



Save Our Indian River Lagoon Workshop #2

Brevard County Board Of County Commissioners; Governing Board Of The Brevard Mosquito Control District; Governing Board Of The Barefoot Bay Water And Sewer District

City of Palm Bay Council Chambers
120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, FL
Agenda
Monday, January 12, 2026

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The Board of County Commissioners requests that speakers appearing under the Public Comment section of the agenda limit their comments and/or presentations to matters under the Board's jurisdiction.

- A. CALL TO ORDER 5:00 PM**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Thad Altman, Chair, District 5**
- C. PRESENTATIONS (Each presentation will be limited to 10 minutes.)**
 - C.1.** Presentation - Natural Resources Management Department - Virginia Barker
 - C.2.** Presentation - Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Citizen Oversight Committee - Vinnie Taranto
 - C.3.** Presentation - National Estuary Program, Dr. Duane De Freese

Scheduled Workshop Break

- C.4.** Presentation - Business Community - Laurilee Thompson
- C.5.** Presentation - Municipal Perspective - Frank Catino
- C.6.** Presentation - Economic Impact of the Indian River Lagoon - Chris Peterson, St. Johns River Water Management District Member

Scheduled Workshop Break

- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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E. BOARD DISCUSSION

Workshop Ends at 9:00 PM

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Brevard County Workshop on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Program



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November 2016 Ballot Language

Brevard County, Florida

Save Our Indian River Lagoon $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Sales Tax Referendum

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YES For the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax
62.41%

NO Against the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax
37.5%

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan

REDUCE Excess Nitrogen & Phosphorus Inputs by 25%

- Fertilizer management through public education and outreach
- Septic system removal
- Septic system upgrades
- Wastewater treatment plant upgrades to improve reclaimed water quality
- Stormwater treatment

RESTORE 20 Miles of Oyster Bars and Living Ecosystem Services

Create long, narrow oyster bars throughout the lagoon to increase filtration and decrease shoreline erosion.

REMOVE Detrimental Muck to Reduce Flux by 25%

Remove muck through environmental dredging. Muck contributes to turbidity, inhibits seagrass growth, consumes oxygen, stores and releases nutrients, smothers the natural bottom, and destroys healthy communities of benthic organisms.

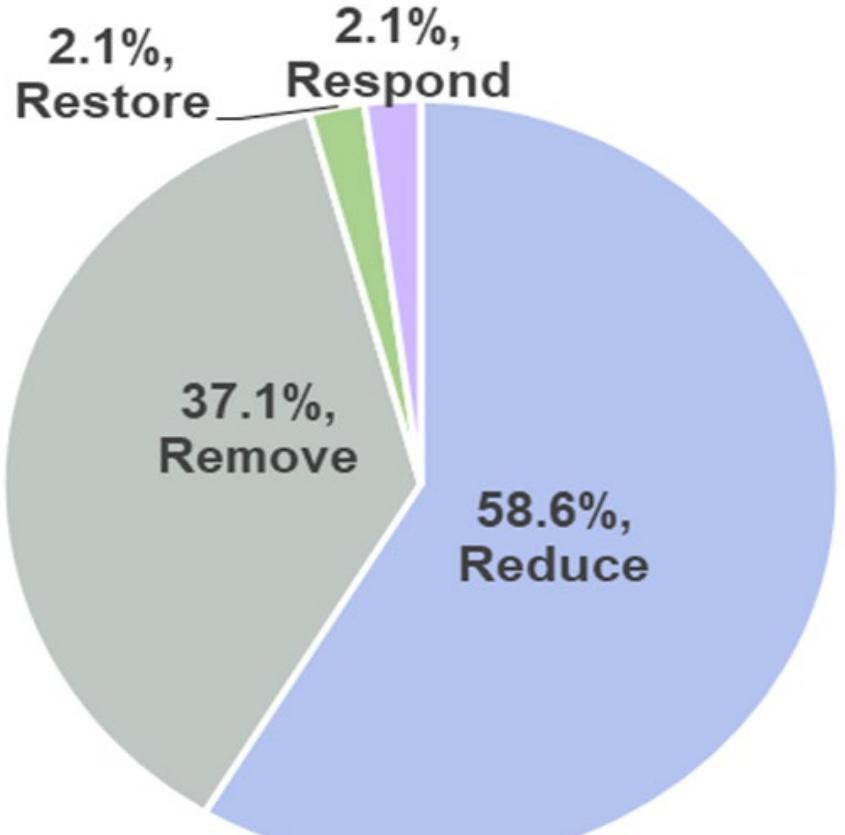
RESPOND to New Information

Measure progress annually, evaluate changing needs and conditions, consider technological opportunities, and respond by amending the plan accordingly.



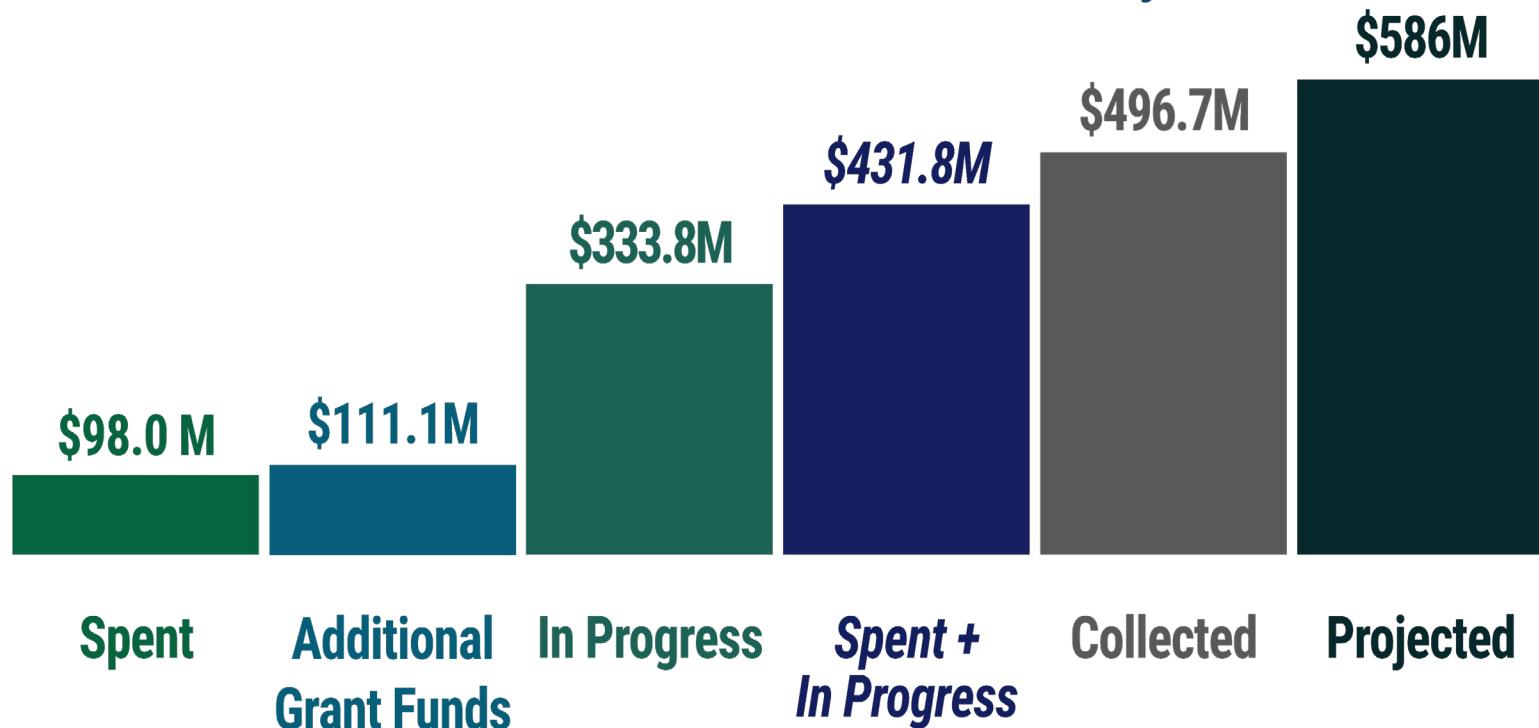
How Do We Win This Race?

Funding Allocation and Spending



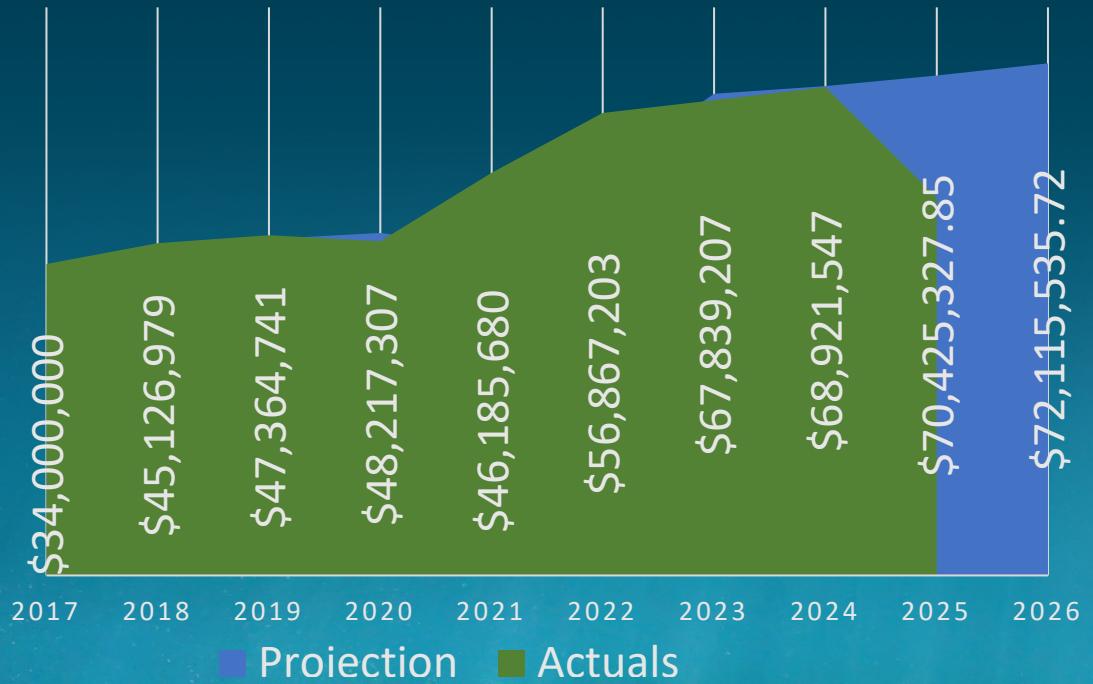
Distribution of SOIRL Funds

1/2 Cent Sales Tax Summary

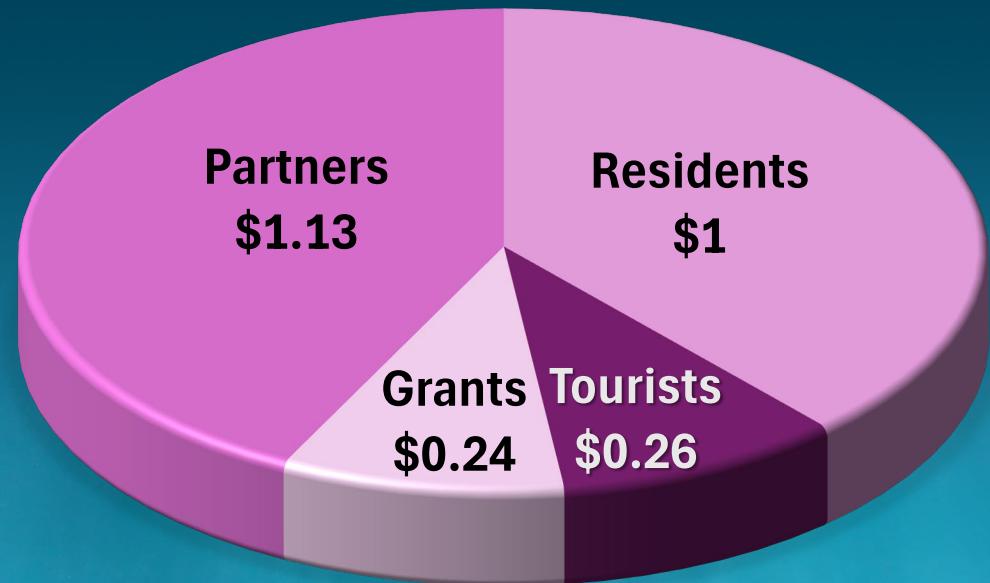


Revenues and Leveraging

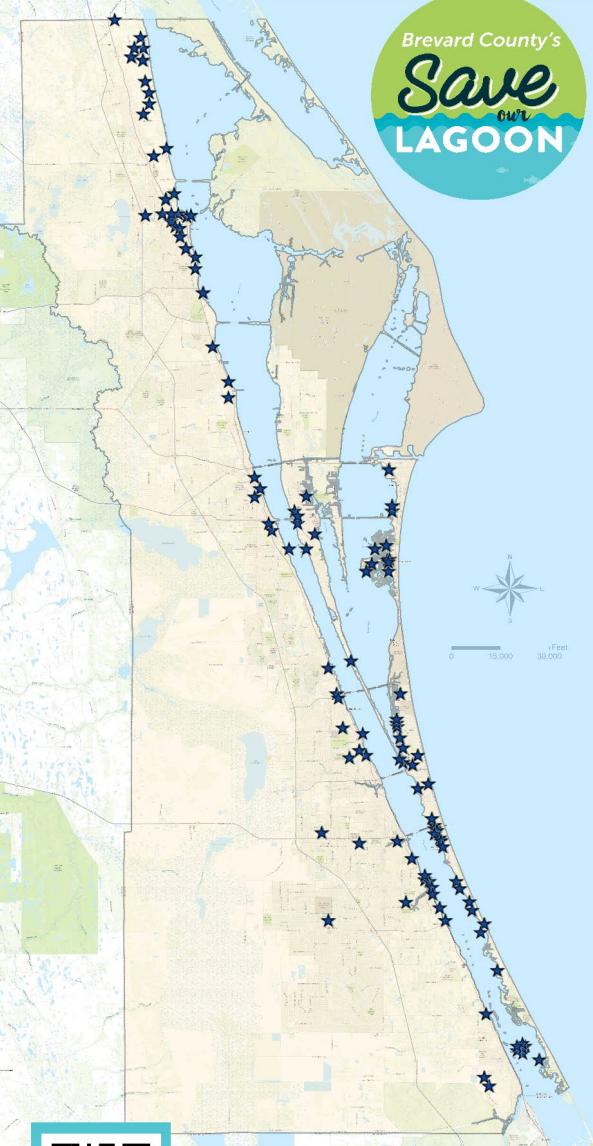
SAVE OUR LAGOON SURTAX REVENUES



LEVERAGING EACH DOLLAR \$2.63



COMPLETED PROJECTS



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project information



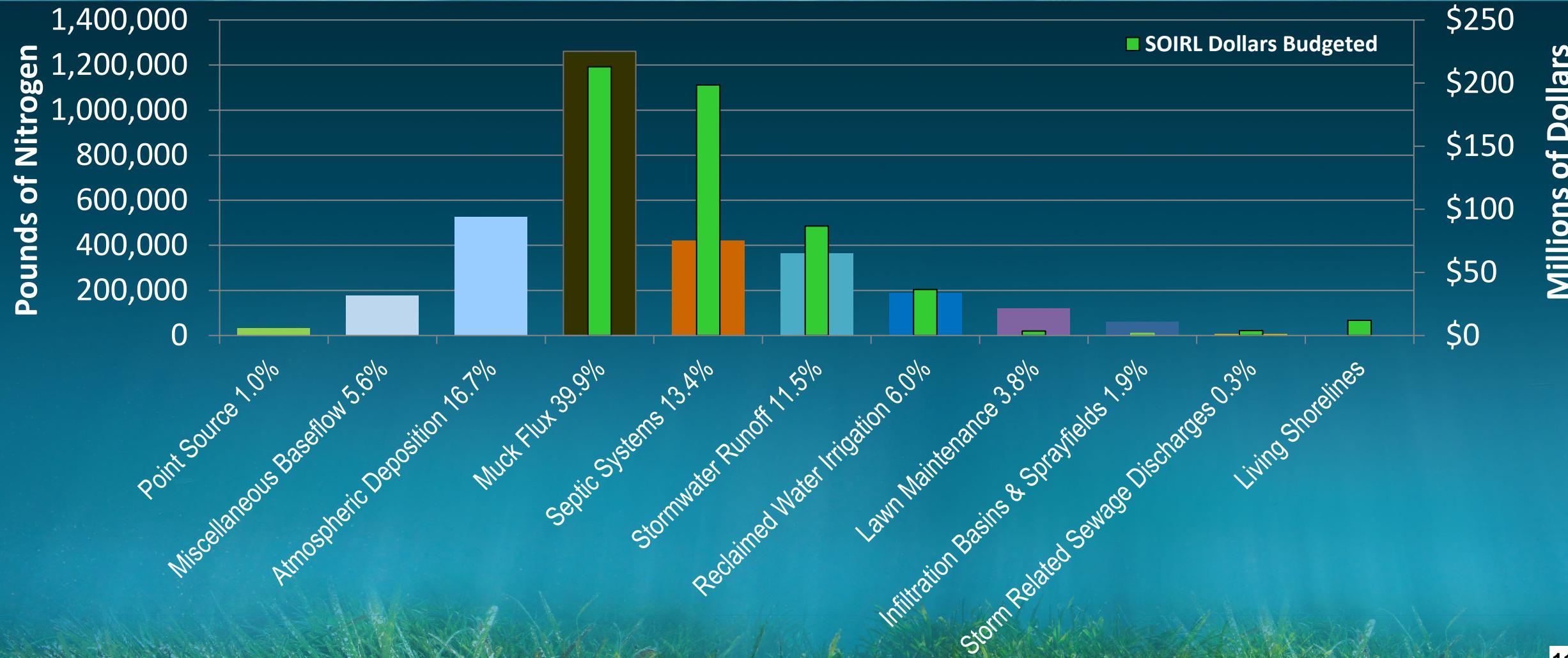
SOIRL Project Progress

119 Completed Projects

16 Titusville
12 Brevard Zoo
10 Cocoa Beach
10 Clam Farmers
5 Marine Resources Council
5 Melbourne
4 Cocoa
3 Satellite Beach
2 Indian Harbour Beach
2 Palm Bay

2 Rockledge
2 West Melbourne
1 Private Mobile Home Park...
1 Private Business Park
1 Cape Canaveral
1 Indialantic
1 Melbourne Tillman WCD
1 Merritt Island Redevelopment
1 St. Johns River Water Mgmt
39 Brevard County Projects
+ 2,269 Homeowner Projects

Pollution Sources vs Fund Allocations



100 Community
Projects
Completed!

1,842 Home
Owner Projects
Completed!



2025 Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Status

Progress as of December 31, 2024



142,023 lbs of
nitrogen reduced
per year

127,103 lbs of
one-time nitrogen
removal

Public Education & Engagement



Budget: \$4,017,807
TN Reduction: 33,709 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$119
Projects Completed: 1
Projects Underway: 6
Projects in the Plan: 7

WWTF Upgrades for Reclaimed Water



Budget: \$36,471,408
TN Reduction: 82,151 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$444
Projects Completed: 4
Projects in Design: 3
Projects in the Plan: 9

Rapid Infiltration Basin/ Sprayfield Upgrades



Budget: \$90,658
TN Reduction: 317 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$286
Projects Completed: 1
Projects in Construction: 0
Projects in the Plan: 2

Package Plant Connections



Budget: \$1,574,111
TN Reduction: 992 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$1,587
Projects Completed: 1
Projects in Design: 1
Projects in the Plan: 3

Smoke Testing/ Sewer Lateral Repairs



Budget: \$1,700,205
TN Reduction: 6,196 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$274
Miles Smoke Tested: 299
1,089 of 1,126 Leaks Repaired
Projects in the Plan: 5

Septic to Sewer



Budget: \$163,234,830
TN Reduction: 113,243 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$1,441
Homes Connected: 830
Homes in Construction: 355
Homes in the Plan: 5,144

Septic System Upgrades



Budget: \$30,731,280
TN Reduction: 34,294 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$896
Homes Upgraded: 353
Homes Contracted: 591
Homes in the Plan: 1,469

Stormwater Projects



Budget: \$84,213,758
TN Reduction: 239,381 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$352
Projects Completed: 46
Projects in Construction: 5
Projects in the Plan: 253

Aquatic Vegetation Harvesting



Budget: \$2,337,175
TN Reduction: 42,913 lbs
Average Cost/lb TN: \$54
Projects Completed: 8
Projects in Construction: 0
Projects in the Plan: 10

Muck Removal



Budget: \$161,761,411
TN Reduction: 235,134 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$688
Projects Completed: 3
Projects in Construction: 2
Projects in the Plan: 21

Interstitial Water Treatment



Budget: \$50,860,669
TN Reduction: 500,032 lbs
Average Cost/lb TN: \$102
Projects Completed: 2
Projects in Construction: 2
Projects in the Plan: 16

Oyster Bars



Budget: \$11,361,634
TN Reduction: 23,057 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$493
Projects Completed: 11
Projects in Construction: 5
Projects in the Plan: 28

Planted Shorelines



Budget: \$115,895
TN Reduction: 450 lbs/year
Average Cost/lb TN: \$258
Projects Completed: 8
Projects in Construction: 1
Projects in the Plan: 10

Clam Restoration



Budget: \$510,117
TN Reduction: 3,574 lbs
Average Cost/lb TN: \$143
Projects Completed: 6
Project Underway: 4
Projects in the Plan: 12

2017-2024 Revenue = \$434.7M

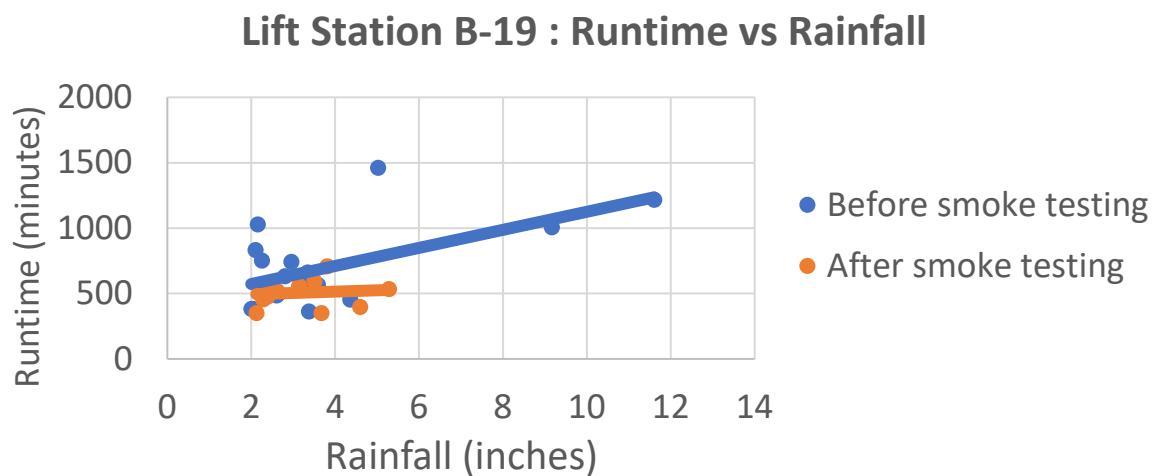
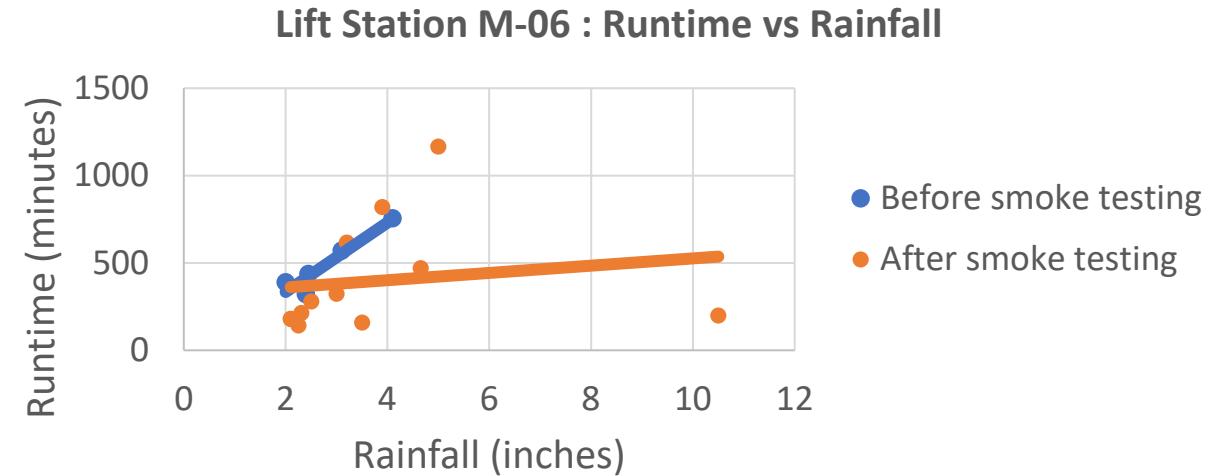
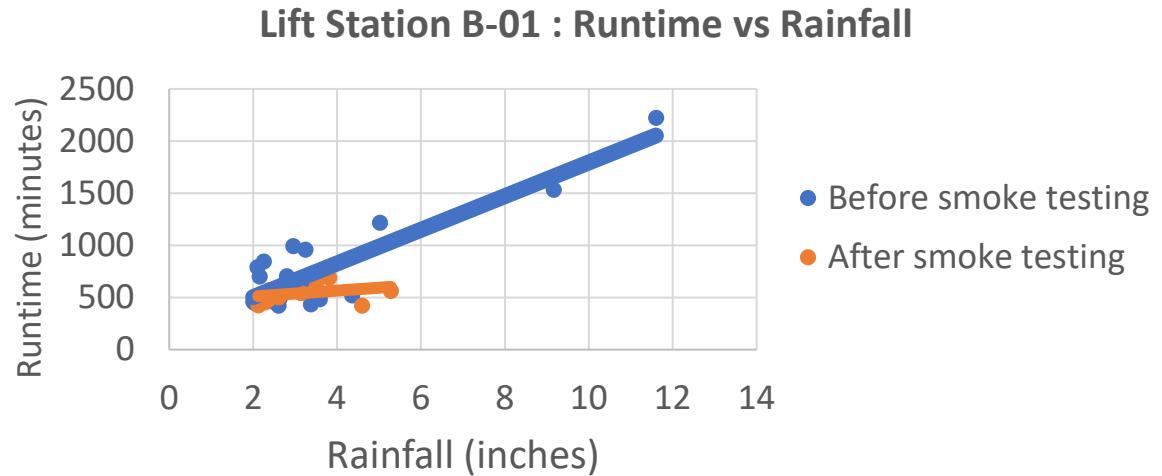
10-Year Revenue Estimate = \$585.7M

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2017-2024 Expenditures = \$79.5M

Projects Underway = \$332.9M

Prevent Sewage Overflows



How Septic Systems Pollute the Lagoon

HOW DO SEPTIC SYSTEMS AFFECT THE LAGOON?

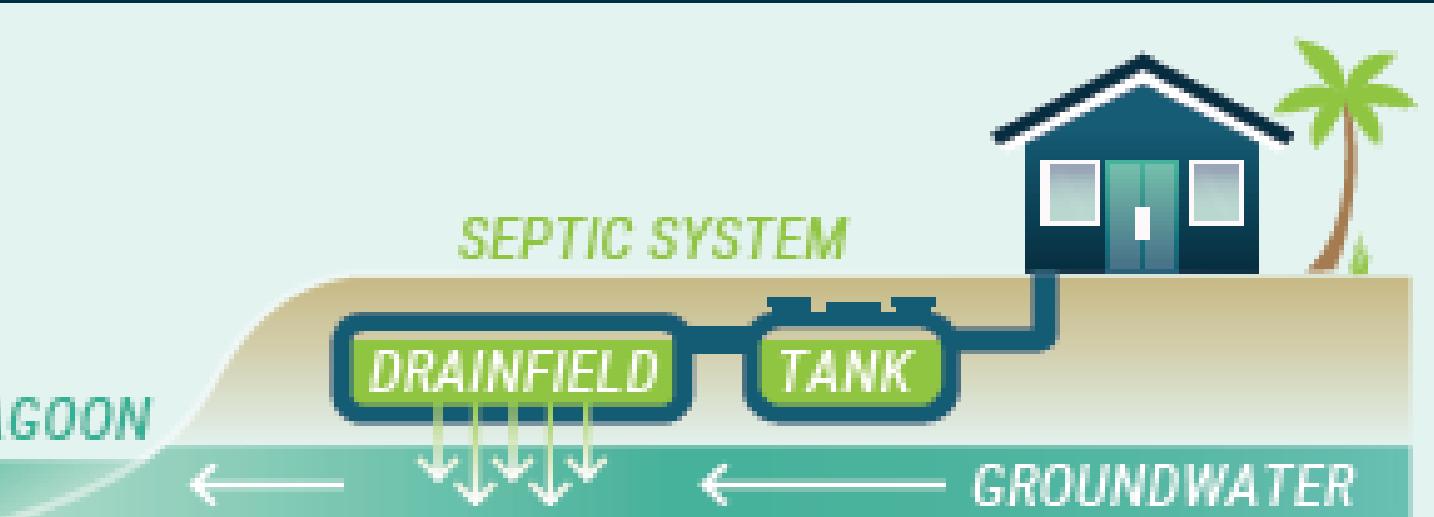
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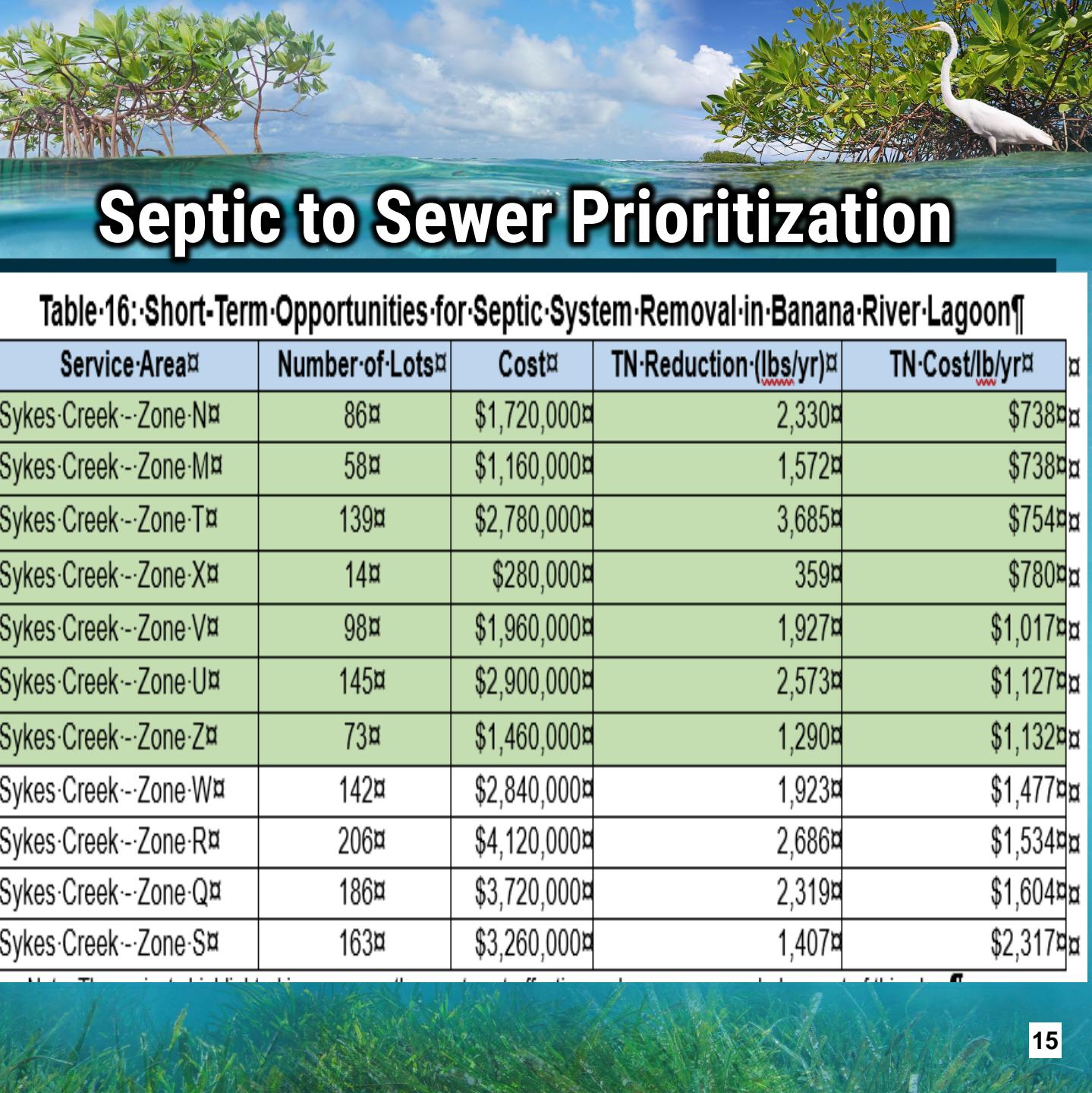
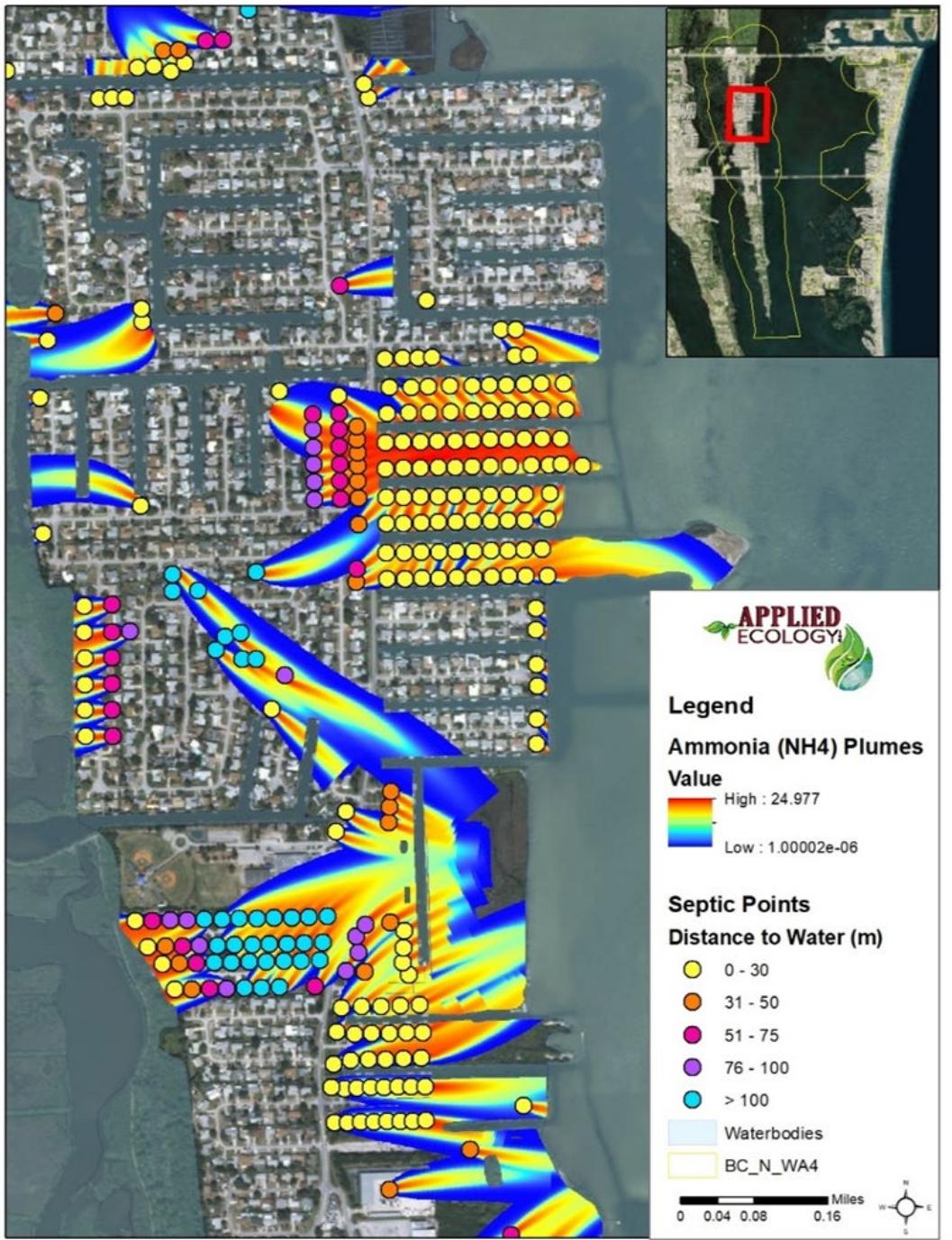
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Excess nitrogen, phosphorus, and pollutants from septic systems can enter groundwater and migrate to the IRL.

Traditional septic systems remove only 30-40% of the nitrogen that flows through them.

20%
of the algae-feeding nitrogen entering the IRL is from septic systems.

