

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2 million in funding for the City of Des Moines Iowa Confluence (ICON) Water Trails Project for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Des Moines, located at 400 Robert D Ray Dr., Des Moines, IA 50309. The funding would be used to modernize Prospect Park, which will revitalize a historic community asset in an underserved neighborhood. Prospect Park is part of the Ding Darling Greenway and is planned for inclusion in the Central Place Levee Trail. The Prospect Park project will also provide safety, environmental, and educational benefits. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will build on the financial contributions of the private sector, with over \$30.5 million raised for ICON Water Trails to date. State support to date includes \$15 million from the State Water Infrastructure Fund for the Fleur Drive Dam, and a \$7 million Destination Iowa Grant directed to the Scott Avenue Dam. Polk County has also designated \$15 million for ICON from the Water and Land Legacy Bond. The City of Des Moines has committed \$6 million. The project will also be a productive and efficient use of taxpayer funds as it delivers significant and long-term recreational, economic, water quality, and safety benefits.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (42 USC 5305) under (42 USC 5301(b)(1)).

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

Sincerely,



Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)