

Especially during this economic downturn when our local governments face deteriorating budgets, Rep. Holt is working to ensure that worthy community initiatives receive federal funding. These projects merit funding because they will create jobs and improve the quality of life in Central New Jersey.

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The Fiscal 2010 Federal Budget contains funding for a number of important initiatives that Rep. Holt secured for Central New Jersey, including:

\$200 million to NJ TRANSIT for the construction of the ARC Tunnel. The funding will help construct a 9.2-mile commuter rail extension and tunnel from Secaucus, New Jersey to Midtown Manhattan. This new tunnel will increase peak capacity from 23 trains per hour to 48 and create expanded station capacity in Manhattan. It also will provide direct access to NYC subway lines, PATH and Penn Station.

\$13.25 million for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, a model for effective public-private sector partnerships, in which a national, largely privately funded organization with a mostly volunteer workforce helps to fulfill federal and state mandates by providing blind and learning disabled students with a simple, cost-effective accommodation.

\$3 million for the newly created New Jersey Technology Center. The funding would provide an opportunity for thousands of skilled Fort Monmouth employees who would not move to Maryland if the Fort closes to join the Center, through contracts with the Army, and continue to provide technical and programmatic support for the U.S. military. Using the expertise of highly-skilled former Fort Monmouth workers remaining in New Jersey and other recruited experts, the intent of the Technology Center is to obtain contracts with the U.S. Army to provide mission critical services and capabilities. Support would include, but not be limited to, intelligence and communications support to the warfighter.

\$1 million for the continued construction of the Trenton Fuel Works biofuel manufacturing plant. Trenton Fuel Works is the first U.S. commercialization of manufacturing technology that thermochemically converts organic waste into a renewable, non-petroleum fuel that will serve as an alternative to gasoline.

\$750,000 for roadway improvements in Englishtown. Funding would go toward resurfacing and drainage improvements for Victory Drive, Hospitality Way and Heritage Drive. Additionally, funding will help enhance pedestrian safety on Main and Water streets, the business district's main roadway.

\$500,000 for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office to establish a county-wide gun violence prevention hotline, known as SPEAK UP, which would be focused on encouraging students to anonymously report weapon-related threats in their schools and communities.

\$500,000 for 180 Turning Lives Around, a non-profit organization based in Hazlet, which works to combat domestic violence affecting youth and teens. The funds will be used to expand access to services that prevent violence among youth and teens and to treat children and teens that have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or rape.

\$500,000 for a Monmouth County wastewater and water quality improvement project. The funding allows Monmouth County and municipalities in the county to comply with the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Regulation.). State law no longer allows the discharge of pollutants from vehicle and equipment washing into the municipal separate storm sewer system or groundwater. The funding will be used for the construction of a service vehicle and equipment wash facility that will contain all

wash waters and direct them to the sanitary sewer system for treatment.

\$500,000 for South River's smart meter energy program. The Borough of South River requested the funding to purchase and install Automated Remote Electric and Water Meters, which would provide real time information to both utilities and consumers. South River owns and operates its own utilities and it's moving toward implementing a Borough-wide smart grid. This metering that the borough intends to purchase is the first step toward this eventual goal. The meters would provide real-time consumption information that would allow the users to make wise decisions based on the real cost of service in real time.

\$400,000 for the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, which is based in Bridgewater. The funding will provide a 24-hour supervised transitional/permanent housing program for youth aged 18-to-21 who have aged out of the foster care system, and provide those youths with the skills they need to succeed in life.

\$314,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to continue Flood Mitigation in the Raritan River Basin. The funding supports the work of the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the region from flooding. As a result of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act, the Army Corps has begun preconstruction on flood mitigation projects that were recommended in the Corps feasibility report completed in September 2002. The project includes the construction of a storm surge barrier, floodwalls and levees, interior drainage facilities, and ecosystem restoration. The project benefits the communities of East Brunswick, Old Bridge and South River.

\$310,000 for the City of Trenton's YouthStat program, which works to prevent at-risk youth from spending their adult lives as long term, criminal offenders. With previous funding Holt secured for the YouthStat program, multiple public and private law enforcement, criminal justice, and social service agencies have worked collaboratively on a weekly basis to identify at-risk youngsters, implement appropriate crime prevention methods and monitor their progress.

\$300,000 for the City of Trenton to implement measures to protect its water filtration plant from flood events. Flood damage to the plant could cause devastating service interruptions and have an adverse impact on the drinking water supply.

\$296,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a Delaware River Basin Comprehensive

feasibility study. The funding allows for the formulation and evaluation of alternative solutions to the region's problems regarding flooding along the Delaware River and tributaries.

\$250,000 for Monmouth University to expand its Resilient Coastal Urban Community and Ecosystem (RESCUE) Initiative, which is designed to help New Jersey's shore communities reduce pollution and protect critical habitats. The funding will be used to expand the local climate monitoring network and to help develop additional tools for communities to protect and enhance New Jersey's shore environment.

\$200,000 for the Delaware River Basin Commission's Enhanced Flood Warning System. Working with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Geological Survey, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Delaware River Basin Commission would continue their development of enhancements to the basin's flood warning system including evaluation and improvement of the existing precipitation and stream gage network, development of additional NOAA flood forecast points in both non-tidal and tidal stream reaches, and combining GIS and Doppler Radar technology to improve flash flood warning capability for small watersheds.

\$200,000 for the Old Bridge Public Schools "Reaching for the Stars Again" program, providing equipment for two full-dome digital planetarium projection systems to replace aging star projectors and continue the planetarium's educational mission.

\$185,000 for the North Brunswick Township to purchase a closed circuit video surveillance system with remote monitoring capability. Installing the system would both reduce the police department's operating costs and improve public safety.

\$120,000 for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office to modernize the county's Trunk Radio System.

\$100,000 for the Digital Bridge to Literacy program at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center, which is based in Trenton. The funding will help the Library promote its services with a statewide awareness campaign and expand its digital materials. These materials give blind and visually impaired New Jersey residents the ability to read and access information and would specifically be targeted toward veterans, seniors, and Hispanics.

\$100,000 for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families to hire child forensic interviewers in each of New Jersey's Child Advocacy Centers. Properly trained child forensic interviewers are needed to work with child victims of crime.

\$95,000 for the Borough of Jamesburg to modernize its communications equipment. The police department currently operates 10-year-old communications equipment that is obsolete and no longer supported by the manufacturer, which means during a failure of the system, there is no guarantee that replacement parts will be available for repairs. Replacing this system and upgrading the communications center with a more modern and efficient system would help the Borough better serve the community and protect the safety of emergency service personnel.