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Recreation Advisory Committee  
c/o Eatontown Recreation  
47 Broad Street  
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724  
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April 16, 2025

Anthony Talerico Jr., Mayor  
Borough of Eatontown  
47 Broad Street  
Eatontown, NJ 07724

RE: Community Project Funding Request Phase 2  
Wampum Pond Park  
Route 35 & West St.  
Borough of Eatontown, Monmouth County, NJ

Dear Mayor Talerico:

The Eatontown Recreation Advisory Committee is writing to support the Community Project funding request Phase 2, to address Wampum Park and Pond. These funds will improve the park property, as well as improve community flooding issues. The property is an important community space.

It is our understanding that the Borough of Eatontown requests funding to improve the Wampum Park infrastructure. Currently, storm flooding results in dangerous, unsafe conditions.

Access to outdoor spaces supports mental health. Wampum Park is located in the most densely populated quadrant of our community. Fifty percent of Eatontown residents as well as many of our underserved and disabled populations reside in multi-family dwellings and apartment complexes with little or no access to outdoor spaces within this quadrant.

Wampum Park and the pond border New Jersey State Highway 35, a heavily traveled road.

The pond is a popular freshwater fishing spot. It is stocked each year to support our community's youth fishing derby. The history of this park and pond date back to the 1600's. Thomas Eaton the founder of Eatontown constructed and ran a mill on this property.

We understand that this project was planned to span two phases. We appreciate Borough's work thus far with the first award granted and fully support the Borough's pursuit of funding for the second phase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Corciene", is written over a horizontal line.

Don Corciene  
Chairperson  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Borough of Eatontown



April 18, 2025

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support for Borough of Eatontown's Proposed Flood Mitigation Efforts**

Dear Representative Smith:

On behalf of the New Jersey Apartment Association (NJAA), and our members who own, manage, and develop both market-rate and affordable rental housing, I write in strong support of the Borough of Eatontown's effort to secure federal funds to support the next phase of the project to address flooding in the Borough's Wampus Brook stream corridor. We supported the first phase of the project, and continue to believe that these investments in the community's resiliency would address a longstanding flooding concern and improve the lives of thousands of apartment residents and homeowners.

Apartment owners and other property owners near Wampus Lake have made significant investments in flood mitigation over the years in coordination with the Borough. Nevertheless, flooding concerns persist, which can only be fully addressed through comprehensive improvements to the borough's stormwater management systems. As such, the proposed flood mitigation project would have a direct benefit to thousands of Eatontown and Pinebrook Road residents, as well as the ongoing efforts to redevelop Fort Monmouth, which is essential to the economic vitality of the region.

There are 288 properties in Eatontown that have greater than a 26% chance of being severely affected by flooding over the next 30 years. This represents 7% of all properties in the Borough and many of the communities in the Wampus Brook stream corridor. The proposed flood mitigation project will significantly reduce, though not eliminate, this flooding risk, which will have direct effects on improving housing affordability for both homeowners and renters.

The NJAA, and its members in Eatontown, look to continue its partnership with the local officials to not only address these persistent flooding concerns, but to also make ongoing investments in our rental communities to meet the evolving housing needs of the Borough's residents.

We greatly appreciate your support for this vital project. Should you or committee staff have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [nicholas@njaa.com](mailto:nicholas@njaa.com) or 732-992-0600.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas J. Kikis  
Vice President

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April 16, 2025


The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
4<sup>th</sup> US Congressional District  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith,

In April of 2022, I wrote to your office seeking federal funding to address the significant flooding issues we face in the Borough of Eatontown. The project I described to you was estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000 and consisted of two phases: one phase was to repair and replace infrastructure needed to support the rehabilitation of Wampum Lake Dam and another phase was to perform the upstream flood mitigation required by providing more flood storage in the upper reaches of the Wampum Lake watershed. With your advocacy, we were fortunate to receive \$2,000,000 which we are currently administering via FY 2023 Community Project Funding, B-23-CP-NJ-1033.

I write today to request an additional \$3,000,000 in federal funds for the second phase of the project. Eatontown is an old town with an aging and failing infrastructure. While we annually repair and replace what we can for certain manageable projects such as road paving and sidewalk repair, the funds needed to replace infrastructure associated with the Wampum Lake watershed corridor is outside the capabilities of the municipality.

I am including a copy of my April 20, 2022 letter for your reference. The historical background remains the same as does our need. I thank you and your office for your continued advocacy for the Borough of Eatontown.

Thank you,  
  
Anthony Talerico, Jr.  
Mayor

RESOLUTION 99 -2022

BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN'S COMMUNITY PROJECT  
FUNDING REQUEST FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS FLOODING OF THE WAMPUM  
LAKE WATERSHED AND AFFECTED PROPERTIES

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer performed a study of the Wampum Lake watershed as it related to ongoing significant flooding events with ever-increasing frequency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer's analysis found there is not enough short-term runoff storage available in the water shed resulting in runoff from Wampum Lake into upstream properties including properties which are part of the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth such as the Sun Eagles Golf Course property and the Howard Commons property; and the Eatontcrest Apartment property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has opined that the addition of stormwater basin storage within the watershed and that certain improvements to the dam/spillway are also necessary at Wampum Lake and that such capital improvements cost will cost the Borough approximately \$5,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Apartment Association has submitted a letter to Congressman Smith supporting the Borough's request and indicating that 288 properties within Eatontown have a significant chance of being impacted by severe flooding from the Wampum Lake watershed over the next thirty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to obtain federal funding to solve the flooding of significant properties within Eatontown arising from the Wampum Lake watershed ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit a Community Project Funding Request to the United States Congress through the Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith's office.

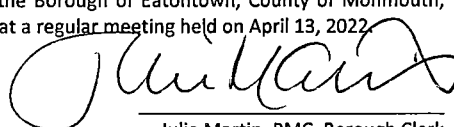
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to:

1. Honorable Christopher H. Smith, United States Congressman
2. Ed Herrman, Borough Engineer

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Council President Gonzalez		x	x			
Councilmember Regan, Jr.			x			
Councilmember Escalante						x
Councilmember Jones	x		x			
Councilmember Gindi						x
Councilmember Lucas			x			
Mayor Talerico						

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Julie Martin, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Eatontown do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on April 13, 2022.

  
Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk



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# EATONTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Chris Smith  
4th U.S. Congressional District  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2025

Dear Representative Smith,

On behalf of the first responders of the Borough of Eatontown, I am respectfully requesting federal financial assistance to support the Community Project Funding. The Borough of Eatontown continues to be plagued by significant flooding based in large part due to old and undersized infrastructure. In particular, Pinebrook Road and Maxwell Road get so significantly flooded that it becomes extremely difficult and arduous to respond to any type of emergency service call in that area. This area of town has 3 apartment complexes with over 1,000 residents, therefore the probability of an emergency call for service is extremely high. Attempting to get to this area when it is flooded causes undue stress on all parties involved as well as the equipment utilized to get to the area, (i.e., police vehicles, ambulances, etc.). Additionally, the integrity of the road continues to deteriorate considerably due to the quality of the infrastructure, causing damage to our vehicles. It delays our response time and puts all involved parties at a greater risk of a situation escalating. Having coordinated response plans with the Fire Department, the First Aid Squad and OEM is not an easy undertaking and it is compounded with the flooding issue.

This Community Project Funding will provide much needed access to this area of town when it is raining and will result in a seamless and efficient way to handle emergency calls. I know that the residents of the Borough would welcome this funding as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Captain Theresa Healy*

Theresa Healy  
Captain of Police