

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1805

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Upper Amite River Flood Reduction and Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, located at 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

This funding will enable grading to restore natural channel slope and width-to-depth ratios, installation of in-stream and bank stabilization structures, and revegetation of bare floodplain areas along the Upper Amite River to reduce flow velocities, bank erosion, and downstream sediment transport.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it leverages \$2 million in non-federal matching funds, cuts annual sediment loads by over 10,000 tons, and avoids tens of millions in flood damage by sparing hundreds of structures.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS