



\$3.5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT WILL HELP BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO BOOST ECONOMIC PROJECTS & 2,000 JOBS IN LONDONDERRY / DERRY TOWNSHIPS

Derry Township Municipal Authority and Londonderry Township Secure \$3.5 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for Upgrade to Wastewater Treatment Plant to Support \$284,000,000+ in New Economic Development

OVERVIEW: Londonderry Township, near the State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA, has struggled for generations since the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generation Station accident, and now the 2019 closure of the full Three Mile Island complex and the loss of 600 jobs. This community is excited to have several developers committed to constructing 4,400,000 square feet of new logistics, warehousing, and commercial development with 2,000 permanent, full-time jobs along the Pennsylvania State Route 230 (SR 230) central commercial corridor. However, this economic development will not be possible without upgrades in infrastructure, including an upgrade to the Derry Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to provide for adequate capacity to serve this economic growth.

On August 16, 2022, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) finalized an award of \$3.5 million in “Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC) funding”, to be matched with local bond proceeds, to conduct a shovel-ready upgrade of the Southwest WWTP with biological treatment, UV disinfection, and clarifier upgrades, to enable four shovel-ready economic development projects to proceed.

Londonderry Township Manager Stephen Letavic conveys the excitement, saying that “This EDA investment has given new economic hope and opportunities in the community, and these development projects are going to be a major step forward for Dauphin County.” William Rehkop, Executive Director of the DTMA which is leading the wastewater infrastructure upgrade, conveys the positive impacts, saying that “This EDA investment helps reduce the costs to the local ratepayers for construction and operation of state-of-the-art infrastructure to serve the economic and residential development needs in the region.” Both communities are very grateful to Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, who provided strong and meaningful support for this U.S. Department of Commerce Investment. Senator Casey says, “As Londonderry and Derry Townships recover from the devastating economic impacts of the closure of Three Mile Island, upgrading its wastewater treatment plant and creating sustainable employment opportunities is vital to its economic revitalization. Thanks to this Economic Development Administration grant, these communities will receive \$3.5 million for wastewater infrastructure upgrades that will pave the way for hundreds of jobs and millions in tax revenue,” said U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA). “I was proud to advocate for Derry Township Municipal Authority and Londonderry Township, and I will continue to work with the Biden Administration to support job creation and economic development in South Central Pennsylvania.”

Derry Township (pop. 24,715) and Londonderry Township (pop. 4,899) are neighboring municipalities located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, between the cities of Lancaster and Harrisburg, the State Capitol. In Londonderry Township at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station on March 28, 1979, a cooling system malfunction caused a partial meltdown of the reactor core, releasing radioactive particles, in what remains the worst nuclear accident in the history of the United States. Unit 2 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station never reopened following the accident and has still not been cleaned up. Unit 1 remained in operation, but was shuttered by owner Exelon on September 20, 2019, with the loss of 600 jobs.



The loss of a nuclear plant often results in devastating economic consequences. Along with employing hundreds (if not thousands) of workers and contractors, a plant like Three Mile Island contributes \$400 million of economic

impact annually. Following a closure and the exodus of highly skilled workers and their families, communities can expect direct and indirect job losses, a reduction of tax or municipal payments, a reduction in local community capacity, depressed housing valuations, and burdens on community morale.



While Londonderry is in the early stages of the nuclear power plant decommissioning process, it is preparing for an exciting economic and community revitalization along SR 230. Two different developers have committed to extending public water and sewer infrastructure along SR 230 in Londonderry Township for the construction of six separate logistics and warehousing centers. Core5 Industrial Partners will construct four warehouses, totaling 2.55 million square feet, and First Industrial Realty Trust will construct two warehouses totaling 1.8 million square feet, which together will bring 2,000 full-time jobs, \$284 million in new private sector investment, and more than \$4.14 million in annual local tax revenues.

The Southwest WWTP upgrade is also necessary for several other key economic and jobs development projects on the way. United Parcel Service (“UPS”) is preparing to construct its fourth-largest distribution hub in the nation in Lower Swatara Township, and will utilize the DTMA infrastructure. UPS reports this facility will be its “super hub” to enhance logistics and movement of products between markets including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York City, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. The 775,000 square foot distribution center will create 750 new living-wage jobs. In addition, the Hershey Creamery is planning an expansion of their ice cream production plant in Lower Swatara Township that will employ 350 individuals, now that this DTMA wastewater capacity can be provided.

Another development company preparing to construct the “Lytle Farm” development on Route 230 adjacent



to one of the logistics centers. Lytle Farm, a mixed-use, smart growth development, will be a mix of 50,000 square feet of commercial properties including professional offices, an urgent care, and retail businesses along with a mix of 900 units of live-near-work housing including apartments, townhomes, a 55+ community, and single-family residences, all served with site improvements including parks, trails, outdoor classrooms, community buildings, and fishing and boating areas which will boost the local travel, tourism and hospitality sectors.

The anticipated increase in sewer capacity demand from these economic developments along SR 230 in Londonderry Township will exceed the Southwest WWTP capacity by 2026. Upgrades to the Southwest WWTP are estimated to cost \$14 million, which is designed to serve the build-out capacity needs from the Londonderry development through the year 2046. The Southwest WWTP upgrade project is shovel-ready with the design and permitting complete. The project will include the conversion and expansion of the biological treatment process including two new aeration tanks and the conversion of existing oxidation ditches; a new blower and electrical building; a new final clarifier including new return activated sludge (RAS)/waste activated sludge (WAS) pumps; a new open channel ultraviolet (UV) disinfection facility; and miscellaneous upgrades including a new influent flow meter, upgrades to the influent pump station, and upgrades to the drain pump station.



Thank you to U.S. EDA and all the people working so hard for Londonderry and Derry Townships

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