

October 7, 2008 - Murtha Secures \$1.15 million for Perry Township Sewer Project

PERRY TOWNSHIP, PA -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, was in Perry Township, Fayette County today to announce that he has secured \$1.15 million through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the second phase of the township sewer project.

The Perry Township sewer project is a two-phase project that will provide a sanitary sewer system to approximately 350 customers. The first phase of the project, recently completed at a cost of \$3.2 million, included construction of the Wickhaven Sewage Treatment Plant and the installation of sewer lines in the Villages of Banning and Wickhaven.

The second phase will consist of installing approximately 31,405 feet of gravity sewer line, 12,070 feet of force main, and two pump stations along Rehoboth Church Road and Banning Hill. The existing on-lot sewage systems are inadequate and pose a constant threat of bacteria contamination for the area residents, as well as fish, wildlife, downstream property owners, boaters and public water system supply intakes on the Youghiogheny River.

“The Perry Township sewer project will provide residents with safer and healthier living conditions by eliminating malfunctioning septic systems and their discharge of raw sewage into our ground water and waterways,” commented Murtha.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide technical and project management support to the Perry Township Municipal Authority during the design and construction of the project. The Corps Pittsburgh District Engineer, Colonel Mike Crall, noted, “We are pleased to be part of this program and look forward to working with the Perry Township Municipal Authority through the completion of this project.”

The second phase cost of the Perry Township Sewer Project is estimated at \$3.9 million. Murtha also expressed his appreciation to the Perry Township Supervisors and Municipal Authority, and thanked the other funding partners in the project: the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Development Authority (PENNVEST).

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