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April 30, 2024

Representative Chris Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY2025 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing to express support as the Township of Middletown seeks funding for the dredging of Shadow Lake and restorative improvements to the site's ecosystem.

Shadow Lake is an 80-acre body of water created in the early 20th Century as a stormwater detention basin for upstream development and recreational facility for boating, fishing and swimming. The lake has become heavily silted over the past 30 years, allowing the bloom of invasive plant life that impedes recreational activities and threatens wildlife depleting oxygen levels in the water. Further, the siltation of the lake has reduced the detention storage capacity of storm runoff, which has caused the lake to overtop and threaten downstream roads, bridges, residences and the Navesink River's delicate environment. The removal of silt and invasive vegetation from this lake will help to restore its ecosystem and prevent it from becoming a stagnant flood hazard.

We thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tony Perry
Mayor, Township of Middletown



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May 2, 2024

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Thank you for your consideration of the Township's request.

Sincerely,

Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr.
13th Legislative District

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Teri O'Connor, County Administrator

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Chris Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY2025 Congressional Earmark/Community Funding Project

Dear Congressman Smith:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Teri O'Connor'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teri O'Connor
County Administrator

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May 13, 2024

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c/o/ NJ-04 Deputy Chief of Staff jo.schloeder@mail.house.gov

Re: Shadow Lake Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project FY2025 Community Project Funding Application

Dear Congressman Smith:

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) received notice that the Shadow Lake Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project is interested in submitting a FY2025 Community Project Funding Application through your office. As the state administrative agency, NJOEM has reviewed the proposed project and has determined it eligible under the FEMA guidance for Pre-Disaster Mitigation. Please accept this letter in support of funding the proposed Shadow Lake project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact brianna.kanabrocki@njsp.gov of (609) 508-6562.

Sincerely,

FOR COLONEL PATRICK J. CALLAHAN
SUPERINTENDENT

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