

Water Pollution Control Plant Flood Mitigation Project - Davenport

Proposed Recipient:

City of Davenport

226 W 4th Street,

Davenport, Iowa 52801

Amount Requested: \$3,450,000

Explanation of Request: The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is located on the Mississippi River and currently has no flood protection system in place to ensure efficient operations and access during major flood events. This funding would be used for the construction of an earthen levee for the northern perimeter of this wastewater treatment plant, which serves the cities of Davenport, Bettendorf, Riverdale, and Panorama Park. As Davenport has experienced in the past few decades, flooding on the Mississippi River is becoming both more frequent and intense, hitting a record crest and longest duration in 2019. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because not preventing flood risk would result in a public health and safety issue for the community. A plant shutdown would cause sewer backups and sump pump failures in resident's homes, local businesses, industrial plants and factories, state occupied buildings, and critical facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes. It would also result in the discharge of untreated water to the Mississippi River.