

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4007

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bird's Nest Neighborhood Storm Drainage Improvements Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Pawleys Island, located at 323 Myrtle Ave., Pawleys Island, SC, 29585. The funding would be used to address persistent and hazardous drainage, where standing water regularly disrupts pedestrian safety, accelerates road deterioration, and contributes to non-point source pollution threatening local waterways.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address immediate public health and safety hazards while preparing for long-term impacts. Funds would be used to eliminate chronic flooding in a high-traffic area, reduce exposure to harmful bacteria and pollutants, and protect a historically significant coastal community that contributes to the region's tourism economy. By integrating this project with the Town's Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan and Master Drainage Plan, it will help create a scalable model for other coastal communities facing similar environmental challenges.

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,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress