

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 – 9:45am, South Prong Preserve

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – N/A

TREASURER'S REPORT – pp. 2-6

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ryall house deck replacement

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Adopt-a-Road – no response yet to request for assistance
- 2) Pontoon boat donation – acceptance from Glenn G., purchase motor from Glenn and of new trailer
- 1) Southern Magnolia memorial sign for Dr. Graham Cox – pp. 7-11
- 2) Track-it-Forward volunteer system renewal, price increase – no update

NEW BUSINESS

- 3) General Liability Insurance options, renewal due April 1st – p. 12
- 4) George Schum Award recipients – pp. 13-14

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits
 - a) Saltwood (Pulte/Graves Bros.), combined into new permit #224604, no action since initial application, 12/5/25
 - b) Cresswind, permit #229128, no action since initial application, 6/15/25
- 2) ACOE permits – last posted was Oct. 1, 2025, see attached statement – pp. 15-16
- 3) St. Sebastian River Aquatic Preserve status comments by DEP – pp. 17-18
- 4) Declaration of Collier Club causing pollution
- 5) City of Sebastian @204 acre Sebastian Pines annexation – pp. 19-21

Education/Outreach – Bolton/Stephen

- 1) General Meetings – May – SJRWMD, upcoming Sep & Nov; topic septic systems?
- 2) Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs, FWC response – pp. 22-28
- 3) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, Sustainable Sebastian 5-year plan, follow-up?
- 4) Pelican Island Audubon, Ryall property tour TBA, and birding tour TBA
- 5) IRNA BioBlitz, South Prong Preserve tour, Apr. 23rd - www.indianriverna.com/event-list
- 6) FL Wildlife Federation, "Florida Wildlife Habitat" sign – no update
- 7) Roseland Women's Club social gathering, Dec. 6, Roseland Community Park, "old time" food/drink ideas?
- 8) Sebastian map(s)

Financial – CDs – April renewed through November, next due July 2026

Governance – Herrmann – consideration of Jeff Howe – p. 29

Information – Glover – Sebastian Area Historical Society, audio and books

Membership – Herrmann, Apr. renewals- 24 persons(primarily from Paddlefest); new members – Kathy O.

Publicity – Penny Phillips – no update

Volunteer – vacant – Deb M. interested in helping

Round robin

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Next BOD meeting – May. 12, 9:45am, Ryall house
- 2) Ryall/South Prong Preserve volunteer days, Apr. TBA, 9am
- 3) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park workday, Apr. 15, 9 to 11am, continues third Wed. thru May 2026
- 4) Sebastian River High School Awards Ceremony, April 16, 6pm
- 5) St. Johns River WMD, Southern Rec Lands meeting, April 21, 6-8pm, 525 Community College Pkwy, Palm Bay – pp. 30-31
- 6) Pelican Island Audubon/IRNA sustainability event, April 25 – p. 32
- 7) ORCA Pollution Mapping St. Sebastian River and Kilroy data, ELC, April 30, 4-6pm, RSVP - www.discoverelc.org/currents-connections-speaker-series
- 8) City of Sebastian Natural Resources/IR County Solid Waste "Recycle Right" workshop, Sebastian Council Chambers, May 5, 5pm
- 9) ChoZen Market, May 10, 10am to 4pm, final market until the fall
- 10) Brevard County IR Lagoon Day/Fest, Oct 17, 2026 – p. 33
- 11) Roseland Community Park social gathering, Dec. 6, afternoon/evening

Profit & Loss

March 2026

	<u>Mar 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	50.00
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	146.26
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	<u>196.26</u>
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	85.75
Total 45000 · Investments	<u>85.75</u>
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	105.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	<u>105.00</u>
49000 · Sales	
49010 · Puppets	24.30
49020 · Clothing	11.21
49030 · Miscellaneous	0.00
49000 · Sales - Other	56.07
Total 49000 · Sales	<u>91.58</u>
Total Income	<u>478.59</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	
50010 · Puppets	19.85
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	47.99
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>67.84</u>
Total COGS	<u>67.84</u>
Gross Profit	410.75
Expense	
60900 · Business Expenses	
60901 · Sales Taxes	0.02
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	<u>0.02</u>
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	39.27
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	<u>39.27</u>
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	30.00
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	10.78
65060 · Merchant Service Fee-PayPal	0.35
Total 65000 · Operations	<u>41.13</u>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65160 · Other Costs	228.99
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	<u>228.99</u>
Total Expense	<u>309.41</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>101.34</u>
Net Income	<u><u>101.34</u></u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River

04/06/26

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of March 31, 2026

	Mar 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Checking	
10020 · Without Donor Restrictions	11,179.61
10030 · With Donor Restirctions	
10031 · Geo Schum Memorial Fd	1,000.00
10033 · Archie Laird Memorial	585.00
10034 · FNPS-Craddock grant	422.54
Total 10030 · With Donor Restirctions	<u>2,007.54</u>
Total 10000 · Checking	13,187.15
10100 · Petty Cash	45.00
10200 · PayPal	124.63
10210 · Zeffy	190.00
10220 · Wells Fargo CD 07/11/26	20,701.84
10221 · Wells Fargo CD 04/02/2026	10,422.44
Total Checking/Savings	<u>44,671.06</u>
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	120.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	
12110 · Puppets	307.00
12120 · Clothing	137.05
12140 · Hats	116.64
12100 · Inventory Asset - Other	2,411.87
Total 12100 · Inventory Asset	<u>2,972.56</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>3,092.56</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>47,763.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>47,763.62</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	39.27
Total Accounts Payable	<u>39.27</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	29.19
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>29.19</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>68.46</u>
Total Liabilities	68.46
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	316.73
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	47,186.63
Net Income	191.80
Total Equity	<u>47,695.16</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>47,763.62</u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Reconciliation Detail
10000 · Checking, Period Ending 03/31/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						13,835.69
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 8 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	02/27/2026	1072	MN Worldwide	X	-553.54	-553.54
Check	03/02/2026	DC	Google	X	-4.20	-557.74
Bill Pmt -Check	03/04/2026	DC	Folkmanis	X	-94.50	-652.24
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2026	DC	Earth Day Shirts	X	-412.70	-1,064.94
Check	03/06/2026	1073	Jeff Howe	X	-150.00	-1,214.94
Check	03/11/2026	DC	Ooma	X	-6.58	-1,221.52
Bill Pmt -Check	03/14/2026	DC	FPL	X	-38.98	-1,260.50
Check	03/27/2026	DC	A Small Orange	X	-28.99	-1,289.49
Total Checks and Payments					-1,289.49	-1,289.49
Deposits and Credits - 2 items						
Transfer	03/05/2026			X	412.70	412.70
Deposit	03/09/2026			X	228.25	640.95
Total Deposits and Credits					640.95	640.95
Total Cleared Transactions					-648.54	-648.54
Cleared Balance					-648.54	13,187.15
Register Balance as of 03/31/2026					-648.54	13,187.15
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Check	04/02/2026	DC	Google		-4.20	-4.20
Total Checks and Payments					-4.20	-4.20
Total New Transactions					-4.20	-4.20
Ending Balance					-652.74	13,182.95



Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 3/1	\$13,835.69
Deposits/Credits	228.25
Withdrawals/Debits	- 876.79
Ending balance on 3/31	\$13,187.15

Account number: (primary account)
 FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.
 SEBASTIAN RIVER INC
Florida account terms and conditions apply
 For Direct Deposit use
 Routing Number (RTN): 063107513
 For Wire Transfers use
 Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

Overdraft Protection

This account is not currently covered by Overdraft Protection. If you would like more information regarding Overdraft Protection and eligibility requirements please call the number listed on your statement or visit your Wells Fargo branch.

Transaction history

<i>Date</i>	<i>Check Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Deposits/ Credits</i>	<i>Withdrawals/ Debits</i>	<i>Ending daily balance</i>
3/2		Recurring Payment authorized on 03/01 Google *Workspace_ CC@Google.Com CA S306060467508899 Card		4.20	
3/2	1072	Check		553.54	13,277.95
3/5		Purchase authorized on 03/04 Folkmanis, Inc. 510-6587677 CA S386063740476825 Card		94.50	13,183.45
3/9		eDeposit IN Branch 03/09/26 12:50:22 PM 1524 US Hwy 1 Sebastian FL	228.25		
3/9	1073	Check		150.00	13,261.70
3/11		Recurring Payment authorized on 03/10 Ooma,Inc 888-711-6662 CA S586069669790795 Card		6.58	
3/11		Fpl Direct Debit Elec Pymt 03/26 1232872117 Ppda Friends of St. Sebast		38.98	13,216.14
3/27		Recurring Payment authorized on 03/26 Web* Asmallorange.C 781-4186707 TX S306085289607639 Card		28.99	13,187.15
Totals			\$228.25	\$876.79	

The Ending Daily Balance does not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when your transactions posted. If you had insufficient available funds when a transaction posted, fees may have been assessed.

Summary of checks written (checks listed are also displayed in the preceding Transaction history)

<i>Number</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1072	3/2	553.54	1073	3/9	150.00

Monthly service fee summary

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to wellsfargo.com/feefaq for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026	Standard monthly service fee \$15.00	You paid \$0.00
The bank has waived the fee for this fee period.		
How to avoid the monthly service fee	Minimum required	This fee period
Have any ONE of the following each fee period		



Merchant Account ID:

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

3/1/26 - 3/31/26

Activity Summary (3/1/26 - 3/31/26)

	USD
Beginning Available Balance	112.99
Payments received	12.00
Payments sent	0.00
Withdrawals and Debits	0.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-0.36
Ending Available Balance	124.63

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Dr. Graham Cox

1942-2024

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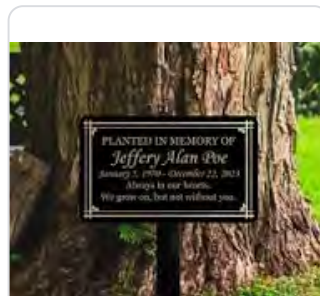


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K2Awards

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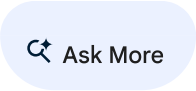


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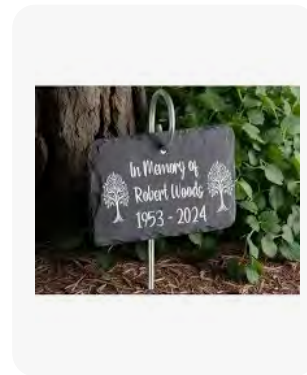
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Insurance Renewal Options – April 2026

Coverage	Chubb (current)	Hartford (Schlitt Ins.)	IR County Required
General Liability (aggr.)	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$500,000
Each Occurrence	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$500,000
Advertising and Personal injury	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$500,000
Employee liability	N/A	\$25,000	N/A
Products Completed	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$500,000
Damage to premises rented	\$1 million	\$1 million	Fire legal liability - \$50,000
Non-owned/hired car	\$1 million	N/A	\$500,000
Medical expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A
Crime/employee theft	\$10,000	N/A	N/A
Volunteer AD&D	\$75,000		N/A
Volunteer med. exp.	\$15,000		N/A
Costs			
General Liability	\$655.70	\$348.75	
Volunteer Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$232.00	Not quoted	
Non-owned/hired car	Included	Available - \$125	
Umbrella (coverage above stated limits)	Not quoted	\$448	
Data breach (employee theft)	Included	Available - \$91	

GEORGE SCHUM AWARD

I'm passionate about working in the healthcare field, specifically focusing on oral health. While I am confident in my interest in dentistry, I want to move beyond general practice to specialized areas such as pediatric, surgical, or research roles. To achieve this goal, I plan to attend undergraduate school as a Chemistry major, a subject that sparked my curiosity through interactive labs, such as understanding the chemical reactions to making pancakes, and a strong connection to healthcare and scientific research. After undergraduate, attending dental school is my next goal, allowing me to further my education through oral health while also understanding the broader impact of medicine on people's lives.

In addition to my academic goals, I am committed to preserving and protecting the environment. Through local volunteering and many school trips at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC), I have participated in educational programs to highlight the importance of ecosystem preservation. I learned about the delicate balance of ecosystems such as the Indian River Lagoon and the harmful effects of pollution and human waste. This experience helped me understand how environmental health directly impacts community health. When protecting the environment, you are also caring for our quality of air, water, and ecosystems that allow us to thrive. As a future chemistry major at a research-focused university, I hope to contribute to projects that explore sustainable energy solutions and improved waste reduction practices.

Having worked in a medical office, I observed firsthand the significant waste generated through single use of plastics, chemical disinfectants, and energy consumption required to maintain patient care. I hope to learn how to integrate sustainable practices into my future clinic and inspire others to work towards more environmentally friendly practices. My interest is specifically focused on developing safer materials and efficient systems that reduce hazardous waste in healthcare settings. Alongside scientific research, I plan to continue local environmental volunteering, educating younger students about conservation and the importance of protecting our ecosystems.

Ultimately, my goal is to build a career that merges healthcare with environmental sustainability. Through this connection, I hope to contribute to a future where human health can thrive next to environmental sustainability.

Friends of St. Sebastian River George Schum Award:

Write a brief essay on “What are My True Academic Goals and Interests” and what have, are, or will you do to help preserve, protect or enhance the environment,

After high school, I plan to study civil engineering at the University of Florida and pursue a career as a civil engineer. I discovered my interest in this field after speaking with multiple engineers and completing a short internship with an engineering firm. Through these experiences, I realized that my true academic goal is to gain the knowledge and skills needed to make an impact on the world as an engineer. I am especially interested in learning how to create systems that are not only strong and reliable, but also efficient in how they use resources. For a career, I want to be a civil engineer working to build infrastructure in developing countries. I was inspired to do this after traveling on a mission trip and seeing the poverty some people unfortunately live in. My goal is to use the skills I develop in school to build roads, bridges, and buildings that help people in need.

In addition to my academic goals, I want my work to help preserve and protect the environment. I plan to focus on sustainable design practices that reduce environmental impact. This includes designing infrastructure that manages water responsibly, uses durable and efficient materials, and minimizes harm to surrounding ecosystems. In both school and my future career, I will look for opportunities to work on projects that develop cities with environmental protection. My goal is to build infrastructure that serves communities while protecting natural resources for future generations.

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Army Corps to Stop Regulating Wetlands Nationwide

Agency cites 2023 Supreme Court ruling limiting Clean Water Act scope

Mar. 31, 2026 at 2:43pm

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The Army Corps' decision to withdraw federal oversight of wetlands nationwide raises concerns about the future of these vital natural resources. *Savannah Today*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to stop regulating wetlands nationwide, citing a 2023 Supreme Court ruling that reduced the scope of the Clean Water Act. The agency's principal deputy assistant secretary for Civil Works said the Corps is "getting out of the business of regulating wetlands."

WHY IT MATTERS

This move by the Army Corps represents a significant shift in federal oversight of wetlands, which play a crucial role in flood control, water filtration, and wildlife habitats. The decision follows a Supreme Court ruling that narrowed the definition of "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act, limiting federal jurisdiction.

THE DETAILS

According to an agency spokesman, the Army Corps will no longer issue dredge-and-fill permits for projects that could pollute federally-regulated waters, as it has been required to do under the Clean Water Act. The announcement was made by Lee Forsgren, the Corps' principal deputy assistant secretary for Civil Works, during a meeting of the Environmental Council of the States in Savannah, Georgia.

- The Army Corps announcement was made on March 31, 2026.
- The Supreme Court ruling that prompted this change was issued in 2023.

THE PLAYERS

Lee Forsgren

Principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works, who announced the Army Corps' plans to stop regulating wetlands nationwide.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The federal agency responsible for issuing dredge-and-fill permits for projects that could pollute waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

“We are getting out of the business of regulating wetlands.”

— Lee Forsgren, Principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works

WHAT'S NEXT

The Army Corps' decision to stop regulating wetlands nationwide will likely face legal challenges from environmental groups and states concerned about the impact on water quality and wildlife habitats.

THE TAKEAWAY

This move by the Army Corps represents a significant rollback of federal oversight of wetlands, which could have far-reaching consequences for the environment and communities that rely on these natural resources. It underscores the ongoing debate over the scope of the Clean Water Act and the balance between environmental protection and economic development.



Friends of St. Sebastian River <friendsofstsebastian@gmail.com>

RE: St. Sebastian River OFW Inquiry Letter to DEP

1 message

Wellendorf, Nijole "Nia" <Nijole.Wellendorf@floridadep.gov>

Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 12:33 PM

To: "info@fssr.org" <info@fssr.org>

Cc: "Sutton, Kaitlyn" <Kaitlyn.Sutton@floridadep.gov>, "Anderson, Matthew R." <Matthew.R.Anderson@floridadep.gov>

Good afternoon, Tim.

Apologies for my delay in responding. Thanks for checking in.

The OFW boundaries will need to be amended through our rulemaking process to add the Sebastian River portion of the Aquatic Preserve. My team has created a proposal to make this addition and has received preliminary concurrence from the DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, which manages the Aquatic Preserves. I cannot say exactly when this change will move through our rulemaking process. There are several other proposed changes we need to complete before we would begin that process. However, this addition to the OFW will be part of that rulemaking package.

You can sign up to receive updates from our Water Quality Standards team by clicking on the "Subscribe" link halfway down the page on our website: <https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-standards>. We will send announcements when we issue a Notice of Rule Development, which will be the first step in the rulemaking process. That notice will either be accompanied by or shortly followed by a public meeting announcement.

Kind regards,



Nia Wellendorf

Program Administrator

DEAR Water Quality Standards Program

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Office: 850-245-8190

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Nijole.Wellendorf@FloridaDEP.gov

From: Friends of St. Sebastian River <info@fssr.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 10:54 PM

To: Wellendorf, Nijole "Nia" <Nijole.Wellendorf@FloridaDEP.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Kaitlyn <Kaitlyn.Sutton@FloridaDEP.gov>; Anderson, Matthew R. <Matthew.R.Anderson@FloridaDEP.gov>

Subject: Re: St. Sebastian River OFW Inquiry Letter to DEP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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Nia,

Thought I would check in to see if there is any new update or information regarding review of OFWs? Or is there a time frame as to when the review may be completed?

Thanks,

Tim Glover, president

Friends of St. Sebastian River

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On Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 9:06 AM Wellendorf, Nijole "Nia" <Nijole.Wellendorf@floridadep.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

My name is Nia Wellendorf, and I am the administrator of the Water Quality Standards Program within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in Tallahassee. I, along with my colleague Kaitlyn Sutton, oversee the rule (62-302.700, F.A.C.) that includes designations of Outstanding Florida Waters (OFWs). Your 7/5/25 letter (attached) to Director Sirena Davila of DEP's Southeast District made its way to us. I hope that this email will find Mr. Tim Glover, who wrote the letter.

The Sebastian "creek" (River) portion of Indian River Malabar to Vero Beach (additions) Aquatic Preserve was initially excluded from the 1988 OFW designation due to water quality concerns. My team is currently working on needed updates to the OFWs that cover our managed areas, including Aquatic Preserve OFWs. We will consider this request from the Friends of St. Sebastian River as part of that effort, in coordination with Aquatic Preserve staff, and potentially include it in our next rulemaking effort.

No further action will be needed by the Friends of St. Sebastian River at this time, but we would be glad to discuss your concerns and any supporting information you would like to submit. We could also explain our rulemaking process within which this request would be considered. Let me know if you would like me to set up a virtual meeting.

Sincerely,

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Advocacy Committee Report
Tim Glover
April 14, 2026

I attended the April 8, 2026 Sebastian City Council meeting regarding two agenda items that evening. The items were 10 A. - Resolution R-26-16, Providing for a Voluntary Annexation Agreement, and 10 B. - Ordinance O-26-03, Petition for Voluntary Annexation—First Reading—Sebastian Pines. The details of these items are on pages 282 through 332 in the Council’s April 8th agenda package.

The properties are owned by three different entities that make up the approximately 204 acres being considered for annexation, and named the “Sebastian Pines” by the Concordia Group development company.

Item 10 A. is an agreement on how the annexation will be handled, and item 10 B. is the ordinance to execute the annexation. The resolution passed unanimously and, therefore, the ordinance will receive a second hearing, having passed the first hearing unanimously. It is proposed that the second hearing will occur prior to June 1, 2026

There are inconsistencies between the resolution and ordinance. For example, the resolution states “Drainage and stormwater shall be handled by the Sebastian River Improvement District (SRID).” The ordinance states “The property lies entirely within the Indian River Farms Water Control District (IRFWCD)....” At the Council meeting, the developer/consultants gave a presentation and stated that this area drains to the east to Lateral G canal and is the northern limit of the IRFWCD, thus eventually draining to the Indian River Lagoon via the North Relief Canal. Even though this property is adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Graves Bros. property, they are two separate drainage basins, thus this property is not within the St. Sebastian River watershed.

The second and final hearing of the ordinance will include greater details, including a conceptual plan, and requesting a land use change of 3 residential units per acre. This would allow 612 units for this property. The developer said he is proposing 502 units, only, as a voluntary density reduction. The conceptual plan was not part of this item agenda, but was shown in the presentation by the developer. It appears there are extensive interior stormwater ponds, likely required as a result of the much greater stormwater regulations passed by the state of Florida in June 2024. The developer also stated they propose a number of “villa” style homes, i.e. minimal (or no) lot lines, providing for lower cost housing. This likely would also be necessary to build the 502 units they propose due to the great need for stormwater ponds/retention. Their presentation indicated there would be 55 acres of ponds and trails.

