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Officials to Sign Partnering Agreement for Rehabilitation of Meyersdale Project

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – The Borough of Meyersdale and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a Project Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony on Friday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Missy's Café at 316 Grant Street, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Signing of the agreement will allow the Corps of Engineers to begin repairing the levee along Flaugherty Creek which is part of the Meyersdale Local Flood Protection Project damaged by the remnants of Hurricanes Frances and Ivan in 2004.

The Meyersdale Local Flood Protection Project, consisting of a levee and a concrete lined channel, is located on Flaugherty Creek in the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The project, constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources in 1973, was designed to protect against the maximum flood of record which occurred October 15, 1954. Since the construction of the project, the residents of Meyersdale have grown to appreciate and count on the many benefits this local flood protection project provides.

In early September 2004, a record 3.6 inches of rain from the remnants of Hurricane Frances fell over a 24-hour period, leaving the ground surface over much of western Pennsylvania saturated. A week later, the remnants of Hurricane Ivan passed through the region dropping a record 6 inches of rain in 24-hours and resulted in widespread flooding. Heavy flows in Flaugherty Creek from nearly 3 inches of rain in just 24-hours damaged the levee in Meyersdale and left a large amount of sediment and debris in the creek. In 2006 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection funded the removal of over 15,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris from the creek.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide over \$600,000 of federal funding to repair the damage caused to the Flaugherty Creek levee. Federal participation in this project is authorized by Public Law 84-99, Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies, which allows the Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate flood control works damaged by floods to their pre-flood condition.