

FY 2011 Interior Appropriations Requests

Project Title: Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge
Purpose:

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge is internationally recognized as critical habitat for migratory birds as well as a pristine nursery for the South Carolina fishing industry. Federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will be used to purchase 300 acres adjacent to the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge at Garris Landing in Awendaw, SC. This tract is strategically located as a link between the important wetland habitats of the Francis Marion National Forest and Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge. Purchase will be based on fair market value and a willing seller.

Project Title: Davis Tracts in the Long Cane Ranger District Acquisition
Amount: \$3,500,000
Intended Recipient: U.S. Forest Service
Purpose:

To support the U.S. Forest Service acquisition of the Davis tracts in the Long Cane Ranger District. This acquisition will consolidate and protect two large inholdings to existing USFS land and provide watershed protection to ecologically significant waters which contain habitat for the federally endangered Carolina heelsplitter (freshwater mussel).

Project Title: Florence Wastewater Management
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: City of Florence, SC
Purpose:

The City's wastewater plant is currently loaded to its design hydraulic capacity and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control is requiring the City to provide additional capacity in order to continue accommodating new customers. The City of Florence is the economic center of the Pee Dee area and must remain a viable provider of wastewater treatment services to insure continued employment and growth in the region. The City's wastewater treatment plant will be upgraded to increase its capacity by 20%, from 15 mgd to 18 mgd.

Project Title: Francis Marion National Forest
Amount: \$1,500,000
Intended Recipient: USDA Forest Service
Purpose:

The Francis Marion National Forest is the largest longleaf pine forest in South Carolina, providing habitat for rare species and numerous game animals. Encroaching development from the Charleston metropolitan area threatens previous federal investments and the Forest Service's ability to perform forest management activities. Acquisition of key in- holdings in the forest will protect existing federal investments.

Federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund will be used to purchase 374 acres of the 7,000 acre Fairlawn Plantation within the Francis Marion National Forest (FMNF) near Awendaw, SC. Purchase will be based on fair market value and a willing seller.

Project Title: Haynie Serrine Sewer Rehabilitation
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: City of Greenville
Purpose:

The project will assist in the rehabilitation of the Haynie Serrine Sewer, a project located in a low-income area in the City of Greenville, SC. After conducting a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES), findings showed that 35% of the sanitary sewer system was in poor condition and 65% was in moderate or good condition. The City's Engineering Bureau recommended that all lines that were in poor condition, reverse grade, and undersized be rehabilitated. This project will enhance water quality by preventing exfiltration of sewage and reducing the possibility of sanitary sewer manholes surcharging.

Project Title: Lee County I-20 Corridor Infrastructure Project
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Lee County, SC
Purpose:

Federal funds would be used for the construction of a 12" sewer line along the north side of I-20 beginning at Exit 116 and extending westward along I-20 to Exit 108 and then under I-20 and easterly for approximately 2100 feet. Lee County has the 4th lowest per capita income in South Carolina and is the poorest county on the I-20 corridor. For example, two adjoining counties, Kershaw and Florence, are ranked 9th and 10th highest in per capita income. Lee County has not experienced the economic growth of the other counties along the I-20 corridor. Currently, Lee County is the only county without available sewer along the I-20 corridor.

Project Title: Regional Water Systems Infrastructure
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Greenwood County, SC
Purpose:

Federal funds will assist Greenwood CPW to increase capacity for Greenwood County and the anticipated growth and development in the region. This project would also include the development and construction of 12" water line extensions and loops to distribute water to the southern part of the county. Given the age of the water infrastructure, water supply failures are imminent unless this funding issue is addressed.

Project Title: Riverstone Tract Acquisition
Amount: \$1,400,000
Intended Recipient: Congaree National Park, SC
Purpose:

Funds are requested for the acquisition of the 1,840-acre Riverstone tract at Congaree National Park. Within the park's authorized boundaries, the acquisition would expand public access for recreation, protect biological, cultural and historical resources, and be the final link in a conservation corridor of more than 42,000 acres of federal and state land along the Congaree, Wateree, and Santee rivers. The park is also used by visitors for outdoor and scientific education,

cultural festivals, and research. Federal funding will allow the critical acquisition of the final acreage.

Project Title: South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT)
Purpose:

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor is a public-private grassroots initiative being developed to promote sustainable economic development through heritage tourism. As the only program of its kind in the state, the Corridor serves as a catalyst for development by providing needed technical assistance and grant money to local communities. Development of educational programming and cultural events adds to the quality of life in the 17 counties and complements the major marketing efforts of the Corridor to attract both in-state and out-of-state visitors. Marketing and Visitor Services are being implemented through the Corridor Discovery System which includes Discovery Centers and Discovery Sites throughout the heritage area. Since 1999, over \$32 million has been leveraged in the communities of the Corridor, which is a considerable return on the federal investment. The federal investment allows the SCPRT to leverage other sources of funding and to build a strong coalition of partners based on that funding. Just as with any partnership, if the core partner leaves, the entire structure and operation of the partnership would be in jeopardy.

Project Title: St. George Water and Wastewater
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Dorchester County, SC
Purpose:

Federal funds will assist Dorchester County increase capacity for the County and the anticipated growth and development in the region. Improvements to the plant will include an expansion of one million gallons of capacity and the addition of tertiary filtration. These improvements will provide for improved treatment quality, additional capacity and serve residential and commercial growth and developments throughout the upper portion of the County.

Project Title: Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge
Amount: \$2,125,000
Intended Recipient: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Purpose:

Federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund will be used to purchase 240 acres adjacent to the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. Purchase will be based on fair market value and a willing seller. Expansion of the Wildlife Refuge will allow more recreational opportunities for the public given its close proximity to the City of Conway, as well as contribute to healthy rivers and the Winyah Bay downstream.

Project Title: Winnsboro Water System Expansion Project
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: Town of Winnsboro, South Carolina
Purpose:

Winnsboro's raw water line cannot supply a sufficient quantity of water to its 4 million-gallon-per-day water treatment plant for the plant to operate at its capacity. The project would install an approximately 27,000 linear foot, 20 inch line parallel to the existing raw water line.

The Winnsboro Water System supplies drinking water to Winnsboro and to over 90 percent of Fairfield County residents and businesses. The Water System also provides water by contract to the Town of Blythewood in Richland County. The Water System is currently at capacity, with expansion limited by the amount of water it can bring from its reservoir to the water treatment facility. The limited capacity hinders economic development in the Town and all of Fairfield County. The Water System has developed a plan for expanding capacity by installing a second water supply line from the Town reservoir to its water treatment facility.