

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1402

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Etna Green for its Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Etna Green, located at 106 S Walnut St., Etna Green, IN 46524.

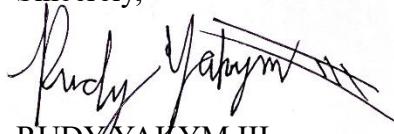
The funding would be used for the design and construction phases of the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project. This includes replacing platforms and process mechanisms, exposed piping, truss nail plates, control panels, and potentially the metal roof. Lighting will be upgraded to improve conditions for performing maintenance. The Town will also evaluate additional venting or gas mitigation strategies to reduce damage to the facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Town's wastewater treatment plant was last updated in the 1990s. Its flowbarn is in disrepair, with metal and electrical elements impacted due to exposure to gases. The aging facility is at risk of failures that could lead to harm to the public and to the environment, expensive repairs, or regulatory fines. Rehabilitating Etna Green's wastewater treatment plant is crucial for reliable, safe, and cost-effective services.

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. (Clean Water Projects).

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

Sincerely,



RUDY YAKYM III
Member of Congress