



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

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Bloomingburg Wastewater Treatment Plant & Pump Station Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Bloomingburg located at 13 North Road, Bloomingburg, NY, 12721.

The funding would be used for upgrading the wastewater treatment system in the Village of Bloomingburg, including installing new headworks infrastructure at the sewer plant and eliminating existing pump stations. These improvements are essential to solving ongoing operational issues, reducing maintenance costs, and maintaining environmental compliance. Currently, the Village of Bloomingburg faces persistent problems from rags and so-called "disposable" wipes that clog pumps, damage equipment, and increase the risk of sewer overflows. At the treatment plant, these materials block valves and filters, disrupt treatment processes, and cause bypasses that threaten compliance with the Village's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. To address this, this project proposes a new headworks system featuring a headworks building, a fine-spaced mechanical bar screen, a washer/compactor, and an automated conveyor to transfer solids directly to disposal. This upgrade will reduce harmful debris entering the treatment process, cut labor and repair costs, and improve plant performance.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a long-term investment in local infrastructure that will reduce costs, improve reliability, and help protect the environment.

By eliminating three aging pump stations and converting to a gravity-fed sewer system, the new system will save significantly on electricity, maintenance, and emergency repairs. The new headworks infrastructure will prevent clogs, reducing equipment failures at the treatment plant.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JR' with a large loop on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Josh Riley
Member of Congress