

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0403

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Mill Branch Park Expansion project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Goshen, Arkansas. The City's Address is 124 N. Church Street Goshen, Arkansas 72735 and the project is located in Goshen, Arkansas.

This will fund additional land acquisition for the City of Goshen's Mill Branch Park Expansion project. The funding would purchase slightly more than 74 acres of land to expand Mill Branch Park. The planned expansion includes a wildlife observation platform, stargazing platform, hard surface paths for walking and biking, along with a disc golf course and basketball courts. My Community Project Funding request for this project is \$880,000.

Expanding Mill Branch Park will provide the citizens of Goshen and the surrounding areas in Washington County, Arkansas with an outdoor recreation park. Currently, the citizens of Goshen must travel up to 10 miles to find a park for outdoor recreation. The City of Goshen is funding the non-land acquisition portions of the project through a recently passed sales tax increase and they have already spent approximately \$400,000 on the park. The City has also partnered with the Beaver Watershed Alliance (a local non-profit focused on water quality in the Beaver Lake Watershed) to develop a comprehensive environmental management plan for the park as Mill Branch, a tributary of the White River, runs through the park. The Park will provide local residents educational and natural learning opportunities.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress