

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 Turkey Creek Water Quality Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Palm Bay, located at 120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

The requested funding for the project will improve the quality of surface water and contribute to the recharge of groundwater in and around Turkey Creek, a tributary to the Indian River Lagoon, as recommended in the City's adopted Turkey Creek Restoration Feasibility Study. The project will also reduce nutrient flows into the Indian River Lagoon which has been identified as the most biodiverse estuary in North America, and which is also a project under the National Estuary Program.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help restore an important estuary and contribute to the objectives of the Clean Water Act in the City of Palm Bay. The Indian River Lagoon is a critically important environmental as well as economic resource both nationally and locally.

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