



March 17, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer  
United States House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

On behalf of Cumberland County, the City of Fayetteville, and the Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, we are requesting FY 2024 community project funding of \$2.2 million for NORCRESS Wastewater System Rehabilitation. The project includes the rehabilitation of the small rural sewer system that serves many military families and keeps the rates affordable for the residents in the district. This system is at risk of failing. If the system fails, this will be an emergency. Rehabilitation will then allow increased capacity to meet new residential development needs and potential commercial opportunities. A new regional system would also reduce maintenance costs and improve operational efficiency for existing providers.

The current system, which serves citizens from Eastover, Falcon, Godwin, Wade, and Martin's Pork Products, a major local employer, was installed in 2005 to address failing septic systems in the impacted communities and is now in need of significant rehabilitation due to corrosion. The proposed project will implement various infrastructure improvements to upgrade the system. Because the costs for treatment are significant, especially for a small rural system finding a solution to keep the system affordable to ratepayers is critical. This system serves as the backbone for future expansion to meet economic development needs along the I-95 corridor and to serve a growing community, which includes military families who have moved into the rural area.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request.

Respectfully,

Mitch Colvin  
Mayor  
City of Fayetteville

Robert Van Geons  
President & CEO  
FCEDC

Dr. Toni Stewart  
Chairwoman  
Cumberland County Commissioners