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VIA EMAIL

Gregory T. Zinser, County Manager  
County of York  
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Re: ARPA funds to purchase shared dredging machine

Dear Mr. Zinser:

First, allow me to thank you for your service to our county.

Your consideration of the purchase of a shared dredging machine ("dredge") using American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") funds designated for use by York County ("York") would benefit the entirety of our county. Working waterfronts, recreation and tourism add to the economic and intrinsic value of all communities in York. Instead of waiting years (15-20?) for the Army Corp of Engineers ("ACOE") to dredge and maintain commercial, recreational, educational and tourism benefits, the ARPA funds present a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for York to fully fund a shared dredge to support our waterways, beaches, and economy.

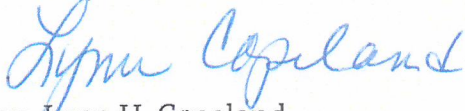
As a legislator representing the citizens in the coastal and downtown areas in Saco, I strongly request York seize this opportunity. We have worked hard to address erosion in Camp Ellis. There is still much work to be done. After the ACOE has completed work on their jetty, a dredge would help our community support and maintain our shores for the benefit of all York residents, workers and visitors. Sharing

the dredge among other shoreline communities is key to keeping the use of the dredge affordable to taxpayers.

The ask is for York to use ARPA funds to fully fund the dredge. User fees and costs will be absorbed by the taxpayers using the shared dredge in their shoreline communities. Asking for communities to share in the initial cost while ARPA funds can be used is too impactful for our communities who have been on the fighting edge of maintaining our beaches and waterways for decades, if not longer.

It is in the coming together of York towns and cities that make York County the best it can be, including sharing the incredible natural resources that benefit us all. Your consideration of this important matter is critical. Please fully fund \$1.8 million for the dredging machine from the \$40.3 million ARPA funds.

Sincerely,



Rep. Lynn H. Copeland

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