



James Island Public Service District

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Requested Earmark Disclosure Information

RE: James Island Public Service District – Watershed Restoration/Pollution Mitigation \$250,000

Sponsored by: Representative Spencer Wetmore

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#1 The activity, function, or project for which earmark is intended

The James Island Public Service District (JIPSD), the Town of James Island, the City of Charleston, Charleston Water System, and Charleston Waterkeeper are actively pursuing an action plan to resolve serious, longstanding, and extensively documented pollution in James Island Creek, its marshes and estuary. Based upon recent public sector monitoring of the total maximum daily load calculations, the James Island Creek Watershed is listed as a South Carolina 303(d) impaired stream for the saltwater fecal bacteria indicator Enterococci. Improperly maintained and poorly designed septic tank systems within older residential subdivisions immediately adjacent to the tidal marshes within the James Island Creek Watershed have been identified as a major contributor of bacterial contamination, particularly when located in close proximity to the tidally influenced marshes within the James Island Creek Watershed.

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The proposed project will provide public sewer service infrastructure to existing residences located adjacent to, or nearby, the James Island waterways being polluted with human waste. These properties are currently served by decades-old on-site septic systems. Bringing these properties onto the public sewer system will stop the leaching of human waste into the water table and, eventually the marshes and creeks of James Island, which flow into the Charleston Tidal Basin.

#2 Public purpose served by the project

The project will mitigate the fecal contamination currently polluting James Island Creek and other James Island waterways, the adjacent Creek marshes, and the Charleston tidal basin into which the Creek flows. This pollution has been documented by DHEC, resulting in the Creek's designation as a Section 303(d) impaired stream. Because of the low elevation of the affected properties and the high water table on James Island, conventional methods of bringing sewer to the homes now leaching fecal matter into the Creek are much more expensive than can be supported by the customers' sewer rates. Therefore, James Island Public Service District is seeking state funding to assist in the cost of completing this project. The project will serve the public by bringing the homes onto the sewer system, thereby cleaning up James Island Creek and other waterways, restoring the public's ability to fully use and enjoy the Creek, and benefitting the environment on James Island and the surrounding areas.

#3 Project budget

The estimated total budget for the program is \$1.75 million. These costs include bringing public sewer infrastructure to 27 residences located adjacent to or near James Island Creek, its tributaries and marshes. It also includes bringing public sewer infrastructure to the approximately 47 residences adjacent to or near the Clark Sound in territory JIPSD serves in partnership with Charleston Water System. The \$250,000 in this year's budget will allow JIPSD to begin the project.

#4 Demonstrated community support and need

JIPSD, The Town of James Island, the City of Charleston, Charleston County, Charleston Water System, and Charleston Waterkeeper are members of a Task Force that meets regularly to discuss water pollution issues in James Island Creek and surrounding marshes and waterways. Each of these entities supports bringing existing residential septic systems onto public sewer, when feasible, to stop the leaching of human waste into the James Island Creek and other waterways that feed into the Charleston Tidal Basin. The legislature has allocated funding for this purpose because it agrees with these local public leaders that state funding is needed to reduce the cost of this one-time "fix" that will mitigate pollution from these septic systems forever.

#5 Details of any state funds appropriated to the same entity for same or similar purpose

JIPSD was appropriated \$1 million in state funds for the same or similar purpose in the FY23 budget. This funding has been combined with \$8.75 million in SC Rural Infrastructure Authority funds and \$444,000 in Town of James Island funds, \$85,000 Charleston Water System funds, \$17,000 additional funding from JIPSD, and \$100 from Charleston Waterkeeper to bring failing septic systems in three larger James Island subdivisions onto the public sewer system. The funds appropriated by the legislature in this year's budget will continue to bolster the work of improving the water quality of the James Island Creek Watershed.

Thank you again for your consideration and support of our pollution mitigation efforts associated with the James Island Creek Watershed.

Sincerely,



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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <p>James Island Public Service District</p>	
	<p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p>	
	<p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____</p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) <u> 3 </u></p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <p>P.O. Box 12140</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p>
	<p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> <p>Charleston, SC 29422-2140</p>	
	<p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
or									
Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	<p>Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Ed Kilpatrick</i></p>	<p>Date ▶ <i>4/20/23</i></p>
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.