



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Governor Corbett Announces \$65.6 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure Projects in 16 Counties**

**Harrisburg** – Governor Tom Corbett today announced the investment of \$65.6 million in 19 non-point source, drinking water and wastewater projects across 16 counties through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST).

“By taking the actions that it did today, the PENNVEST Board of Directors helped communities all across the Commonwealth deal with critical infrastructure needs,” Gov. Corbett said. “The activities funded by the millions of dollars awarded today will improve waterways in the Commonwealth, make drinking water safer for our citizens and help us meet our commitment to a cleaner Chesapeake Bay.”

Of the \$65.6 million, \$50.6 million is for low-interest loans and \$15 million is offered as grants.

The awards range from a \$370,050 grant to a volunteer fire company in Huntingdon County make improvements to its facilities that will reduce nutrient runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, to a to a \$17,291,000 loan and grant combination to an authority in Cambria County that will make improvements to both its wastewater treatment plant and collection system in order eliminate the wet weather contamination of a local stream.

“I commend the PENNVEST Board for its efforts to improve the lives of Pennsylvania families in all corners of the Commonwealth,” Gov. Corbett said.

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](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us) or call 717-783-6798.

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

**PENNVEST Non-point Source Projects:**

### **Allegheny County**

**Carnegie Borough** received a \$1,108,055 loan to install two pervious pavement parking lots with bio-swales and also plant approximately 150 trees in order to control storm water runoff and sewage overflows that occur during wet weather and deposit sewage and other contaminants into Chartiers Creek.

### **Fulton County**

**Harvey C. Souders** received a \$383,030 grant to construct manure storage facilities, walkways, animal trails and other improvements on a small family-owned farm in order to eliminate nutrient contamination of Big Cove Creek, a cold water fishery whose flows eventually reach the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Huntingdon County**

**Marklesburg Volunteer Fire Company #1** received a \$370,050 grant to install a new cistern, permeable pavement and other improvements in order to reduce nutrient runoff into a tributary of Raystown Lake, which ultimately flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Philadelphia County**

**TKMG Associates** received a \$2,594,650 loan to repair and reconstruct a storm water retaining slope and storm water basins in order to control runoff from impervious surfaces during wet weather that overflow the Philadelphia City combined sewer system and discharge sediment into the Schuylkill River and, eventually, the Delaware Estuary.

### **PENNVEST Drinking Water Projects:**

#### **Cambria County**

**Patton Municipal Authority** received a \$1,783,150 loan and a \$716,850 grant to construct two new wells and install more than two miles of drinking water distribution lines and construct a new water storage tank in order to provide safe drinking water to more than 700 residential customers who are now subject to health risks from contaminated drinking water.

#### **Cambria and Indiana Counties**

**Blacklick Valley Municipal Authority** received a \$1,998,000 loan to install more than two miles of new water distribution lines as well as make improvements to two drinking water storage tanks in order to eliminate low pressure and water outage problems to the authority's 800 existing customers and to provide service to 21 new customers whose drinking water wells are iron and bacterial contamination.

#### **Carbon and Luzerne Counties**

**Hazleton City Authority** received a \$2,671,500 loan to make repairs and upgrades to the authority's pumps, water storage tanks and electrical systems in order to improve system safety and security.

### **Clinton County**

**Suburban Lock Haven Water Authority** received a \$1,658,000 loan to replace or repair over a mile of drinking water distribution lines, increase the capacity of a pump station, construct a new finished water storage tank and make other improvements needed to address water distribution deficiencies and related problems in the authority's system.

### **Dauphin County**

**Middletown Borough Authority** received a \$1,970,000 loan to replace about one mile of old and deteriorated drinking water distribution line that has reached the end of its useful life and experiences multiple leaks and could lead to water outages in the future.

### **Erie County**

**Union City Municipal Authority** received a \$1,737,740 loan and a \$952,260 grant to make improvements to its water filtration system in order to adequately address water contamination issues and also replace some undersized drinking water distribution lines that do not provide adequate water supply and are prone to breaks and water outages during extended periods of cold weather.

### **Schuylkill County**

**Ashland Area Municipal Authority** received a \$1,675,000 loan to make improvements to its drinking water reservoir dam that are needed to ensure that the dam will not fail, which would not only cause dangerous flooding but also would eliminate the source of drinking water to the authority's customers.

## **PENNVEST Wastewater Projects:**

### **Cambria County**

- **Gallitzin Borough Sewer and Disposal Authority** received an \$11,939,936 loan and a \$5,351,064 grant to make improvements to its wastewater treatment plant and construct more than thirteen miles of new sanitary sewer collection lines in order to eliminate wet weather overflows of its combined sewer system that result in the discharge of contaminated storm water into Bradley Run. The project will also allow the authority to meet its nutrient discharge limits.
- **Stonycreek Township** received an \$8,813,670 loan and a \$4,106,330 grant to rehabilitate its sewage collection system, including more than 17 miles of collection lines, in order to eliminate the wet weather discharge of untreated sewage into the Stonycreek River.

### **Clarion County**

**Beaver Township Sewage Authority** received a \$1,712,051 loan and a \$787,949 grant to construct more than three miles of sewage collection lines and make other improvements to the authority's system in order extend service to local homeowners whose existing on-lot septic systems are malfunctioning and causing local drinking water wells to be contaminated with coliform bacteria.

**Dauphin County**

**Middletown Borough Authority** received a \$1,475,000 loan to install more than a mile of new sewage collection lines in order to eliminate water infiltration into the existing lines, which results in sewer overflows, particularly during wet weather.

**Fayette County**

**Upper Tyrone Township** received a \$7,016,865 loan and a \$2,333,135 grant to construct more almost sixteen miles of sewage collection lines that will provide sewage collection and treatment service to various areas of the township where existing malfunctioning on-lot septic systems and wildcat sewers discharge untreated waste directly into Jacob Creek.

**Lancaster County**

**Ridgewood Manor Inc.** received a \$1 million to construct a new package treatment plant and storage system in order to eliminate hydraulic overloading during wet weather as well as the need to spray during winter months, which is not under the system's operating permit.

**Lehigh County**

**Lehigh County Authority** received a \$1 million loan to replace a pump station and some wastewater collection lines in order to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows and prevent future line breaks that are likely to occur in the absence of these improvements.

**Luzerne County**

**Greater Hazelton CANDO Inc.** received a \$450,000 loan to replace the existing wastewater treatment system's disinfection system in order to eliminate excessive amounts of chlorine from its discharge.

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