

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2003**  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jonas and Anne Catharine Green Park Coastal Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, MD, located at 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401. This project would implement innovative resiliency measures to make the Jonas and Catherine Ann Green Park – a park serves as the headquarters for the Anne Arundel County Trail System and is part of the East Coast Greenway trail, which stretches from Maine to Florida – more resilient to erosion and other climate- and weather-related impacts. Specifically, the project would utilize vegetated headlands – which mimic naturally occurring coastal processes – to dissipate wave energy, stabilize the existing shoreline and enhance estuarine habitats, including tidal marsh, upland wetland, beach strand and submerged aquatic vegetation habitat. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these measures will combat climate change, protect the rich habitat and its diverse species, and provide the community with enhanced and long-term access to the park and the river. Co-benefits of this project also include improvements to stormwater management, water quality and public access, including to recreational opportunities and nature for educational purposes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133, as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress