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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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April 25, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Sweetwater Creek Restoration Project** for fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Oviedo**, located at 400 Alexandria Boulevard, Oviedo, FL, 32765.

This funding would restore Sweetwater Creek, a main stormwater conveyance way for the City of Oviedo. It drains approximately 2.64 square miles of the City to Lake Jesup which is impaired for nutrients. The Creek has an established 100-year floodplain and regulatory floodway by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The project would provide benefit by reducing nutrient loads to Lake Jesup, improve flood protection for residents along the creek, and create a recreational benefit through a trail connecting Solary Park to Sweetwater Park.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will improve water quality to Lake Jesup and ultimately waters of the United States. Additionally, the project will improve flood protection for Oviedo residents as well as provide recreational opportunities for central Florida residents.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Mills".

Cory Mills
Member of Congress