

DOWNRIVER UTILITY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION REGARDING CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED FUNDING REQUEST

The Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) is a public body corporate organized pursuant to Act 233. Representatives from DUWA's 13 Communities act as Board Members. DUWA's Board Members exercise all powers of DUWA. The Authority provides a regional wastewater collection and treatment system vital to the health and safety of the residents of the region.

WHEREAS, DUWA provides service to approximately 280,000 people in the Downriver area which includes Ecorse, River Rouge, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Dearborn Heights, Taylor, Romulus, Riverview, Southgate, Wyandotte, Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Brownstown Township. The DUWA system processes 60 million gallons per day on an annual average at its wastewater treatment plant, with the ability to handle 225 million gallons per day during wet weather events;

WHEREAS, DUWA provides critical wastewater to a service area that includes 16% that live below the poverty limit, 62% that are non-working class, and 37% that are non-white;

WHEREAS, Two of DUWA's communities are disadvantaged (33% and 43% average poverty level), and they face some of the most difficult circumstances, which have been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. The loss of a major industry has hurt both communities, since both had portions of that industry within their communities.

WHEREAS, DUWA's current disinfection system, comprised of ultraviolet treatment, has reached the end of its useful life and in the next 20 months DUWA will not be able to purchase repair and replacement parts for the system;

WHEREAS, Funding of the disinfection project will help to keep sewer rates more affordable in all thirteen communities, but is particularly critical for our two disadvantaged communities;

WHEREAS, the Southeast Michigan region has experienced a number of very large rain events in recent years. Many believe that this is due to climate change impacts and that such extremes will become more frequent;

WHEREAS, DUWA's wastewater infrastructure is critical to the region and to protecting the environment of Southeast Michigan as it discharges pursuant to a NPDES permit the Detroit River that flows into Lake Erie;

WHEREAS, the costs of designing, constructing and installing a new disinfection system is estimated to cost \$10,000,000;

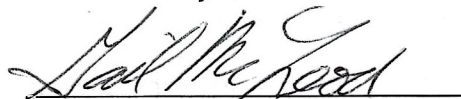
THEREFORE, DUWA is seeking federal funding to assist with this critical project and additional grant funding that relieves the burden on the rate payers in the DUWA service area.

BE IT RESOLVED, the DUWA board fully supports a Congressionally Directed Spending request through the office of US Senator Gary Peters; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair, the System Manager and other Authority professionals are authorized to make the necessary filings to support this request.

This resolution was approved by the DUWA Board on March 9, 2023

Attested to by:

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Gail McLeod, Mayor of Allen Park
Chair of the DUWA Board