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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Sochacki Park Water Quality and Recreation Improvements in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Three Rivers Park District, located at 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

The funding would be used for improving water quality in the ponds, development of an environmental education classroom shelter, and development of a boardwalk network for visitor access for viewing and exploring the ponds. Water quality improvements involve reconstruction of storm water outfalls, drawdown treatments to re-establish native vegetation, and shoreline restoration. These improvements will significantly improve the water quality in the park. The environmental education classroom will provide indoor space and a storm shelter for nature education classes. The boardwalk network will involve development of a series of ADA-compliant boardwalks, observation decks, and teaching platforms for public access to the water.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the taxpayers of Plymouth, MN rely on the watery quality of the ponds and educational park experiences as a public good, and these measures ensure access to better park functions and educational services for them.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 42 U.S.C., 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress