

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2501

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose 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 St. Louis County Flood Risk Management project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the construction of an 8-acre detention basin in the City of Overland at the site of Woodson Road Park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it prevents costly flood damage, lowers insurance claims, reduces the need for future disaster recovery spending, and safeguards lives and infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1401 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-272). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3mP', with a large loop at the end.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress