



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

April 14, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request your consideration for the Fiscal Year 2027 funding in the amount of \$5,000,000. The entity to receive funding is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for The Southeast Marion County Regional Water Treatment Plant (SERWTP) as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at Jacksonville District, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

The project would be valuable to use taxpayer funds because, once operational, the facility will allow Marion County Utilities to interconnect systems and gradually decommission several smaller water treatment plants and wells currently drawing from the Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA). Reducing withdrawals from the UFA will help protect regional groundwater resources and support the long-term health of Silver Springs, one of Florida's largest first-magnitude springs and a nationally recognized natural landmark that has attracted visitors since the 1870s.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. #2319) as amended, which authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist in water-related environment infrastructure, including wastewater treatment systems.

I hereby certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has a financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy A. Fine".

Randy Fine
Representative, FL - 06