

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Coon Rapids Dam Critical Infrastructure Improvements in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Three Rivers Park District, located at 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

The funding would be used by the Three Rivers Park District to complete essential infrastructure repairs on the Coon Rapids Dam, a critical invasive carp barrier on the Mississippi River. Past inspections have identified severe corrosion in the dam's hydraulic cylinders, including a recent failure, threatening operation of the nine gates that regulate water flow, maintain the carp barrier, prevent flooding impacts, and support recreation. The project will remove, refurbish, replace, and test all 18 cylinders to prevent further failures and ensure the dam's safe, reliable operation in coordination with state officials. The dam is the centerpiece for the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park and Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, which serve over 1 million visitors annually. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will fund critical maintenance for the dam and allow for continued safe recreation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Kelly Morrison
Member of Congress