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PENCE ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR STORM WATER REDUCTION AND JOBS CREATION PROJE

Washington, Dec 9, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives secured more than $200,000 for a storm water reduction and jobs creation project in Elwood, Indiana.

“This project is extremely important to improving the quality of life for Elwood residents and increasing the number of jobs in the area,” said Pence.

The 22nd Street corridor in Elwood is plagued by flooding problems associated with the city’s combined sewer overflow system and requires immediate storm water improvement. The area is home to the city’s largest employer, small businesses and residences. The project proposes the installation of a thirty-six inch dedicated storm drain to alleviate the flooding.

Once flooding is reduced, local businesses will be able to move forward with expansion, which will mean the creation of more than 300 new jobs.

The funding was included as part of the FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report. It is expected to pass the Senate and be signed by President Bush.

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