

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3006**

March 29, 2023

The Hon. Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Rockville Potomac Woods Storm Drain Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, located at 5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive, Reisterstown, MD, 21136.

The funding would be used to replace undersized storm drain pipes and inlets with larger storm drain pipes and inlets and to upgrade the storm drain system outfall at Stratton Drive. Updating the system with larger, more appropriately sized pipes and inlets will allow stormwater to drain faster and will reduce flood risks. Upgrading the outfall will also improve the capacity of the upstream system by allowing water to exit the system freely and easily and will reduce the risk of damaging erosion within Bogley Branch during severe storms. These improvements will expand mitigation capacity. This project will reduce the risk of property damage and dangerous conditions that are currently occurring in this area due to roadway flooding.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Rockville experienced massive flooding in the summer of 2021 due to the remnants of Hurricane Ida, which resulted in loss of life and significant property damage. During this time, substantial flooding due to storm drain overflow occurred within the Potomac Woods neighborhood. The increase in size and intensity of recent storms has also caused failure at the storm drain system outfall.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Very Truly Yours,

  
Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress