

# 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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3.5 million in funding for the City of Des Moines Iowa Confluence (ICON) Water Trails Project for Fiscal Year 2026. 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 support joint improvements at Prospect Park and Birdland Park, two key sites along the Des Moines River and part of the larger ICON Water Trails system.

This is a strong use of taxpayer funds, leveraging over \$33 million in public and private support for the ICON initiative. State contributions include \$15 million from the Water Infrastructure Fund and a \$7 million Destination Iowa Grant. Polk County and the City of Des Moines have committed \$15 million and \$6 million respectively. These investments will deliver lasting recreational, safety, and economic benefits to central Iowa.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zach Nunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zach" being more prominent than the last name "Nunn".

Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)