

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

#### **WORK COMPLETED THIS MONTH:**

- \$450,000 Legislative Appropriation grant contract executed for Septic Upgrades
- \$585,000 Legislative Appropriation grant contract executed for Quick Connects to Sewer
- \$2,500,000 Legislative Appropriation grant contract executed for Eau Gallie Northeast Muck Removal
- 5 Tourism + Lagoon grants were approved by the County Commission
- State Resiliency applications were submitted
- Fiscal Year 22-23 Legislative Appropriation requests were submitted
- South Beaches O Septic-to-Sewer –Permits secured
- 1 Sewer Quick Connect completed
- Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Project Pre-Application meetings with Army Corp and US Fish & Wildlife complete; environmental resource surveys underway
- Brevard Zoo constructed 2,725 square feet of oyster bars in the Central Indian River Lagoon
- Living Shoreline Performance University of Central Florida conducted 12-month monitoring at MacNeill-Pitner and found an average of 26 live oysters/bag. Density decreased from January but there are new recruits and more oysters have grown through the bag and are forming bridges.
- Shellfish Aguaculture Grant Program launched and first application processed
- Derelict Vessels 3 removed

#### **WORK UNDERWAY THIS MONTH:**

- Brevard County Smoke Testing Contractor on standby; awaiting code enforcement software update
- South Central C Septic-to-Sewer –Contract execution in progress
- Micco Septic-to-Sewer –Reviewing final bid documents and coordinating with FDOT resurfacing project
- Sykes Creek M Septic-to-Sewer appraisals underway for Land acquisition
- Sykes Creek T Septic-to-Sewer contracting for property acquisition in progress
- Sykes Creek N Septic-to-Sewer planning vacuum house and landscaping details
- South Beaches P Septic-to-Sewer –Preliminary design underway
- Septic Upgrades processed 2 more reimbursements for a total of 33; 74 sites in progress
- INRB Study Second quarterly sampling scheduled for this month
- Sunset Road/Serenity Park/Basin 26 and Johns Rd/Basin 62 Construction underway
- Angel Avenue/Basin 1066 design work has begun
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging Approximately 126,000 cubic yards of muck dredged through August
- Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Dredging Reviewing additional information provided by the contractor
- Eau Gallie Northeast Muck Dredging Awaiting permit modifications from regulatory agencies
- Contracts Melbourne Tillman Aquatic Harvesting, Cocoa Beach McNabb Oysters and Plants in draft
- Amendments MRC Grass Clipping Campaign and Titusville Osprey Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade in draft; Titusville High School Baffle Box out for signature
- Videos Underway Convair Cove Low Impact Development scheduled to film in September
- Grants State Innovative Technology pre-proposals approved for full submittals
- Grant-funded Remote Sensing of Algae Blooms 1-year pilot project fully approved for launch
- Homeowner Grant Portal Training and testing of application



## PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:

August 23 - Catalina Isles Association - Anthony

August 24 – Sewalls Point City Council – Virginia

September 30 – Junior Achievement-Women in STEM – Matt

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

October 5 – Marine Resources Lunch & Learn on the Statewide Stormwater Rule Revisions – Virginia

October 21-22 - Marine Resources Council Low Impact Development Conference

November 9 – Marine Resources Lunch & Learn on Frog Watch

#### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

September 18 – International Coastal Cleanup

Brevard Zoo Restore Our Shores Clam Restoration Project seeking volunteers

Rotary Park rain garden maintenance – Email Carlos Cuevas for opportunities

Storm drain marking in Cocoa – Email Carlos Cuevas for opportunities

Storm drain marking in Melbourne – Email Nicole Broquet for opportunities

## **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:**

Lagoon Loyal Outreach and Engagement Landing Page

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Website

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Facebook

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Instagram

Save Our Indian River Lagoon YouTube

## **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