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**\$3 MILLION EARMARKED IN CAPITAL BOND
FOR THREE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DRAINAGE PROJECT**

**\$10 MILLION TARGETED FOR WESTERN MASS. BROADBAND,
\$51 MILLION FOR UMASS-AMHERST'S MORRILL SCIENCE CENTER**

State Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst), State Representative Peter V. Kocot and Northampton David J. Narkewicz announced today that Governor Patrick is releasing money from the fiscal '14 Capital Investment Plan that earmarks \$3 million for a drainage project at the Three County Fairgrounds and the surrounding neighborhood in Northampton.

“Resolving the drainage problems at the Fairgrounds and surrounding neighborhoods has been a top priority for the city and the Legislature,” Rosenberg said. “Securing this funding has been a team effort and I am pleased that Governor Patrick and his administration have recognized the importance of this project.”

Representative Kocot added, “I would like to thank Governor Deval Patrick, Secretary of Administration and Finance Glenn Shor and Deputy Secretary Scott Jordan for their strong support of this significant infrastructure improvement project that will benefit Ward Three in the city of Northampton. This investment will help expand the range of events at the Three County Fair and will enhance cultural tourism in the greater Northampton area.”

Mayor Narkewicz, who worked closely with Senator Rosenberg and Representative Kocot advocate for this funding, hailed today's announcement:

“I want to thank Governor Patrick and our tireless legislative delegation for helping fund this major municipal and economic development infrastructure project for the city of Northampton. It will not only help us address significant drainage issues for neighborhoods in and around the Meadows, but will also advance important redevelopment efforts at the Three County Fairgrounds.”

The bond also includes an additional \$10 million for the new “Last Mile” program to expand broadband access in the 45 western Mass. communities identified as the most unserved.

“This is significant progress toward the goal of making broadband service available in every corner of the state,” Rosenberg said. “I am pleased that Governor Patrick is releasing this funding because broadband access will be an important component of our future economic prosperity.”

The bond also includes \$51 million for modernization of the Morrill Science Center at UMass-Amherst.

