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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **James Farm Master Plan Implementation: Phase 2 (Ocean View, DE)** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Delaware Center of the Inland Bays** located at 30048 Cedar Neck Road. The funding would be used for **the construction and completion of an education center which is located in and benefits a rural watershed community**. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this **project's completion will allow for the Delaware Center of Inland Bays to expand community access to science education opportunities and gain access to the full range of natural habitats, plants and wildlife that define eastern Sussex County's environment**.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)**.

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 that reads "Lisa Blunt Rochester".

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress