



CUMBERLAND COUNTY VETERANS' COUNCIL, INC.
PO BOX 2862
FAYETTEVILLE NC 28302-2862
1225 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301

March 22, 2023

Congressman David Rouzer

U.S. Congress 7th District of North Carolina
2333 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
RE: Heritage Park Flume Reconstruction

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

This letter is in support of the Community Project Funding request on behalf of the Cumberland County Veterans in our areas. If approved, this funding will provide much needed financial support to complete the Heritage Park Flume Reconstruction. The historic flume, which is the central element of Heritage Park Phase I, promotes environmental stewardship and places heavy emphasis on historic preservation.

Members of our Veterans Committee and the Cumberland County Veterans Council president have been actively involved in the planning and development of Heritage Park since its inception. Once completed, we feel that the park will be a great asset in supporting Veterans and their family members residing in the area. The park will undoubtedly reach all demographics, ages and abilities, while enhancing the property of the surrounding community. Its proximity to Town Lake will provide numerous opportunities for professional development, environmental education, and supporting outdoor activities. The Veterans believe that this park will help with PTSD, anxiety, depression and hopeful with the prevention of suicides and help overcome their invisible wounds and empower them to live productive and fulfilling lives. We envision our Military, Veterans, Citizens, and Visitors participating in healthy lifestyle activities in the park. The storm water flume will play an intricate part in that lifestyle by providing an aesthetically pleasing water feature while simultaneously providing clean water to adjacent the creek.

Thank you for your strong consideration in the funding request, and your continued support in the Town of Hope Mills' efforts in providing its citizen with environmentally safe parks.

Sincerely,

Grilley J. Mitchell

Grilley J. Mitchell
Cumberland County Veterans Council, President
910-476-3719 grillmitch@gmail.com