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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Ashford Forest Preserve Amenities & Restoration in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brookhaven, GA, located at 4362 Peachtree Rd, Brookhaven, GA 30319.

The funds for Phase II of the Ashford Forest Preserve project will be used for the design, permitting, and construction of amenities such as restrooms, permeable surface parking, and a picnic/education area, as well as the restoration and repair of trails and the installation of safe stream crossings to protect and preserve fragile streambanks. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it supports the long-term preservation and accessibility of an important environmental asset—one of the last surviving fragments of Atlanta's "Original Forest." By enhancing the park's infrastructure, the project will provide increased opportunities for passive recreation, environmental education, and public engagement while ensuring the continued protection of the preserve's natural resources. The investment aligns with the community's goals of maintaining a natural, accessible green space for future generations and reflects the city's commitment to preserving the area's ecological integrity, as demonstrated by the earlier preservation efforts and partnerships with local organizations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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, Member of Congress

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