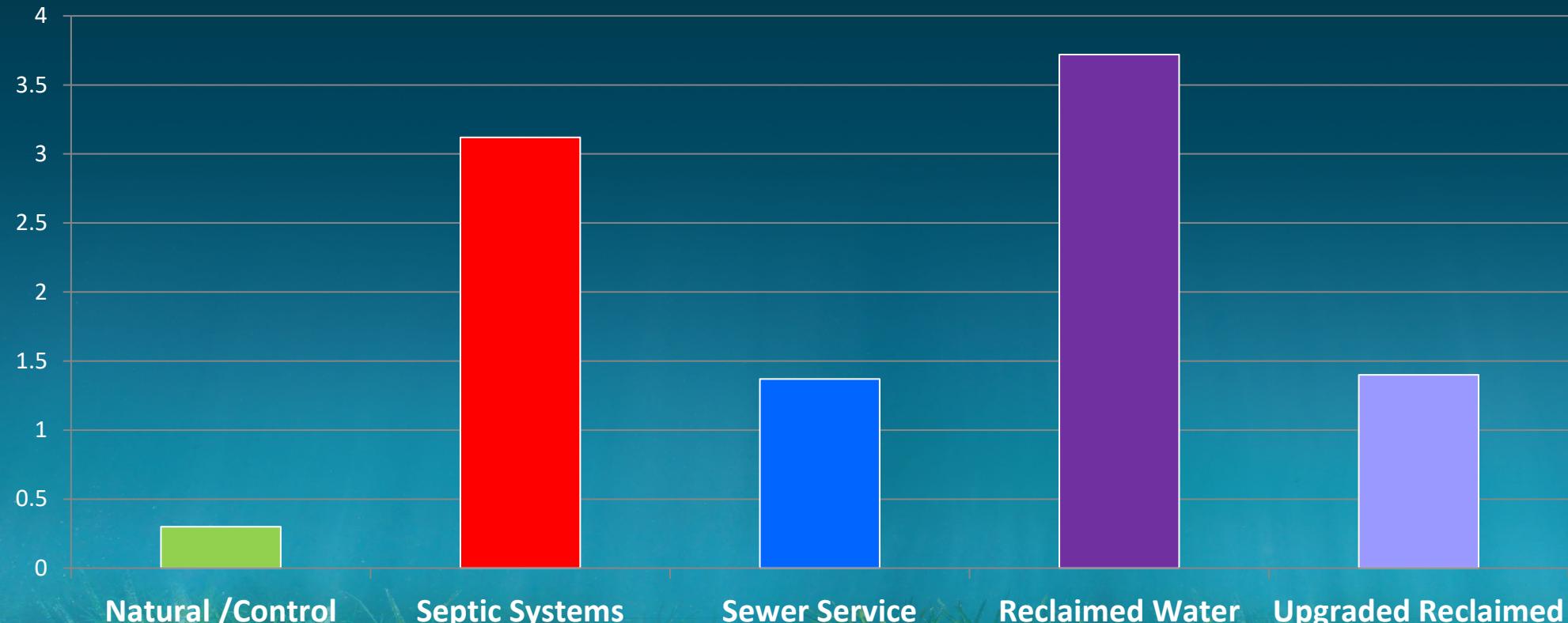




Groundwater Monitoring Data

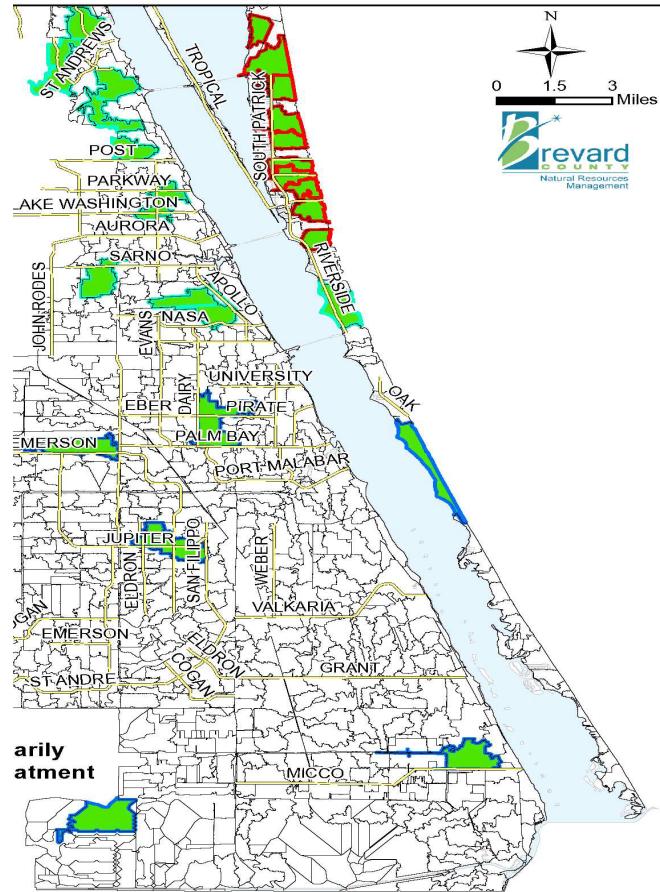
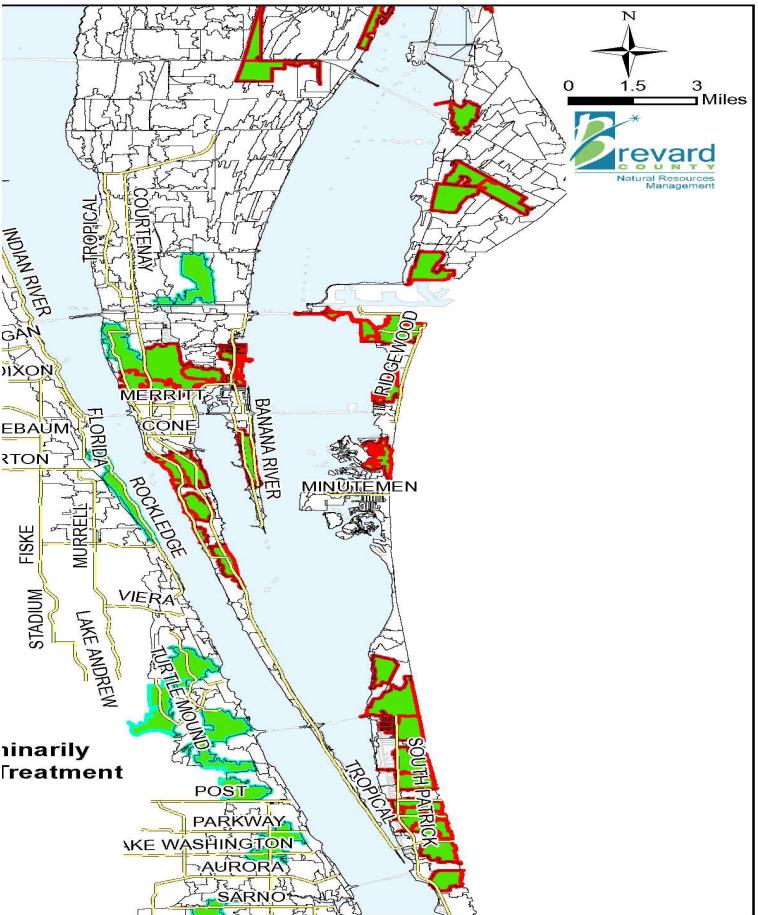
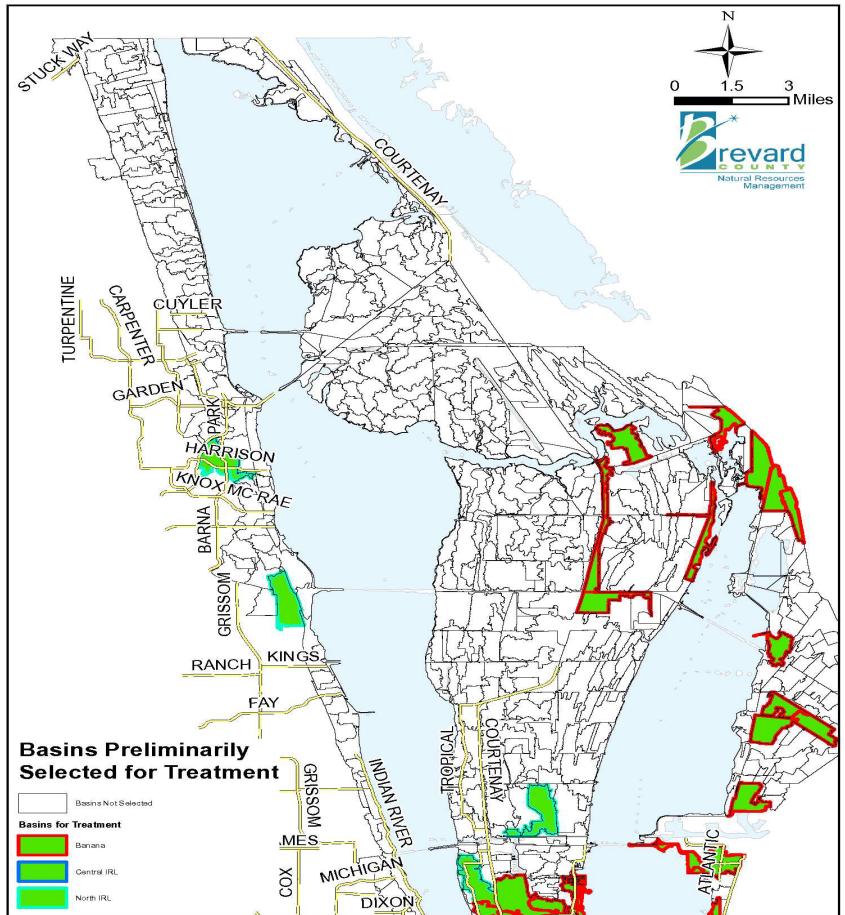
Groundwater Nitrogen Concentrations

(June 2018 – November 2025, Geometric Mean mg/L TN)



Results from 6+ Years of Monthly Groundwater Quality Sampling

Stormwater Project Prioritization

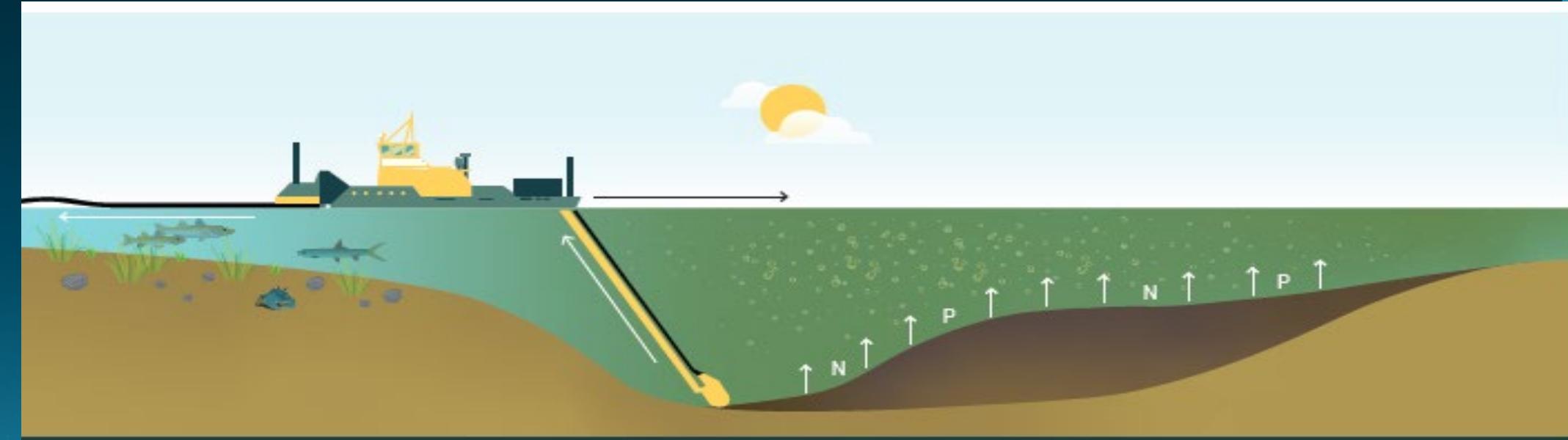


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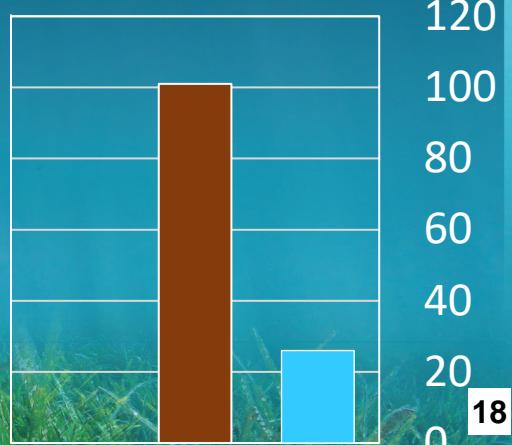
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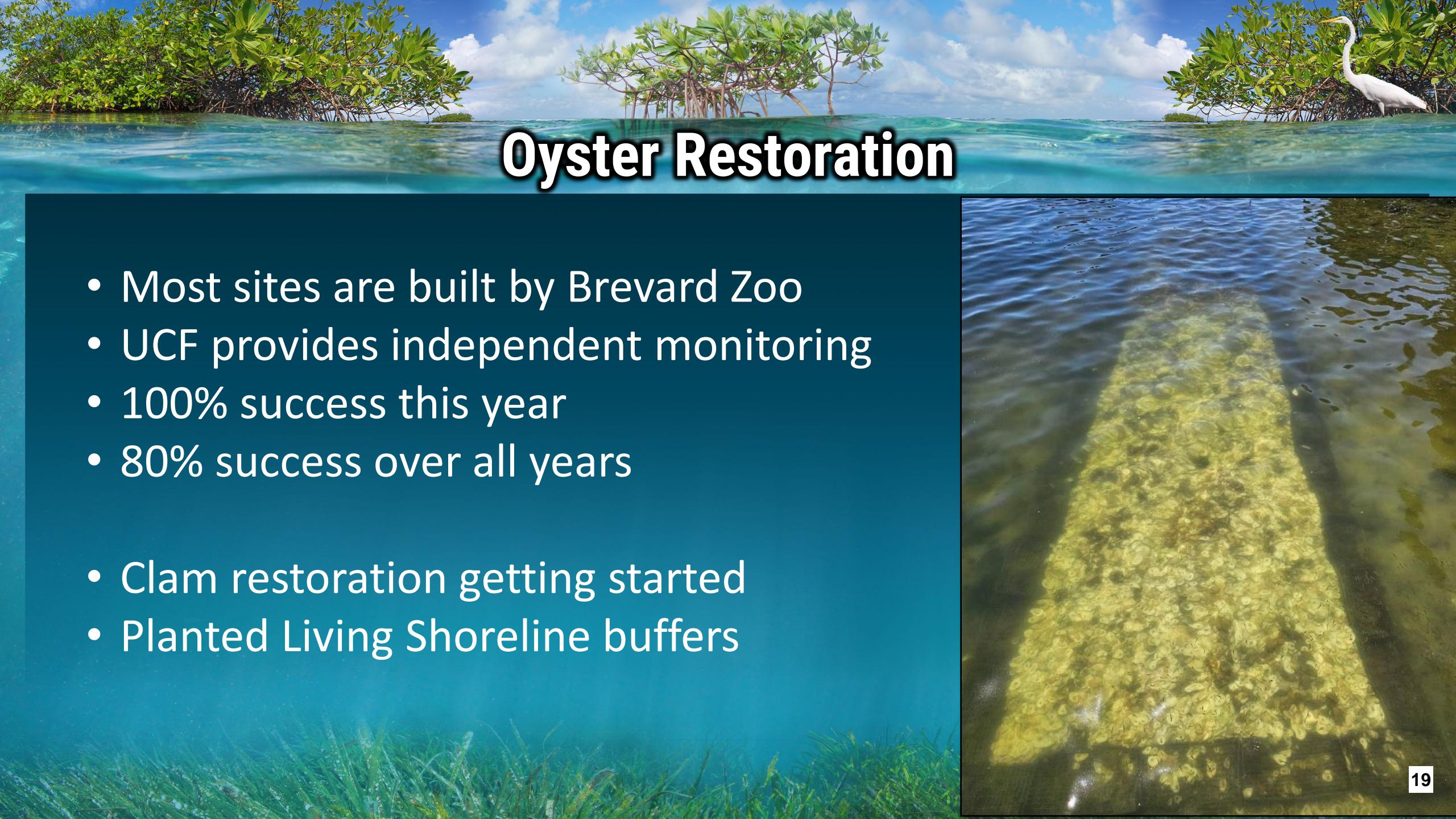
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Muck Removal



Eau Gallie River
Muck Dredging
Bloom Severity Index
Before and After
Dredging





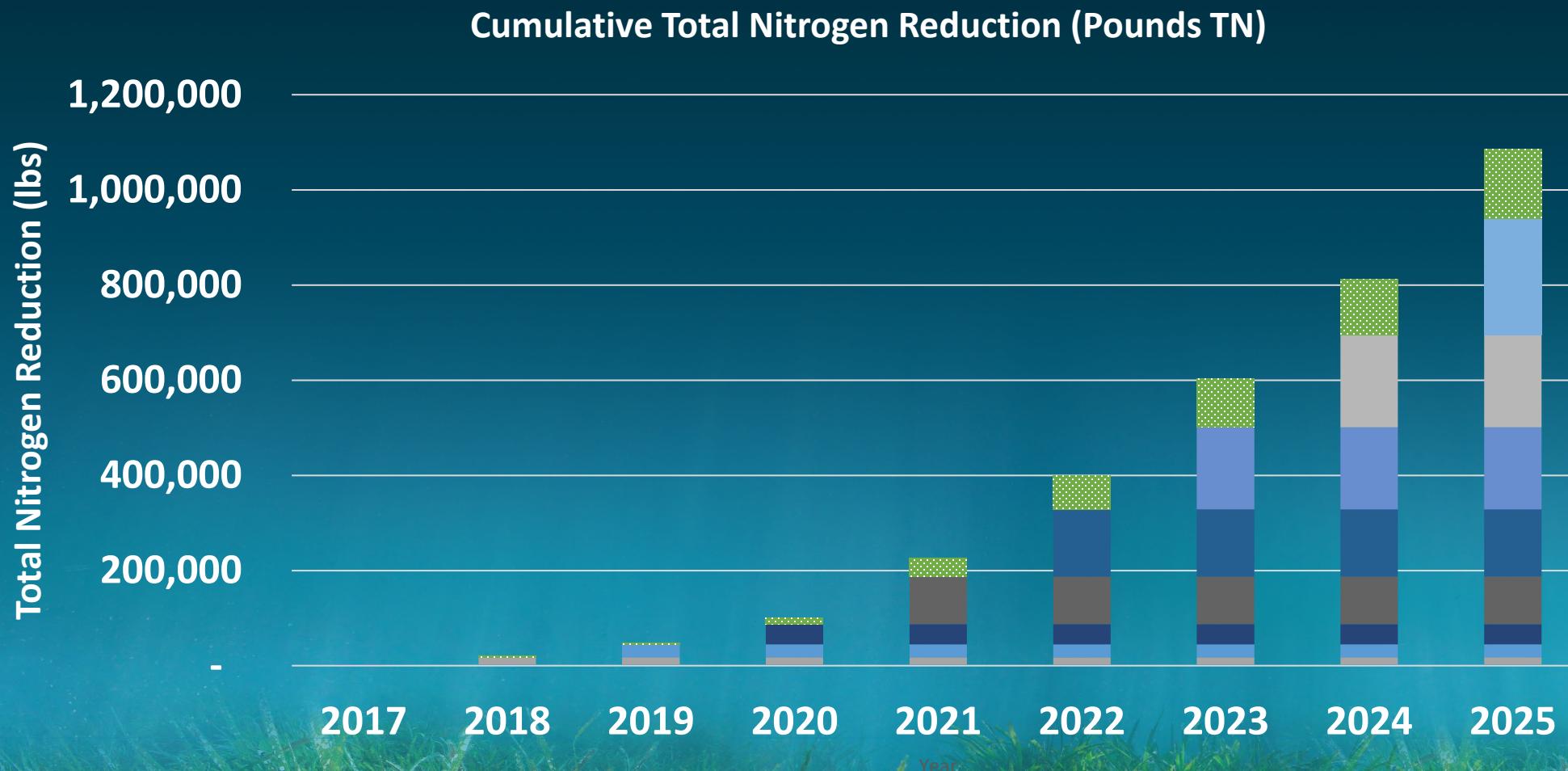
Oyster Restoration

- Most sites are built by Brevard Zoo
- UCF provides independent monitoring
- 100% success this year
- 80% success over all years

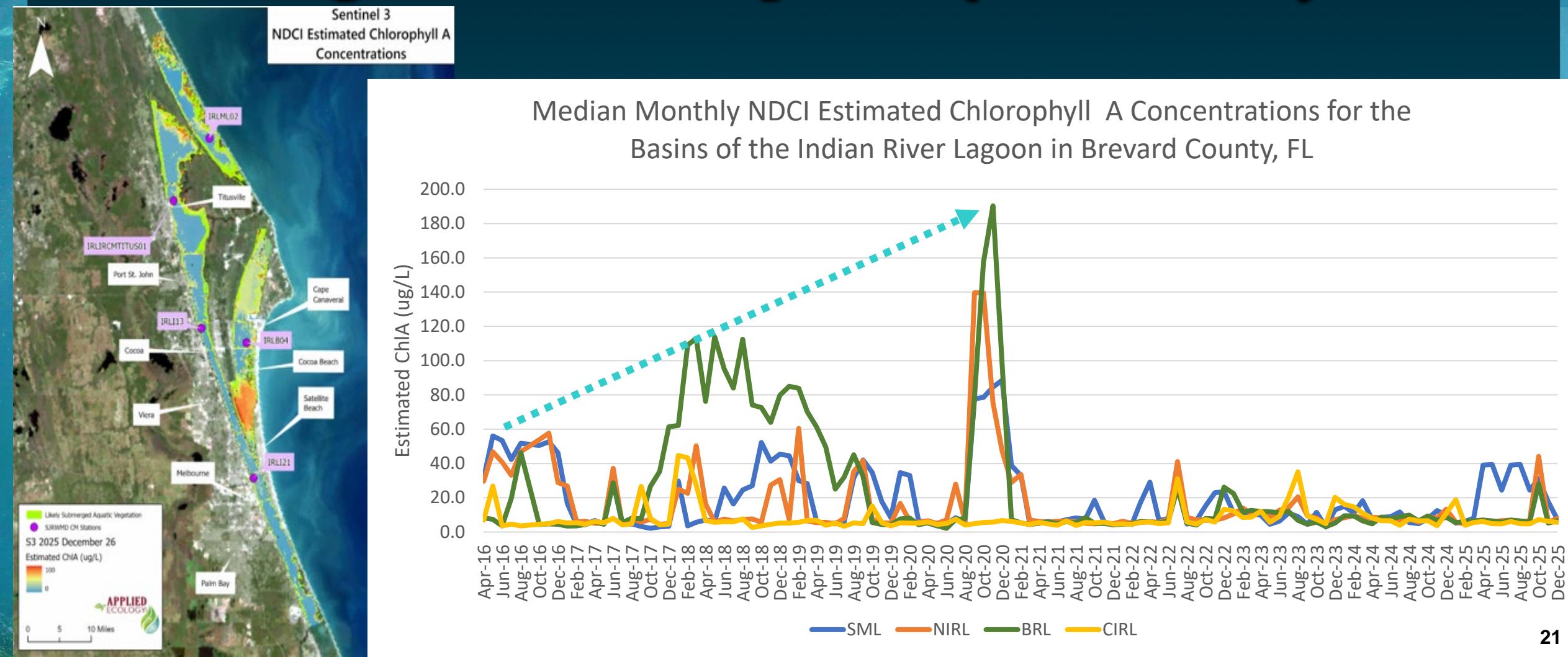
- Clam restoration getting started
- Planted Living Shoreline buffers



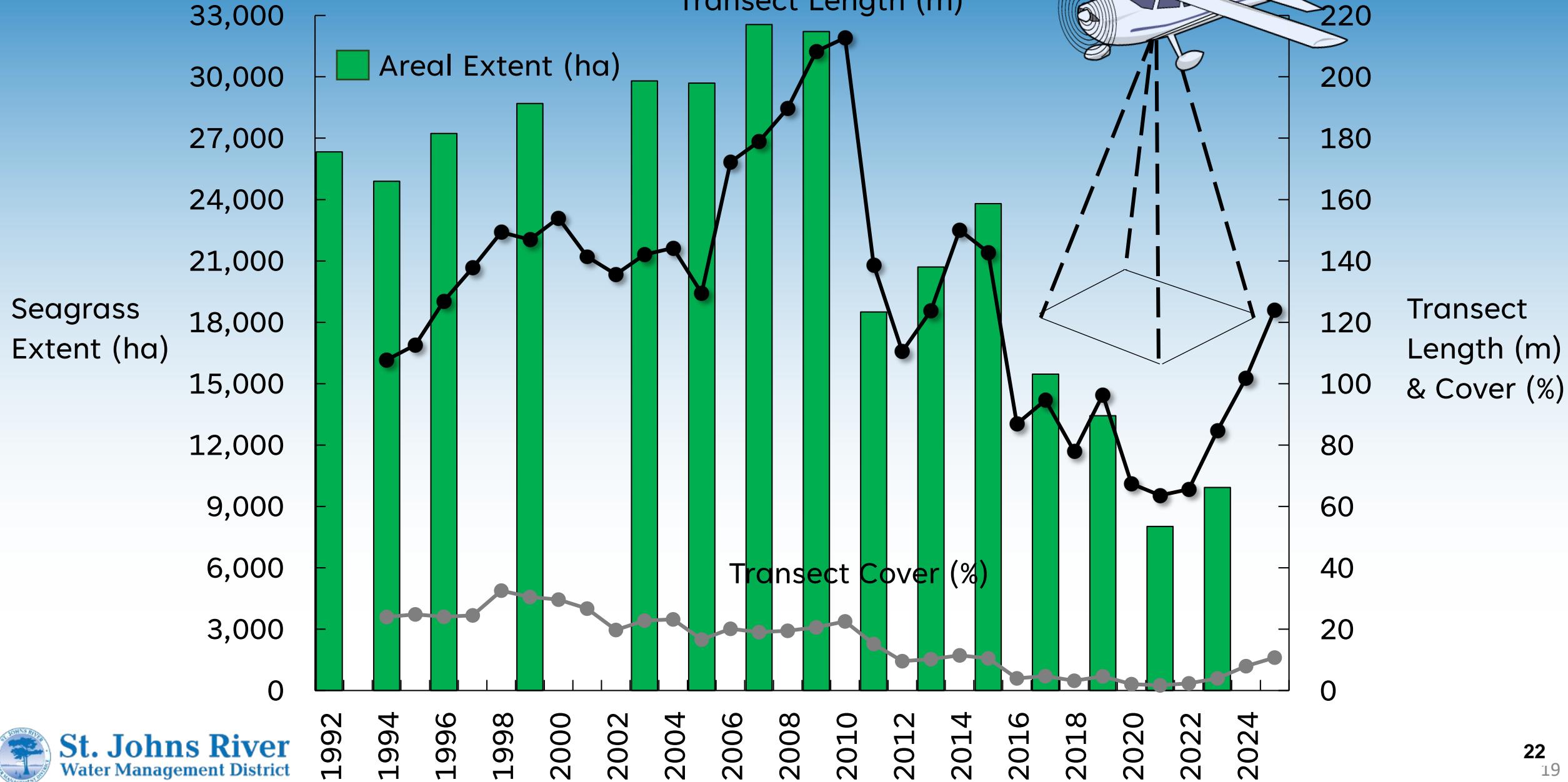
Cumulative Total Nitrogen Reduction



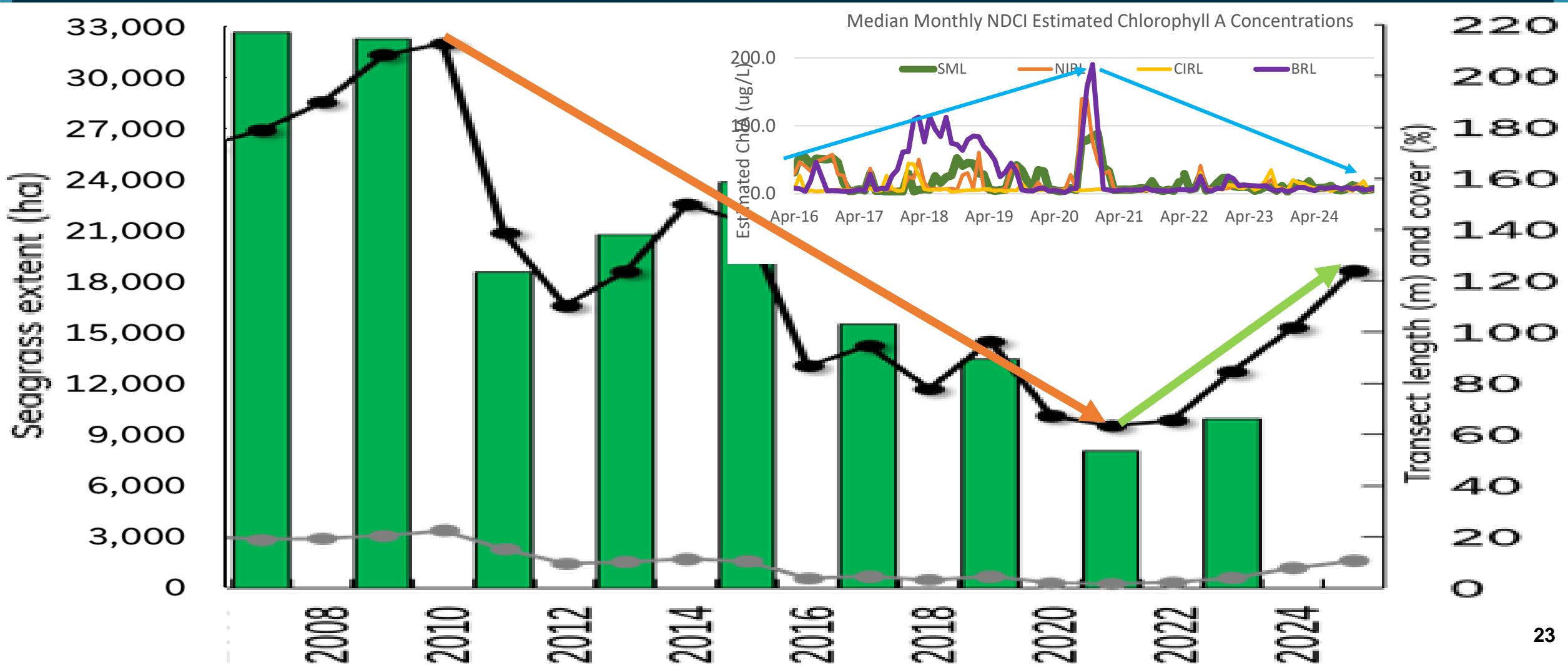
Algae Bloom Response (2016-2025)



