

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
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

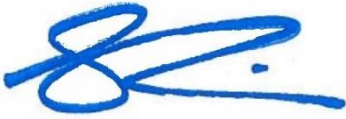
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Antioch Park North Tributary Revitalization project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Johnson County Park and Recreation District, located at 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee, Kansas, 66219. The funding would be used for revitalization of Antioch Park, located at 6501 Antioch Road, Merriam, Kansas 66202. It is the oldest park within the Johnson County Park and Recreation District. The park is surrounded on all sides by suburban residential development. The Antioch Lake North has always been an amenity within the park. Years of increasing development and channelizing stormwater have added to the importance Antioch North Lake as a form of sediment capture. The tributary stream feeding Antioch Lake North has experienced increased channelization causing much of the sediment to bypass existing stormwater retention benches along the stream bank. The channel scouring has also begun to impact the pedestrian bridges that carry park patrons across the channel along a park-wide trail system. The District would like to mitigate the stream channel scouring, stabilize the streambanks and provide passive stormwater storage along the stream in silted-in streambank flood benches. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, according to the Nature Conservancy, "More than 4 out of 5 Kansas streams are unsuitable for one or more uses such as swimming, fishing, or using the water for irrigation and watering livestock." This project would demonstrate that improved water quality and wildlife habitat can be attained at the local level. Even a small section of streambank and channel reclamation can have a profound impact on improving local water quality, wildlife habitat and natural aesthetics.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SD.' with a stylized flourish.

Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress