



July 26, 2022

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Rouzer  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio, Ranking Member Graves, Chairwoman Napolitano, and Ranking Member Rouzer:

On behalf of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and our nearly 15,000 members, I write in support of H.R. 7776, the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA). This measure would promote essential sustainable water infrastructure projects, while also addressing climate change impacts and environmental justice.

WRDA 2022 is critical to support the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) water management infrastructure projects, studies, and policies that assist in protecting our nation's people, infrastructure, and vital natural resources. ASLA is particularly pleased that this year's WRDA provides enhanced tools to mitigate climate change impacts and promote community resiliency, with particular attention to flood control; sea-level rise; ecosystem restoration; damaged shorelines and natural landscape protection and more. In addition, ASLA supports the bill's equity and environmental justice initiatives, which authorize the Corps to address water resource needs and challenges facing economically disadvantaged communities, communities of color, and Tribal and rural communities, as well as require local liaisons for enhanced coordination with Tribal and indigenous groups.

Landscape architects are uniquely educated and trained to lead the design, planning, and implementation of water infrastructure projects that help foster resilient, equitable, and sustainable communities. Landscape architects work closely with the Army Corps of Engineers on WRDA projects using green infrastructure and nature-based solutions that focus on water and stormwater management issues, damaged shorelines and natural landscape protection, and more. As the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 moves through the congressional process, ASLA urges you to support enhanced policies and robust funding levels that will help landscape architects and other infrastructure planners continue to address water resources issues that also provide community-wide benefits.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on this legislative matter, please feel contact me or ASLA Manager of Federal Government Affairs, Caleb Raspler, at [craspler@asla.org](mailto:craspler@asla.org) or (202) 216-2372.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Torey Carter-Conneen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Torey Carter-Conneen  
Chief Executive Officer