

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$200,000 in funding for the City of Kennesaw Steel Bridge Rehabilitation and Trail Accessibility Improvement project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kennesaw Georgia, located at 2529 JO Stephenson Ave NW, Kennesaw Georgia. The funding would be used to rehabilitate an existing steel bridge on the north end of the city's trail system and extend the trail by 1,250 feet to negate the need for stairs to navigate the trail. The trail serves several residential communities including the Avana Kennesaw apartment complex, Deerfield, Winchester Forest, and Oak Ridge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the outsized benefit such an investment would have on the surrounding community. Improving access to the trail for residents with mobility impairments will allow them to fully enjoy the natural amenities that Kennesaw has to offer, and rehabilitating the trail bridge will prevent downstream lead contamination and promote public health and safety. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(4) and 5305(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely



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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area's Paces Mill/Palisades Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cumberland Community Improvement District, located at 1100 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Suite 1000. The funding would be used to improve the capacity and flow of traffic in the Paces Mill parking lot, mitigate stormwater buildup, improve trail access, and enhance park visitor experience.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area around the park and trail have grown substantially thanks to the efforts of the Community Improvement District and the 3,300 businesses that call the area home. The park will soon be unable to meet the needs of the surrounding community as it continues to grow. The park is one of the most popular in metro Atlanta, as evidenced by the tremendous amount of community support for this project, and it is the 22nd most popular park unit in the entire United States.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I write to you to request \$200,000 in FY 2024 funding for the City of Kennesaw's Steel Bridge Rehabilitation and Trail Accessibility Improvement project. The City of Kennesaw's trail system distinguishes it from many other mid-sized cities in Georgia because its trail system connects residents on the outskirts of the city to the businesses and services in the growing downtown area. That said, the dollars that the city budgets for its neighborhood parks annually cannot cover both the expenses of maintaining Kennesaw's pocket park system and the cost of creating or rehabilitating new or existing parts of the trail system.

The oldest steel bridge in the city's trail system is in desperate need of rehabilitation. The bulk of the funding provided in this request would go toward rehabilitating the bridge and ensuring the health and safety of hikers and those living downstream. Additionally, this funding would be used to extend the city's trail system by 1,250 feet to eliminate the need for stairs on the trail. It is critical that all residents can enjoy the passive greenspace that the City's trails offer, regardless of their mobility. For these reasons, I ask that you provide this small federal investment that will have an outsized impact on the wellbeing and economic development of the City of Kennesaw.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I write to you to request \$5,000,000 in FY 2024 funding for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area's Paces Mill/Palisades Rehabilitation project, which is an \$11.8 million-dollar collaborative effort by the Cumberland Community Improvement District and U.S. National Park Service. The Paces Mill Park and Palisades Trail System were first incorporated into the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA) during the Carter Administration and have remained in their current state ever since. The Cumberland District of Cobb County, where the park and trail are located, was once on the distant outskirts of Atlanta, but has now grown into a sprawling business core with nearly 3,300 businesses including some of the largest in the southeastern United States. The district has a \$26.3 billion annual impact on Georgia's economy, and an \$18 billion annual impact on Cobb County's economy.

The Paces Mill/Palisades unit of the park is, in its current state, reflective of the stagnant era in which it was built. I believe it is time that we invest federal dollars to put the park on par with the growth and revitalization brought to the area by the private sector. The funding would be used to improve the capacity and flow of traffic in the Paces Mill parking lot, mitigate stormwater buildup, improve Palisades trail access, and enhance park visitor's experience. Despite its current state the park is still one of the most popular in metro Atlanta, as evidenced by the tremendous amount of community support for this project. I look forward to seeing this park improved, and the tremendous recreational, tourism, and commercial benefits it brings to the area.

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