

United States Senate

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Sara Harley, CFM
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Dear Ms. Harley:

I am writing to you in support of the Town of Plains' application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program funding to request assistance to relocate the Plains Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) outside of the flood plain of the Clark Fork River.

The Plains WWTP as it currently sits on the eastern bank of the Clark Fork River, is in critical need of relocation. In recent years, changes in the flow of the Clark Fork River have resulted in major erosion and flooding in the area. As a result, the lagoons have come under imminent threat of failure, threatening the public safety of Plains residents and the Clark Fork River with 5 million gallons of sewage water.

If successful, funding will be used to relocate the lagoon to an area outside of the river's floodplain. It is critical to protect the citizens of Plains' health, safety and welfare.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator