

**Environmental Protection Agency**

**Town of Hillsborough - Hillsborough Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$1 million**

Town of Hillsborough

101 E. Orange Street

Hillsborough, NC 27278

The Town of Hillsborough is seeking federal funds to make upgrades and improvement to the 1970s-era Hillsborough Wastewater Treatment Plant to ensure compliance with federal and state environmental regulations. The Town aims to protect, preserve and enhance the Eno River by managing the wastewater treatment processes in an efficient and economical manner. Improvements will also increase capacity by an additional 200,000 gallons per day to meet future population growth through 2030. Federal funds will help ensure that the Town has adequate long-term water and wastewater treatment capacity to provide residents with safe drinking water.

**Town of Holly Springs - Friendship Industrial Site Sewer Extension - \$1 million**

Town of Holly Springs

128 South Main Street

Holly Springs, NC 27540

The Town of Holly Springs is seeking federal funds to install a sewer and sewage pump system and extend sewer pipes to transfer wastewater from the 130-acre certified industrial development site located on Friendship Road to the Town's Twelve Oaks Sewer System, which flows to the Utley Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The convenient location of this site allows businesses to attract a diverse and talented workforce directly from the community and surrounding counties. Federal funds will help ensure that the Town has adequate long-term water and wastewater treatment capacity.

**City of Raleigh - Dempsey E. Benton Water Treatment Plant Backwash Waste Facility - \$1 million**

City of Raleigh

PO Box 590

Raleigh, NC 27602

The City of Raleigh is seeking federal assistance to enhance the Dempsey E. Benton Wastewater Treatment Facility, which will provide the additional capacity needed to keep pace with the City's future water demands. Federal funds would be used to improve a process to filter backwash and sedimentation residuals that are generated by the plant so that the treated water can be returned to Lake Benson without degrading the lake's water quality. The initiative would help to maintain a safe and adequate water supply for residents of the Triangle region.

**\*Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research – Plant Biotechnology Research - \$6 million**

Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc

P.O. Box 20643

St. Simons Island, GA 31522

The Consortium supports biotechnology, renewable energy, and environmental research that can translate into market-ready products, new energy technologies, and other practical applications. It advances technological innovations based on new understandings and uses of plants and other organisms; provides multidisciplinary training and research opportunities for a new generation of scientists and engineers; and connects industry needs with university and industry suppliers.

The proposed project is a critical engine for creating new jobs in the agricultural and renewable energy industries, particularly in high-tech biotechnology areas such as the Triangle. Research facilitated by the Consortium will lead to development of new renewable energy sources that will reduce oil and gas consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and dependence on foreign oil suppliers. Significant work within this project will be carried out at North Carolina State University and North Carolina Central University.

**\*Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) - Water Quality Research - \$7 million**

WERF, the nation's leading independent scientific research organization focusing on wastewater and stormwater issues, conducts the only national research program which produces cost-effective, innovative, and scientifically sound methods to help local agencies and companies meet their water quality responsibilities. WERF provides its subscribers, including Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), with data-driven research on innovative approaches to wastewater and stormwater management, helping state and local water agencies address new and complex water challenges. WERF's research has led to improvements in human and ecological health, new water quality processes and technology and, in cooperation with the EPA, substantial savings to communities with a regulated water supply. Funding for ongoing research will contribute to broad-based water quality improvements to help to maintain a safe and adequate drinking water supply.

## **U.S. Forest Service**

### **Cherokee National Forest - Rocky Fork Acquisition - \$11 million**

U.S. Forest Service, Cherokee National Forest

2800 North Ocoee Street

Cleveland, TN 37312

Rocky Fork is the largest tract of unprotected land in the southern Appalachian Mountains. It contains significant and abundant natural, recreational, scenic and cultural resources along the Appalachian Trail, which is highly utilized by North Carolina citizens near the border with Tennessee. Continued federal funding would be used to complete the purchase of the 10,000 acre Rocky Fork tract for Cherokee National Forest. The purchase of Rocky Fork is a top national priority for the USFS.

**National Park Service (NPS)**

**Blue Ridge Parkway – Land Acquisition - \$1,925,000**

National Park Service, Blue Ridge Parkway

199 Hemphill Knob Road

Asheville, NC 28803-8686

The Blue Ridge Parkway is the most visited unit of the National Park system, with between 15 and 20 million visitors per year that contribute an estimated \$2 billion to local economies. Federal funds would be used to purchase two high-priority properties in McDowell County from willing landowners, including: (1) the 128 acre Hefner Gap Overlook-Overmountain Victory Trail tract, and (2) the 112 acre 101-yr-old apple orchard at Altapass, which currently houses an Appalachian cultural center that attracts more than 60,000 visitors each year. Acquisition of these properties will help to protect Parkway's scenic views.

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