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New Episode Airing on Government Channel 11

Your City at Work: Floodwall

PADUCAH, KY— Government 11, the government access channel of the City of Paducah, has a new episode of *Your City at Work*. This new episode is devoted to the 12-mile floodwall that protects the City of Paducah. It begins airing on Government Channel 11 on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m.. In this episode of *Your City at Work: Floodwall*, Pam Spencer interviews City Engineer-Public Works Director, Rick Murphy, and Floodwall Superintendent, Kenny Brannon, about the history, maintenance, and restoration of the floodwall.

Murphy describes the history of the floodwall including its ten years of construction from 1939 to 1949. Viewers also get the chance to observe fire department crews as they train on the procedures of installing floodgates. Brannon explains that during a flood situation, crews from several City departments are required to install the floodgates. Murphy then takes us on a tour of a pump station. Viewers will get to see the series of pumps that protect Paducah during a flood and learn the duties of a pump station operator. For the final segment of the episode, we travel along the floodwall earthen levee and then down to the levee's base to see the restoration process underway to extend the life of the pipes passing through the floodwall. Murphy explains how a pipe is restored using the slip-lining method.

Your City at Work: Floodwall can be viewed on Government Channel 11 on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m.; Friday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 p.m. Government Channel 11 program information, videos, news releases, and schedules are available at www.paducahky.gov. A low-resolution video of this episode is available on the website.

Your City at Work: Floodwall is hosted and produced by Pam Spencer, Public Information Officer for the City of Paducah. Dan Sheppard of West Kentucky Community and Technical College is the photographer, director, and editor with the assistance of Tammy Thompson. For more information about *Your City at Work* or other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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