

**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 Walnut Creek Stabilization and Restoration project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Cary located at PO Box 8005, Cary, NC, 27512. The funding would be used to improve stormwater management and water quality in the Walnut Creek watershed from Trinity Road near Fenton Main Street to I-40 East Bound and Buck Jones Rd., where Cary borders the City of Raleigh. The project aims to reduce localized flooding, increase vegetative cover and habitat restoration, and improve options for the siting and construction of a paved bicycle and pedestrian trail along the project corridor. The project will include acquisition of one or two land parcels (fee simple or easement) and an evaluation and design of potential green stormwater practices, such as revegetation and stream bank restoration, in an area where the main sanitary sewer interceptor for a large portion of downtown is impacted by the braided and highly eroded Walnut Creek.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide environmental and economic benefits and protect against the harmful impacts of stormwater runoff.

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

