



March 3, 2026

Congressman Michael Guest  
450 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request – Forest, MS – City of Forest Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Dear Congressman Guest:

On behalf of the Forest Municipal School District, I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Forest's Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the northern portion of the city. As an educational institution serving the children and families of our community, we understand that safe and reliable public infrastructure is essential to maintaining a healthy and productive learning environment.

Much of the sewer infrastructure in this area was installed decades ago and has deteriorated over time, increasing the risk of system failures and sanitary sewer overflows. Reliable wastewater service is critical to ensuring sanitary conditions in schools, minimizing health risks, and preventing disruptions that could interfere with classroom instruction and daily operations. Infrastructure instability can affect not only facilities but also the families we serve.

Strong communities and strong schools go hand in hand. Investments in core infrastructure protect public health, support residential stability, and enhance overall quality of life — all of which contribute to student success. When communities prioritize long-term infrastructure improvements, they create environments where students can focus on learning without unnecessary disruption.

The Forest Municipal School District respectfully supports this important initiative and appreciates your continued leadership and advocacy for investments that strengthen our schools and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Melanie Nelson".

Dr. Melanie Nelson  
Superintendent of Schools  
Forest Municipal School District



March 3, 2026

Congressman Michael Guest  
450 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC, 20515

RE: FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request – Forest, MS – City of Forest Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Dear Congressman Guest:

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of Scott County and the City of Forest.

On behalf of the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Forest's Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the northern portion of the city. Reliable wastewater infrastructure is essential to maintaining a healthy business environment and supporting long-term economic stability within our community.

Much of the sewer system serving this area was installed decades ago and is experiencing deterioration that contributes to excessive infiltration, system inefficiencies, and the risk of sanitary sewer overflows. Infrastructure instability can disrupt business operations, hinder commercial investment, and negatively impact the perception of our community. Addressing these issues proactively strengthens public health protections and ensures dependable service for existing and future employers.

Modern, efficient utility systems are a critical factor in business recruitment, workforce retention, and sustainable growth. This project represents a strategic investment in the foundational infrastructure that supports Forest's local businesses, residential development, and overall economic vitality.

The Forest Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests your support of this important initiative and appreciates your continued advocacy for investments that enhance the quality of life and economic strength of our region.

Sincerely,

Tessa Stroud  
President  
Forest Area Chamber



# CITY OF FOREST

120 S. DAVIS STREET  
P. O. BOX 298  
FOREST, MISSISSIPPI 39074

NANCY N. CHAMBERS  
MAYOR

Congressman Michael Guest  
450 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request – Forest, MS – City of Forest Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Dear Congressman Guest:

Please find enclosed the City of Forest's FY2027 Community Project Funding request for the City of Forest's Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the northern portion of the city, generally located north of Highway 80. This vital initiative addresses the urgent need to upgrade aging sewer infrastructure that has exceeded its expected service life. This funding request is submitted under the Environmental Protection Agency – State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Much of this sewer system was originally installed in the 1960s or earlier and is now experiencing structural deterioration, excessive infiltration and inflow, and an increased risk of sanitary sewer overflows. These conditions contribute to higher treatment costs, strain system capacity, and pose potential environmental and public health risks. Ongoing deterioration requires continued maintenance and repair, placing financial pressure on the City's limited resources.

The City of Forest has taken a proactive approach to addressing aging infrastructure, investing nearly \$1.8 million in ARPA-funded rehabilitation that is nearing completion, advancing a \$1 million CDBG-funded project currently in the award stage, and moving forward with additional improvements under design. Continued federal support will allow us to build upon this progress and implement long-term, sustainable solutions.

Thank you for your strong leadership and continued support of the City of Forest. We sincerely appreciate your advocacy on behalf of our community and respectfully request your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

MAYOR NANCY CHAMBERS  
CITY OF FOREST

FAYE JOHNSTON – City Clerk, Tax Collector  
TELEPHONE (601) 469-2921 FAX (601) 469-3224

- ALDERMEN -

TEDDY BLOODSAW

ALLAN ATKISON

HARRY ROBINSON

CYNTHIA SLAUGHTER MELTON

MATT ALFORD



March 3, 2026

Congressman Michael Guest  
450 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request – Forest, MS – City of Forest Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Dear Congressman Guest:

On behalf of Lackey Memorial Hospital, I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Forest's Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the northern portion of the city. As a healthcare provider serving Scott County and the surrounding region, we recognize that reliable wastewater infrastructure is fundamental to protecting public health and maintaining a safe environment for our patients, staff, and community.

Much of the sewer system in this area was installed decades ago and has deteriorated over time, contributing to excessive infiltration and inflow and increasing the risk of sanitary sewer overflows. System failures or overflows can pose serious public health concerns, including potential exposure to harmful pathogens and environmental contamination. Maintaining a dependable and properly functioning wastewater system is essential to preventing such risks and ensuring a healthy community.

Hospitals rely on consistent and uninterrupted utility services to safely deliver medical care, maintain sanitation standards, and meet regulatory requirements. Infrastructure instability not only threatens environmental quality but can also impact healthcare operations and emergency preparedness.

This project represents a proactive investment in community health, environmental protection, and long-term resiliency. Lackey Memorial Hospital respectfully supports this important initiative and appreciates your continued leadership and advocacy for improvements that safeguard the well-being of Mississippi communities.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Matthew Bentley, DO  
Lackey Memorial Hospital



March 3, 2026

Congressman Michael Guest  
450 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request – Forest, MS – City of Forest Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Dear Congressman Guest:

On behalf of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, we are pleased to express our strong support for the City of Forest's Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the northern portion of the city, generally located north of Highway 80. This important infrastructure initiative addresses aging sanitary sewer lines that are critical to protecting public health, water quality, and the long-term stability of our region.

Much of the sewer infrastructure serving this area was installed in the 1960s or earlier and has reached the end of its useful life. Deterioration has resulted in structural deficiencies, excessive infiltration and inflow, and an increased risk of sanitary sewer overflows. These conditions not only strain municipal resources but also present potential environmental and public health concerns that extend beyond city limits and impact the broader county.

Reliable wastewater infrastructure is foundational to economic development, residential stability, and environmental stewardship throughout Scott County. Proactively rehabilitating these lines using modern methods will improve system performance, reduce long-term costs, and strengthen resiliency for years to come.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your support of this critical project and appreciates your continued leadership and advocacy for infrastructure investments that benefit our communities and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Robinson".

Michael Robinson  
President  
Scott County Board of Supervisors