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Officials to Sign Partnering Agreement for Washington Township Sanitary Sewerage System Project

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – The Municipal Authority of the Township of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a Project Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony for the Washington Township Sanitary Sewerage System Project on Thursday, August 30 at 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Municipal Authority's meeting to be held in the Community Ambulance Service (CAS) Building located at 1392 Fayette Avenue in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania 15012.

This project will provide a regional sewage collection and treatment system to eliminate poor environmental conditions which exist because of inadequate sewer systems. Presently, residents and businesses in Washington Township use on-lot sewage disposal systems or discharge sanitary sewage directly to underground coal mine cavities. A majority of the on-lot systems are malfunctioning causing raw or partially treated sewage to drain into nearby streams and ultimately into the Monongahela River. The existing facilities create a constant threat of bacteria contamination for area residents, as well as fish, wildlife and downstream property owners. The project will create healthier and safer living conditions for all residents of the service area through the elimination of the discharge of raw sewage into the groundwater and waters of the Commonwealth.

The project consists of the design and construction of a new wastewater collection and conveyance system to serve over 1,750 residences and businesses in Washington Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Sewage collected by the new system will be conveyed to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Belle Vernon's expanded sewage plant for treatment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will support the design of the entire sanitary sewerage system and the construction of the Naomi Sewage Pumping Station, the Washington Heights Sewage Pumping Station and the Lynnwood Sewage Pumping Station. The Corps is providing \$1,000,000 of Section 313 funding to support the design and subsequent construction of this project. The South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program, often referred to as Section 313 Program, covers an 18 county area in South Central Pennsylvania providing for design and construction oversight to communities for projects involving wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage treatment and distribution facilities and surface resource protection and development.