



March 11th, 2026

The Honorable Daniel Webster
U.S. House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Fruitland Park – Reclaimed Water System Request

Dear Congressman Webster:

As a long-time developer actively investing in the City of Fruitland Park and the surrounding region, I express my strong support for the City's efforts to implement a reclaimed water system that will support the planned municipal wastewater treatment facility. This project is essential to sustaining responsible growth, protecting water resources, and ensuring the long-term viability of development within Fruitland Park.

The region has experienced exponential growth in recent years, largely driven by the continued expansion of The Villages. Part of The Villages is located inside Fruitland Park's city limits, which increases development pressure within the city's service area. As development pressure continues both within Fruitland Park and in adjacent jurisdictions, reliance on shared wastewater capacity is no longer a sustainable long-term solution.

From a development perspective, the absence of a municipal wastewater treatment facility places limitations on responsible growth and increases the risk of environmental, public health, and water quality impacts. By constructing its own facility and integrating a reclaimed water system, Fruitland Park will gain the operational flexibility needed to manage peak flows, mitigate overflow risks, and support sustainable development patterns.

A reclaimed water system as part of the City-owned wastewater treatment facility will provide long-term economic benefits. It allows for scalable upgrades, responsive system management during emergency events, and reliable service capacity that developers require when making long-term investment decisions. Additionally, a robust reclaimed water system reduces demand on potable water supplies and aligns with modern conservation standards expected in Florida communities.

As a stakeholder with a vested interest in the continued success of Fruitland Park, I fully support the City's proactive approach to wastewater infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard C Wohlfarth', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Richard C Wohlfarth, P.E.
Wohlfarth Consulting Group, LLC



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Re: City of Fruitland Park – 2027 Appropriations Request

Dear Congressman Webster:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fruitland Park to express my strong support for the City's federal appropriations request to assist with the development of a reclaimed water system that is integral to the implementation of our planned wastewater treatment facility.

Fruitland Park is at a critical juncture. Our current wastewater service agreement with the Town of Lady Lake is approaching expiration, and as Lady Lake continues to experience significant growth, the excess treatment capacity that Fruitland Park has historically relied upon will no longer be available. As Lady Lake allocates its capacity to serve new development and increased demand, Fruitland Park is planning to establish its own wastewater treatment facility to maintain reliable and independent service for our residents and businesses.

Fruitland Park is located within areas subject to Florida's Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs), making water quality protection a top priority. The proposed reclaimed water system will significantly reduce nutrient loading to local water bodies, support sustainable water reuse, and advance the state's long-term water quality goals.

The City intends to apply to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) during the upcoming summer funding cycle, when new funds are anticipated to become available, to initiate this overarching wastewater treatment plant project. However, the requested federal appropriation would provide crucial early support, allowing Fruitland Park to move forward more quickly with the reclaimed water system and keep the overall project on schedule.

This appropriations request will help ensure Fruitland Park can continue to grow responsibly, support economic development, and protect water quality while transitioning to a modern, self-sufficient wastewater system. I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request and appreciate your continued support of infrastructure investments that strengthen communities like Fruitland Park.

Sincerely,

Chris Cheshire
Mayor



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Re: City of Fruitland Park – Reclaimed Water System Request

Dear Congressman Webster:

I am writing to convey the City of Fruitland Park's support for its federal appropriations request to assist with construction of a reclaimed water system that will support the City's planned wastewater treatment facility.

The City is approaching a critical transition point in its wastewater service. Fruitland Park currently relies on treatment capacity provided by the Town of Lady Lake, but that agreement is nearing its end. Fruitland Park's ongoing growth requires us to develop our own wastewater treatment infrastructure as a long-term solution.

Incorporating a reclaimed water system is essential to the success of this project. Fruitland Park lies within areas governed by Florida's Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs), and reclaimed water will play a key role in reducing nutrient discharges, improving surface water quality, and promoting sustainable reuse practices consistent with state objectives.

The City anticipates submitting an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) during the upcoming summer funding cycle to advance the wastewater treatment facility. Federal appropriations funding would provide early, targeted assistance for the reclaimed water component, helping accelerate implementation.

This request supports Fruitland Park's efforts to meet infrastructure demands, safeguard water resources, and accommodate responsible growth without constraining economic development. I respectfully ask for your consideration of this request and appreciate your continued commitment to infrastructure investments that benefit local communities.

Sincerely,

Karen Manila
City Manager

RESOLUTION 2025-063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN PREPARED BY HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Fruitland Park, Florida contracted with Halff Associates, Inc. to prepare a wastewater and reclaimed water master plan outlining necessary wastewater and reclaimed facility improvements for the City of Fruitland Park's wastewater utility; and

WHEREAS, formal adoption of the Wastewater and Reclaimed Water System Master Plan is required for the City of Fruitland Park to participate in the State Revolving Loan Fund Program and other possible funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is authorized by the laws of the State of Florida, the City Charter and the City of Fruitland Park Code of Ordinances to adopt a wastewater and reclaimed water master plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission agrees with the findings and summary of necessary improvements as outlined in the Wastewater and Reclaimed Water System Master Plan.

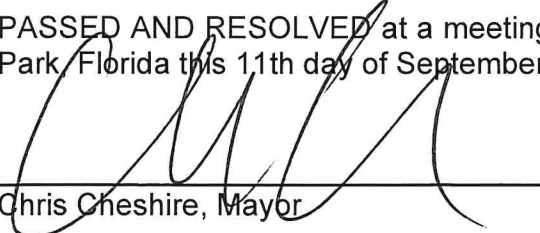
WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to adopt the City of Fruitland Park Wastewater and Reclaimed Water System Master Plan prepared by Halff Associates, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Fruitland Park Wastewater and Reclaimed Water System Master Plan prepared by Halff Associates, Inc., as written and presented to the City Commission on this date, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk, is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida.

PASSED AND RESOLVED at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida this 11th day of September, 2025.


Chris Cheshire, Mayor



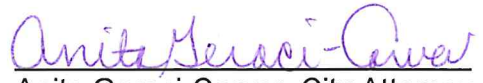
City of Fruitland Park, Florida

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:



Gwen Johns, City Clerk



Anita Geraci-Carver, City Attorney

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Mayor Cheshire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Abstained),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Absent)
Vice Mayor DeGrave	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Abstained),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Absent)
Commissioner Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Abstained),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Absent)
Commissioner Cosenza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Abstained),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Absent)
Commissioner Raysin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Yes),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(No),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Abstained),	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Absent)