

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 19, 2010

Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear General Van Antwerp,

We are writing to request inclusion of Roseau River Flood Control Project located in Roseau, MN in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers budget request for year 2012.

In June 2002, the City of Roseau experienced a major flood that nearly wiped out the city. After receiving 24 inches of intense rainfall the Roseau River, which flows north, flooded its banks and its levee system. This region of the state is very flat and has relatively low elevation, which puts most of the City in the regulatory floodplain. When the river reached its banks, there was nothing to stop the flow of water and prevent the flooding. Only with the assistance from federal, state, and local governments was the city able to get back on its feet.

The Roseau River Flood Control Project was authorized in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act and the city has worked diligently to secure all their local non-federal match requirements. However, the Army Corp of Engineers has never included this project in their budget request. This lack of budgetary inclusion has delayed the project and now has increased its cost.

As a delegation we have worked hard to secure funding for this project through the Appropriations process. However, we now fear that without securing the necessary and timely funding in the Administration's 2012 budget we could see this project delayed indefinitely.

We realize that there is intense pressure to trim the budget, but this project provides flood protection and will save the federal government money in the long term. Thank you for your timely consideration of our request.



Amy Klobuchar
U.S. Senate

Sincerely,



Al Franken
U.S. Senate



Collin C. Peterson
U.S. House of Representatives

Cc: Mr. Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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