

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Findlay Township Municipal Authority appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Provision: Title I

Account: National Park Service—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "National Park Service—Chickasaw National Recreation Area"

Address of Requesting Entity: 1008 West Second Street, Sulphur, OK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for a design plan to construct a Visitor's Center at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The need for a Visitor's Center was identified in the recreation area's 1980 General Management Plan and 1994 Addendum to the 1980 General Management Plan. The Visitor's Center was previously budgeted for, but funds were reprogrammed for wildfire suppression. The Visitor's Center will provide those visiting the Chickasaw National Recreation Area a much needed centralized location where the Park Service may educate individuals on the ecosystems and history of the area. This will increase tourism to the recreation area, and thereby grow the local economy substantially.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Provision: Title II

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lawton Ft. Sill Chamber of Commerce

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 SW "C" Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for water and sewer line expansions at the Lawton Industrial Park, in Lawton, OK. The Comanche County Industrial Development Authority recently purchased an additional 480 acres immediately southwest of the present industrial park for purposes of expansion. Before this development can begin, water and sewer lines must be expanded to the property. The industrial park expansion will allow for more commercial expansion, thus creating jobs and aiding Lawton's economy. For this project, 80 percent of funds will be used for construction costs, 12 percent will be used for contingency, 6 percent will be for engineering costs and 2 percent will be used for inspections.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2996, "Making appropriations for the Department of Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Project Amount: \$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount Mansion Association, 200 W. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902

Description of Request: This funding will be used to upgrade and improve the National Historic Landmark.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURKE, VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Burke, Virginia, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to pay tribute to its significant contributions to the community.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, was formed on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and, by 1921, there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster the ideal of community service as a basis of worthy enterprise. International understanding, goodwill and peace are fostered through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from 166 countries.

The Rotary Club of Burke was organized by Brian Tilbury and was chartered by Rotary International on June 30, 1984. Since that time, the Burke Rotary has grown in not only the number of active members, but also in the areas of community service.

The Burke Rotary participates in Polio Plus, which is dedicated to the eradication of polio in countries such as Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria. Closer to home, The Rotary Club of Burke is a dependable ally in the Toys 4 Tots Program and the Northern Virginia Literacy Council. It also encourages involvement in the Medical Reserve Corps, a Fairfax County, Va., program that trains volunteers to provide vital services in the event of a public health emergency.

The Rotary Club of Burke has partnered with the Rotary Club of Annandale to provide scholarships to deserving students who wish

to pursue vocational training at Northern Virginia Community College. This partnership now provides six scholarships each year and has allowed approximately 40 individuals to continue their education and learn a marketable skill. The quality of life for each of these students and their families will be forever improved because of this opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Rotary Club of Burke on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to express our gratitude for their contributions here at home and abroad.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency; STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30303

Description of Request:

The \$500,000 in STAG funding secured will be applied to this list of the Water District projects:

COBB COUNTY

Sweetwater Creek Sanitary Sewer Extension—This proposed extension of the Sweetwater Creek interceptor will provide gravity sewer service to much of the unserved portion of southwestern Cobb County, including several dry sewer subdivisions. It will also extend service into the Sweetwater basin in Paulding County, eliminating the need for an additional treatment facility and comporting with our regional plan. The project includes about 20,000 linear feet of large diameter sewer. Estimated cost of this project is \$7,700,000.

Mack Dobbs Road Water Main Replacement—Replacement of 11,200 linear feet of existing 6-inch asbestos cement water main with 12-inch ductile iron between Cobb Parkway and Stilesboro Road. Estimated cost of this project is \$1,200,000.

Low Flow Toilet and Urinal Retrofit for 127 Cobb County Public Schools—A water conservation project which consists of replacing approximately 5,782 older, inefficient toilets and urinals and 2,478 miscellaneous faucets and pre-rinse spray valves in Cobb County Schools. The estimated cost of this project is \$875,000.

COBB COUNTY-MARIETTA WATER AUTHORITY

The Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, is a regional water wholesaler with 13 customers that serve over 790,000 people.

The customers include Cobb County, all of the municipalities within Cobb County, all of Paulding County, portions of Douglas County, Cherokee County, the City of Woodstock, and a small community in Fulton County.

Austell West Side Connector 24"—This pipeline project installs 8,000 feet of 24" ductile iron pipe to connect existing transmission lines. The pipeline will improve system flow capacity and provide redundancy to Cobb Hospital and high growth area along East-West Connector. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,549,800.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Lost Mountain—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio and source water reliability for existing pump station. It will provide additional water storage for west Cobb County and Paulding County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Pete Shaw—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio. This tank will provide additional water storage capacity to east Cobb County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Columns Drive Pipe Replacement—Replacement of approximately 600 linear feet of 36" ductile iron pipe with 54" restrained joint ductile iron pipe. This installation will eliminate a restriction in the main line from the Quarles Water Treatment Plant. The estimated cost of this project is \$780,600.

HALL COUNTY

Low Flow Toilet and Urinal Retrofit for Hall County Government Facilities—A water conservation project which consists of replacing all older, inefficient toilets and urinals in County facilities not already fitted with low flow systems including; Parks, Fire Stations, Senior Centers, Prisons, etc. The estimated cost of this project is \$190,000.

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Flat Creek Watershed Improvement Plan and Ecosystem Restoration—The City of Gainesville and Hall County have developed a watershed improvement and ecosystem restoration plan for the Flat Creek watershed which includes several projects involving stream restoration and construction of storm water best management practices. The City is currently designing the Upper Flat Creek Stream Restoration and Regional Stormwater Detention Pond project. The estimated cost of this project is \$700,000. Other projects we are moving forward with would cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Gainesville/Hall County Water Main Extensions and Improvements projects—These projects include approximately 25 miles of 8"-20" water line extensions/improvements throughout Gainesville/Hall County. Projects will extend water service to new customers and improve fire and water service by installing fire hydrants in new locations and improving flow capacity and quality in the water distribution system. The cost of these projects is estimated to be \$13,200,000.

ROCKDALE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Distribution Waterline Replacements—A water conservation project to significantly reduce or eliminate unaccounted for water (i.e. reducing water leaks in public water supply distribution system). Estimated cost of this project is \$15,000,000.

Wastewater Pump Station—To prevent sewer overflows and upgrade pumping station to meet current demands in a concentrated area. Estimated cost of this project is \$300,000.

THE CITY OF LOCUST GROVE

Water Supply Wells—The City of Locust Grove has drilled two additional wells for drinking water supply. These wells have already been drilled and permitted by GA EPD. The wells are needed to help supply enough water for current demand. The design has already been drawn. Estimated cost of this project is \$250,000.

THE CITY OF ROSWELL

Municipal Buildings Water Conservation Project—The condition of Roswell's municipal building restroom facilities vary widely in age, use, quality and repair. An initial assessment of the restrooms found 106 urinals, 295 toilets and 265 faucets to replace. The proposed water conservation project will purchase and install high-efficiency urinals, and toilets for the City's administrative, public safety, public-works, recycling center and park buildings. Additionally the project could include low-flow faucets, eco-friendly sanitizer systems and to minimize restroom vandalism and maintenance the installation of stainless steel panels, new and replacement tile. The estimated cost for this project is \$500,000.

THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA

North Park Improvements: Construct off-line sediment forebay—A sediment forebay will allow silt to fall out in a confined area just prior to the lake. During non-storm flows, the creek will flow naturally into the lake. When it rains and the creek rises, water will be diverted to the forebay. The forebay will slow down the water, allowing time for much of the silt to fall out before discharging back into the lake. The forebay will be much easier to clean out than the lake itself.

North Park Improvements: Construct three enhanced swales to treat water coming from the softball fields and two parking lots—Enhanced swales are state recognized water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) that allow for more water to infiltrate and be treated prior to entering the creek. As part of the installation of the enhanced swales, the water from these areas will be diverted to directly enter the lake instead of entering upstream through very eroded gullies. The gullies are so large that it is actually more cost effective to install the BMPs and divert the flow than it would be to repair the gullies, which are over 20 feet deep in some areas.

North Park Improvements: Modify the outlet control structure of the lake—The current outlet structure of the lake clogs in nearly every storm event, requiring parks maintenance personnel to have to remove debris to restore drainage. The outlet control structure can be modified to reduce clogging and provide improved water quality benefits for the lake. This will reduce necessary maintenance and give the lake an overall better aesthetic appearance.

Total cost for these improvements is: \$517,818.75. This price includes the cost to prepare conceptual and final design; construction of three improvements/BMPs; and model pollutant removal.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER OF DALLAS FOR ITS RANKING AMONG THE TOP TEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE NATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in 1913, a group of nurses established Children's Medical Center of Dallas as an open air clinic. Today, Children's Medical Center has been chosen among the top 10 children's hospitals in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Children's provides exemplary care and resources to its thousands of patients, as well as a wide range of teaching opportunities to the future physicians and nurses of our country. As a former nurse, I am proud to have such an accomplished medical institution in my district and would like to extend warm congratulations to them for receiving such recognition.

Children's Medical Center of Dallas is a private, non-profit pediatric health care center. As one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the country, Children's treats approximately 360,000 patients a year, with treatments ranging from simple physical exams to specialized care in heart disease, oncology, orthopedics, kidney disorders, neurology, respiratory disorders, neonatal care, urology, diabetes, and digestive disorders. Furthermore, Children's is a major pediatric transplant center, and also is the only academic health care facility and only designated Level 1 trauma center in Texas. Children's Medical Center of Dallas is continuously conducting research and developing new and improved treatments and therapies regarding pediatric diseases.

It is my hope that Children's Medical Center of Dallas will continue its strong record of success and provide patients with excellent care. It shines as an example of excellence, and I truly appreciate the dedication put forth by the administrators, doctors, nurses, and everyone else there. Again, I offer my congratulations to Children's Medical Center of Dallas on its achievement of being named one of America's top 10 children's hospitals.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

I originally requested \$1 million in this legislation for the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge Project through the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account. It is my understanding that \$500,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the