

Guidance for Ensuring Compliance with the Intent of the Referendum

Quotes from the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan

Page vi: This Save Our Lagoon Project Plan outlines local projects planned to meet water quality targets and improve the health, productivity, aesthetic appeal, and economic value of the lagoon. **Implementation of these projects is contingent upon funding raised through the referendum.**

Page 2: Brevard County identified a need for additional funding to implement projects identified as critical to lagoon restoration... This [Save Our Indian River Lagoon] Referendum would provide a funding mechanism for the projects listed in this plan (or future annual updates). This Save Our Lagoon Project Plan outlines projects planned to meet updated TMDL targets and improve the health, productivity, aesthetic appeal, and economic value of the lagoon. **Almost all of these projects are contingent upon additional fundraising.**

Page 3: **Brevard County seeks to accelerate implementation** of a multi-pronged approach to **Reduce** pollutant and nutrient inputs to the lagoon from fertilizer, reclaimed water from WWTFs, septic systems, and stormwater; **Remove** the accumulation of muck from the lagoon bottom; **Restore** water-filtering oysters and related lagoon ecosystem services; and monitor progress to **Respond** to changing conditions, technologies, and new information by amending the plan to substitute actions that will be most successful and cost-effective for significantly improving the health, productivity, and natural resilience of the IRL.

Intent: The Referendum Trust Fund is for additional projects critical to lagoon restoration or to accelerate the implementation of projects that are not yet fully funded.

Guidance:

1. As a part of contract negotiations for Trust Fund cost-share for each current year substitution project (Year Zero Project), applicants must submit the adopted budget for the project, the amount of any secured grants for the project, and an estimate of total costs. Projects recommended by the Citizen Oversight Committee and approved by the County Commission are to be reimbursed up to the Lagoon Tax Eligibility amount calculated in the project application, provided any Project funds budgeted, allocated and saved by a governmental entity by virtue of reimbursement or allocation from the Trust Fund must be reallocated by that governmental entity solely to other projects benefiting the restoration of the Indian River Lagoon for which the governmental entity has budgeted funds, received grant funding or applied for grant funding.
2. Funding contracts for project types that require significant operating expense or frequent maintenance should include a guarantee that performance of such operation

and maintenance will occur at a frequency necessary to deliver the nutrient reduction benefits proposed in the project application.

3. Each funding contract should include an estimate of the project's schedule acceleration that is probable with receipt of Trust Fund support or probable delay if Trust Funds are not provided.