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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Keith Creek Greenway Improvement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rockford located at 425 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61104. The funding will be used to widen the Keith Creek channel to reduce stormwater-related threats to safety, property, and public health, helping the long-established Keith Creek neighborhood adapt to increasingly intense storms and rainfall. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it was identified through comprehensive citywide stormwater planning as one of the highest cost-benefit investments and will significantly reduce flooding risks to critical roadways and approximately 220 properties within the flood zone. This area has a history of hazardous flooding and has been declared a disaster by FEMA in 2024.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in the project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress