



Pennsylvania
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INTERIOR-ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Through the Interior-Environment Appropriations Act, Congress allocates funding for the Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies each year. In developing this legislation, Senators and Representatives are afforded the opportunity to seek funding for key local drinking water and waste water projects and environmental protection initiatives.

Below is a list of the Pennsylvania projects for which I am seeking funding for in the fiscal 2010 appropriations cycle. It is important to note that each of these projects has been subjected to considerable scrutiny. All potential recipients are required to complete a detail project questionnaire, and each of these questionnaires has been thoroughly reviewed by my staff in both Washington and Pennsylvania. In many instances my regional field representatives have visited the projects and applicants have met with my staff in Washington for further evaluation.

During this period of economic difficulties, I am mindful that American taxpayers expect that their elected representatives will avoid actions that will lead to waste, fraud, and abuse. I take this obligation seriously. In evaluating these projects, I focused on the job creation potential associated with each initiative as well the project's potential to improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania communities. I am also committed to working with my colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation and on the Senate Appropriations Committee to make sure that only meritorious projects that are in the best interests of taxpayers are funded through this process.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, I am posting these projects on my website for your review. As the appropriations process for fiscal 2010 moves forward, I plan on posting more information on the status of these and other projects in Pennsylvania.

The projects for which I am requesting congressionally-directed funding in the Interior-Environment Appropriations Act are as follows:

Name of Potential Recipient: Allegheny County Sanitary Authority
Location: Allegheny County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Three Rivers We Weather Demonstration Program—
Overflow Control Demonstration Facilities

Purpose: This project will prototype cutting edge saving technologies to capture and treat hundreds and millions of gallons of water per year. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will provide significant water quality improvement in the city and metropolitan region of Pittsburgh and create 140 jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: Archbald Borough
Location: Lackawanna County, PA
Amount: \$261,323
Project Name: Archbald/Jermyn Boroughs Storm Water Collection
System

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to construct a storm and surface water collection system in a low to moderate income neighborhood in Archbald and Jermyn Boroughs. Throughout the years the lack of a water collection system has led to repeated flooding of dozens of homes. Currently, there is no water collection system which is resulting in serious property damage from storm and surface water. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it would create jobs and alleviate flooding problems for hundreds of residents in Lackawanna County.

Name of Potential Recipient: Authority of the Borough of Charleroi
Location: Washington and Westmoreland Counties, PA
Amount: \$500,000
Project Name: Charleroi Water Plant Upgrades

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to upgrade the filtration system at the Charleroi Water Plant to meet Safe Drinking Water Act specifications and continue to provide safe drinking water to over 35,000 people in eight municipalities in Washington and Westmoreland Counties. Upgrading the membrane filtration system will alleviate many of the plant-related shortcomings of the current system. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will provide Pennsylvanians with safe drinking water.

Name of Potential Recipient: Borough of Honesdale
Location: Wayne County, PA
Amount: \$874,175
Project Name: Honesdale Borough Storm Water Projects

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for protection of 185 residential homes and/or properties through this complete this multi-year storm water project. The improvements will include installation of replacement of storm sewers and installation of additional catch basins and manholes. This project would resolve issues of home and property preservation, wildlife issues, and planning for future development capacity loads. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will address issues that have arose for homeowners such as mold, damage to property, evacuations, erosion of property, damage to stream channel, affect on wildlife, and damage to municipal property.

Name of Potential Recipient: Borough of Marysville
Location: Perry County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Sanitary Sewer / Storm Sewer Separation

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to separate a combined sanitary and storm sewer system to improve water quality effluent in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Eliminating the combined sewer system will result in elimination of the outfalls and eliminate untreated wastewater entering the watershed. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will improve the environment, spur economic growth and ultimately improve the water quality of the degraded Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Name of Potential Recipient: Butler Area Sewer Authority
Location: Butler County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Butler Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Purpose: The purpose of this project is the construction of diversion, pumping, and equalization facilities in the Butler Area Sanitary Sewer (BASA) system. It is designed to prevent the discharge of raw sanitary sewage into the environment during wet weather events. The current system becomes overloaded during wet weather. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will ensure clean drinking water to Butler County in compliance with the Clean Water Act and provide additional capacity for the commercial and residential development.