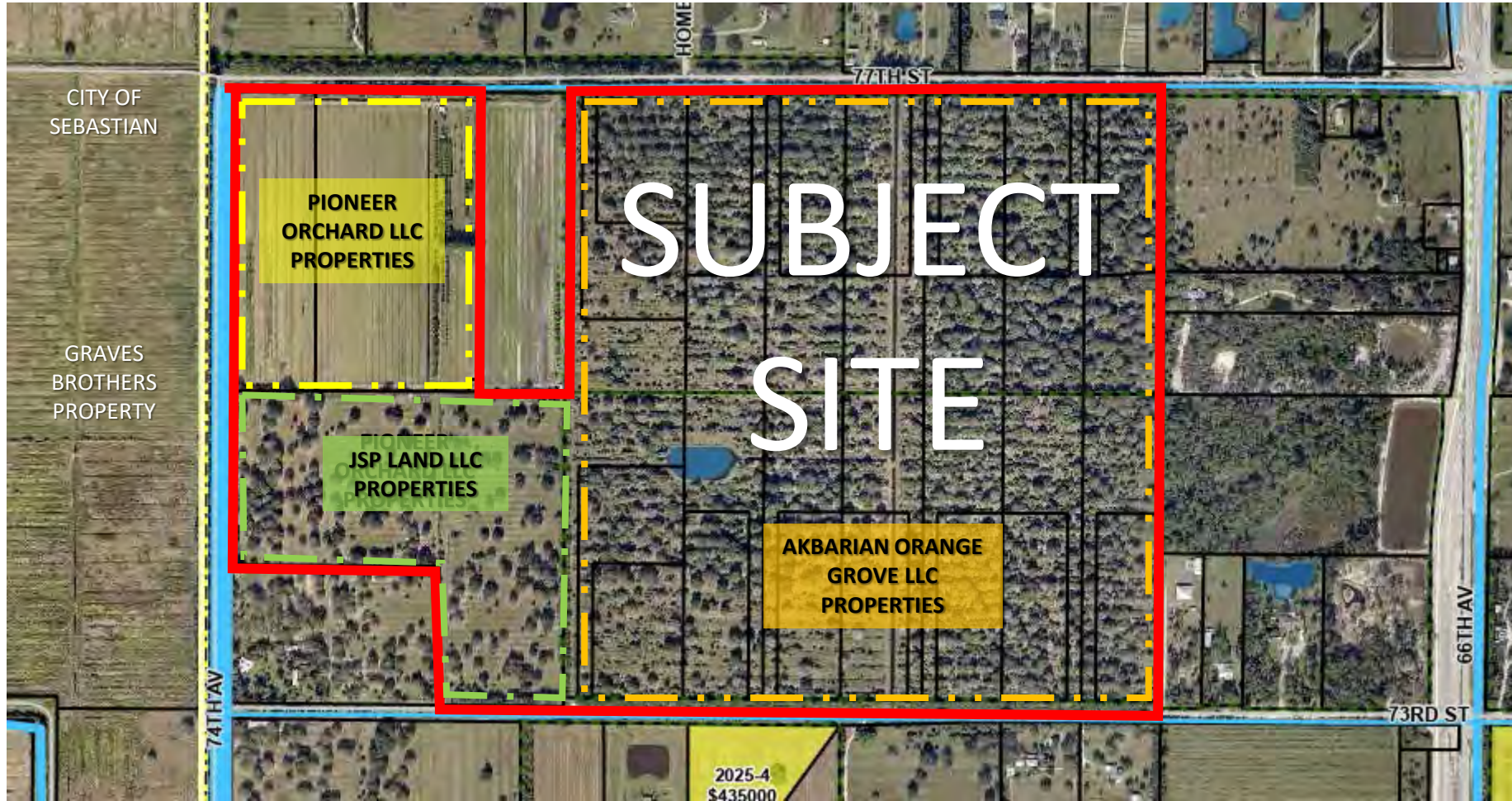
The annexation agreement provides for no use of septic systems and that the developer is required to provide water and wastewater services via the Interlocal Agreement with Indian River County. The consultant stated that they have talked to the Indian River County Utilities

Dept. and have received a letter-of-intent for the County to provide these services. The ordinance also states “The subject site shares its western boundary along 74th Avenue with the Graves Brothers property, which also marks the edge of the Urban Service Boundary in this part of the County. The project is bounded by 77th Street to the north and 73rd Street to the south. Through recent annexations and PD-TND (Planned Development – Traditional Neighborhood Design) approvals, the Urban Service Area Boundary has expanded westward from 66th Avenue to 90th Avenue in the region of the County. If this annexation is approved by the City Council, utilities will be provided by Indian River County pursuant to an existing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sebastian and Indian River County.”

The City does have such an agreement with the County, but the Graves Bros. property is outside the Urban Service Boundary. County ordinances did (and may still) allow for development adjacent to, but outside of, the USB to qualify for utility services, but specifically did not allow for “piggy-backing”. This is how the nearby Liberty development (on the southwest corner of 66th Ave. and route 510) was provided with utilities. At the time of the annexation of the Graves Bros. property, the County indicated that since it was outside of the USB, it was not part of long-range planning of utility capacity, and that Sebastian couldn’t automatically promise services to the granted 10,300+ units. In looking at the most current Future Land Use Map (FLUM) on the County’s website, it does not show a change of the USB in this area, since the Graves Bros. annexation, that I am aware of. Perhaps this can be legally changed by written agreement, as the FLUM map is not changed on a regular basis, and may need to wait to be updated at some future review cycle?

The majority of public comment at this meeting was in favor of the annexation, with comments along the lines that any development needs to be under the control of the City and not the County. The consultant’s report indicates that residential development of this property would provide positive net financial impact for the city, although most everyone, including the Council, acknowledged that residential development is really a net negative financial impact for a municipality.

Both agenda items were passed unanimously, which means the ordinance will move to the second and final hearing in the near future. As mentioned, this property is not within the watershed of the St. Sebastian River, therefore, I did not make any comment at this meeting.



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LOCATION MAP SEBASTIAN PINES

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Friends of St. Sebastian River <friendsofstsebastian@gmail.com>

RE: Manatee signs

Waterway Management <waterway.management@myfwc.com>

Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 1:08 PM

To: "info@fssr.org" <info@fssr.org>, Waterway Management <waterway.management@myfwc.com>

Hi, good afternoon,

My apologies in the delay. We do have contractors currently working on the North Brevard County project, that encompasses approximately 230 marker repairs with completion anticipated by the end of June. South Brevard County maintenance was completed last fall.

We are in beginning stages of planning a county wide project for Indian River. For manatee signs that are accessible to the public to be placed on docks, land, etc – see the below link.

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/manatee/education-for-marinas/>

I hope this helps, please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,



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From: Friends of St. Sebastian River <info@fssr.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 10:50 PM
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Manatee Educational Plans and Signs

Boat Facility Manatee Educational Plans and Signs



During the State permitting process, FWC makes recommendations to the State regulatory agencies regarding new or expanding boating facilities in areas of Florida where manatees are often seen. These facilities are required by State law to offset adverse impacts to manatees expected with increased boat traffic, and manatee awareness education is a common conservation measure typically required in State permits. Education is most often accomplished using manatee educational signs; however, some projects may require additional educational materials depending upon the size and location of the boating facility. This set of educational materials (signs, brochures, maps, videos, etc.) is referred to as a manatee educational plan, and [FWC manatee program](#) staff are available to assist developing these plans in order to meet perm **ASK BUCK!**

Information needed for FWC review

If your facility has a State permit condition that requires manatee signs or an educational plan, please contact staff at ImperiledSpecies@myfwc.com to request FWC approval of your proposed sign or education plan. Please follow the guidelines below when submitting your information for FWC review. Your proposal must include the following information:

1. a detailed upland project site plan with proposed sign locations, types, and proposed numbers of manatee signs, including which way the signs are proposed to face
2. the project address or a location map of the facility in relation to waterways
3. the project permit or submerged lands lease number
4. your name, email address, mailing address and a phone number
5. a list of any other educational materials you propose for your facility.

Manatee Educational Plans

[Manatee Educational Requirements](#) is a handout with a list of the potential resource materials that are available for boat facilities and may be required by permit or lease. This list can be used by applicants to help propose their educational plan to FWC for approval. Depending upon the project, more customized education may be needed. Additional brochures can be found on the [Brochure Page](#).

Manatee Educational Signs





[Manatee educational signs](#) are non-regulatory and informational in nature, unlike manatee speed zone (regulatory) signs seen in some waterways of Florida. Some manatee signs are posted permanently for educational purposes at boat facilities, while others are used temporarily while in-water work is being performed that might pose a risk to manatees.

Guidelines for the installation of permanent educational signs

- Place in a prominent location for maximum visibility. Areas with high patron foot traffic are recommended, such as: when walking out onto a dock walkway, dock master offices, near restrooms, etc.
- Replace when faded, damaged or outdated.
- Multiple signs should be installed if the facility is large or has multiple docks with separate walkways that are a considerable distance apart.
- Must not face the water, and must never be attached to pilings or navigational markers in the water. Note: One exception to signs facing the water are for temporary awareness signs during in-water work, such as the "Caution Boaters" or "Idle Speed while in work area" signs.

Manatee Educational Sign Information

The FWC designs manatee educational signs to fulfill state permit or lease conditions. Sign users should be contacted directly to arrange for shipping and billing of the signs. There are a number of vendors known to FWC that regularly produce manatee signs, and this list can be seen at the following link:

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[Manatee](#)

Sign Vendors.

Sign designs other than those depicted on this page may be created, but must be pre-approved by FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section in order to be considered appropriate for fulfilling permit requirements.



Sign Specifications

For durability, all signs should be:

- Fiberglass or metal with rounded corners (hand-sanded to remove all sharp edges and burrs)
- Constructed of 0.08 Gauge 5052-H38 Aluminum
- Have an Alodine 1200 conversion coating and
- Have Engineer Grade Type I reflective sheeting

Signs constructed to other specifications may not provide durability acceptable to the consumer. The size and type of signs required by permit or lease may vary from those depicted in this guide. If you have any questions, please contact FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myfwc.com.

FWC-approved Signs

The following signs are FWC-approved for fulfilling State permit requirements. Sign companies not on the known vendor list can produce the FWC-approved signs (images below) by downloading the designated Adobe files:



Florida Friendly Boating 2009 - Print Quality for Signs

This sign is considered the manatee educational sign. Replaces the older "Manatee Basics for Boaters" sign.

Minimum size should be 30" tall x 36" wide with rounded corners.

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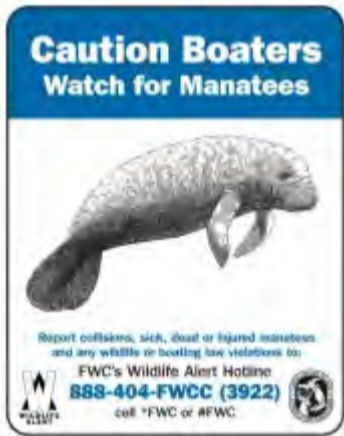


[Respect Florida Manatees - Print Quality For Signs](#)

This educational sign for guidelines for appropriate manatee viewing is intended to be placed near water recreation facilities.

Minimum size should be 30" tall x 24" wide with rounded corners at marinas and public use facilities.

Minimum size should be 18" tall x 12" wide with rounded corners at residential and private use areas or kiosks.



[Caution Boaters 2021 - Print Quality for Signs](#)

This sign is required as part of the standard manatee construction conditions and is intended to be placed near dredge, tugboat, and work boat operators.

Minimum size should be 8 1/2" tall x 11" wide with rounded corners.



[Caution: Shut Down 2021 - Print Quality for Signs](#)

This sign is required as part of the standard manatee construction conditions and is intended to be placed near dredge, tugboat, and work boat operators.

Minimum size should be 8 1/2" tall x 11" wide with rounded corners.

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[Entanglement 2021 \(English Only\) - Print Quality for Signs](#)

[Entanglement \(English/Spanish 2015\)](#)

This entanglement sign is typically placed near recycling bins or trash containers.

Minimum size should be 15" tall x 12" wide with rounded corners.

Related Links



[Manatee Sign Vendors](#) – Sign vendors who have asked to be on the FWC known sign vendor list for manatee educational signs. These companies have sent examples to FWC for confirmation of sign quality prior to being listed.

[Regulatory waterway signs](#) are official U.S. Coast Guard and FWC approved speed zone or navigational signs posted on waterways and may not be installed by a private citizen. To report missing or damaged signs, or for more information regarding sign posting for manatee protection speed zones, contact [FWC's Division of Law Enforcement - Boating and Waterways Section](#) at [1-866-405-BUOY](tel:1-866-405-BUOY) (2869) or [submit a report electronically](#).

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Hello, my name is Jeff, and I currently reside in Sebastian. I hold a master's degree in marine biology from the University of North Carolina. During my professional career, I worked for Smithsonian Institution, Auburn University, and lastly, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service). As a fish and wildlife biologist for the Service, I was involved in Section 7 consultations for endangered species and responsible for reviewing proposed projects for potential impacts to federally-listed species in south Florida.

Since retiring from the federal government in 2021, I have volunteered my services for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission researchers involved in a Florida grasshopper sparrow habitat project, Indian River County Land Trust's Cypress Bend habitat restoration project, working with FSSR, County and researchers in writing a petition for the imperiled opossum pipefish, and investigating the possibility of culturing opossum pipefish for relocation to the Indian River Lagoon. Lastly, I'm involved in contract work with Earthology Consulting Services, where I recently completed a pilot project to examine bioacoustic monitoring for the eastern black rail at Fort Drum Marsh Conservation Area, which was recently published in the peer-reviewed journal *Florida Scientist*. To date, I have authored or co-authored over 40 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts.

Having worked and lived in Indian River County for over 20 years, I have witnessed first-hand, the impact to the environment. Consequently, I'm interested in volunteering my time and knowledge in addressing environmental issues plaguing our area.

My outside interests include cycling, photography (land and aerial), and spending time with my family; especially my granddaughter.



St. Johns River Water Management District

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2026

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: St. Johns River Water Management District
Bureau of Land Resources

SUBJECT: Southern Recreation Public Meeting

The St. Johns River Water Management District’s Southern Recreational Public Meeting is scheduled for **6–8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026**. The meeting will be held at the St. Johns River Water Management District’s Palm Bay Service Center, Blue Cypress Room, [525 Community College Parkway SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909](https://www.sjrwmd.com/locations/palm-bay-service-center).

The purpose of this meeting is to collect input from stakeholders regarding recreational use of District conservation land in the Upper St. Johns River Basin, South Region.

District staff will receive comments from the public during the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to provide a comment or question, please email SouthernRecreationComments@sjrwmd.com. The answers will be returned via email after the meeting.

Topics, as they relate to public recreational utilization of District lands, will include:

- Overview of recreation on District land in the South Region
- South Region land management and operations updates
- Opportunity for public comment

The Recreational Public Meeting information can be found at www.sjrwmd.com/meetings-announcements/. You can also visit www.sjrwmd.com/streamlines/ to view *Streamlines*, the online magazine about the work of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

If you have any questions or comments, please email Patrick McCord at pjmccord@sjrwmd.com or call (386) 643-1154.

