



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Village of Marathon Wastewater Treatment Plant & Pump Station Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Marathon located at 18 Tannery St., Marathon, NY, 13803.

This funding will assist the Village of Marathon in completing urgently needed repairs and upgrades to its aging wastewater treatment system. Originally built to prevent raw sewage from entering the Tioughnioga River, which is a tributary of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay, the facility now requires significant updates to continue protecting public health, the environment, and water quality across the region. System failures would have immediate and severe consequences, including contamination of waterways and sewage backups into homes—posing health hazards and creating economic strain for families who may already be financially vulnerable. This investment is essential to ensure uninterrupted service, meet modern environmental standards, and safeguard the substantial water quality gains made over the past decades.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports essential infrastructure in a rural community, protecting public health and the environment. The Village of Marathon's wastewater system is vital for preventing raw sewage contamination in local rivers, which feed into the Chesapeake Bay. Investing in this project ensures continued compliance with health and safety regulations, prevents costly crises, and supports maintaining infrastructure in a rural community.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

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Josh Riley  
Member of Congress