

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) OF 2010 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Please attach a letter of support from the non-federal sponsor

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS INFORMATION		
Army Corps of Engineers District: Seattle		
Point of Contact (Name and Title): Charles Ifft		
Army Corps of Engineers Phone: (206) 764-6938		
GENERAL INFORMATION		
Non-Federal Sponsor: City of Kent		
Address: 220 4th Avenue South		
City: Kent	State: WA	Zip Code: 98032
Point of Contact: Mark Howlett, P.E.		
Phone: (253) 856-5523		Email: mhowlett@ci.kent.wa.us
DC Representation (if any): Ben McMakin, Van Ness Feldman, PC		
Phone: (202) 298-1956		
Address: 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street NW		Email: blm@vnf.com
City: Washington	State: DC	Zip Code: 20007-3877
PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION		
PROJECT TITLE: Green River Levee Reconstruction		
Prioritized: <u> 1 </u> of <u> 1 </u> total requests for your organization		
Project Purpose: (Please check)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection and Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Damage Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Plant Control	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Protection		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydroelectric Power		
Amount requested: \$225,000,000		
Total cost of project: \$290,000,000		
Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: \$17,000,000		
Are you requesting this through any other office(s): Yes		If yes, which office(s): Adam Smith
Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 150 characters):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements. 		
<p>Authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to design and reconstruct portions of the unstable Green River Levee system in Kent to meet Army Corps standards.</p>		
Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?		
<p>The Green River Levee system is integral to effectively operating the Howard Hansen Dam. In tandem, the Dam and Levees allowed development of the Kent Valley beginning in the 1960s with the Boeing Space Center – an important aerospace and national defense research facility. Most of the levees need to be reconstructed to existing standards to protect significant business and personal investment. The Kent levees protect 40-million square feet of warehouse/industrial/aerospace buildings that employ 50,000 people, along with thousands of homes and small business. The regional economy relies on the Kent valley to move truck, rail, air and shipping freight nationally and internationally.</p>		

Green River Levee Reconstruction Finance Plan

Estimated Project Costs:	Amount
Engineering & Permits	\$20,000,000
Right of Way	\$30,000,000
Construction (15 miles @ \$13.33 million/mi)	\$200,000,000
Construction Mitigation	\$40,000,000
	\$290,000,000

Anticipated Funding:	Amount	% of Total	Status
Federal Funding Request	\$225,000,000	77%	Anticipated
City of Kent Stormwater Utility	\$22,000,000	8%	Secured
King Flood Control Zone District	\$43,000,000	15%	Secured
	\$290,000,000		



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Green River Levee Reconstruction

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Suzette Cooke

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Mayor

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Kent

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 220 4th Avenue South, 98032

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

11/26/09



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Suzette Cooke, Mayor
220 4th Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032
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December 2, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert
United States House of Representatives
2737 78th Ave., SE Ste. #202
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Congressman Reichert,

I write in strong support of the City of Kent's request that \$225 million be included in the Water Resources Development Act of 2010 for the design and reconstruction of the Green River Levee System. This project is absolutely vital to the Puget Sound regional economy and protecting life and property in the Cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila. I urge your support of this request.

Along with the levees, the completion of the Howard Hanson Dam in 1962 allowed development in the Kent Valley to grow and prosper, making it today the fourth largest manufacturing and distribution center in the United States. The Kent Valley is home to the Boeing Space Center, the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the regional headquarters for the Federal Aviation Administration, the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center, corporate headquarters for Boeing Commercial Airplanes and REI, and one of Starbuck's four roasting plants in the world to name a few.

30 percent of King County's aerospace jobs are in the Valley. As Arun Raha, the chief economist for the State of Washington noted recently, "that area is the industrial heartland of the state."

Unfortunately, all of this investment is at risk. The levees were built in the 1960's and do not meet current federal standards. The flood risk was dramatically increased after damage at the Howard Hanson Dam reduced its storage capacity this past January.

Complicating matters is the fact FEMA is on the brink of releasing new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that will designate most of the Kent Valley as a flood hazard

area, requiring residents and businesses to purchase costly flood insurance until the levees are rebuilt to meet federal standards.

Finally, there are several species of endangered salmon which live in the Green River, including Chinook and Steelhead. The levees' current configuration cannot provide sufficient habitat for these Pacific Northwest icons and further threatens their survival.

Just as the Howard Hanson Dam needs a permanent fix, so do the Green River Levees. The system needs to be reconstructed to meet today's federal standards. Doing so will restore confidence in and help retain the many businesses that have made the Green River Valley an economic center for the past 50 years.

Besides the 28,000 people residing in the Valley, what is also at stake is over 104 million square feet of industrial and commercial space that is home to over 1,000 businesses, 113,632 employees, and \$21.9 billion in gross business income in the Valley Cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila. Half of the industrial space, businesses, employees and a third of the gross business income are in Kent alone.

We are ready to do our part. Kent, King County, and Washington State have allocated roughly \$65 million to reconstruct the levees; however, the total project cost is estimated at \$290 million. While we continue to explore other local resources, the size of the project requires a significant federal contribution to meet today's new federal standards for levees.

I want to thank you for standing with the residents and businesses of Kent and the other communities in the Green River Valley as we face the increased flooding threat from the damaged Howard Hanson Dam.

I know you understand the importance of this project to reconstruct the levee system and appreciate your work in supporting us. I am absolutely committed to working with you and other members of our Congressional delegation to secure approval of this request so that our communities can continue to safely grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzette Cooke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzette Cooke
Mayor



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on October 29, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: Green River Levee Reconstruction

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: October 29, 2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Mike Mactutis

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Environmental Engineering Manager

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Kent

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 220 4th Avenue South-Kent WA 98032

SIGNATURE:

Mike Mactutis

DATE:

12/1/09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER:

Thomas Young

SIGNATURE:

DATE: