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Mr. Ken T. Kelly  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter outlining your Municipality's support for the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority's (MVCA) request related to the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program funding.

The safety of the public and the protection of our communities are top priorities. The Government of Ontario provides \$5 million annually to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's WECI program to fund major maintenance, repairs or studies for water or erosion control structures that are either owned or maintained by conservation authorities. These funds are then matched by local municipalities for a total of \$10 million.

The MVCA's funding recommendations have been shared with program staff for future consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

John Yakabuski  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing