

Martin County Projects Update



Rivers Coalition Meeting

August 27, 2015 at 11 a.m., City of Stuart Commission Chambers

(Update provided by Deborah Drum, Manager, Ecosystem Restoration & Management Division)

- Lake O currently at 12.68 feet
 - 1 year ago 14.47 feet
 - 2 years ago 15.56 feet
 - No Lake discharges occurring; considerable rainfall may result in increases in runoff to the estuary from local basins.

- The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) effort continues. The IDS is the “blueprint” for project implementation in CERP for the next 15 years. Recently there was good news for the Indian River Lagoon-South (IRL-S) project in that it was included in the IDS that will be considered for approval by the South Florida Everglades Restoration Task Force in November.

- Martin County Water projects in the FY16 budget include:
 - North River Shores Phase II Vacuum Sewer System: \$1.5 Million
 - Leilani Heights Stormwater Improvement Project: \$50,000
 - Other water projects funded in Martin County included:
 - Town of Ocean Breeze Treating Toxic Stormwater: \$150,000

- Unfortunately, funding for the St. Lucie River Issues Team was not approved, so we are without that grant funding source this year to assist us with moving forward on critical water quality improvement projects. We will continue to advocate for the importance of this and similar programs which vet important water quality and restoration projects through locally experienced and knowledgeable people.

- Martin County is continuing to aggressively pursuing future grants with applications either already submitted or will be submitting for the following projects:
 - Willoughby Creek – Section 319 grant for \$594,000
 - Willoughby Creek – SLRIT grant for \$418,000
 - Leilani Heights – SLRIT grant for \$200,000
 - All American Ditch – FDEP TMDL grant for \$800,000
 - Manatee Creek Technology (de-nitrification) – TMDL grant for \$100,000
 - Cypress Creek Weir – LRPI grant for \$85,000

- Ecosystem Restoration and Management Division will be starting construction of a second generation, nutrient separating baffle box for the Manatee Pocket SW Prong on September 1, 2015. The location of the baffle box will be on SE 45th Street, south of SE Cove Road. Construction will be substantially complete by December 29, 2015.

- Martin County is currently finalizing its federal and state legislative program. The Board is anticipated to review and finalize its program at their September 1 meeting.

- The Martin County Legislative Delegation meeting will be held on September 24, 2015 beginning at 9 am. Chairman Fielding will represent the Board and share its priorities with the delegation.