



Norm Archibald
Mayor

March 13, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Elm Creek Flood Control Project

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

I am writing to request your support for \$328,000 in FY 2010 funding for our ongoing Elm Creek Flood Prevention Project.

On July 6, 2002, Abilene suffered a significant flood as 15 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period, resulting in a Federal disaster being declared. Residential damage along Elm Creek was estimated to be \$6.3 million. To prevent this from happening again, Abilene has been working closely with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in developing a flood mitigation plan. The estimated total cost is \$1,728,000, with a 50-50 cost share between Abilene and the Federal government.

We greatly appreciate your support for funding for the Corps in prior years, including \$163,000 in FY 2009 funding. We have been making good progress on this important project. With your support for \$328,000 in FY 2010 funding, we hope to complete the Feasibility Report next year.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Norm Archibald
Mayor