

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Camille George
DATE: July 15, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Pennvest enabling legislation

Next week, I am introducing legislation that will enable the Pennsylvania Infrastructure and Investment Authority – Pennvest -- to utilize federal money provided through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to fund agricultural best-management practices, acid-mine drainage remediation and brownfield projects. Sen. Don White and I introduced the measure last session as SB 1422 and HB 2591.

Pennvest's enabling legislation was amended in 1992 to encourage compliance with the Storm Water Management Act. The legislation was crafted to deal specifically with developed areas and restricted the Commonwealth from fully utilizing federal funds designated for agricultural best-management practices, acid-mine drainage and brownfields.

My legislation will enable Pennvest to access funding both for urban runoff projects and for agricultural best-management practices and other activities identified under the Commonwealth's Section 319 plan to the Clean Water Act.

Co-sponsors of last session's legislation were:

BARBIN, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, DALEY, DERMODY,
GOODMAN, HARHAI, JOSEPHS, KILLION, MAHONEY, MURPHY,
READSHAW, ROSS, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STURLA, WAGNER, WHITE,
YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, HALUSKA, MUNDY, BROWN AND GRUCELA

The current administration has signaled that it would like to see this legislation move when we return in the fall. I seek your support for the measure, which will assist Pennvest. Please e-mail me at cgeorge@pahouse.net if you would like to co-sponsor this legislation. Thank you.

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