Name of Potential Recipient: Central Wayne Authority
Location: Wayne County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to expand the existing wastewater treatment plant to preserve the Lackawaxen River and to promote growth in Honesdale Borough, Texas Township, and Cherry Ridge Township. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it sewer service will be provided to the local community, which will allow the area to grow and prosper by providing sewage capacity for additional residents and businesses entering the area.

Name of Potential Recipient: Centre County
Location: Centre County, PA
Amount: \$250,000
Project Name: Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority Water Line Interconnection

Purpose: The purpose of the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority water line interconnection between the Borough of Millheim and Aaronsburg is to provide increased water security to both communities in times of emergency or drought. The installation of the pump station will boost the flow from Millheim to Aaronsburg and the construction of a waterline loop along Route 45 in Aaronsburg will ensure adequate and efficient distribution of water to both communities in either direction. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will ensure a safe water supply and distribution system in the region.

Name of Potential Recipient: City of Allentown
Location: Allentown, Lehigh County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Elimination of Sanitary Sewer overflows at Klines Island Waste Water Treatment Plant

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to design and construct an equalization tank to store wastewater from significant wet weather events that exceeds the capacity of the treatment facility and after flows diminish, the stored wastewater can be slowly reintroduced into the collection system to receive full treatment. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will create eighty-five jobs and provide a solution to SSO water pollution during large storm events to protect the environmental and public health.

Name of Potential Recipient: City of Hermitage
Location: Mercer County, PA
Amount: \$700,000
Project Name: North Hermitage Road Pump Station Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for the construction of a sewage pump station and conveyance lines to preserve the environment in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. The existing pump station is over 30 years old and has structural deficiencies. The lines have become undersized to handle the flow of sewage received from Clark and South Pymatuning causing overflows and bypasses of untreated sewage into the environment. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will insure the proper transportation and treatment of sewage and decrease the potential for environmental damage due to overflows and create jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: City of Lancaster
Location: Lancaster Township, Lancaster County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Combined Sewer Overflow Capital Improvement Projects

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to reduce and better manage combined sewer overflows in the City of Lancaster's sewer system thus reducing the amount of untreated combined storm sewage that is discharged to the Conestoga River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will allow Lancaster City to decrease the number of combined sewer overflows and create fifty new jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: City of Reading
Location: Reading, Berks County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for wastewater plant infrastructure construction and improvement in order to comply with the Consent Decree issued by the EPA. The WWTP receives flow from fourteen municipalities and this project will help create a strong foundation for basic infrastructure required for the resurgence and development of the City of Reading. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it reinforces the nation's high standard for environmental regulations by assisting a small municipality reach that high standard.

Name of Potential Recipient: Conyngham Township
Location: Columbia County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Conyngham Township Sewage Project

Purpose: The goal of this project is to provide a public sewage system in an area that current lacks such a system. The project will be a regional project that covers four municipalities and three counties. There is an existing health threat to the general public due to failing On Lot Disposal (OLDS) or wildcat sewer systems. It is estimated that one fourth of the equivalent dwelling units in the area are discharging directly into ditches, storm sewers, or local streams. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it addresses a health threat to the local community in Conyngham Township.

Name of Potential Recipient: Derry Township Municipal Authority
Location: Dauphin County, PA
Amount: \$300,000
Project Name: Upgrades and Expansion of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant for Chesapeake Bay Compliance

Purpose: This project involves the preparation of engineering design plans and specifications for the upgrade and expansion of the DTMA Southwest wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) so that it may comply with Chesapeake Bay requirements in the Pennsylvania Townships of Derry, Londonderry and Lower Swatara. The design will incorporate an expansion to meet the needs of approximately 2,500 new connections necessary for growth in residential and commercial developments. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will serve more than 2,000 housing units.

Name of Potential Recipient: Findlay Township Municipal Authority
Location: Allegheny County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Findlay Township Municipal Authority Water and Sewer Expansion and Upgrade Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to upgrade and expand the water and sewer infrastructure in the Township of Findlay to safely and adequately handle fire flow, and to provide adequate water and sewer capacity for residents and businesses and for future residential and business growth in the entire Township. The project is providing a major water and sewer upgrade and expansion to vacant, unused land in the Pittsburgh International Airport Corridor in Findlay Township and is making this land “shovel ready” to develop business and industrial parks. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because the business park development cannot begin until the water and sewage system is expanded and upgraded.

