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April 30, 2021

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you draft fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation, I write to request consideration of the following Community Project Funding request submitted to my office:

Clean Water Montgomery—Watershed Enhancement Project

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Montgomery County, MD Government

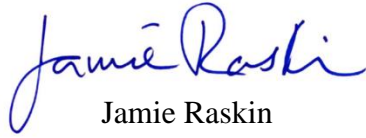
Recipient Address: 2425 Reddie Drive, 4th floor, Wheaton, MD 20902

Purpose: The Clean Water Montgomery–Watershed Enhancement project aims to advance watershed restoration in Montgomery County, MD by promoting implementation projects which will improve tree canopy and water quality in local streams and waterways. Half of the funds will be spent directly on reforestation and individual shade tree plantings, while the remaining 50-percent will be spent on new green infrastructure projects. The project will help improve water quality for the residents of Montgomery County by increasing tree canopy through reforestation, individual shade tree plantings and green infrastructure such as rain gardens and porous pavement to help mitigate stormwater pollution. Plantings will be targeted in areas where existing canopy is insufficient, the 12-digit watershed is rated fair to poor for water quality, and the amount of impervious surface is high. This typically aligns with priority areas for environmental justice. Green infrastructure projects will be funded through a competitive grant process and be targeted in similar areas where impervious surface is high, the 12-digit watershed is rated fair to poor for water quality in priority areas of the County identified as being underserved.

Justification: This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help improve water quality for the residents of Montgomery County by increasing tree canopy through reforestation, individual shade tree plantings and green infrastructure projects to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater through the County’s watershed grant program.

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of these requests. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project, and I have made this request publicly available on my website at the following address: <https://raskin.house.gov/appropriations-requests>.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "R".

Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress