

## Brunswick-Dalton Drainage District L-246

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June 3, 2021

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> District  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Graves,

The Brunswick L-246 Drainage District and the city of Brunswick asks for your support and requests funding be put into the Corps of Engineers budget for the Site Specific Feasibility Study: Lower Missouri River Brunswick L-246, as authorized in Section 216(A) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020.

Infrastructure affected will be homes, the downtown district of Brunswick, Missouri, two elevators and fertilizer plants, an Evergy transmission substation and a sub-transmission substation, US Hwy 24, a St. Louis to Kansas City rail line, a K-12 school and an additional protection for 20,000+ acres of fertile farmland. All of this infrastructure directly affects citizens' livelihoods.

We appreciate all that you do for the citizens of our area. Please contact us if more information or assistance is needed in your endeavor to help the Chariton County area citizens.

Sincerely,



Robert Littleton, President



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# City of Brunswick

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Dear Congressman Graves,

The City of Brunswick, Missouri, supports your proposal for funding for "The Lower Missouri River Brunswick L-246 Project" as authorized in WRDA 2020. Brunswick recognizes the benefit to its citizens and to public transportation users of having improved Grand and Missouri River flood protection as outlined in your initiative. Brunswick is a city of 850 population (2010 US Census) at the junction of US Highway 24, Missouri Highway 11 and Missouri Blacktop Y. This is also the location of the Norfolk Southern Railroad main line from Kansas City to Chicago. Every has an electrical substation here that services 28,000 citizens homes, farms and businesses that will have additional flood protection from this project. Several fiberoptic cables are included in the protection of this Project.

In 1978, the L-246 Federal Levee Project, 38 miles long along the left descending banks of the Missouri and Grand Rivers from Brunswick to Dalton was built protecting 24,000 A. of highly productive river bottom farmland. It was authorized and engineered to be built several feet higher than it was. Congressman Graves proposes a new study to evaluate the feasibility of adding the originally designed height to the current L-246 plus extending this levee three miles around Brunswick for the protection of the citizens, businesses; highway, railway, pipeline and communication infrastructure.

If the protection described to be studied had been in place for the 'Flood of 2019', Brunswick would not have experienced 37 families being relocated and 21 not able to return to flood damaged dwellings after the flood. Similar family relocation occurred in 1993. Brunswick supports our 400 student K thru 12, School located in the flood plain which would be a beneficiary of this Projects additional flood protection. In June of 2019 (Flood of 2019), the Missouri National Guard was activated to build a sand bag water barrier around this school. The City of Brunswick, The Brunswick Chamber of Commerce and the Brunswick Revitalization Committee work very hard at encouraging families, especially young families, to locate here taking advantage of friendly supportive people, nonexistent crime, beautiful country scenery, low pollution.

We are very appreciative of Congressman Graves's interest in and support of Brunswick as we all work toward making central Missouri, The State of Missouri and The United States of America the best place on Earth!

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