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March 15, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray and Senator Collins,

On behalf of the City of St. Michael, we are writing to express our support for considering our Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade project as a priority to receive federal appropriation funding. This project is located in St. Michael, but the facility provides regional treatment to the City of Hanover and Rockford Township in Wright County.

The City of St. Michael is proposing to upgrade the existing WWTP, including improvements with new headworks, liquid processing, and biosolids processes/equipment. The main reason the City is doing this project is because the State of Minnesota recently mandated that the City can no longer use its existing biosolids reed beds as designed because the plants that are used in reed beds, phragmites reed, are invasive and noxious weeds, and they now prohibit the use of these plants in biosolids reed beds in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, we are being required/forced to upgrade our WWTP, including new biosolids handling, headworks screening, and liquids processing.

The project's estimated cost is 40 million, of which we are requesting a 5-million-dollar federal appropriation, with the remaining to come from the City and State of Minnesota.

The nation would benefit from this project's elimination of the use of the invasive non-native phragmites and improvements to the water quality of the WWTP effluent to better treat for phosphorous and nitrogen which empties into the Crow River, which flows to the Mississippi River.

If we receive this funding, construction is expected to start in 2023. We respectfully request your support of this Federal Community Project Funding application and appreciate your help in completing this project. Thank you for your funding consideration of this critical project.

Sincerely,

Keith Wettschreck
Mayor

Steve Bot, P.E.
City Administrator/Public Works Director



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March 13, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Susan Collins
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray and Senator Collins,

On behalf of the Wright County, I'm writing this letter to express our support for considering our Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade project as a priority to receive federal appropriation funding. This project is in St. Michael, but the facility provides regional treatment to the City of Hanover and Rockford Township in Wright County Minnesota.

The City of St. Michael is proposing to upgrade the existing WWTP including improvements with new headworks, liquid process, and biosolids processes/equipment. The main reason the City is doing this project is because of the State of Minnesota recently mandated that the City can no longer use its existing biosolids reed beds as designed because the plants that are used in reed beds, phragmites reed, are invasive and noxious weeds, and they now prohibit the use of these plants in biosolids reed beds in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, they are being required/forced to upgrade their WWTP at this time including new biosolids handling, headworks screening processing, and liquids processing.

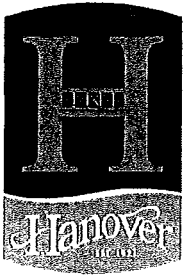
The estimated cost of the project is 40 million of which they are requesting a 5-million-dollar federal appropriation with the remaining to come from the City and State of Minnesota.

The nation would benefit from this project's elimination of the use of the invasive non-native phragmites and improvements to the water quality of the WWTP effluent to better treat for phosphorous and nitrogen which empties into the Crow River which flows to the Mississippi River.

If they receive this funding, construction is assumed to start in 2023. We support the City of St. Michael's application for Federal Community Project Funding and appreciate your support in helping to get this project completed. Thank you for your funding consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Nadine Schoen
District 4 Commissioner



March 8, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
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Dear Senator Murray and Senator Collins,

On behalf of the City of Hanover, I'm writing this letter to express our support for considering our Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade project as a priority to receive federal appropriation funding. This project is located in St. Michael but the facility provides regional treatment to the City of Hanover and Rockford Township in Wright County.

The City of St. Michael is proposing to upgrade the existing WWTP including improvements with new headworks, liquid process, and biosolids processes/equipment. The main reason the City is doing this project is because of the State of Minnesota recently mandated that the City can no longer use its existing biosolids reed beds as designed because the plants that are used in reed beds, phragmites reed, are invasive and noxious weeds, and they now prohibit the use of these plants in biosolids reed beds in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, they are being required/forced to upgrade their WWTP at this time including new biosolids handling, headworks screening processing, and liquids processing.

The estimated cost of the project is 40 million of which they are requesting a 5 million dollar federal appropriation with the remaining to come from the City and State of Minnesota.

The nation would benefit from this project's elimination of the use of the invasive non-native phragmites and improvements to the water quality of the WWTP effluent to better treat for phosphorous and nitrogen which empties into the Crow River which flows to the Mississippi River.

If they receive this funding, construction is assumed to start in 2023. We support the City of St. Michael's application for Federal Community Project Funding and appreciate your support in helping to get this project completed. Thank you for your funding consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Chris Kauffman
Mayor of Hanover

March 8, 2023

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Vice Chairman
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Dear Senator Murray and Senator Collins,

On behalf of Rockford Township, I'm writing this letter to express our support for considering our Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade project as a priority to receive federal appropriation funding. This project is located in St. Michael but the facility provides regional treatment to the City of Hanover and Rockford Township in Wright County.

The City of St. Michael is proposing to upgrade the existing WWTP including improvements with new headworks, liquid process, and biosolids processes/equipment. The main reason the City is doing this project is because of the State of Minnesota recently mandated that the City can no longer use its existing biosolids reed beds as designed because the plants that are used in reed beds, phragmites reed, are invasive and noxious weeds, and they now prohibit the use of these plants in biosolids reed beds in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, they are being required/forced to upgrade their WWTP at this time including new biosolids handling, headworks screening processing, and liquids processing.

The estimated cost of the project is 40 million of which they are requesting a 5 million dollar federal appropriation with the remaining to come from the City and State of Minnesota.

The nation would benefit from this project's elimination of the use of the invasive non-native phragmites and improvements to the water quality of the WWTP effluent to better treat for phosphorous and nitrogen which empties into the Crow River which flows to the Mississippi River.

If they receive this funding, construction is assumed to start in 2023. We support the City of St. Michael's application for Federal Community Project Funding and appreciate your support in helping to get this project completed. Thank you for your funding consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Rockford Township Supervisor
Chair

March 14, 2021

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room 5-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room 5-128, The Capitol
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Dear Senator Murray and Senator Collins,

On behalf of the Lake Champlain Association, I'm writing this letter to express our support for considering our Water-Water Treatment Plant (WWTTP) upgrade project as a priority to receive federal appropriated funding. This project is located in St. Michael but the facility provides regional treatment to the City of Hancock and Rockford Township in Wright County.

The City of St. Michael is proposing to upgrade the existing WWTTP including improvements with new headworks, liquid process, and biosolids processing equipment. The main reason the City is doing this project is because of the State of Minnesota recently mandated that the City can no longer use its existing biosolids used beds as designed because the plants that are used in used beds, phosphorus level, are outdated and require work, and they were prohibit the use of those plants as biosolids used beds in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, they are being required to upgrade their WWTTP at this time including new biosolids handling, headworks screening processing, and liquid processing.

The estimated cost of the project is 40 million of which they are requesting a 3 million dollar federal appropriation with the remaining amount from the City and State of Minnesota.

The main benefit from this project's elimination of the use of the outdated equipment phosphorus and improvements to the main quality of the WWTTP effluent is better water for consumption and sewage which empties into the Lake River which flows to the Mississippi River.

If they receive this funding, construction is expected to start in 2021. We support the City of St. Michael's application for Federal Community Development Block Grant funding and appreciate your support in helping to get this project completed. Thank you for your funding consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



Dan Fair, Executive Director