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### News Release

#### **SENATOR GEORGE VOINOVICH TO VISIT HOLES CREEK**

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – One of several stops in the Miami Valley for Senator George Voinovich on Monday, March 3, will be at Holes Creek – the site of a flood prevention project coordinated by the Miami Conservancy District.

Voinovich will visit the site near 5405 Springboro Pike with other local officials at noon on Monday, March 3.

Approximately \$1.4 million in federal funding was recently approved to continue work on the project which began in 1997 and was halted in 2000 when federal funds were diverted to other projects.

As a result of the work done during the first phase of the project, about 600 properties in West Carrollton, Miami Township and Moraine are no longer subject to damages from 150-year flood plain – reducing the need for expensive flood insurance.

However, a post-construction analysis showed that 16 properties located in West Carrollton near Springboro Pike adjacent to the creek still remain in the floodplain.

Those properties include 13 commercial and industrial sites valued at more than \$6 million. “These industries provide many jobs and make a significant impact on the local economy,” according to Janet Bly, general manager of the Miami Conservancy District.

The recently approved funding will allow the Miami Conservancy District to acquire and remove three properties located on the south side of the creek. It will also allow the Miami Conservancy District to acquire easements for a future floodwall that will protect the commercial properties on the north side of the creek – which include Crown Beverage Packaging, Everybody’s Workplace and Jena Tool Corp. Additional money will be needed to finish the project.

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“The goal of this project is to protect the area from flooding and assure that businesses located here do not relocate their jobs to other locations,” said Brad Townsend, West Carrollton city manager.

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