

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0913

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
2207 RHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
2413 RHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Oakleaf and Mapleleaf Drainage Improvements for the city of Oldsmar Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army corps of engineers. The amount requested for FY27 is \$4,000,000.

The funding would support a flood risk reduction project to increase stormwater conveyance capacity, reduce roadway overtopping, and mitigate repetitive flooding to residential properties. The project will include upsizing stormwater conveyance systems, drainage enhancements, and related infrastructure upgrades designed to reduce flood risk during heavy rainfall events. This investment will strengthen stormwater infrastructure, enhance community resilience, and help prevent costly flood damages to homes and roadways.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces repetitive flood risk, protects residential neighborhoods, and strengthens critical infrastructure in Florida's Thirteenth Congressional District. By investing in stormwater conveyance improvements, the project mitigates flooding impacts to homes, roadways, and local connectivity, improving public safety and housing stability during severe weather events. With a benefit-cost ratio of 1.62 and identification in the City's Stormwater Master Plan, this proactive infrastructure investment lowers long-term disaster recovery costs, enhances community flood resilience, and helps avoid more expensive emergency repairs in the future, making it a responsible and efficient use of federal taxpayer dollars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-580), as amended, which supports environmental infrastructure projects, including stormwater management and flood risk reduction, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Sincerely,



Anna Paulina Luna
Member of Congress