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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 HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$2,437,906.40 for the City of Palm Bay, Florida, to construct five (5) water quality improvement projects in the watershed of Turkey Creek which is a tributary to the Indian River Lagoon. The projects are identified in the City's approved Turkey Creek Restoration Feasibility Study. The twenty percent local match can be made available from stormwater utility funds.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Palm Bay, Florida, located at 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

The projects will improve the quality of surface water and contribute to the recharge of groundwater. The projects will 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 Lagoon is an important environmental, as well as economic resource, both nationally and to the people of my district.

The project is an appropriate use of Federal funds because it will help restore an important estuary and also contribute to the objectives of the Clean Water Act in the City of Palm Bay.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided will be used for the purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq. and funding from the state clean water revolving fund.

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

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress