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To: Representative Collin Peterson  
From: Mayor Jim Curtiss, City of Montevideo

Please consider the Montevideo Flood Control Project for possible inclusion in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

### City of Montevideo Flood Control Project

Contact Info:

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Project Value: In addition to protecting more than 1/3 of the property value of Montevideo, and 500+ jobs, once the levee system is complete over \$1 Million in flood fighting costs can be saved for each year a major flood would have been fought. Each time we have high water, lives are at stake; both in fighting the flood waters and in possible loss due to levee breaks that could happen in our old, decertified levee system.

Location/Description

Montevideo is located in Chippewa County in western Minnesota, approximately 130 miles west of St. Paul, Minnesota. The city is at the confluence of the Chippewa and Minnesota Rivers. The area is subject to flooding from both rivers. Three areas are affected: the 1969 levee area, the Smith Addition, and the U.S. Highway 212 area.

Total Project Cost: \$14,000,000

Present Financing: \$14,000,000 Project

7,000,000 Committed by the Army Corps of Engineers

2,500,000 Committed by the State of Minnesota

1,500,000 Committed by the City of Montevideo

\$3,000,000 Uncommitted and unfunded.

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Additional Funding Sought: \$3,000,000

Possible Proposed Language: (Energy and Waters Appropriations Bill?)

*The maximum amount of Federal Funds that may be allotted for the Montevideo Flood Control Project, Montevideo, Minnesota, being carried out under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 701s) shall be \$10 Million.*

Status

In fiscal year 2008, Federal funding was provided to fully fund all construction contracts. The project cooperation agreement was executed in August 2007, and the Stage 1 construction contract was awarded in September 2008. A second stage of construction will be ready for award in winter 2009. A third stage of construction will be needed due to increased project costs.

Stage 1 construction work was completed in August 2009. The work included approximately 1,600 linear feet of levees by Canton Avenue, a seepage berm in Smith Park and minor modifications to catch basins along Highway 212.

The remaining construction work includes a road raise and levee for the Highway 212 area, levees and seepage berms in the 1969 area (steel sheet pile has been added for seepage control), raise the levee at the wastewater treatment plant, a closure structure at the railroad, a road raise at Parkview Drive, four gate wells and two pump stations.

Authority

The authority for this project is provided by Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended.