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KIWANIS CLUB OF CLERMONT

Congressman Daniel Webster
2184 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Meet Us In The Middle Plaza and 8th
Street Docks

Dear Congressman Webster,

On behalf of, Kiwanis Club of Clermont, I would like to express my support for the improvements to the boating facilities at the 8th Street Pier in Clermont, Florida. The pier is one of the City's most popular recreational sites and provides public waterway access for the community. The renovation of the pier and boating facilities will allow for enhanced use and provide access for more waterway users.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



4/25/2025

Chuck Seaver
President
Kiwanis Club of Clermont



Clermont Main Street
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Director@downtownclermont.com
April 23rd 2025

The Honorable Daniel Webster 2184 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515
RE: City of Clermont 8th Street Pier Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements

Dear Congressman Webster,

Clermont Main Street, a 501C3 that provides downtown Clermont with community-driven programs focused on economic development and historic preservation. This letter is to serve to express our enthusiastic support for the City's request for community project funding for the Stormwater Improvements associated with the Meet/Middle project (8th street pier) and to advocate for the approval of the application for federal funding. This project represents a pivotal opportunity for our downtown area and the entire Clermont community.

The Meet/Middle project is not just an infrastructure upgrade; it is a transformative initiative that will significantly enhance our downtown's viability and appeal. By improving connectivity and accessibility, the project will create a more inviting environment for residents and visitors alike, encouraging foot traffic and engagement with local businesses. A vibrant downtown is essential for fostering community spirit, and this project will help revitalize our area, making it a hub for social and economic activity. Critically, the project will add important stormwater infrastructure that will improve and protect the water quality of Lake Minneola and Outstanding Florida Waters. Approval of the federal funds will address critical infrastructure needs, specifically stormwater mitigation to ensure the quality of Lake Minneola, a Clermont Chain of Lakes and Outstanding Florida Water Body. By investing in our public spaces, we are investing in the potential for new businesses to thrive, which will, in turn, create jobs and stimulate our local economy. The project will also enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists, promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle within our community.

The City is ready to move ahead with the project to include upgrading an antiquated stormwater retention area into a tiered greenspace featuring an immersive stormwater retention pond, bioswales, and native rain gardens; this green infrastructure will naturally filter stormwater, and improve both the water quality and aquatic habitat within the lake. Additional green infrastructure elements include shoreline native species and tree planting, construction of a green-roofed restroom building and installation of pervious pavement for the parking areas and promenade. The concept was presented to the SJRWMD with no issues identified and the City is moving to implement its plans.

The City is requesting Community Project funds to support the stormwater elements of the waterfront revitalization that clearly implement the goals of the Clean Water Act and are eligible under the US EPA STAG Clean Water program. We wholeheartedly support their application.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bianchi

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Clermont Main Street



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April 23, 2025

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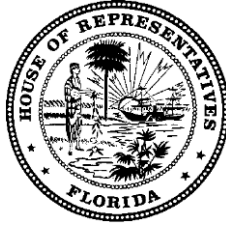
Dear Congressman Webster,

On behalf of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my support for the improvements to the boating facilities at 8th Street Pier in Clermont, Florida. The pier is one of the City's most popular recreational sites and provides public waterway access for the community. The renovation of the pier and boating facilities will allow for enhanced use and provide access for more waterway users.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Colby
President & CEO
South Lake Chamber of Commerce



Representative Taylor Yarkosky

Florida House of Representatives

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April 24, 2025

Congressman Daniel Webster
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Meet Us In The Middle Plaza and 8th Street Docks

Dear Congressman Webster,

I would like to express my support for the improvements to the boating facilities at the 8th Street Pier in Clermont, Florida. The pier is one of the City's most popular recreational sites and provides public waterway access for the community. The renovation of the pier and boating facilities will allow for enhanced use and provide access for more waterway users.

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Respectfully,

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Taylor Yarkosky, State Representative
District 25



Rick Van Wagner
Interim City Manager

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April 25, 2025

Congressman Daniel Webster
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Re: Meet Us In The Middle Plaza and 8th Street Docks

In 2015, the City of Clermont adopted a Master Plan to broaden community appeal, water quality protection, and visitor use of the degraded 8th Street Pier area on Lake Minneola, the third in the Clermont Chain of Lakes and an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) with a "Special Water" designation. "Special Waters" OFWs are designated for their exceptional recreational or ecological significance and a finding that the environmental, social, and economic benefits of the designation outweigh the environmental, social, and economic costs.

In 2021, responding to unsafe conditions at the Pier and recognizing the environmental significance of the lake, the City Council prioritized waterfront revitalization of this area to include significant stormwater management and green infrastructure improvements. In March 2023, the community met to discuss the project, citizen feedback was incorporated into the redesign of the area, and concepts were further vetted with City residents for feasibility and accessibility.

The City is ready to move ahead with the project to include upgrading an antiquated stormwater retention area into a tiered greenspace featuring an immersive stormwater retention pond, bioswales, and native rain gardens; this green infrastructure will naturally filter stormwater and improve both the water quality and aquatic habitat within the lake. Additional green infrastructure elements include shoreline native species and tree planting, construction of a green-roofed restroom building and installation of pervious pavement for the parking areas and promenade. The concept was presented to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) with no issues identified and the City is moving to implement its plans.

The City is requesting Community Project funds to support the stormwater elements of the waterfront revitalization that clearly implement the goals of the Clean Water Act and are eligible under the US EPA STAG Clean Water program.

I wholeheartedly support the City's request as critical to Lake Minneola, the region, and Clermont residents.

Respectfully,

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Rick Van Wagner
Interim City Manager



Tim Murry
Mayor

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Re: Meet Us In The Middle Plaza and 8th Street Docks

Dear Congressman Webster,

As Mayor of the City of Clermont, I would like to express my support for the improvements to the boating facilities at 8th Street Pier in Clermont, Florida. The pier is one of the City's most popular recreational sites and provides public waterway access for the Clermont community. The renovation of the pier and boating facilities will allow for enhanced use and provide access for more waterway users as well as bring visitors to our downtown business owners.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Mayor Tim Murry