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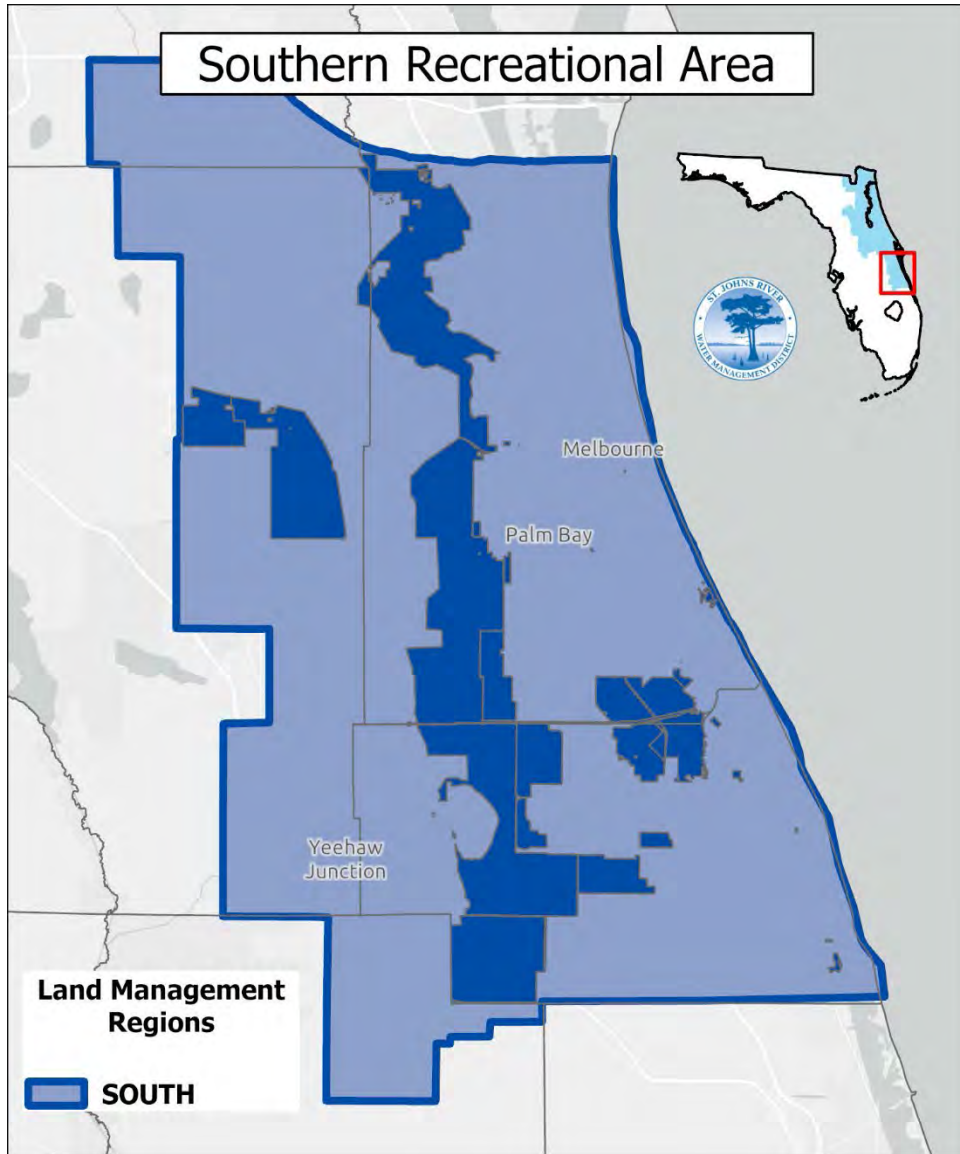
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South Recreational Area Properties:

South Region

- Blue Cypress Conservation Area
- Fellsmere Grade
- Fellsmere Water Management Area
- Fort Drum Marsh Conservation Area
- Micco Water Management Area
- River Lakes Conservation Area
- Sand Lakes Restoration Area
- Three Forks Conservation Area

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 **The Emerson Center**
1590 27th Ave, Vero Beach



April 25, 2026
8:30AM – 4:00PM



Cost \$25
includes lunch

ABOUT THE FORUM:

Join Clean Water Coalition, Indian River Neighborhood Association, and Pelican Island Audubon Society for a public forum that aims to increase public awareness of county-wide land and water resource challenges- particularly the declining health of the Indian River Lagoon and Blue Cypress Lake- and the consequential actions needed to improve and protect these vital ecosystems.



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- **Reviving the Indian River Lagoon, A National Treasure**
by Duane DeFreese, Ph.D., Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program
- **Habitat Management & Restoration on Conservation Lands**
by Beth Powell, Indian River County Parks, Recreation, & Conservation and Dave Fuss, Indian River Land Trust
- **The 4 W's of the County's Integrated Plan**
by Sean Lieske, Indian River County Utility Services
- **City of Vero Beach & Wastewater Systems**
by Rob Bolton, City of Vero Beach Water & Sewer
- **Rethinking Stormwater: Low Impact Living for a Healthier Lagoon**
by Dr. Laura Wilson, Marine Resources Council
- **Towards Creating a Living Landscape**
by Dr. Craig Huegel, University of South Florida
- **The Way Back: How Historical Land Cover Change Can Inform Conservation & Restoration in the Indian River Lagoon Watershed**
by Kai C. Rains Ph.D., St. Petersburg College
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by Charles Jacoby, The Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation
- **A Lagoon Under Pressure: Population Growth, Water Quality, & Seagrass Restoration in the Indian River Lagoon**
by Dr. Rachel Brewton, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute- Florida Atlantic University
- **Biosolid Use & Human Impacts**
by Gary Roderick, Former - Southeast District of Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- **Indian River Lagoon Cleanup: Budget Shortfalls Undermine Restoration**
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RE: IRL Day 2025

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Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 3:19 PM

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Cc: Megan Ruben <Megan.Ruben@mlbfl.org>, Todd Cook <Todd.Cook@mlbfl.org>

Hi again everyone!

We've set the date for next year's event for **Saturday October 17, 2026** and we're going to change the name to: **"Lagoon Fest"**

Please put the date on your calendars now so you can join us again next year 😊

Something new: We've booked the community center building, and we'll be organizing some guest speakers for the day.

If you or your organization would like to tackle a presentation, let us know. We haven't worked out the timing yet so just let us know if you'd be interested.

This and other new ideas will help to get more foot traffic to the event.

Thanks so much for all that you do!

Cheryl Caldwell- Environmental Programs Coordinator

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