Name of Potential Recipient: National Park Service
Location: Shankesville, Somerset County
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial

Purpose: In 2002, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act (P.L. 107-226) established the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial “to commemorate the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation’s Capitol.” Funding will be used for the federal share of the infrastructure needs costs to accomplish Phase 1A and 1B of the project as described and approved in the park’s General Management Plan. Federal funding will be combined with private and state funding to protect the crash site, and build the memorial, visitor center and exhibits, approximately 3 miles of roads, parking, pedestrian access and circulation, water, sewer, electricity, & other infrastructure needs.

Name of Potential Recipient: Greene County
Location: Greene County, PA
Amount: \$500,000
Project Name: Dry Tavern Sewer Authority Expansion

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to improve the public sewer system to mitigate malfunctioning on-lot waste systems in Jefferson Township, Greene County. These improvements will upgrade public water infrastructure and open up economic development opportunities to residents of Appalachia. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will help attract and retain businesses in Green County and serve residents who are experiencing malfunctioning septic systems.

Name of Potential Recipient: Lycoming County
Location: Lycoming County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Halls Station Regional Water Project Phase II

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for the construction and installation of water lines and related facilities in Lycoming County. The project will provide up to 1,500,000 gallons of potable water per day to 900 acres in a designated growth area with the highest economic activity in the county. To meet the current demand for additional rail-service, Interstate 180-accessible industrial land at the Muncy Industrial Park (MIP), there is an immediate need to open follow-on phases of the Park—MIP II, III, and IV—as well as the nearby Timberend industrial area. The new economic development opportunities within these parks hinge upon the installation of this new water infrastructure because water is the only missing element of infrastructure. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will allow the development of industrial parks, and create approximately 1,400 jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: Mahoning Township
Location: Lawrence County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Mahoning Township Sanitary Project

Purpose: The funds will be used to construct a wastewater treatment plant and related sewage system. Mahoning Township's soil and terrain are unsuitable for on-site septic systems and has very high occurrences of septic failures. The current system has a very high malfunction rate. The proposed plant would treat 360,000 gallons per day. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will address crucial health and safety issues in Lawrence County.

Name of Potential Recipient: McClure Municipal Authority
Location: McClure Borough, Snyder County, PA
Amount: \$606,440
Project Name: Water System Improvement Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to replace aging and leaking cast iron water mains within McClure Borough. McClure's water distribution system was originally constructed in 1945, and is in dire need of updating. The use of leaded joints is no longer practiced due to the concern of lead contamination to the water system. The deteriorating pipes also contribute to leakage and unaccounted-for water, which is a major concern during periods of drought. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it would improve infrastructure within the community of McClure, guaranteeing the residents and businesses with reliable, clean, and affordable drinking water.

Name of Potential Recipient: Mifflintown Municipal Authority
Location: Juniata County, PA
Amount: \$1,000,000
Project Name: Licking Creek Dam Upgrade Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for improvements to the Authority's raw water supply dam on Licking Creek in Milford Township, Juniata County Pennsylvania. Improvements to this High Hazard Dam will include reservoir dredging, spillway repair, intake tower installation, valve house repairs, flow measurement device installation and raw water main repair and cleaning. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will provide safe drinking water to residents of the Juniata County and bring the existing dam into compliance with current state and federal regulations.

Name of Potential Recipient: Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
Location: Long Pond, PA
Amount: \$3,000,000
Project Name: Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to acquire 406 acres within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Cherry Valley supports numerous rare and threatened species, including one of the most significant populations of the federally-listed endangered species. The Nature Conservancy, the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other entities identified over 90 species and natural communities of concern in Cherry Valley and surrounding areas, including 3 federally-listed endangered species (1 historic); 2 federally-listed threatened species (1 historic); 20 state-listed endangered species; and 13 state-listed threatened species.

Pennsylvania has been under-represented in America's National Wildlife Refuge System. As of 2008, only two of the nation's 548 Refuges were in Pennsylvania. With the designation of the Cherry Valley Refuge in December 2008, there are now three. Allocation of federal funding for this program is justified because it will preserve a significant wildlife area in Pennsylvania.

