

# Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan August 2021 Progress Report

# WORK COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

- Revenues are approximately \$2.5 million ahead of the forecast used for the 2021 Plan Update
- Annual Intergovernmental Coordination Meeting was held to kickoff the 2022 Plan Update cycle
- Big Muddy and Thrush Drive Baffle Boxes Construction complete
- Sherwood Park Stormwater Quality Project Construction complete
- Draa Field Pond and Marina B Managed Aquatic Plant Systems Projects Complete
- Brevard Zoo North Plant Project 2 45 linear feet of shoreline planted to complete contract
- Brevard Zoo Oyster Gardening -bags of live spat on shell were distributed to 318 gardeners
- Living Shoreline Performance University of Central Florida conducted 12-month monitoring at Ahmed-Niland and found an average of 28 live oysters/bag. Density decreased from January but there are new recruits and gardened oysters have grown in size, through the bag, and are forming bridges.
- Derelict Vessels 3 removed
- Videos Jackson Court Stormwater Treatment Train, Ray Bullard Stormwater Management Area and Susan Hodgers' My Lagoon Story complete

## WORK UNDERWAY THIS MONTH:

- Brevard County Smoke Testing Finalizing code enforcement mechanics for fall start; December finish
- Beaches Leaking Sewer Laterals 63 of 280 repairs complete; 10 reimbursements processed to date
- Titusville Osprey Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade project began excavation
- South Central C Septic-to-Sewer Bid price was negotiated down ~\$250,000; County Commissioners approved American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover budget shortfall; proceeding with contracting
- Micco Septic-to-Sewer Reviewing final bid documents and coordinating with FDOT resurfacing project
- Sykes Creek M Septic-to-Sewer Land acquisition in progress
- Sykes Creek T Septic-to-Sewer Awaiting approve from the Girl's Scouts for property acquisition
- Sykes Creek N Septic-to-Sewer –75% design underway
- South Beaches P Septic-to-Sewer Preliminary design underway
- South Beaches O Septic-to-Sewer Awaiting Right of Way permit review by Public Works
- INRB Study Preparing for second quarterly sampling
- Septic Upgrades processed 2 more reimbursements for a total of 33; 74 sites in progress
- Convair Cove Low Impact Development project began construction
- Jackson Court Stormwater Treatment Facility Project began construction
- Sunset Road/Serenity Park/Basin 26 and Johns Rd/Basin 62 Construction underway
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging Approximately 100,000 cubic yards of muck dredged through June
- Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Dredging Reviewing prequalification documents from contractor
- Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Project Pre-Application meeting held with FDEP staff
- Contracts Melbourne Tillman Aquatic Harvesting, Cocoa Beach McNabb Oysters and Plants in draft
- Videos Underway Convair Cove Low Impact Development scheduled to film in September
- Grants TDC recommended our projects for funding; State Resiliency applications due September 1
- Homeowner Grant Portal Training and testing of application



#### PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:

- July 21 Permitting Summer School Virginia
- August 23 Catalina Isles Association Anthony
- August 24 Sewalls Point City Council Virginia

#### UPCOMING LAGOON SCIENCE FORUMS AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

- August 19 ORCA One Health Fish Monitoring: Introduction and Processing
- August 23 ORCA One Health Fish Monitoring: Intro to Fish Monitoring
- October 21-22 Marine Resources Council Low Impact Development Conference

# UPCOMING VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:

August 19, 24, 26, & September 1 – Orca Fish Processing and Fish Extractions – <u>Email Missy Weiss to register</u> September 18 – <u>International Coastal Cleanup</u> Brevard Zoo Restore Our Shores <u>Clam Restoration Project seeking volunteers</u> Rotary Park rain garden maintenance – <u>Email Carlos Cuevas for opportunities</u> Storm drain marking in Cocoa – <u>Email Carlos Cuevas for opportunities</u> Storm drain marking in Melbourne – <u>Email Nicole Broquet for opportunities</u>

## WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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## FUTURE TOPICS FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Pollution and Algal Bloom Mapping via Satellite Imagery Interpretation
- 2. Lagoon projects managed and funded by other agencies, entities or grant programs
- 3. Low Impact Development/Resilience Local examples, efforts and potential opportunities
- 4. Surface Water Remediation Phosphorus Free, S.W.I.G., D.T.G., Chemical Tech, HABITATS
- 5. New Enhanced Ocean Inflow Research Florida Tech Research Initiative
- 6. Completed and Ongoing Muck Research Florida Tech Research Initiative
- 7. Indian River Lagoon Research News: TechCon, Shore, and Harbor Branch Symposium Highlights
- 8. Water Technology Conference/Industry Day Economic Development and National Estuary Program
- 9. Lagoon Fish and Fisheries Research Dr. Grant Gilmore
- 10. Project Monitoring Results
- 11. Herbicide alternatives
- 12. Microplastics in the Lagoon