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Chairwoman Tom Cole
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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 **McHenry County Conservation District Fox Bluff Conservation Area Public Access Enhancement Project** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the McHenry County Conservation District, 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, IL 60098. The funding for this project would facilitate meaningful improvements to the Fox Bluff Conservation Area, furthering public access to the Fox River and broader conservation area. Specific planned improvements include a dedicated access road and public parking facilities, public access to the Fox River, development of scenic trails throughout the area, establishment of a communal gathering space for events, educational programs, and community engagement initiatives. Additionally, plans include the demolition of one existing structure to make way for improvements and renovation of a historic building once part of Camp Algonquin.

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