Name of Potential Recipient: North Londonderry Townships
Location: Lebanon County, PA
Amount: \$300,000
Project Name: North Londonderry Township and the Borough of Palmyra

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to construct a wastewater treatment plant that will serve residential, commercial, and industrial populations in the region. The new treatment plant will provide regional compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy, which addresses cleanup issues related to a tri-state Chesapeake Bay pact. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will satisfy reduced nutrient and sediment discharge levels and provide safe and efficient wastewater disposal throughout the service area.

Name of Potential Recipient: Pocono Environmental Education Center
Location: Pike County, PA
Amount: \$500,000
Project Name: Cabin Replacement Initiative

Purpose: This investment would help continue the replacement of the Pocono Environmental Education Center's 55-year old residential cabins. These cabins support the residential school children who receive environmental education in our outdoor natural classroom 2-5 days per week, per year (approximately 25,000 from 167 separate school districts). These students, plus teachers, boy/girl scouts and Elderhostel groups come from PA, NJ, and NY. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will create 30 jobs and expand ecotourism in Pennsylvania.

Name of Potential Recipient: Redevelopment Authority of Beaver County
Location: Ambridge, Beaver County, PA
Amount: \$500,000
Project Name: New Economy Business Park Water and Sewer Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used for environmental restoration of a brownfields site in the economically depressed community of Ambridge, PA in an effort to create a water and sewer system necessary for the opening of the New Economy Business Park. This project will create the storm water system, sanitary sewer system, and water system necessary for the New Economy Business Park that will include commercial, residential, industrial and public uses that will enhance the local economy and create new jobs in new sectors in Ambridge and bring in new tax revenues. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will create 200 permanent jobs in Western Pennsylvania.

Name of Potential Recipient: Redevelopment Authority of Washington County
Location: Washington County, PA
Amount: \$2,000,000
Project Name: Route 18 Sewer Project

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to extend public sewer facilities to the Washington County Airport and to assist in the remediation and elimination of malfunctioning on-lot sewer systems along the Route 18 corridor in South Franklin Township in Washington County. The project would also provide sewer facilities to the Washington County Airport for its planned expansion on the north side of the runway. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it will contribute to the economic growth in the area and create over 1,500 jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority
(SWDCMA)
Location: Aston Township, Delaware County, PA
Amount: \$350,000
Project Name: Southwest Delaware Municipal Authority Treatment
Digester Rehabilitation

Purpose: If awarded, funding will be used to support costs associated with the rehabilitation of fixed metal covers for two wastewater digester facilities. These facilities, 50' and 65' in diameter, are capped to prevent the unmitigated release of compressed methane gas and as such, will be equipped with gas lines to offer energy efficient cogeneration ability. Allocation of federal funding is justified because it will further regional goals of economic stability by providing sound infrastructure to local employers, ensuring quality, efficient utility service and ensure thousands of jobs.

Name of Potential Recipient: Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation
Location: Upper Burrell Township Westmoreland County, PA
Amount: \$500,000
Project Name: Business and Research Park—Sewage Replacement

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to build a pump station and extending a sewer line to the Washington Township sewer interceptor that will permit the closing of the inadequate Sewage Treatment Plant that currently services the Westmoreland Business & Research Park. The sewage treatment plant that provides services to the Westmoreland Business and Research Park and its 21 companies and 3,000 employees is currently under a Consent Order and Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The CO&A was placed on the plant because of ongoing discharge violations. The CO&A stipulates that the Plant must be in compliance by 2010 with the only feasible option of meeting this condition is the connection to a larger more efficient system. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it creates 100 jobs and provides stability to the 21 companies and 3,000 employees located at the Business & Research Park.

Name of Potential Recipient: York City Sewer Authority (YCSA)
Location: York County, PA
Amount: \$300,000
Project Name: York City Headworks Construction

Purpose: If awarded, the funding will be used to construct a new headworks facility on behalf of the City of York, which includes replacement of the building's heating and ventilation system and replacement of the activated carbon bed in the building's odor control system. This project is initiated in order to implement the new water quality discharge requirements for the YCSA wastewater treatment plant in an effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Allocation of federal funding for this project is justified because it would create hundreds of jobs and improve the overall quality of the Chesapeake Bay.