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

April 28, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Drainage and Water Quality Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, located at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

The funding would be used to reduce stormwater staging on both Griffin Road and Dykes Road and to significantly improve water quality by reducing the amount of nutrients that get introduced into the primary and secondary canals. The dredging of a secondary canal system and filter marsh wetland area will allow the Town to recapture stormwater and route it into the designated marsh filter areas. In doing so, nutrient rich stormwater will be biologically treated by the wetland plantings. The biological removal of excessive nutrient loadings is completely carbon and energy free and is a prime example of green infrastructure. The treated water will significantly reduce the development of algal blooms that are detrimental to various aquatic species. As an additional benefit, the compensatory storage added by dredging of the canal and marsh filter areas will reduce stormwater staging. The reduction in stormwater staging will increase the Town's resilience to sea level rise and climate change.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Wasserman Schultz".

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

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