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**COUNTY COUNCIL TAKES ANOTHER STEP TO COMBAT STORMWATER
FLOODING**

Glasgow, DE – The New Castle County Council recently passed a resolution urging County Executive Christopher Coons to hire a full-time employee or contractor to be responsible for applying for and obtaining grant assistance to address stormwater and flooding problems.

The resolution was sponsored by Councilman David Tackett.

The resolution indicated the desire to increase efforts to obtain grant aid to combat flooding problems with concentration on obtaining assistance to establish and maintain stormwater utilities.

Councilman Tackett stated, “Even in times of fiscal concern, problems must be still addressed. Flooding is an ongoing issue throughout New Castle County. We must explore all the other resources available to continue our attack on the problem and assure citizens that where they live is healthy and safe. This is important enough to investigate retaining an employee or contractor to totally focus on this effort”.

Since 2003, the County has applied for and received various types of disaster aid, principally from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), totaling approximately 3.3 million dollars for repair and replacement of stormwater or flood damaged facilities. Aid funds were also utilized for measures taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property resulting from stormwater or flood.

The County utilized FEMA assistance to purchase homes in neighborhoods such as Glenville that were severely damaged by flooding.

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