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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the Swan Pond Nature Area in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Roane County Government, located at 101 Swan Pond Circle Rd, Harriman, Tennessee 37748. The Roane County Government proposes to remodel the Swan Pond Nature Area (SPNA) into a community space dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents of all ages while prioritizing natural resource conservation. This project aims to create a multi-functional, environmentally responsible park, with a strong emphasis on ecological sustainability, to foster community engagement with nature, and promote healthy lifestyles of Roane County residents. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would create an accessible space for the community while implementing eco-friendly design and construction practices; promote and improve physical and mental well-being through nature-based recreation; protect and enhance the natural habitat by focusing on native landscaping and ecological design; and promote environmental awareness and education among the park visitors.

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 590fg.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress