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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the East Branch DuPage River Stream Enhancement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup(DRSCW)/The Conservation Foundation, 10S404 Knock Knolls Road, Naperville, IL 60565.

The funding would be used to restore and enhance 7.5 miles of riverine and riparian habitats along the East Branch of the DuPage River through targeted ecological and geomorphic improvements. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will produce measurable improvements in water quality, ecosystem health, and floodplain function.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized under the CWA Section 206 of the Water Development Act of 1986 (33 USC 2201 et seq), as amended.

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

Sincerely,



Bill Foster  
Member of Congress