

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Banana River Lagoon – Sykes Creek Phase II Environmental Dredging and Treatment of Interstitial Water Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Brevard County, located at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A, Viera, FL 32940.

The requested funds will be used to remove roughly 50,000 cubic yards of decaying muck from the Sykes Creek area of the Indian River Lagoon, building upon successful environmental dredging of 76,500 cubic yards completed by the County. This project will improve overall water quality, increase dissolved oxygen levels, mitigate harmful algal blooms, prevent fish kills, and reduce the accumulation of toxic hydrogen sulfide and nitrogen pollution.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will make the community more resilient, improve the livelihoods of those who live near the lagoon, and prevent harmful algal blooms that damage the environment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress