



September 10, 2019

Mr. Dennis Ragosta  
Southwest Florida Water Management District  
Sarasota Service Office  
6750 Fruitville Road  
Sarasota, FL 34240-9711

**RE: Southwest Florida Water Management District FY 2021 Cooperative Funding Initiative**

Dear Mr. Ragosta:

This letter is the ranking of the City of North Port's projects. The following are the City of North Port's two (2) requested projects for SWFWMD's FY 20/21 funding year and their priority ranking:

**1 North Port Water Distribution System Looping**

To reduce flushing due to water quality, the City is seeking funding from SWFWMD to loop or extend water to certain streets that have been identified as high flushing areas. This project is to promote water conservation while addressing water quality. The City's FY20/21 request for SWFWMD 50% funding of the looping project is for \$207,500. The benefit of this project is to loop certain area streets that have been identified as high flushing areas and to reduce water quality issues in the system.

**2 North Port Direct Potable Reuse Feasibility Study**

The City is seeking funding from SWFWMD to investigate the feasibility of using reclaimed water as a source water within the City as well as the treatment technologies that may be required to make this water potable. The City's FY 20/21 request for SWFWMD 50% funding of the feasibility study is \$125,000. The benefit of this project is identifying a potential alternate source for potable water which could offset current groundwater withdrawals.

At a regional level, North Port has interconnects with Charlotte and Sarasota Counties and the implementation of each of these projects improves the reliability of North Port's potable water supply and enables North Port to provide water to the neighboring region in times of need.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that matching funds for these projects will be included in the City of North Port proposed budget submitted to the City Commission for the City's FY20/21, which equates to SWFWMD's FY 20/21 funding applications.



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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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