration office, said Lloyd Carter, chairman of the water commission.

Others on the commission include James H. Vaughn, vice chairman; Robert Pentacost, secretary-treasurer, Gilbert Mullis and Julian Atkinson.

Carter said when the water system is completed it will provide more than enough water to meet a daily consumption figure estimated at 100,000 gallons.

He said homeowners joining the system need only pay a \$5 tapping fee. Additional fireplugs will be installed and the system is expected to bring about a reduction in fire insurance rates.

The work will be supervised by Jones and Fellers, an Augusta architectural firm.