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U.S. Representative Collin C. Peterson  
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**RE: FY2011 Water & Energy Appropriations Request \$15 million  
US Army Corps - Roseau River Diversion Project**

Dear Representative Peterson,

On behalf of the City of Roseau I would like to thank you for your on-going support of Roseau's efforts to establish a permanent flood control project for our community. The City and Corps of Engineers have made great progress on the East Diversion Flood Control Project this year and need additional Federal funding to move it towards completion. The Corps of Engineers has indicated a need for a \$15 million construction appropriation in FY2011.

Additionally, cost increases since the development of the Corps' Feasibility Study has necessitated the need for special legislative language in the FY2011 appropriations request increasing the Corps authorization on the East Diversion to \$40,486,800. The Corps and City are requesting the following special language as part of our appropriations request:

**SEC. XXX. PROJECT MODIFICATIONS.**

ROSEAU, MINNESOTA.—The project for flood damage reduction, Roseau, Minnesota, authorized by section 1001(27) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, is modified to authorize the Secretary to construct the project at a total cost of \$40,486,800 with an estimated Federal cost of \$22,416,450 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$18,070,350.

If you have any questions related to this request please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. I would like to again thank you for your continued support and consideration of this appropriations request.

Sincerely,

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# Information Paper

## Flood Risk Management: Roseau River, Roseau, Minnesota



*Aerial view of Roseau looking north, taken on June 12, 2002.  
The downtown business district is in the center of the photo.*

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### Location/Description

Roseau is located in the northwestern corner of Minnesota in Roseau County about 10 miles south of the Canadian border and about 65 miles east of the North Dakota border. Roseau's population is about 2,800. It is home to Polaris Industries, Inc., which employs more than 2,000 people and, along with agriculture, provides a solid economic base for the community. Roseau County has 16,000 residents; the population is expected to increase to 19,000 by 2030.

The Roseau River flows north through the city. Most of Roseau is located in the regulatory floodplain because the city is very flat and relatively low in elevation. Once the river flows out of its banks, it flows throughout most of the city. From June 9 to 11, 2002, intense rainfall over the river basin dumped an extraordinary amount of water into the area. This water quickly collected and drained into the Roseau River, overtopping the city's levee system and flooding most of the developed area. The flood damage was extensive, resulting in significant damage to downtown businesses and private residences.

### Background

After the 2002 floods, the city of Roseau and the Roseau River Watershed District asked the Corps to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a small flood control project in Roseau. In 2003, a likely Federal interest was determined, and the Corps recommended that a feasibility study be initiated. In September 2003, the city and Corps signed a feasibility cost share agreement to initiate a feasibility study. The feasibility study was completed in September 2006. The finalized Chief's report was signed in December 2006. The design phase began in fall 2006, and the design agreement was signed October 2006. The project partnership agreement was signed on June 15, 2009, initiating construction.

### Status

Construction of this project is ongoing, with major construction to begin in spring 2010. The city of Roseau is constructing two highway bridges that will be completed in early 2010. Plans and specifications are being completed for the remaining portions of the project, which will be ready for construction in spring 2010. Construction of this project could be completed in 3 years, with minimal construction in year 3.

### Authority

This specifically authorized study originates from a resolution of the Senate Committee on Public Works, September 30, 1974. Project construction was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

### Fiscal (preliminary current working estimate)

Project design and construction costs are to be shared with the non-Federal sponsor. Operation and maintenance costs are the responsibility of the non-Federal sponsor.

Estimated Federal cost	\$19,500,000
Estimated non-Federal cost	\$16,300,000
Total estimated cost	\$35,800,000

Total Federal funding to date (including \$4,600,000 in Recovery Funds)	\$7,038,000
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