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April 26, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for three flood projects, the Stormwater Detention Basin and Culvert Improvement; the Aldine Westfield Stormwater Detention Basin; and the Blue Bell Regional Stormwater Detention Basin. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harris County, located at the Harris County Courthouse, 1001 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002.

The proposed P118-09-00 Stormwater Detention Basin and Culvert Improvement includes 35 acre-feet of storage within a proposed 9.4-acre site between Langley Rd. and Little York Rd. west of P118-09-00 and replacing the existing culvert structure at Parker Road with two 4 x3 Reinforced Concrete Boxes. The project also proposes to rehab and repair the concrete lined channel sections downstream of Cheeves Dr. to Bigwood St.

The funding for Aldine Westfield Stormwater Detention Basin (HCFCD Unit P500-04-00), is to complete, or partially fund completion, of the last phase which will reduce flood risks in the Greens Bayou watershed by taking in excess stormwater during heavy rain events and then releasing it slowly back to the bayou when the threat of flooding has passed. The basin will be located south of Greens Road and north of Beltway 8, just off of Aldine Westfield Road.

The proposed Blue Bell Regional Stormwater Detention Basin is currently envisioned as a dry-bottom, off-line stormwater detention basin. It is located along the northern bank of the main stem of Halls Bayou, just upstream of IH-45. The proposed project site is 49 acres, bounded by Blue Bell Road to the north, Halls Bayou to the south, Veterans Memorial Road to the west and IH-45 to the east. In total, the proposed project is expected to add 254 acre-feet, or almost 83 million gallons, of additional stormwater storage in the Halls Bayou Watershed.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being the most prominent.

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress