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Chairwoman Tom Cole
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
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Ranking Member Laura DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Evanston Beck Park Expansion Project** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Evanston, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201. The funding for this project would facilitate a long-sought after expansion of Evanston's Beck Park. Specific improvements include: replacement of playgrounds with new STEM/nature based features, an interactive children's water feature, upgraded park lighting to energy efficient LED systems that comply with bird-friendly and dark sky guidelines, a new gazebo/picnic pavilion, habitat restoration and enhancements including naturalized landscapes and pollinator gardens, overlooks and viewing access points to the adjacent North Shore Channel, expansion of the park's bike path system and integration with the City's bike network, a non-motorized connection under Emerson Street to improve bike and pedestrian safety, and widening of McDaniel Avenue south of Lyons street to accommodate on-street parking and a public sidewalk.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided for purposes authorized by 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,



Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress