

Below is a list of projects for the 4th Congressional District that was included at my request in the Fiscal Year 2009 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. That bill eventually formed part of the end-of-the-year Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-8).

**Project: Bodie Island Lighthouse (Nags Head)**

Funding: \$ 3,090,000

Description: Funding through the National Park Service to restore the historic lighthouse located within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Restoration of the Bodie Island Lighthouse has been a high priority of the NPS over the past several years, but had not received funding until now. I joined other members of the North Carolina delegation in requesting this project.

**Project: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research\* (Raleigh)**

Funding: \$ 750,000

Description: Funding through the Environmental Protection Agency for continued plant biotechnology research by the Consortium, with a focus on the conversion of biomass into renewable energy sources. NC State University is a member of the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research along with other research institutions.

**Project: Durham Water Infrastructure Improvements**

Funding: \$ 500,000

Description: Funding for the City of Durham's efforts to upgrade aging water and wastewater infrastructure to maintain compliance with federal standards.

**Project: Rocky Fork Appalachian National Scenic Trail (Madison County, NC and Unicoi and Greene Counties, TN)**

Funding: \$ 5,000,000

Description: Funding to help complete purchase of the 10,000 acre Rocky Fork tract along the Appalachian Trail where it straddles the North Carolina and Tennessee border. The property is the largest unprotected tract of land in the southern Appalachian Mountains, and preservation provides significant recreational and environmental benefits. I joined other members of the North Carolina and Tennessee delegations in requesting this project.

**Project: Western Wake Regional Wastewater Management Facility**

Funding: \$ 500,000

Description: Funding for the Town of Cary – in collaboration with Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs – to construct a new regional wastewater treatment facility, including related pumping stations and force mains. The reclamation facility will increase wastewater treatment capacity and facilitate the discharge of treated wastewater to the Cape Fear River. The facility will serve all four communities.

\*Denotes project that was requested by numerous Members of Congress from various states.