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Governor Wolf Highlights Restore Pennsylvania Plan to Help Columbia County with Flood Protection

Bloomsburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf joined state Representative David Millard and other Columbia County officials today to highlight the need for additional funding to improve flood protection and disaster recovery in Bloomsburg and throughout the region.

“We’ve seen the damage that flood waters can do here in Bloomsburg and in communities across Pennsylvania. Each time the waters rise there is enormous costs to repair homes, businesses and lives,” said Governor Wolf. “Each disaster is a painful reminder that our old infrastructure must be updated to handle changing weather and new development. Communities like Bloomsburg are struggling to fund the high cost of flood control projects to keep people safe.

“My Restore Pennsylvania plan will provide funding to help towns and cities upgrade flood walls and levees, replace high-hazard dams, and take other steps to combat flooding. Restore Pennsylvania will also help homeowners put their lives back together after severe storms by establishing a disaster relief trust fund to assist individuals who suffer losses that FEMA will not fund.”

To achieve these goals, Governor Wolf announced a bold infrastructure initiative, Restore Pennsylvania, funded by the monetization of a commonsense severance tax. Restore Pennsylvania will invest \$4.5 billion over the next four years in significant, high-impact projects throughout the commonwealth to help catapult Pennsylvania ahead of every state in the country in terms of technology, development, and infrastructure.

Encompassing new and expanded programs to address five priority infrastructure areas including High Speed Internet Access, Storm Preparedness and Disaster Recovery, Downstream Manufacturing, Business Development, and Energy Infrastructure, Demolition, Revitalization, and Renewal, and Transportation Capital Projects, Restore Pennsylvania projects will be driven by local input about local needs. Projects identified by local stakeholders will be evaluated through a competitive process to ensure that high priority, high impact projects are funded and needs across Pennsylvania are met.

In Bloomsburg, the governor joined Rep. Millard for a tour of flood prone areas in the community, then meet with local leaders at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds. The governor highlighted how Restore Pennsylvania could help the community's efforts to protect more homes and businesses from the risk of flooding.

"Restore Pennsylvania represents the most comprehensive approach to flood control and stream restoration in years for Columbia County," said Rep. David Millard. "This is a tremendous opportunity to invest more state funding into projects that prevent flooding so we can protect more of our homes and businesses and potentially save lives."

Storm Preparedness and Disaster Recovery

Critical Flood Control Infrastructure

Restore Pennsylvania will provide funding for flood prevention that will protect against severe weather and save homes and businesses in flood prone areas across the state. Restore Pennsylvania will provide funding to help towns and cities prepare for flooding and severe weather, upgrade flood walls and levees, replace high-hazard dams, and conduct stream restoration and maintenance.

Helping Families Rebuild

Restore Pennsylvania will establish a disaster relief trust fund to assist individuals who suffer losses that are not compensated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other programs.

View the full Restore Pennsylvania plan [here](#).

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