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Water Quality Package Passes House And Advances To President's Desk With Key Donalds Contributions

WASHINGTON – The U.S. House of Representatives has passed [S. 4367 – "The Water Resources Development Act"](#) with a near-unanimous vote of 399-18.

["The Water Resources Development Act"](#) authorizes, deauthorizes, and modifies various water resources feasibility studies and projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Projects and studies under S. 4367 purview include initiatives to make certain waterways more navigable; support water supply and storage projects; reduce flood and storm damage; restore aquatic ecosystems and conserve fish and wildlife; maintain ports and harbors; manage recreational sites and facilities; rehabilitate dams; construct water and wastewater infrastructure; and support other water resources infrastructure.

[S. 4367](#) is supported by Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) and will now advance to the President's desk. Upon President Biden's signing, this important water legislation will become law.

Congressman Donalds (R-FL) secured the following legislative wins for Southwest Florida, the Sunshine State, and coastal communities across America as contributions to ["The Water Resources Development Act"](#):

- Language to expand the Harmful Algal Blooms Demonstration Program to include the Lake Okeechobee Watershed, which will reduce nutrient flow from above Lake Okeechobee.
- Language to deem the Caloosahatchee River as a focus area relating to harmful algal blooms.
- Language encouraging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support the development of oyster gardens as a natural water filtration source across America.
- Language to study the use of nature-based solutions utilized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Language encouraging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to better utilize "After Action Reports" and lessons learned in order to maximize taxpayer-funded water-related efforts.
- Expedited completion of the Western Everglades Restoration Project.
- Expedited completion of Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration.
- Expedited completion of the Picayune Strand Restoration Project in Collier County.

More:

- Social media summary roll-out [HERE](#).
- Read the full text of the legislation [HERE](#).
- Congress.gov profile of the legislation [HERE](#).
- See summary graphic [BELOW](#):

SENATE BILL 4367
Water Resources Development Act
PASSES HOUSE

WITH CRITICAL DONALDS WINS FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, THE SUNSHINE STATE, & THE NATION

TEAM DONALDS LEGISLATIVE WINS INCLUDED IN S. 4367

EXPANDS THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERSHED TO MINIMIZE NUTRIENT FLOW GENERATED ABOVE THE LAKE. DEEMS "CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER" AS A FOCUS AREA RELATING TO HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS. ENCOURAGES USAGE TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF OYSTER GARDENS AS A NATURAL WATER FILTRATION SOURCE. STUDIES THE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND RED TAPE ASSOCIATED WITH USACE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. ENCOURAGES USAGE TO BETTER-UTILIZE "AFTER ACTION REPORTS" AND LESSONS LEARNED TO MAXIMIZE TAXPAYER-FUNDED WATER-RELATED EFFORTS. EXPEDITES COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROGRAM. EXPEDITES COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT. EXPEDITES COMPLETION OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERSHED RESTORATION. EXPEDITES COMPLETION OF THE PICAYUNE STRAND RESTORATION PROJECT IN COLLIER COUNTY

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