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Re: flood related priorities

Greetings Herb,

I appreciate you reaching out about this critical legislation. Here are seven priorities I'd like to suggest for our district:

Linking Funding Across Flood Events:

Establish a streamlined process to link funding from multiple flood incidents when the cause is the same (e.g., flooding) and the site remains unchanged. This would efficiently address ongoing or recurring flood damage.

Improved Project Coordination for Recurring Flood Damage:

Develop a framework for managing linked flood damage events, allowing projects to address overlapping or subsequent incidents without restarting the process.

Allowing River Maintenance and Restoration:

Advocate for the ability to clean out rivers and restore them to their original depths as part of flood prevention and mitigation efforts.

Support for Alternative Fixes:

Permit alternative, non-engineered solutions with realistic costs to speed up recovery efforts and reduce bureaucratic overhead.

Expedited Damage Assessment and Funding:

Shorten the timeframes for assessing flood damage, confirming funding (e.g., from FEMA), and starting repair projects to avoid delays.

Increased Funding for Infrastructure Improvements:

Allocate more money for purchasing larger culverts and stones for ditches to handle increased water flow and minimize future damage.

Ongoing Consideration for Future Strategies:

Continuously explore and refine strategies to address frequent flooding and its challenges based on lessons learned and community feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'IAN ALBINSON', written in a cursive style.

Ian Albinson
Interim Town Administrator