



Jolene Ivey
Chair
Council District 5

"Serving the People of Prince George's County!"

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Congressman Glenn Ivey
1529 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Ivey:

The Prince George's County Council strongly supports the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) Community Project Funding request for the Western Branch Sewer Rehabilitation project.

These funds will allow WSSC to update the community's wastewater collection system that is over 75 years old and is in a deteriorating condition. The sewer system has defects such as surface spalling of the concrete within the sewer mains, pipe joints suspected of failing, intrusion of tree roots through pipe cracks and joints, and accumulation of grease and other deposits of debris. The project will entail relocating, protecting, and covering exposed sewer mains and manholes within streams and streambank stabilization to prevent future stream erosion. This project serves 4,190 residential customers and 127 commercial customers within a designated Environmental Justice Area (EJA).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and the Council appreciates your commitment in giving this project your full consideration to maintain the required level of service to WSSC customers and to prevent potential hazards to human health and the environment to mitigate against sewerage overflows.

Sincerely,

Jolene Ivey, Chair
Prince George's County Council