Seagrass Extent



Evidence of Progress: Seagrass Response





Cleaner Water Grows More Seagrass



- Seagrass supports up to 40,000 fish per acre
- Seagrass is the Foundation of a Healthy and Productive Lagoon
- Uptakes and sequesters nutrients and provides food, habitat, & oxygen
- Ideal seagrass environment - shallow, protected, expansive



**SOIRL is working.
Restoration takes time.
Hope is on the Horizon!**

Virginia Barker, Director
Brevard County
Natural Resources Management Department

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Ordinance 2016-15 Passed August 23rd, 2016

BALLOT

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Caption: Save Our Indian River Lagoon ½ Cent Sales Tax Referendum

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YES For the ½ cent sales tax

NO Against the ½ cent sales tax

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SECTION 17. SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There is hereby created an Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee which shall consist of seven members. The intent of this volunteer oversight committee of diversely skilled citizens would be to recommend updates of the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan to the Board of County Commissioners annually and to provide public oversight and a transparent process that not only allows, but fosters, development and implementation of better, less costly and/or more timely tools and techniques for restoration of the Indian River Lagoon.

The brilliance of the implementation...





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What is the structure of the Citizen Oversight Committee?

- Seven Areas of Expertise with one member and one alternate representing each.
- Half appointed by the Space Coast League of Cities (municipal representatives).
- Half appointed by Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.
- Two-year terms. Possible reappointment with eight-year limit.
- Two Emeritus non-voting members.

When does the Citizen Oversight Committee meet?

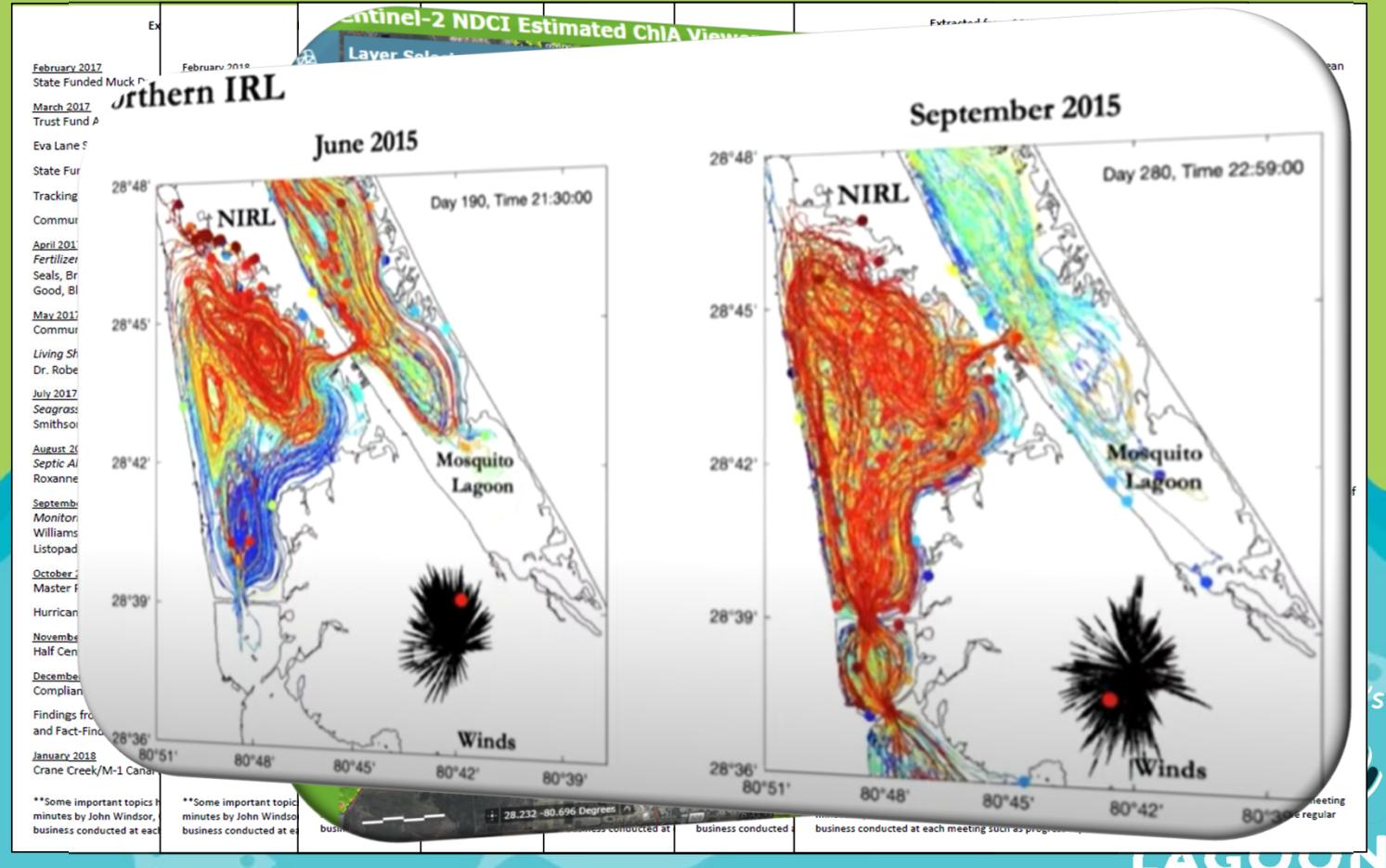
- Meets monthly on the 3rd Friday @ 8:30am in Viera
- Broadcast live on:
 - Space Coast Government TV (Spectrum)
 - Brevard County's Website
 - Brevard County's Facebook
 - SOIRL YouTube Page
- 14,445 minutes of 84 meetings

What does the Citizen Oversight Committee do?

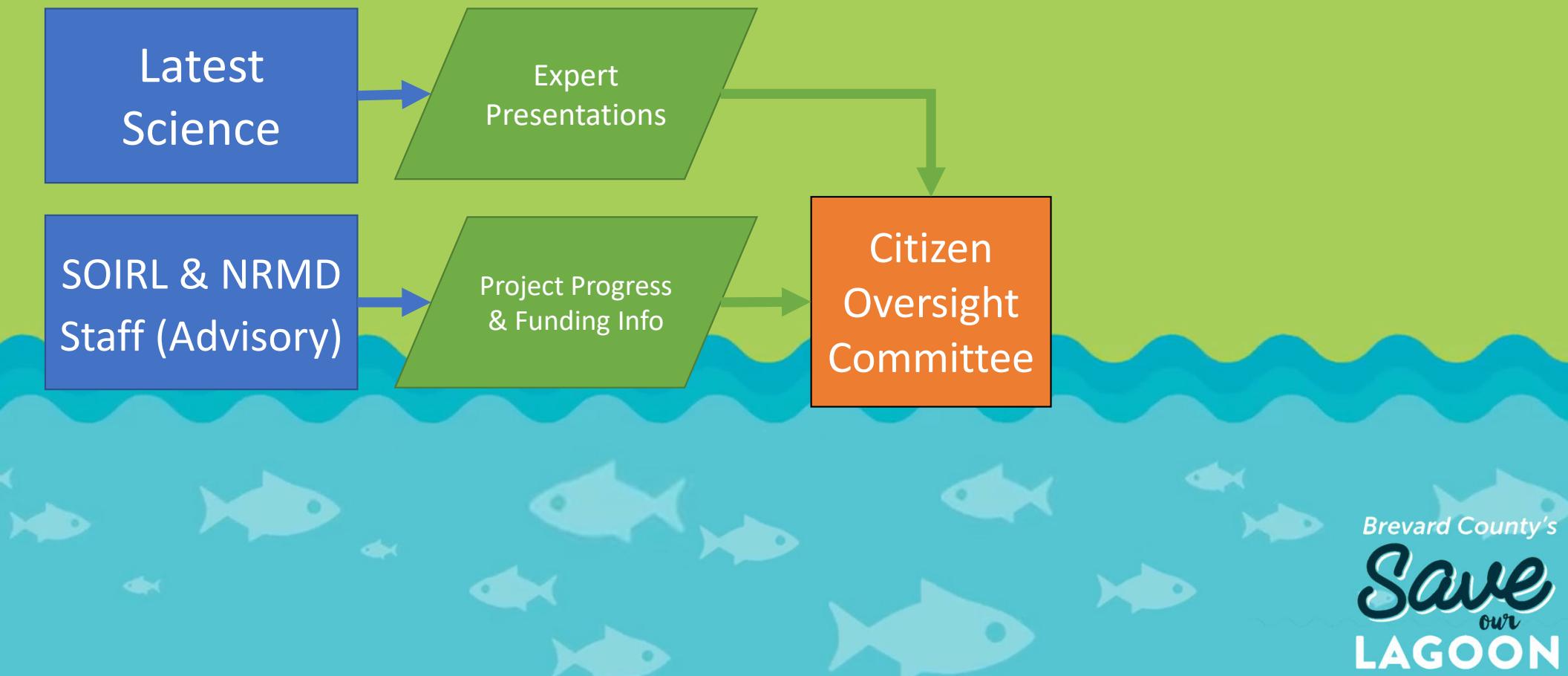


Expert Presentations

- List of Presentations Through First Four Years
- New Technology

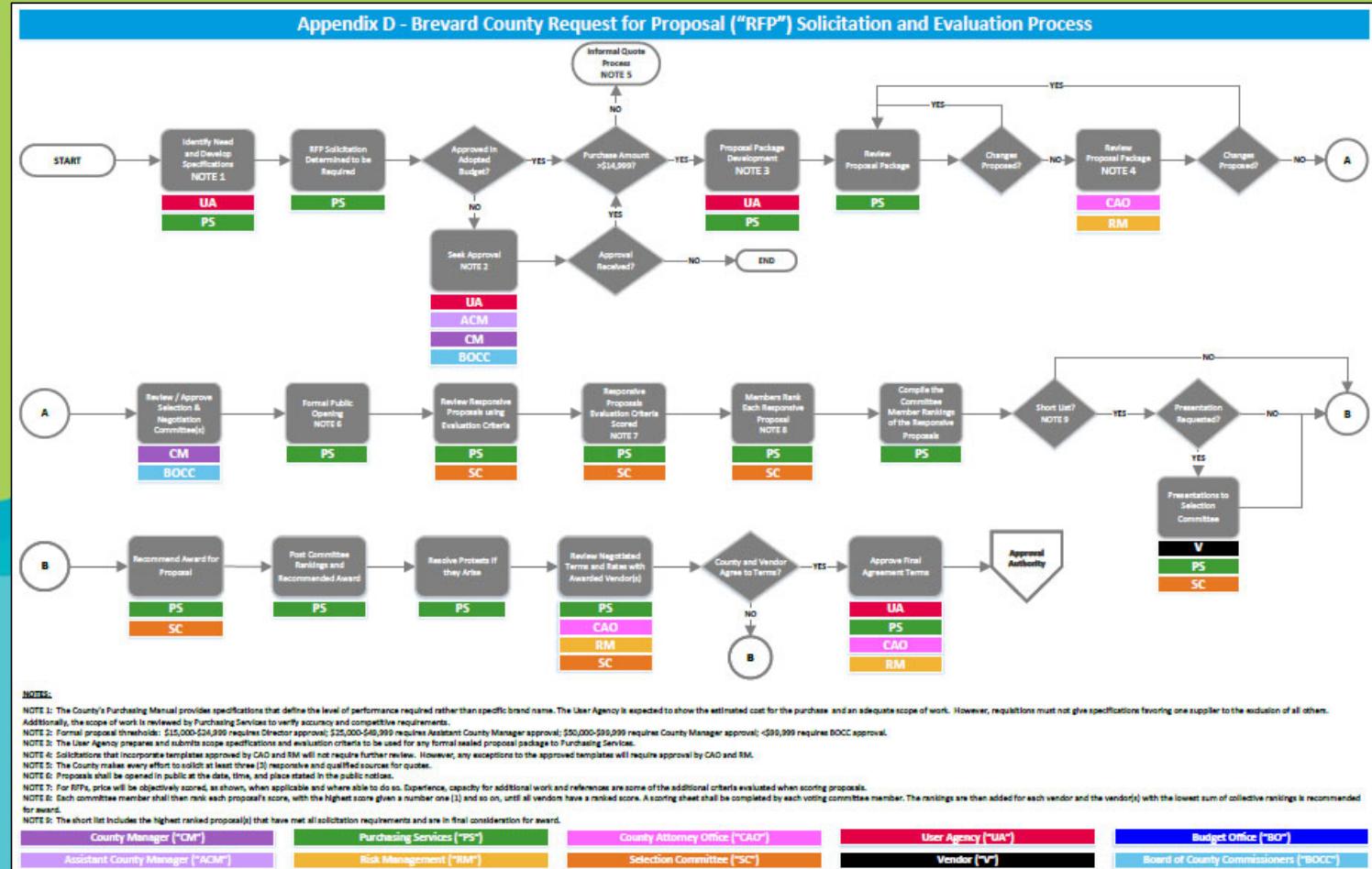


What does the Citizen Oversight Committee do?



