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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Mystic River Tree Project in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Lexington located at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420.

The funding would be used by the Town of Lexington to improve tree cover in and around the Mystic River Watershed communities. This project prioritizes a regional, coordinated effort to improve tree canopy and protect public health. The project ensures that our communities have best practices to plant trees in vulnerable neighborhoods and promotes collaboration among the disparate communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will produce health and safety benefits for the community.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine M. Clark".

Katherine M. Clark  
Member of Congress