April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for WVSA Warrior Creek Stream Restoration and Abrahams Creek MS4 Stream Restoration & Creek Street Stormwater Basin Retrofit in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, located at 1000 Wilkes-Barre St., Hanover Township, Pennsylvania 18703. The funding would be used for the Warrior Creek Stream Restoration Project and the Abrahams Creek Stream Restoration & Creek Street Stormwater Basin Retrofit Project. The Warrior Creek Stream Restoration Project is a green infrastructure project that will stabilize and restore approximately 5,450 linear feet (LF) of stream located in Hanover Township, Luzerne County, PA. This stream restoration project will provide a projected 245,000 pounds of sediment reduction per year, as well as reduce annual nutrient loads. Goals for reducing sediment and nutrient loads are identified in WVSA’s Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan as required by the 31 member municipalities’ MS4 permits. The Abrahams Creek Stream Restoration & Creek Street Stormwater Basin Retrofit Project is a green infrastructure project that will enhance and restore a stormwater extended detention basin to provide water quality treatment and stabilize and restore approximately 1,575 linear feet (LF) of the stream that the basin discharges to. The basin is located in Swoyersville Borough, Luzerne County and the stream is located in nearby Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, PA. This green infrastructure project will provide a projected 209,000 pounds of sediment reduction per year, as well as reduce annual nutrient loads to the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. Goals for reducing sediment and nutrient loads are identified in WVSA’s CBPRP as required by the 31 municipalities MS4 permits.

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

Sincerely,
Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress