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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 2012
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Sandra J. Major *SJM*
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship - Watershed Disaster Reconstruction Act

In the very near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will authorize the transfer of \$4,400,000 from the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund to be used as state matching funds to repair flood-damaged small stream flood-control infrastructure.

As you know, many areas in the eastern part of the state have been damaged as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Currently, FEMA and our local municipalities have assessed storm damage in excess of \$130 million in 13 counties. As part of the recovery efforts, the Commonwealth will need to provide its share of matching funds in order to receive Federal funding.

Specifically, my legislation transfers \$3,400,000 from the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund to be used as state matching funds for stream restoration to be done by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. This will enable the Commonwealth to draw down approximately \$10,200,000 of Federal funds. Additionally, the legislation will transfer \$1,000,000 from the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Fund to be used as state matching funds to assist with mitigating small stream threats to life and property by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. This will enable the Commonwealth to draw down approximately \$4,000,000 of Federal funds.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this legislation so that Pennsylvania is prepared to assist our local governments with repairing and rebuilding the public infrastructure.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jennifer Harrison at 783-2910 or e-mail jharriso@pahousegop.com.

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