



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0916

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House Appropriations Committee
Interior/Environment Appropriations Subcommittee
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Minority Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2 million in funding for the Bay Park Conservancy for wetlands creation and preservation as part of a major, new public park in Sarasota, Florida, in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bay Park Conservancy, located at 655 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34235.

I am submitting this Community Project Funding request on behalf of the Bay Park Conservancy. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the funding will enable BPC to fund critically-important conservation and environmental restoration. It will help fund the Bay Park, 53-acres of public land on Sarasota Bay that is being conserved and redeveloped to provide the local community and the region with a world-class public park. The project is intended to conserve precious wetlands, including a Mangrove Bayou, restore the natural Sarasota Bay shoreline, its ecology and natural habitat, and improve water quality to a condition and level that has not been seen for 100 years by deploying a range of innovative and proven water treatment technologies and systems on-site.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress

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