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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fargo Creek Flooding Mediation project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dixon, located at 121 W. Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The funding would be used for the installation of retention ponds to mitigate flooding, floodways, and floodplain in the Fargo Creek Redevelopment Project Area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because flooding along the Fargo Creek has led to devastating damage in Dixon's southwest side and has halted commercial growth in the area. The development of retention ponds will provide the City of Dixon with the necessary infrastructure and tools to adequately manage and reduce storm water, reduce the impact of flooding on the local business community, and protect the quality of water for Dixon residents. This project will also establish a critical connection point between the I-88 corridor, the Lee County Industrial Park, and the Wal-Mart Business Park. Connecting downtown Dixon to the Riverfront will open up an additional 3.31 acres for commercial development, aid the city's economic growth capabilities, and increase future job opportunities for Central Illinois residents.

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,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress