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Cumberland County Study for Regional Water Supply Underway

Nashville, Tenn. (Feb 13, 2006) -- Mayor J. H. Graham III and City Manager Dr. Jack Miller met with representatives of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Nashville on February 9 to discuss the Cumberland County Water Supply Project. The City of Crossville and the Corps are partners in the project to identify the best plan for providing the region with an ample water supply for 50 years into the future.

Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Berwick, commander of the Corps' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, and Lt. Col. Steven J. Roemhildt, Nashville District commander, greeted Mayor Graham and Dr. Miller, pledged their support, and presented them with commemorative coins representing the Division's and District's commitment to the project.

Mayor Graham said, "It is an honor and a privilege to represent the community and the City Council in this partnership of the Army Corps and the City of Crossville, Tenn."

Mayor Graham and Dr. Miller also met with David Hendrix, the Corps project manager for the past several years, and Walter Green, the newly assigned project manager, and discussed how to proceed with the project. Some of the key activities discussed were development of a mission statement for the project, initiation of a detailed water supply needs analysis, and starting the environmental impact statement process. Another important topic was development of the design coordination team, which will consist of representatives of the primary stakeholders who will guide the project.

"The Corps of Engineers looks forward to working with all stakeholders to provide the future water supply needs for the region," said Walter Green, project manager for the Cumberland County Water Supply Project. "This will continue to ensure a safe and reliable source of water for this fast growing area."

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The project team will consider a number of alternatives including: raising Meadow Park Lake Dam, the building of a pipeline from the Cumberland River, the constructing of new dams, and water conservation measures in the region. The estimated cost of the technical planning and pre-design activities is \$1.3 million which will be shared 75 percent federal and 25 percent non-federal. It is anticipated to take about a year to identify the recommended regional water supply solution.

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Brig. Gen. Bruce A. Berwick (right), commander of the Corps' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, and Mayor J. H. Graham III, mayor of Crossville, Tenn., greet each other during a meeting in Nashville to discuss the Cumberland County Water Supply Project.