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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
COLONEL ZACHARY L. MILLER TO SIGN EXTENSIVE FLOOD STUDY
AGREEMENT**

***Shelby County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will work together to develop flood
prevention measures along the Loosahatchie River.***

Shelby County, TN – Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will join Col. Zachary L. Miller with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 to sign an agreement to give flood relief to North Shelby County residents near the Loosahatchie River Basin. The signing ceremony follows a resolution passed on March 8 by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners authorizing county funding of 50% of the \$450,000 project. The U.S. Army is to fund the remaining 50% of the project. The county has purchased and developed land for recreational uses that also serve as flood retention areas. There are similar parcels of land available for that purpose along the Loosahatchie River Basin. The study seeks to fully utilize the land to help alleviate flooding like that seen during the historic floods of 2010.

The signing ceremony for the Loosahatchie River Basin Flood Mitigation Study will be held aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi, which is docked at Beale Street Landing, 251 Riverside Drive.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “Flooding has been a long-time concern for residents in some parts of North Shelby County. This study begins the work that’s necessary to protect the



property and lives of folks who could be impacted by flooding. We are grateful for the partnership of the U.S. Army in our mutual goal of flood mitigation.”

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District Commander, Col. Zachary L. Miller: “This study will improve on existing models and help Shelby County fully utilize acquired land to alleviate flooding. Also, areas that are prone to flood will be showcased to demonstrate how the improved model can be used as a tool by the county to mitigate flooding.”

Shelby County Public Works Director Cliff Norville: “Our engineering staff is pleased to work with the Corps of Engineers to evaluate a number of flood mitigation alternatives. We hope this study will put us in position to maximize our existing flood mitigation efforts as well as guide strategy in the years ahead.”

WHO: Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and Col. Zachary L. Miller

WHAT: Signing of Loosahatchie River Basin Flood Mitigation Study Agreement

WHEN: 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 13

WHERE: Aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi, Beale Street Landing, 251 Riverside Drive

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