

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan March 2019 Progress Report

WORK COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

- 2019 Plan Update –Citizens Oversight Committee's recommendations were mostly adopted on 2/26
- 3 Education, Outreach and Public Engagement campaigns were approved by the County Commission
- Appointments were made to fill 4 vacancies on the Citizens Oversight Committee -: Tourism (Alternate), Real Estate (Alternate), Technology (Member) and Education (Alternate)
- Beaches Leaking Sewer Laterals grant notices sent. 2nd round of notification is beginning
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging Bid opening delayed from 3/12 to 3/20 per bidder requests
- Eau Gallie Muck Dredging fully permitted! Bid documents underway. BV-52 repairs underway
- Merritt Island Muck Dredging site visit with FDEP, pre-app meeting held with FDEP and USACE
- Muck Dredging Programmatic Permit state and federal permit checklist drafted by consultant
- Brevard Zoo Gitlin Oyster Bar is permitted and the Bettinger Oyster Bar is complete
- Zoo submitted draft site selection and success criteria for permitting oyster restoration in Brevard
- Grants received to remove 9 derelict vessels. 5 vessels have been removed and removals continue
- Melbourne Riverside Septic to Sewer contract executed
- Time extensions approved for Melbourne's Cliff Creek, Thrush Drive, and Hoag Ave projects
- Completed videos "My Lagoon Story," Turkey Creek Watershed and Titusville Baffle Boxes

WORK UNDERWAY THIS MONTH:

- Titusville South Street Baffle Box installation began March 7th
- Titusville La Paloma and St Teresa projects construction to begin this quarter
- Sykes Creek Zones N Septic-to-Sewer expecting final design and permit documents from the Engineer
- South Central C Septic-to-Sewer awaiting 60% design submittal from the Engineer of Record
- Micco Sewer Ext. Awaiting final design submittal and permit documents from the Engineer of Record
- Sykes Creek Zone M-30% Design Submittal has been reviewed by the Utility Services Department
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- Johns Road & Flounder Creek Change orders have been executed for further treatment
- Huntington Pond Design review completed. Seeking easement needed for project area
- Cocoa Beach Muck Dredging contract is approximately 64% complete
- Mathers Bridge Area Muck Removal scoping expansion of project area
- Sykes Creek Muck Dredging Phase 1 bid documents underway
- Merritt Island Muck Dredging identification of dredge material management sites underway
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging seeking dredge waivers to remove muck close to docks and seawalls
- Muck Dredging Programmatic Permit consultant drafting state and federal permit checklists
- Filming videos "My Lagoon Story," Living Shoreline Demonstrations, Oyster Monitoring, Merritt Island Septic to Sewer Phase II and Titusville Baffle Boxes
- Titusville Causeway Shoreline Stabilization Feasibility Study underway (TDC grant)
- 4 Cost share contracts drafted Cocoa Beach waste water and muck and 2 for Titusville stormwater
- Contracting underway for 4 continuous water quality monitoring stations
- Preparing budget change requests for the Balance Forward from last year and 2019 Plan changes



PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:

February 26 – Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition/Florida Institute of Technology Public Forum: Virginia

March 4 – Seeta Durjan Begui Radio show: Courtney

March 4 - North Merritt Island Home Owners meeting with Florida Inland Navigation District: Walker

March 8 – SMART Committee Meeting at the Marine Resources Council: Brandon

March 9 – Save Our Indian River Lagoon Program presentation at Florida Master Naturalist Program: Brandon

March 12 – Presentation to Legislators in Tallahassee organized by Representative Plasencia: Virginia

March 19 - Mims Community meeting with Florida Inland Navigation District: Walker

April 10 - Titusville Chamber of Commerce Lunch Speaker: Virginia

April 16 - County Commission Workshop on the Indian River Lagoon and Utility Needs: Virginia

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

Website: http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BrevardCountySaveOurLagoon;

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/saveourlagoon/

YouTube: https://goo.gl/GBh6xU

UPCOMING LAGOON SCIENCE FORUMS AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Symposium, May 8-10, https://www.wef.org/events/conferences/ MRC Brown Bag Lunch Series - Sebastian Inlet District: celebrating 100 Years, April 2,

https://www.facebook.com/events/1977228952399676/

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Brevard Zoo— Adopt a Mangrove, 3/13 https://restoreourshores.org/volunteer-we-need-you/
Keep Brevard Beautiful — North Brevard Litter Patrol, 3/16 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
Marine Resources Council Lagoon Watch, Mangrove, or Lagoon Literacy https://savetheirl.org/volunteer/
Muck Finders - contact Jared McNally, jared@mrcirl.org, at the Marine Resources Council

FUTURE TOPICS FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Nutrient Cycling in the Lagoon Panel of University and Agency Research Scientists
- 2. Ongoing Research on Charismatic Critters of the Lagoon Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute
- 3. Indian River Lagoon Research News: TechCon, ShORE, and Harbor Branch Symposium Highlights
- 4. Completed and Ongoing Muck Research Florida Tech Research Initiative
- 5. Coordinating Spoil Management with Florida Inland Navigation District
- 6. Lagoon Fish Dr. Grant Gilmore, Dr. Jon Shenker, Captains Catino, Murphy, Ross, Rotne, and Wiggins
- 7. Water Technology Conference/Industry Day Economic Development and IRL NEP
- 8. Re-use/Reclaimed Water Nutrient Loading Impacts and Opportunities
- 9. Surface Water Remediation Technologies
- 10. Oyster histories in Brevard County University of Central Florida
- 11. Outreach and Engagement Opportunities Marine Resources Council and MTN Advertising
- 12. Harvesting of Aquatic Weeds Melbourne Tillman Water Control District, Patrick Air Force Base
- 13. Project Monitoring Results