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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Ecorse Creek Stormwater Treatment and Stream Restoration in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dearborn Heights, located at 6045 Fenton St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

The funding would be used to construct a stormwater treatment and stream restoration project along the North Branch of Ecorse Creek (Site 20) to reduce stormwater pollution, restore natural stream function, and improve water quality within the Ecorse Creek watershed. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because residents within the Ecorse Creek Watershed will see a dramatic difference in water infiltration into their homes during storms and winter melt. This watershed is known for dramatic changes in quality due to urban runoff, aging drainage infrastructure, and channelization of natural waterways. This project will restore a degraded section of the creek, stabilizing its banks and installing natural stormwater treatment infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress