

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3302**

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rocky Branch Tributary Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Raleigh located at 222 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27602. The funding would be used to improve stormwater management and water quality in the Walnut Creek Watershed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve water quality in the Walnut Creek Watershed and have several long lasting benefits. A restored Rocky Branch would improve habitat and reduce adverse effects of flooding and poor water quality downstream. Rocky Branch will be realigned within an expanded floodplain and connected to improved stormwater collection. By capturing water and holding pollutants prior to arriving in Rocky Branch, the water flowing out of the park will be both cleaner and in a more controlled quantity.

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.

Very truly yours,



Deborah K. Ross  
Member of Congress