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## Press Release October 20, 2022 Completion of Linden Street Stormwater Protection Project

This is the photo of the ribbon cutting for the Linden Street opening. The attendees are all members of the Regional Lower Connoquenessing Watershed group.



From left to right: Don Pepe, Zelienople Borough, Dave Szakelyhidi, Harmony Borough, Mark Widdersheim, Evans City Borough, Michael Foote, Lancaster Township, Mary Hess, Zelienople Borough, Doug Roth, Penn Township, Jerry Andree, Gary Peaco, Adams Township, Mark Gordon, Butler County, Mark Wilson, Forward Township Missing from photo: Chriss Rearick, Jackson Township, Dan Santoro, Cranberry Township, Tom Smith, Seven Fields Borough

In February 2015, the Borough reviewed and developed a list of priorities of storm sewer and catch basin improvements that were needed throughout the Borough. It was intended that the list of improvements be completed over a 10-year period to help mitigate stormwater flooding within the Borough. The Linden Street Project was a major piece of these planned improvements.

The Existing 60-inch culvert pipe was found to be undersized and a proposed 5'x8' box culvert was proposed. In December 2019, the Borough applied for a grant from the PA Small Water & Sewer Program but were notified in August of 2020 that the Borough was not awarded a grant.

Consequently, the Borough joined the Regional Lower Connoquenessing Watershed group consisting of ten municipalities (Adams Township, Cranberry Township, Evans City Borough, Forward Township, Harmony Borough, Jackson Township, Lancaster Township, Penn Township, Seven Fields Borough, and Zelienople Borough) and Butler County to identify problem areas in each municipality. Linden Street was one of the top priorities of the Borough in the March 10, 2021, Lower Connoquenessing Stormwater Planning Study.

The Linden Street project was awarded to Steel Nation Environmental, Inc. on February 14, 2022, and started construction in May 2022 and was completed in October at a cost of \$110,000. The Borough utilized the Butler County Infrastructure Bank funding to pay for the project.

This project is a significant step in the Borough's plan to minimize flooding in Zelienople

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these street changes, please contact the Zelienople Borough Administrative Office at (724) 452-6610.