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Governor Corbett Announces \$53.4 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure Projects in 6 Counties

Harrisburg – Governor Tom Corbett today announced the investment of \$53.4 million in nine non-point source, drinking water and wastewater projects across six counties through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST).

“These projects will improve the health of local streams and will also provide safe drinking water to residents of Pennsylvania,” Gov. Corbett said. “These approvals bring the total amount of clean water funding approved by the Board during my administration to \$1.3 billion, for nearly 300 projects. I commend the PENNVEST Board for all that it has done during the past four years.”

Of the \$53.4 million, \$47.5 million is for low-interest loans and \$5.9 million is offered as grants.

The awards range from a \$231,320 loan to a non-profit women’s shelter in Franklin County to install pervious pavement, rain gardens and other improvements to deal with stormwater problems to one of the largest, a \$10.9 million loan to a community in Cambria County that will make much needed repairs and upgrades to a portion of its sanitary sewer system.

The funding comes from a combination of state funds approved by voters, federal grants to PENNVEST from the Environmental Protection Agency and recycled loan repayments from previous PENNVEST funding awards. Funds for the projects are disbursed after bills for work are paid and receipts are submitted to PENNVEST.

For more information, visit www.pennvest.state.pa.us or call 717-783-6798.

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Editor’s Note: A list of project summaries follows:

PENNVEST Drinking Water Projects

Franklin County

Bear Valley, Franklin County PA, Joint Authority received an \$11.5 million loan to construct five new ground water sources, a 1.0 million gallons per day water

treatment plant, replace water meters and make other improvements to its existing drinking water system.

PENNVEST Wastewater Projects

Cambria County

- **Johnstown City** received a \$10.9 million loan to rehabilitate sanitary sewers in the Moxham section of the city by installing over seven miles of new sewer lines along with 875 lateral inspection ports and related manholes.
- **Portage Area Sewer Authority** received a received a \$5,090,484 loan and a \$3,082,716 grant to construct more than nine miles of new sewer lines along with 450 lateral inspection ports to provide public sewage collection service to the Martindale area of Portage Township as well as rehabilitate the sewage collection system in part of Portage Borough.
- **Westmont Borough** received a \$9,322,400 loan to rehabilitate its existing sewage collection system by lining more than 17 miles of collection lines as well as upgrading related manholes and lateral inspection ports.

Clarion County

Beaver Township Sewage Authority received a \$274,154 loan and a \$2,225,846 grant to construct more than three miles of sewage collection lines, install 95 new grinder pumps, make upgrades to the Industrial Park pump station, and connect Knox Borough's wastewater collection system. The authority will also make a capital contribution to Knox Borough for treatment capacity.

Westmoreland County

Allegheny Township Municipal Authority received a \$6,683,100 loan to construct more than three miles of sanitary sewer collection lines, a pump station and force main as well as 28 single residence grinder pumps.

PENNVEST Other Water Quality Improvement Projects

Franklin County

Women in Need, Inc. received a \$231,320 loan to install pervious pavement, infiltration beds, rain gardens, vegetated swales and other improvements to deal with stormwater problems that occur during heavy rains.

Lancaster County

Daniel B. Stoltzfus received a \$597,455 grant to construct a new manure storage and composting facility on his farm in order to reduce nutrient runoff into a local stream and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Philadelphia County

Jarynn, LP received a \$3.5 million loan to protect nearby streams from contamination from arsenic and other chemicals by installing a cover over affected soils on its property, by relocating other soil to a more secure area of its property

and by installing a storm water infiltration and retention basin, pervious pavement and other improvements that will reduce storm water run-off.

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