

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

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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 House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ixora Park Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Indian River County Department of Utility Services, located at 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL, 32960.

This project will replace aging infrastructure composed of vitrified clay pipes (VCP) to prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and reduce nutrient leaching into the Indian River Lagoon, an estuary of national significance under the National Estuary Program (NEP). Replacing these deteriorated pipelines protects the quality of water resources by mitigating discharges of nitrogen and phosphorus.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it directly supports national objectives under the Clean Water Act and Section 320 of the National Estuary Program. The Indian River Lagoon is one of North America's most biologically diverse estuaries, where substantial federal investment in water infrastructure and estuary restoration has set the precedent and established the federal nexus for support of this project.

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 is anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress