



# CITY OF SCRANTON

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## October 24 Public Meeting on Keyser Valley Stormwater Projects

SCRANTON, PA. – Residents of the Keyser Valley section of Scranton are invited to a community meeting on Thurs., Oct. 24, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Keyser Valley Community Center, 103 N. Keyser Ave., Scranton, to learn about planned improvements to stormwater infrastructure in their community.

The Keyser Valley section of Scranton was one of two neighborhoods impacted by devastating flooding on Sept. 9, 2023. The City's response and planning for better stormwater management predates the flood by nearly two years. A September 2021 Keyser Valley Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Study by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) originally outlined millions in improvements, including several new water conveyance systems.

Scranton's ongoing stormwater infrastructure investments total more than \$22 million, including approximately \$7.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Keyser Valley.

In addition to mitigation projects, the City received the first round of approval in July 2024 for a grant to acquire and demolish a total of 18 homes and three vacant lots in Keyser Valley and North Scranton. Identified as substantially damaged from the 2023 flood, the City is pursuing a \$2.7 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Ten homes in Keyser Valley are included in the City's grant application.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON:** Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 80,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov).

**ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021:** ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion federal economic stimulus bill. The City of Scranton received \$68.7 million in ARPA funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts. The mission of Scranton's ARPA program is to give people access to resources, rebuild the infrastructure systems that impact their everyday lives, and foster equitable wealth generation that targets the needs of Scranton residents. Scranton City Council approved an original ARPA spending plan in May 2022 and a revised plan in October 2023.