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April 4, 2023

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

**Coons, Christopher(D-DE) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Delaware Center for the Inland Bays	This project will install a submerged gravel wetland on agricultural land to reduce the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment entering the Indian River Bay watershed.	Georgetown DE	\$222
Center for PFAS solutions	This project will study PFAS levels across the state and train utility water operators through a new course at the Delaware Technical Community College Owens campus.	Georgetown DE	\$260
Delaware Bay and River Cooperative, Inc	This project will complete funding for the purchase of a faster, modern vessel to protect the communities, wildlife, and water of the Delaware Bay and River.	Lewes DE	\$2,500
University of Delaware	This project will study key challenges facing rural communities related to PFAS, Nitrates, and Emerging Pollutants that impact drinking water and rural waterways.	Newark DE	\$989
Delaware Center for Horticulture	This project will engage Delaware communities in urban forestry activities and employ members from DCH's Delaware River Climate Corps program and Branches for Chances program in planting a thousand trees.	Statewide DE	\$500
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	This project will provide accurate tidal information and sea level rise predictions for inland towns and communities on tidal rivers to better prepare for impacts of climate change.	Statewide DE	\$188
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	The Christina-Brandywine River Remediation Restoration & Resilience (CBR4) project is an initiative to address legacy toxic contamination, restore the native ecology, and prepare for the changing climate in the lower tidal Christina River and tidal Brandywine River.	Wilmington DE	\$6,300
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	Restoring the Sarah Brooks House, a 1760s structure, at Bellevue State Park to preserve its integrity and for adaptative reuse.	Wilmington DE	\$500
City of Wilmington	This project will build a new, separate stormwater collection system that will carry rainwater runoff directly to the new South Wilmington Wetland Park, preventing sewage from contaminating ground water during storm events.	Wilmington DE	\$8,000
City of Wilmington	This project will construct a sewage pump station replacement to increase efficiency and reliability.	Wilmington DE	\$4,000
City of Wilmington	This project will construct a pump station, relief sewers, and a stormwater attenuation tank to support sewer separation and stormwater resiliency on South Market Street.	Wilmington DE	\$3,000