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Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project  
Water Access, Technology, Education and Recreation  
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Dear Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project Team,

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2023. I appreciate the information and agree that there are many projects planned to focus on flooding in the region, including the Southeast Michigan Flood Mitigation Study that was listed in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization last year. GLWA has partnered with the US Army Corps of Engineers and our Federal legislators to pursue this initiative. In as much as the WRDA authorization was approved last year, we still need a specific appropriation for funding before the study can be scoped and officially begin. Once funded, the project will first go through a scoping process and then stakeholder engagement efforts. As part of stakeholder engagement, GLWA will engage the City of Detroit and other stakeholder groups such as your team.

We are happy to see so many important initiatives being undertaken on this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne R. Coffey, P.E.  
Chief Executive Officer