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JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECEIVES BUTLER COUNTY MIP GRANT

JACKSON TWP., PA (Jan. 5, 2023) – Jackson Township is pleased to announce the receipt of \$1,102,948.35, awarded from the Butler County Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP), utilizing the County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF).

"We would therefore like to thank the County Commissioners for a great start to 2023," stated Township Manager Chris Rearick. "The funds will be used for stormwater projects throughout the Township and are an outgrowth of mutually beneficial plans and projects that have grown out of our dialogue with our neighboring communities in the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group." These funds will be used for the Northgate Stormwater Improvements, Swampoodle Stormwater Mitigation and Wetland Enhancement, German Street Flooding Mitigation, and the Tollgate Basin Retrofits projects.

The Northgate Stormwater Improvements will include better management of water from SR 19 in the area of the Northgate Plaza, just north of Zelienople, as well as stormwater from the road infrastructure built from a signalized intersection to be completed at the Northgate Plaza entrance to the Township's Sippel Reservoir Park, where the remaining reservoir will be utilized as a stormwater feature and fishing pond.

The German Street project will include an upgrade of stormwater pipes, catch basins and outfalls to lessen the impact of flooding events in German Street affecting property in Jackson Township and Harmony Borough that result in frequent closures of German Street for localized flooding events. The Swampoodle Project funding offers the opportunity to enhance existing wetlands to better manage uncontrolled runoff from I-79 which impacts properties in Jackson Township and Harmony Borough and complements work planned in Harmony Borough.

He continued, "The Tollgate Basin project will offer the opportunity, with the cooperation of Township Homeowners' Associations, to improve the capacity of and make improvements to flood control and water quality from the new developments and surrounding land. This action, in turn, will aid in minimizing local flooding events and lessens downstream impacts on the Glade Run corridor and our neighbors in Zelienople Borough."

The balance of \$193,500 in anticipated matching costs will be budgeted from the Township's Capital Reserve Funds which are funded through a variety of sources, including Act 13 Impact Fees (gas well impact fees) received from the Commonwealth.

The Township will begin reaching out to property owners and homeowners' associations in the project areas shortly and will move the projects forward with anticipated completion in 2024 and 2025.

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