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Governor Corbett Announces \$81.5 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure Projects in 11 Counties

Harrisburg – Governor Tom Corbett today announced the investment of \$81.5 million in 14 non-point source, drinking water and wastewater projects across 11 counties through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST).

“Through the PENNVEST program and its Board of Directors, we continue to make investments in water-related infrastructure improvements that protect public health, clean the environment and enhance Pennsylvania’s economic climate,” Governor Corbett said. “Furthering these goals will continue to be of the highest priority to me and will continue to shape the focus of this program.”

Of the \$81.5 million, \$66.5 million is for low-interest loans and \$15 million is offered as grants.

The awards range from a \$100,000 grant to eliminate nutrient run-off from a farm in Cambria County in order to help with restoring the Chesapeake Bay, to a \$13,785,287 loan to a community in Northumberland County to eliminate discharges of raw sewage into the Susquehanna River that occur during heavy rains.

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 Non-point Source Projects:

Cambria County

R J Davis Farm received a \$100,000 grant to construct manure management facilities to eliminate nutrient runoff into Swartz Run and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay.

Lancaster County

Joseph Smucker received a \$208,842 grant to construct manure storage facilities, a composting facility, grassed waterways, animal trails and other improvements to eliminate nutrient runoff into the Little Conestoga and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay.

Union County

Harmony Springs Farm received an \$821,212 loan to construct two manure storage tanks, animal trails, a stream crossing and other improvements to eliminate sediment, nutrient and pathogen-laden runoff into Penns Creek.

PENNVEST Drinking Water Projects:

Cambria County

Hastings Municipal Authority received a \$3,879,859 loan and a \$1,353,305 grant to construct an interconnection to the Elder Township water system, install over a mile of new distribution lines and cover a raw water reservoir in order to provide safe and reliable water service to its customers.

Greene County

East Dunkard Water Authority received a \$4,443,755 loan and a \$5,040,141 grant to install almost fourteen miles of new water distribution lines, three new water storage tanks and make other improvements that will allow it to take over a neighboring nonviable water system that loses about half of its water to leaks and whose customers are frequently without water for long periods of time.

Lycoming County

Williamsport Municipal Water Authority received a \$9 million loan to construct a new pump station, a new water storage tank and about five miles of water distribution lines in order to eliminate low pressure and related drinking water contamination problems in three nearby communities served by the Authority.

Mifflin County

Lewistown Borough Municipal Authority received a \$4 million loan to construct over three miles of new water distribution lines and make other improvements that will provide safe drinking water to local residences as well as a health care business that will be able to expand its facility and create 100 new professional, technical and service jobs in the area.

Washington County

Pennsylvania American Water Company received a \$8,370,000 loan to construct about nineteen miles of drinking water distribution lines to serve residents in parts of eight communities whose wells do not produce sufficient drinking water and the water that is produced is often contaminated by nearby malfunctioning on-lot septic systems.

Westmoreland County

Westmoreland County Municipal Authority received a \$200,000 loan to install more than two miles of new water distribution lines to serve homes in a local community whose drinking water is contaminated with coliform bacteria from nearby malfunctioning on-lot septic systems.

York County

Pennsylvania American Water Company received a \$5,357,480 loan to construct over six miles of drinking water distribution lines to serve 350 households that do not have fire protection and whose drinking water wells are contaminated by nearby malfunctioning on-lot septic systems.

PENNVEST Wastewater Projects:

Armstrong County

Leechburg Borough received a \$4,311,862 loan and a \$6,658,709 grant to construct more than seven 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 the Kiskiminetas River.

Cambria County

Johnstown City received a \$10.9 million loan to install almost seven 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 the Little Conemaugh River.

Lancaster County

Strasburg Township received a \$1,405,997 loan and a \$1,639,003 grant to construct almost two miles of sewage collection lines and a small sewage treatment facility to serve homes that currently have no centralized service and whose malfunctioning on-lot septic systems are contaminating local drinking water wells.

Northumberland County

Northumberland Borough received a \$13,785,287 loan to construct a new sewage treatment plant and to rehabilitate an existing pump station in order to eliminate wet weather bypasses of untreated sewage into the Susquehanna River.

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