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Dear Upper Milford Residents:

Lehigh County Authority will initiate construction of the Vera Cruz sewer line project in spring of 2011. All affected residents in Milestone Area #1 will be responsible for connecting their home to the public sewer line upon completion, anticipated for June 2011. On your behalf, Lehigh County Authority and Upper Milford Township applied for and was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to assist income-eligible property owners with the associated costs.

Grants are available for low- to moderate-income households living in owner-occupied properties.

Eligible costs that will be covered by the program are:

- o Construction of the lateral from the property line to the dwelling, and any associated plumbing inside the home.
- o Upgrade of the electrical system, if applicable.
- o Decommission of existing septic tank.
- o Connection Fee (\$1,025)
- o Project Capacity Tapping Fee (\$180)
- o Permits

A determination of eligibility must be made through an income verification process, as CDBG funds may only assist residents with income that does not surpass the federal limits. Enclosed you will find a fact sheet showing the upper income boundaries for various family sizes. If, after reviewing the income limits, you believe that your household qualifies for assistance, please call Carmen Sandoval (610.782.3565) to schedule an income verification appointment. Appointments will be scheduled for 45 minute time slots on March 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 6 pm.

Households should begin the income verification process now by reading the enclosed instruction sheet, filling out the application form and beginning to collect the required income documentation.

In the meantime, please note that any household interested in grant funding should not contract with any plumbing or electrical contractor without first seeking Lehigh County's approval. Contracting without Lehigh County's approval will jeopardize eligibility for grant assistance.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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