

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

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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 House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to reconstruct the **Turf, Countryside & Ranch Floodprone Improvements** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wheaton, located at 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

The funding would be used to revitalize severely damaged and unsafe stormwater flow paths that will help prevent flooding which severely impacts people and businesses in neighboring areas. Rather than using underground stormwater structures, the existing street system will be repurposed as a stormwater conveyance structure. This method involves lowering the street to create a channel for stormwater to flow through the area, ultimately directing it toward Winfield Creek for discharge. This project will help with flood mitigation and protect the homes of several Wheaton residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will help prevent potential damages totaling \$19 million over the next 30 years. The project will address the challenges posed by flooding in the City of Wheaton while protecting approximately 37 homes and improving the quality of life of residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress