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May 1, 2024

Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ-04)
33 Washington Street
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Re: Ocean County Utilities Authority
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Ocean in support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to replace several significant aging pieces of infrastructure at the Authority's Lavallette Pump Station CPS-1, Ocean Birdsell Pump Station CPS-7, South Toms River - Flint Road Pump Station CPS-9, and the Berkeley - Veeder Lane Lift Station CPS-13, located in Lavallette Borough, Ocean Township, South Toms River Township, and Berkeley Townships, respectively. These facilities serve the wastewater disposal needs of a combined population of approximately 155,300 people, including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4. This project also financially impacts all residents of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties, as the conveyance systems are connected to towns and communities adjacent to the pump stations. The project will improve safety, increase pump station reliability, enhance environmental quality and improve the operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

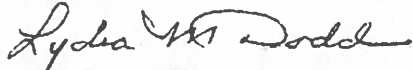
The project is a collaborative effort of the Authority, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local stakeholders. The Township has worked in cooperation with these entities in the past and understands the need for this funding given unprecedented growth in the County and the demands faced by significant regional aging infrastructure. The federal funding that is being sought will help alleviate the need for more costly future work, assist the Authority's pursuit of additional improvement projects, and help stabilize bulk treatment rates to our citizens. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster local area economic growth.

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We greatly appreciate the consideration that you, your staff, as well as all of those involved in the decision-making process will give to this request for funding this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lydia M. Dodd

Mayor, Township of Ocean

cc: Keith B. Marcoon, OCUA Executive Director
John C. Parker, OCUA Chairman





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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROBERT S. ARACE
MAYOR

May 1, 2024

Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ-04)
33 Washington Street
PO Box 728
Toms River, NJ 08753

Re: Ocean County Utilities Authority
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Manchester in support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to replace several significant aging pieces of infrastructure at the Authority's Lavallette Pump Station CPS-1, Ocean Birdsall Pump Station CPS-7, South Toms River – Flint Road Pump Station CPS-9, and the Berkeley – Veeder Lane Lift Station CPS-13, located in Lavallette Borough, Ocean Township, South Toms River Township, and Berkeley Townships respectively. These facilities serve the wastewater disposal needs of a combined population of approximately 155,300 people, including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4. This project also financially impacts all residents of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties, as the conveyance systems are connected to towns and communities adjacent to the pump stations. The project will improve safety, increase pump station reliability, enhance environmental quality, and improve the operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

The project is a collaborative effort of the Authority, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local stakeholders. The Township has worked in cooperation with these entities in the past and understands the need for this funding given the unprecedented growth in the County and the demands faced by significant regional aging infrastructure. The federal funding that is being sought will help alleviate the need for more costly future work, assist the Authority's pursuit of additional improvement projects, and help stabilize bulk treatment rates for our citizens. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster local area economic growth.

We greatly appreciate the consideration that you, your staff, as well as all of those involved in the decision-making process will give to this request for funding this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Arace
Mayor, Township of Manchester

cc: Keith B. Marcoon, OCUA Executive Director
John C. Parker, OCUA Chairman



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May 1, 2024

Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith, NJ-04
33 Washington Street
PO Box 728
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**RE: Letter of Support for Ocean County Utilities Authority
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909
Community Project Funding**

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909 Project for inclusion into the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding.

The OCUA owns and operates forty (40) regional sanitary sewer pump stations throughout its three service areas. Many of the pump stations were constructed in the late 1970's. Much of the piping and valves at each of the OCUA's pumping stations is original, the internal condition is unknown, there are indications of wear, and in some locations, there is evidence of minor leaking. At some of the stations, the existing piping and valving configurations do not provide adequate isolation to maintain the pumps, flow meters, and other equipment installed. This project includes the replacement of isolation valves, check valves, slide gates, and channel covers at several pump stations throughout Ocean County. The project replaces aging infrastructure thereby improving reliability of operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

Proper maintenance and operation of sewage conveyance infrastructure is vital to maintaining the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors in the communities served by these pump stations, which are: Boroughs of Lavallette, South Toms River, Beachwood, Lakehurst, Mantoloking, and the Townships of Berkeley, Manchester, Toms River, Brick, Ocean, Barnegat and Jackson which have a combined population of approximately 155,300, including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4.

This project is a collaborative effort by the Authority, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local stakeholders committed to improving the reliability of regional wastewater conveyance assets serving over 155,000 residents and visitors to Ocean County.

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Federal support through the Community Project Funding program will assist the Authority in meeting the project goals which include: enhancing public health, safety, and welfare, extending the remaining useful life of critical infrastructure, improving receiving water quality in the Atlantic Ocean, Barnegat Bay and local waterways and helping stabilize bulk treatment rates to over 700,000 citizens and visitors to Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties.

The local sponsor shall be the Ocean County Utilities Authority. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,500,000.00. The Authority is prepared to meet the 20 percent local match with additional support from the State of New Jersey as necessary and we have the ability to obligate funding within the time period set forth under this federal community project program.

Should you have any questions regarding this impactful project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Keith B. Marcoon, P.E.
Executive Director

KBM: Inc
cc: John C. Parker, Chairman



Township of Jackson

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Michael Reina
Mayor

May 1, 2024

Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ-04)
33 Washington Street
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**Re: Ocean County Utilities Authority
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909**

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Jackson in support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to replace several significant aging pieces of infrastructure at the Authority's Lavallette Pump Station CPS-1, Ocean Birdsall Pump Station CPS-7, South Toms River - Flint Road Pump Station CPS-9, and the Berkeley - Veeder Lane Lift Station CPS-13, located in Lavallette Borough, Ocean Township, South Toms River Township, and Berkeley Townships, respectively. These facilities serve the wastewater disposal needs of a combined population of approximately 155,300 people, including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4. This project also financially impacts all residents of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties, as the conveyance systems are connected to towns and communities adjacent to the pump stations. The project will improve safety, increase pump station reliability, enhance environmental quality, and improve the operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

The project is a collaborative effort of the Authority, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local stakeholders. The Township has worked in cooperation with these entities in the past and understands the need for this funding given unprecedented growth in the County and the demands faced by significant regional aging infrastructure. The federal funding that is being sought will help alleviate the need for more costly future work, assist the Authority's pursuit of additional improvement projects, and help stabilize bulk treatment rates to our citizens. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster local area economic growth.

We greatly appreciate the consideration that you, your staff, as well as all of those involved in the decision-making process will give to this request for funding this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Reina
Mayor

cc: Keith B. Maroon, OCUA Executive Director
John C. Parker, OCUA Chairman

COUNTY OF OCEAN
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Barbara Jo Crea
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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
Congressman, NJ-04
33 Washington Street
PO Box 728
Toms River, NJ 08753

Re: OCUA – Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners in support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to replace several significant aging pieces of infrastructure at the Authority's Lavallette Pump Station CPS-1, Ocean Birdsall Pump Station CPS-7, South Toms River – Flint Road Pump Station CPS-9, and the Berkeley Veeder Lane Lift Station CPS-13, located in Lavallette Borough, Ocean Township, South Toms River Township, and Berkeley Township, respectively. These facilities serve the wastewater disposal needs of a population of approximately 155,300 people including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4. The project will improve safety, increase pump station reliability, enhance environmental quality, and improve the operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, we would like to express our support for the Authority's request to obtain funding through the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations budget.

The project is a collaborative effort of the Authority, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local stakeholders. The Ocean County Board of Commissioners has worked in cooperation with these entities in the past and understands the need for this funding given unprecedented growth in the County and the demands faced by significant regional aging infrastructure. The federal funding that is being sought will help alleviate the need for more costly future work and assist the Authority's pursuit of additional improvement projects. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster local area economic growth.

We wish you every success in your efforts to secure funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jo Crea, Director

Gary Quinn, Deputy Director

Virginia E. Haines, Commissioner

John P. Kelly, Commissioner

F. Frank Sadeghi, Commissioner

cc: Keith B. Marcoon, OCUA Executive Director
John C. Parker, OCUA Chairman

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Toms River, NJ 08753

Re: Ocean County Utilities Authority
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, Piping and Valve Improvements AW1909

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Berkeley in support of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (Authority) application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to replace several significant aging pieces of infrastructure at the Authority's Lavalette Pump Station CPS-1, Ocean Birdsell Pump Station CPS-7, South Toms River – Flint Road Pump Station CPS-9, and the Berkeley Veeder Lane Lift Station CPS-13, located in Lavalette Borough, Ocean Township, South Toms River Township, and Berkeley Townships respectively. These facilities serve the wastewater disposal needs of a combined population of approximately 155,300 people, including 123,000 within Congressional District No. 4. This project also financially impacts all residents of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties, as the conveyance systems are connected to towns and communities adjacent to the pump stations. The project will improve safety, increase pump station reliability, enhance environmental quality, and improve the operation and maintenance of critical wastewater conveyance facilities.

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We greatly appreciate the consideration that you, your staff, as well as all of those involved in the decision-making process will give to this request for funding this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Sincerely,



John A. Bacchione

Mayor, Township of Berkeley

cc: Keith B. Maroon, OCUA Executive Director
John C. Parker, OCUA Chairman

