

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



April 18, 2022

The Honorable David Rouzer
United States House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of Brunswick County, North Carolina, I write to express strong support for the County's FY 2023 Community Project Funding request for the Highway 74/76 Industrial Parks Water Tank Project through the Environmental Infrastructure program. The \$3,750,000 request will fully fund construction of an essential water storage project servicing the Mid-Atlantic International Rail Industrial Park and International Logistics Industrial Park off U.S. 74/76 in Brunswick County.

The Highway 74/76 Industrial Parks Water Tank Project is critical to future economic development opportunities in Brunswick County and the region. The requested funding will support construction of a 1,000,000-gallon elevated water storage tank that will provide the water storage necessary to provide adequate fire protection within the industrial parks. The project will also support economic development in what is a disadvantaged area of the County. Project design and engineering is complete and construction could begin within three months of the receipt of funds.

This project meets the eligibility criteria section 5113 of P.L. 110-114, which authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist non-Federal interests within the State of North Carolina in carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects. Brunswick County is committed to providing the required 25 percent non-Federal cost share. We are aware that the local sponsor is responsible for supplying all lands, easements, rights-of-ways, relocations and disposal areas (LERRD) necessary for construction and subsequent operation and maintenance of the project. We also understand that the non-Federal sponsor is responsible for 100 percent of the cost to operate, maintain, repair, replace or rehabilitate the completed project.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Thompson".

Randy Thompson, Chair
Board of Commissioners