



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Waterloo Greenway Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvements in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

This project improves water quality and restores multiple segments of Waller Creek. The scope of work includes restoration and reconstruction of eroded creek banks; and improvements to end of pipe stormwater treatment devices—providing numerous environmental benefits and user connectivity. Planned improvements include stormwater retrofits for inline treatment at multiple outfall locations; end of pipe treatments, allowing the stormwater to soak in and improve water quality before entering the creek; the repair and restoration of creek bank, including revegetation of the riparian slopes and reconstruction of low, retaining walls to stabilize the slopes. This Waterloo Greenway project will use nature-based solutions and green infrastructure to create a thriving ecosystem and resilient landscape to further manage stormwater flows. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will enhance water quality in lower Waller Creek, which is currently listed in the 2024 Texas Integrated Report for impaired waterways 303(d) (Category 5) under the federal Clean Water Act and Waller Creek has been on the list of impaired waterways for over 20 years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq. Clean Water Projects.

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

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett