



MARCY KAPTUR

9TH DISTRICT, OHIO

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure serving with you on the Committee on Appropriations, I value your leadership. I am requesting funding for the Metroparks Toledo Riverwalk Construction and Glass City Enrichment Center Building Upgrades project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, located at 5100 W Central Ave, Toledo, OH 46315. The funding would be used to conduct seawall and river edge reconstruction along the Maumee River and build out the hub of operations and support activities for the Riverwalk. At present, the current seawall infrastructure is in varying states of disrepair and at the end of its useful life, leading to an increased risk of flooding and preventing further economic development along the Riverwalk. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it increases infrastructure resiliency and improves the economic security of the area by enabling economic expansion of various businesses along the river's edge. Since the announcement of this initiative, downtown Toledo has already seen \$400 million in investments into the area made by businesses, restaurants, and recreational organizations, among others. However, putting those investments into action is virtually impossible without the replacement of the 40-year-old foundation and complete reconstruction of seawall and river's edge infrastructure.

This project has a federal nexus because it is consistent with the goals and eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF) authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress