



February 26, 2009

Office of Senator Richard G. Lugar
Attn: LeAnne Gibbs, Project Director
306 Senate Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Town of Munster, Indiana – FY'10 Appropriation Requests

Dear Senator Lugar,

On behalf of the Town of Munster, I am pleased to submit the following projects for your consideration. I have ranked them by “stage of readiness” and several of these projects have been the subject of previous funding requests. Each of these projects is focused on enhancing the quality of life of all Munster residents.

1. **Little Calumet River Flood Control** –\$400,000— This project would use various methods and products to immediately increase the height of the levees on the Munster side (south) of the Little Calumet River to the same height as the Hammond side (north). This is an emergency project and interim to the Army Corps of Engineers / Little Calumet River Commission flood control project Stages VII and VIII. This project is shovel ready. The Town suffered catastrophic damages as a result of flooding in September 2008 and this project would prevent future disasters.
2. **Water/Sewer Infrastructure - Schoon Ditch Combined Sewer Over Flow Elimination Project** –\$2,250,000—This project will eliminate the by-passing of raw sewage into Schoon Ditch during heavy rainfall events and snowmelt, by collecting and diverting storm water into new storm sewers. Schoon Ditch flows into Hart Ditch and then into the Little Calumet River. This project can be ready for bid by July 2009.
3. **Water/Sewer Infrastructure – Wicker Park Combined Sewer Project**–\$4,500,000— This project will eliminate the backing up of sewage into several basements and would prevent the bypassing of raw sewage into the Little Calumet River. Property in this area was heavily damaged by the September 2008 flood. This project can be under construction by April 2010 to prevent future devastation.



4. **Transportation – Phase I Construction Realignment of 45th Street and Calumet Avenue with Grade Separation** –\$14,000,000—This is the first phase of construction of this project that will help alleviate traffic congestion on an arterial road in Northwest Indiana. This phase will realign 45th Street east and west and provide the first of grade separations. We have received funding for preliminary and design engineering; that work is already under way. This phase of the project can be ready for construction in the summer of 2010.

We look forward to working with you and your staff through this appropriations process. We are prepared to provide any additional information that your office may need. Please contact the Town Manager Tom DeGiulio 219-836-6905 or Town Engineer James Mandon 219-836-6995.

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Yours truly,



Thomas F. DeGiulio, Town Manager
on behalf of the Munster Town Council