



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
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To Whom it May Concern,

As the elected representatives for the town of Southington, we offer this letter in support of the town's application for Congressionally Directed Spending to study the flooding conditions in the Plantsville section of town. Plantsville experienced significant flooding recently, specifically in the area along Main Street, Maple Street, and Mark Drive. These ongoing flooding issues impact residents all over town, and we must take immediate action.

The FEMA Flood Insurance mapping needs to be updated to include areas outside the current flood plain to adjust for environmental changes; currently, the streets mentioned above are not considered apart of the flood plain. The Plantsville section of town is highly vulnerable to flooding, negatively impacting local businesses and residents. A storm event in January 2024 led some businesses to close temporarily due to flooding. Town officials anticipate that the flood plain area will continue to grow as these significant weather systems become more regular.

By awarding this Congressionally Directed Spending request to the town of Southington, the resulting flood study will help identify flood mitigation opportunities to increase resiliency and identify measures to protect critical facilities and assets. We appreciate your consideration of this application and hope that you will support Southington's efforts to responsibly manage local flooding.

Sincerely,

State Representative Chris Poulos
81st Assembly District

State Representative Francis Cooley
22nd Assembly District

State Representative Donna Veach
30th Assembly District

State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco
80th Assembly District

State Senator Rob Sampson
16th Assembly District