

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1503

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Chairwoman Kay Granger
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

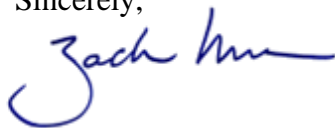
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting that the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$4,000,000 for the Fleur Drive Dam as a community project funding request. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Iowa Confluence Water Trails, located at 501 SW 7th Street, Suite G, Des Moines, IA 50309. The funding will be used to redevelop the dam into the “Fleur Drive Learn & Play Site,” and will contribute to strong economic growth and community development by modernizing an aging low-head dam, enhancing safety, and expanding on-river recreational opportunities. An economic analysis conducted by Johnson Consulting found that redevelopment will attract people from outside the region to Des Moines, leading to direct spending by overnight visitors of \$7.902 million in the first year, \$9.627 million in the fifth year, and \$12.323 million in the tenth year. Additionally, it is estimated that this project would lead to total direct spending by all users and visitors of \$16.809 million in the first year, \$25.36 million in the fifth year, and \$32.463 million in the tenth year. This would also generate \$7.3 million in tax revenues in the first five years. Providing Community Project Funding to Fleur Drive Dam redevelopment will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds as the grants will build on financial contributions of the private sector (over \$30.1 million raised to date), and State and local governments in the overall ICON project. This project will be of significant benefit to Des Moines and the entire Third Congressional District as it is a key component and river access point to the 150-mile transformational ICON project.

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,



Zach Nunn
Member of Congress