

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan January 2019 Progress Report

WORK COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

- 2019 Plan Update progress and additional data analyzed, projects and map updated, text revised
- Vacancies on the Citizens Oversight Committee were advertised. 11 applications were received for 4 seats: Tourism (Alternate), Real Estate (Alternate), Technology (Member) and Education (Alternate).
- Perfluorinated compound report for groundwater, muck, and lagoon surface waters testing finalized, distributed to concerned agencies and individuals and posted online
- Draft House and Senate Appropriation Requests submitted for sewer infrastructure and muck removal
- Met with Palm Bay Utilities for sewer project planning
- St. Johns River Water Management Crane Creek/M-1 Canal Rediversion Contract executed
- Muck Dredging Programmatic Permit met with State Historical Preservation Office
- University of Central Florida researchers conducted monitoring at 1 oyster bar and 2 planted shorelines

WORK UNDERWAY THIS MONTH:

- Selection of new Citizen Oversight Committee members is scheduled for the January 14th the Space Coast League of Cities meeting. County Commission appointments are anticipated February 12th.
- Existing septic locations prioritized and analyzed for clusters and quick connect opportunities
- Existing package plant sites and data used to prioritize and estimate cost effectiveness for upgrades
- Titusville South Street Baffle Box construction beginning this month
- Titusville La Paloma and St Teresa projects out to bid
- Melbourne Riverside Septic to Sewer contract out for signatures
- Brevard Zoo Bettinger Oyster Reef contract in review, construction January 31st February 1st
- Time extensions for Melbourne's Cliff Creek, Thrush Drive, and Hoag Ave projects going to Board
- Contracting underway for 2 municipal projects
- Beaches Leaking Sewer Laterals developing groundwater monitoring plan and grant documents
- Sykes Creek Zones M & T preliminary design in review by Utility Services Department
- South Central C Septic-to-Sewer planning force main to connect community to existing infrastructure
- Stormwater Basins 1349 & 1409 Task Orders for design have been executed
- Huntington Pond Preliminary design review completed, comments send to engineer of record
- Cocoa Beach Muck Dredging contract is approximately 60% complete
- Eau Gallie Area Muck Removal final design underway, awaiting issuance of USACE permit
- Mathers Bridge Area Muck Removal scoping expansion of project area
- Sykes Creek Muck Dredging Phase 1 bid documents underway
- Merritt Island Muck Dredging design underway
- Mullet Creek Muck Dredging scoping of design underway
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging developing dredge waiver database and finalizing the bid package
- Micco Sewer Ext. Final design and state environmental and transportation permitting underway
- Muck Dredging Permits collecting bathymetric data for Titusville and Rockledge
- Grass Clippings Outreach Study marketing recommendations report complete
- Filming videos "My Lagoon Story," Living Shoreline Demonstrations, Turkey Creek Watershed, Merritt Island Septic to Sewer Phase II and Titusville Baffle Boxes



PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:

January 25 – Exploring Partnership Opportunities with Space Florida: County and Space Florida staff

February 6 – NASA/FDEP Partnership Meeting: Anthony, Brandon, Courtney

February 12 – East Merritt Island Home Owners Association: Brandon

February 15 – Christian Women Business Association: Brandon

March 4 – North Merritt Island Home Owners Association meeting with Florida Inland Navigation District

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

Website: <u>http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BrevardCountySaveOurLagoon;</u> Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/saveourlagoon/</u> YouTube: <u>https://goo.gl/GBh6xU</u>

UPCOMING LAGOON SCIENCE FORUMS AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

East Coast Estuary Restoration Team, January 15, Dr. Lindquist on biodegradable oyster restoration materials Keep Brevard Beautiful Rain Barrel Workshop, February 2, contact Kayln Palmer kaylnpalmerkbb@gmail.com Indian River Lagoon Symposium, Harbor Branch, February 7-8,

http://www.indianriverlagoon.org/Symposium.html

Diamond Back Terrapin Working Group: Florida Regional Meeting, February 8, contact Joe <u>ibutler@unf.edu</u>

Marine Resources Council Fertilizer, Yard Clippings, & Rain Barrel Education Workshop, February 10, contact Steve Sharkey <u>sharkeymrc@gmail.com</u>

Managing Visitor Use in Coastal and Marine Protected Areas Training, February 20-21, contact Emily Dark <u>Emily.Dark@dep.state.fl.us</u>

Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Symposium, May 8-10, <u>https://www.wef.org/events/conferences/</u> <u>upcoming-conferences/stormwater-and-green-infrastructure-symposium-2019/</u>

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Brevard Zoo Restore Our Shores – Oyster Reef Build, January 31 & February 1, 2019, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, https://restoreourshores.org/volunteer-we-need-you/

Keep Brevard Beautiful – Winter Series Cleanup, January 19, 2019, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, https://keepbrevardbeautiful.org/events

Lagoon Friendly Lawns – contact Kaylyn Palmer of Keep Brevard Beautiful at 321-631-0501 Fish Kill Response Cleanup: contact Desiree Lesko of Keep Brevard Beautiful at 321-631-0501 Muck Finders - contact Jared McNally, jared@mrcirl.org, at the Marine Resources Council Marine Resources Council Lagoon Watch, Mangrove, or Lagoon Literacy program,

https://savetheirl.org/volunteer/

FUTURE TOPICS FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Re-use/Reclaimed Water Nutrient Loading Impacts and Opportunities
- 2. Harvesting of Aquatic Weeds
- 3. Coordinating Dredging and Spoil Management with Florida Inland Navigation District
- 4. Mechanical Dewatering of Muck and Methods for Stripping Nutrients from Interstitial Water
- 5. Indian River Lagoon Research News: TechCon, ShORE, and Harbor Branch Symposium Highlights
- 6. Completed and Ongoing Muck Research Florida Tech and Ocean Research Conservation Association
- 7. Lagoon Fish and Fisheries