

United States Department of Agriculture

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Madison County Board of Supervisors 125 West North Street Post Office Box 608 Canton, Mississippi 39046

Dear Mr. Griffin,

This letter is in response to your correspondence in which you requested reconsideration of additional watersheds to be considered for planning assistance of your Watershed Flood and Prevention operations and information to assist you with understanding the agreement process. Your request is approved.

Thank you for participating in Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL), which allows NRCS to allocate funding to the Upper Bear Creek in Canton, Mississippi. The approved request covers the Bear Creek watershed. We have added an additional \$1.6 M for planning, once the plans and designs are completed, we can request additional construction financial assistance based on the preferred alternative.

For additional requests, project sponsors initiate a request for assistance through their NRCS office to develop a preliminary feasibility study (PIFR) which helps communities consider sustainable climate resilient solutions to address watershed resource concerns. After a feasibility study is conducted, a watershed plan is chosen, reviewed, approved and authorized. Once authorized, project sponsors gain access to NRCS's financial and technical resources to help implement their plan.

Sincerely,

Kurt Readus

State Conservationist

CC: Nick Ivy, Executive Director, MSWCC

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