

**(West Windsor, NJ)** – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will resume providing postal services at the existing Milltown Post Office facility, which has been closed ever since it was damaged in flooding from Hurricane Irene last year.

The USPS has indicated that the Milltown Post Office will reopen by mid-February 2013, as soon as repairs are completed.

Resuming service at the existing post office is an interim step toward establishing permanent postal services in Milltown. The USPS intends to relocate to a new Milltown facility in the future, and a public meeting will be scheduled soon to hear public feedback about the new facility's location.

“For more than a year, Milltown residents have lived without a functioning post office, relying instead on minimal postal operations running out of a trailer,” said Holt. “The delay in restoring full postal services to Milltown has been unacceptable – as Mayor Steeber, members of the Borough Council, and I have repeatedly emphasized to postal officials. Still, I am pleased that the USPS is taking action to return services to the residents of Milltown.”

The USPS commitment to reopen the Milltown Post Office is the result of more than a year of work by Holt, Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber, and the Milltown Borough Council.

On December 16, 2011, shortly after visiting the flood-damaged post office, Holt wrote to Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe requesting assurances that Milltown would retain a full postal retail facility. The USPS provided such a commitment in May 2012 but did not announce where or when the postal facility would open. Finally, earlier this week, the USPS committed to reopening the existing post office during a meeting with Holt and Milltown officials.