Project Progress & Funding Info

- Monthly Revenues
- Quarterly Project Reimbursements
- Quarterly Grant Acquisitions
- Quarterly Project Progress
- Yearly Audit



What does the Citizen Oversight Committee do?



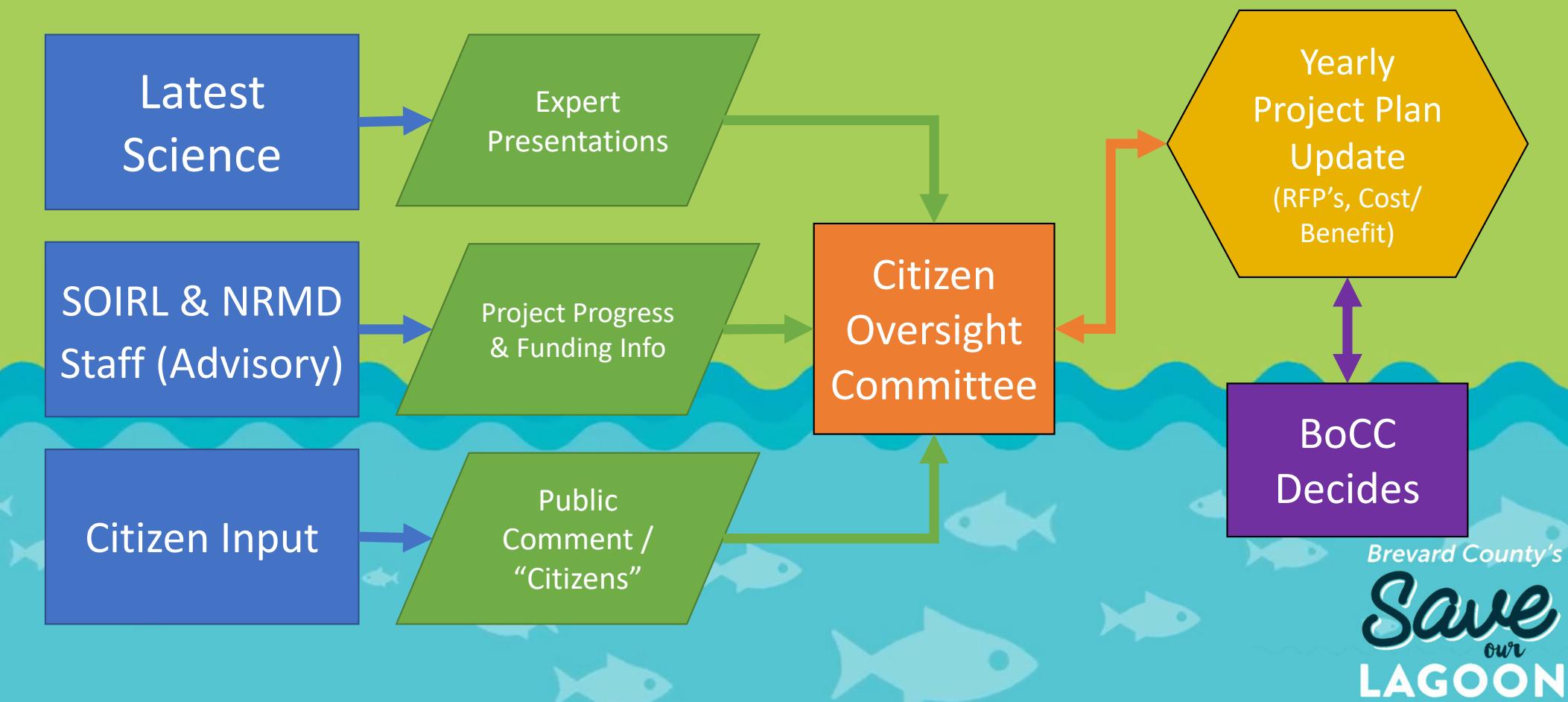
Citizen Input

- By-Laws Article VII state Public Comment to be “heard on a proposition before” the COC
- General Public Comment Section
- Citizens talking to Citizens



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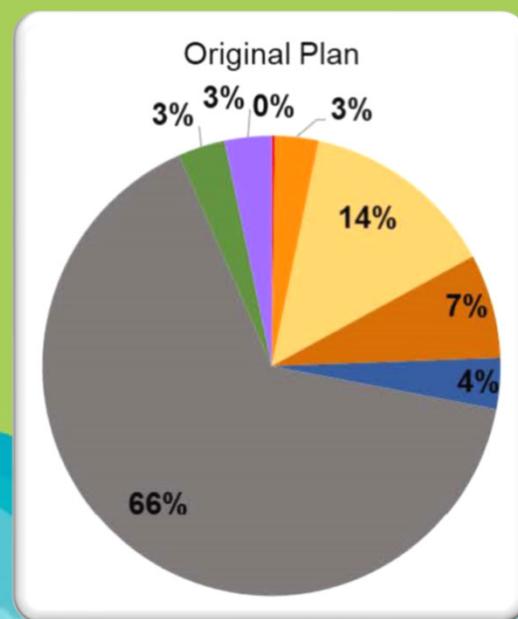
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Yearly Project Plan Update

- In 2019 through *Public Comment and Science*, reimbursements were reallocated towards septic.
- New Project Examples are Reuse Water and Laterals
- The Project Plan which provides long term funding DOES change! Brilliant!





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-Vinnie Taranto

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Past Committee Members:

Gene Artusa
Courtney Barker
Dennis Basile
Danielle Bowden
John Byron
Terry Casto
John Durkee
Stephany Eley
Susan Hodgers

Lorraine Koss
David Lane
John Luznar
Melissa Martin
Karen McLaughlin
Jay Moynahan
Bobby Putnam
David Sherrer
Todd Swingle

Current Committee Members:

Aaron Adams
Richard Bankhead
Donald Deis
Frederic Goldstein
Deborah Harmon
Bruce Larson
Eric Mannes
Kimberly Newton

Richard Nipper
Nicholas Sanzone
Mark Schrope
Curt Smith
Laurilee Thompson
Barbara Wall-Scanlon
Charles Venuto, Emeritus
John Windsor, Emeritus



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IRL Restoration and Recovery

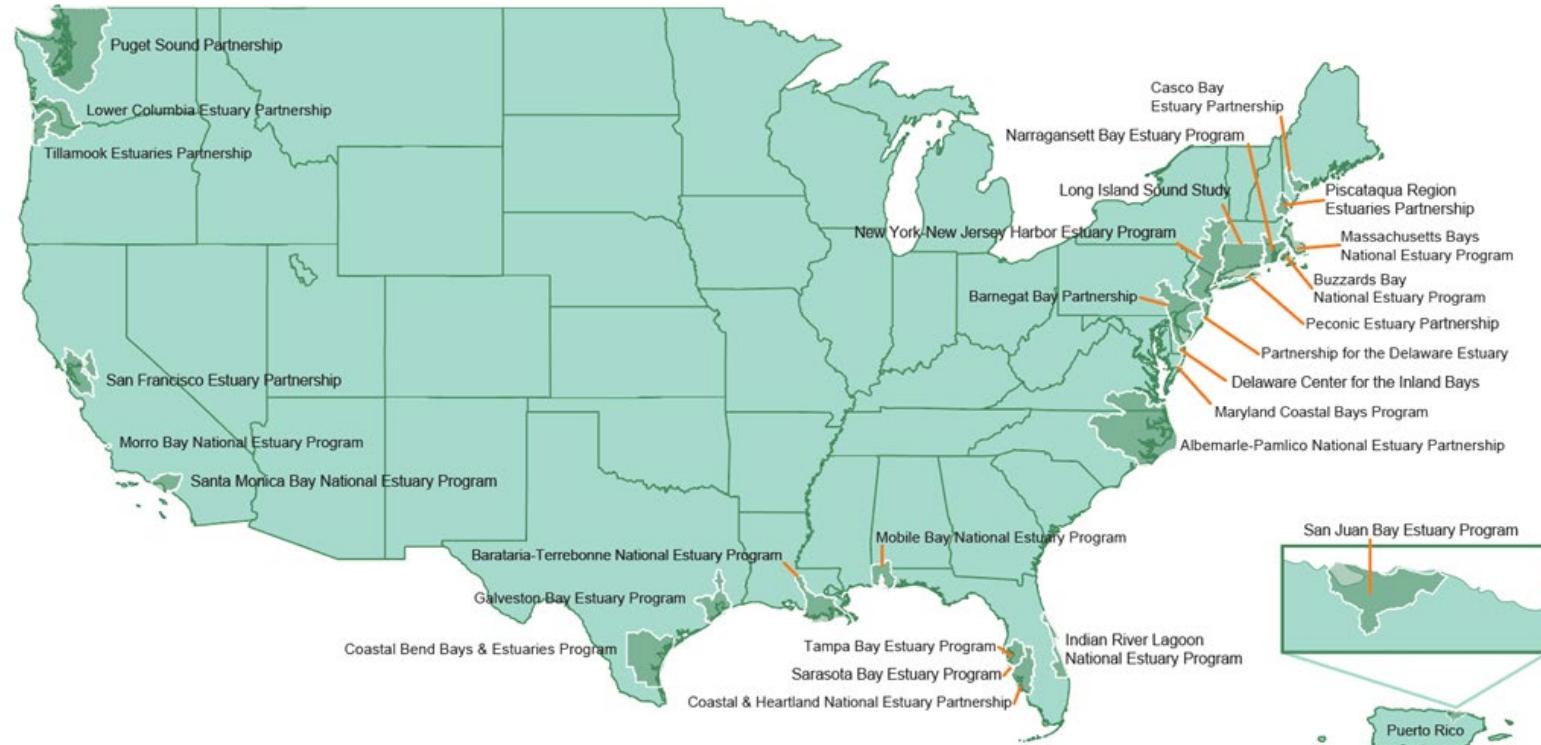
Making progress together



Duane De Freese, Ph.D.
IRL Council and IRLNEP Executive Director
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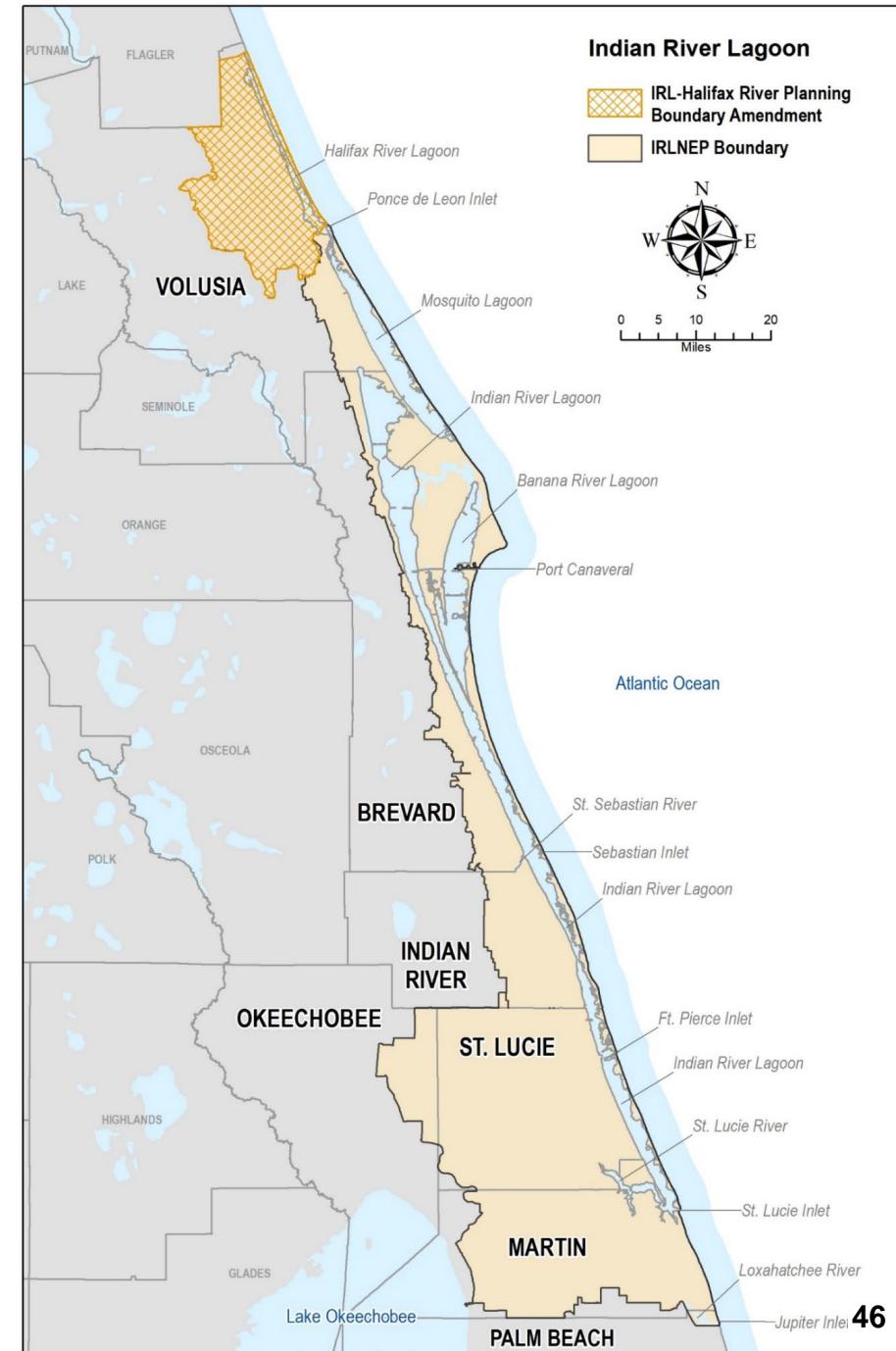
An estuary of national significance



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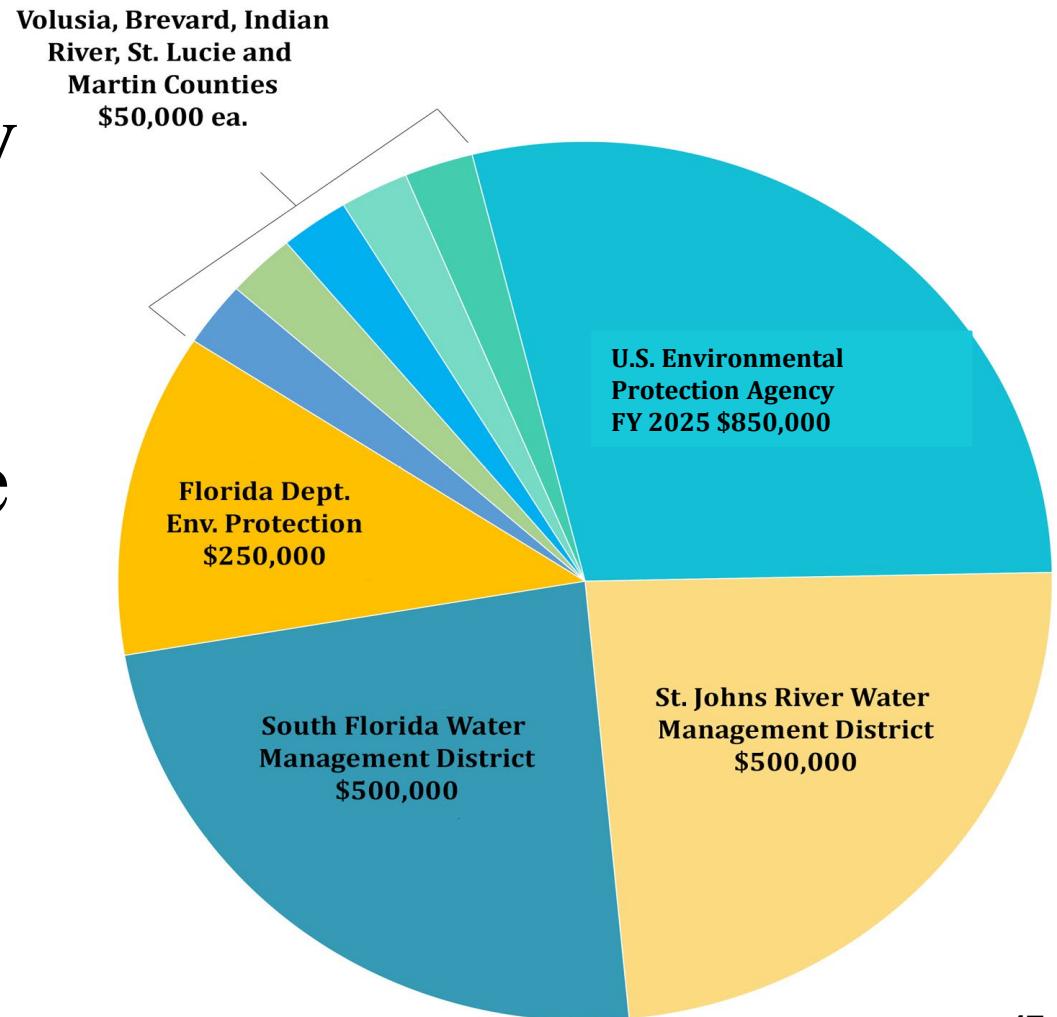


Responding to an estuary in crisis

2015 Creation of the IRL Council by interlocal agreement

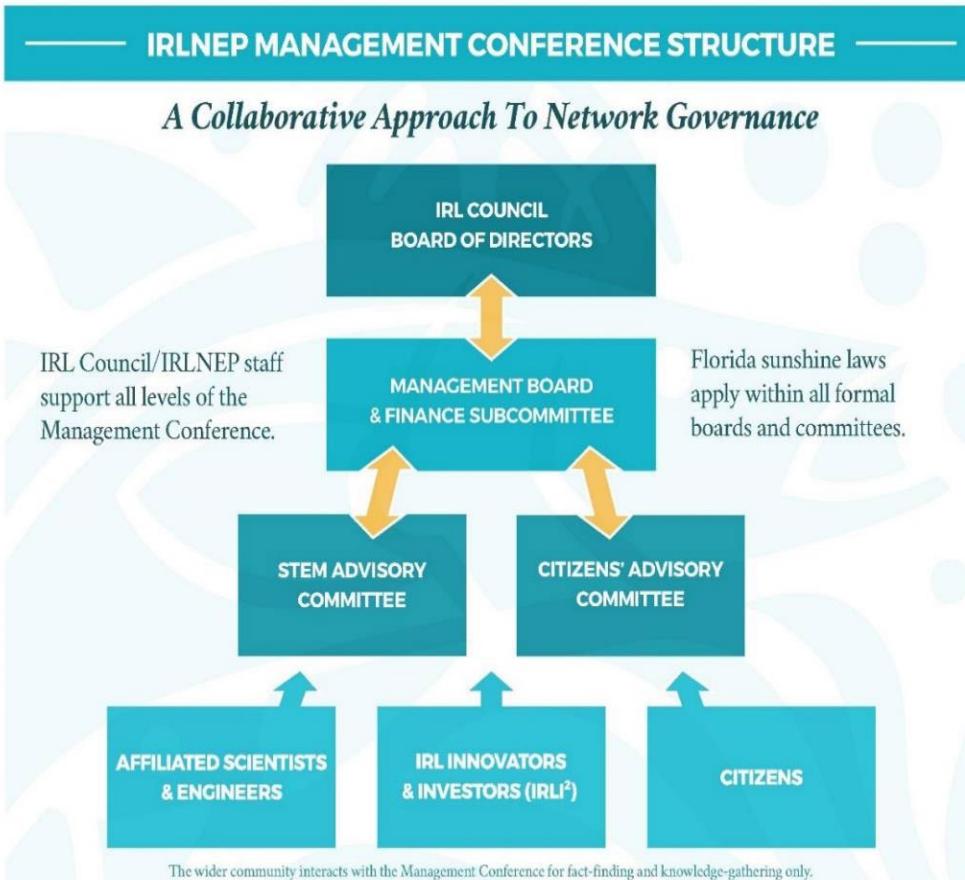
Convene a Management Conference of scientists, resource managers, community leaders, industry representatives, and citizens

Annual IRLNEP Funding From IRL Council Partners





IRLNEP Management Conference



8 IRL Council Board of Directors

FDEP, SJRWMD, SFWMD, Volusia, **Brevard**, Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties

U.S. EPA serves in advisory, non-voting role

IRLNEP Management Conference

32 Science Technology Engineering and Modeling Advisory Committee Organizations (1 member each)

53 Management Board and Finance Subcommittee Members

20 Citizen Advisory Committee Members (5 counties)

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No single entity possesses all the required knowledge, skills, and resources to restore a large, complex ecosystem.



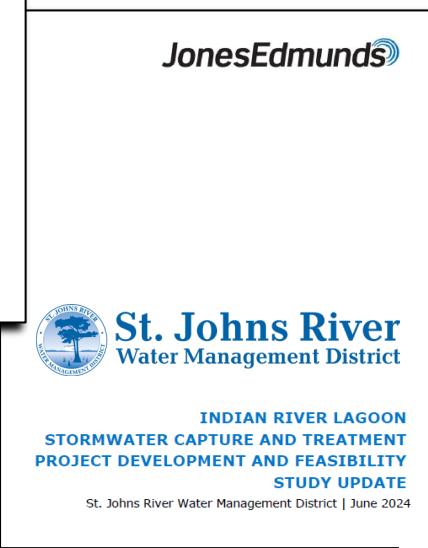
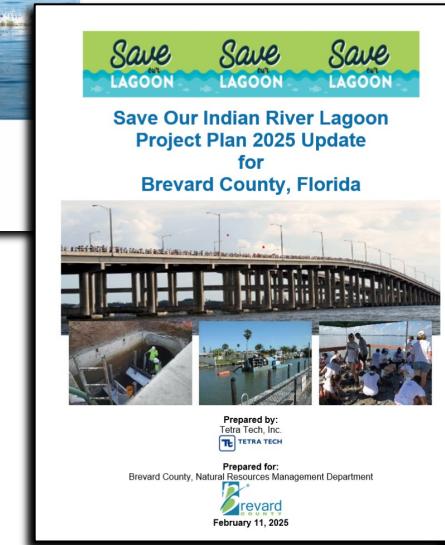
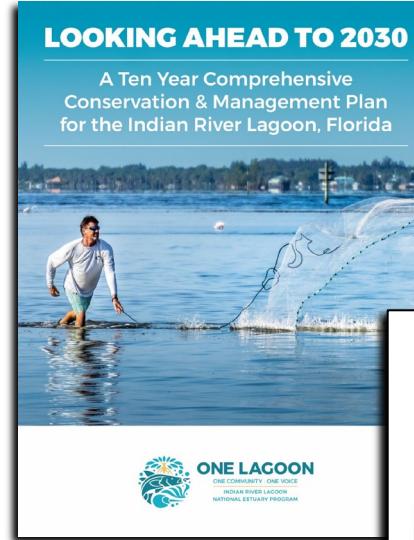
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Importance of science-based strategic planning

- Understand root causes and pollution sources.
- Identify and prioritize projects
- Convene partners.
- Allocate resources.
- Set clear and measurable project outcomes.
- Consider return-on-investment.
- Adapt to changing conditions.
- Respond to emerging opportunities.

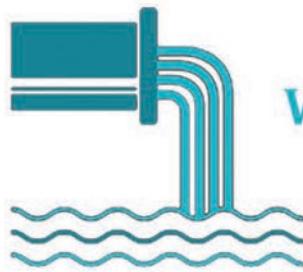


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IRL Council/IRLNEP investment outcomes

IRLNEP Projects Fiscal Year 2016-2025 248 Projects, \$24,899,815



NUTRIENT REDUCTION & WATER QUALITY RESTORATION

39 Projects
\$5,756,948



COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION AND ENGAGEMENT

84 Projects
\$5,083,625

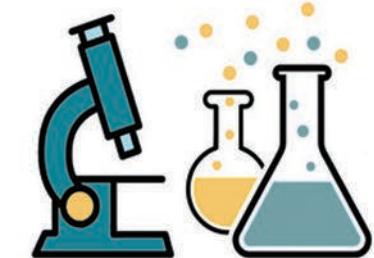
HABITAT RESTORATION

74 Projects
\$10,538,162



SCIENCE, MONITORING AND INNOVATION

51 Projects
\$3,521,080





IRL Council/IRLNEP investment outcomes by county

Investments by County

Volusia	24 projects	\$2,794,541
Brevard	37 projects	\$5,092,379
Indian River	21 projects	\$2,656,835
St. Lucie	28 projects	\$3,577,421
Martin	28 projects	\$3,445,871
Lagoonwide	110 projects	\$7,332,769

SOIRL positions Brevard County to leverage funds

Federal

- IRLNEP annual EPA funding
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Bill
- Competitive grants (NOAA)



State of Florida

- Clean Waterways Act (2020)
- Resilient Florida Program (2021)
- IRL Protection Program (2023)

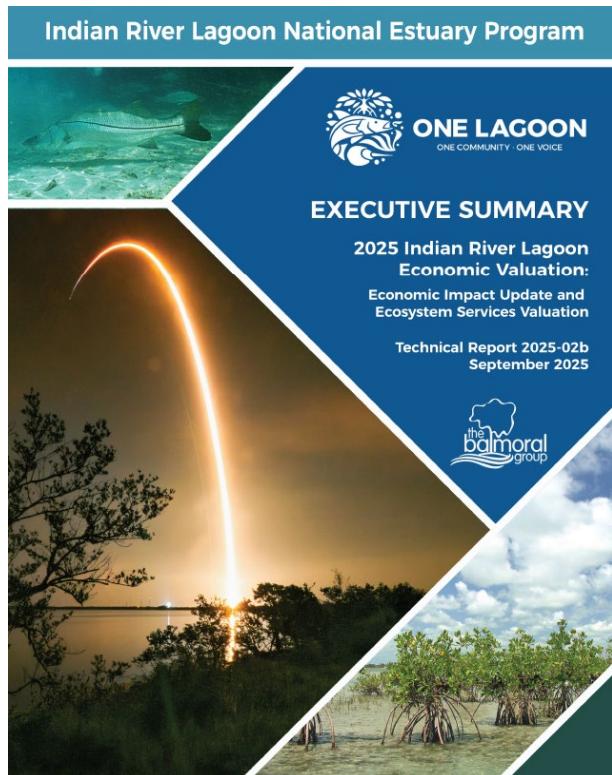


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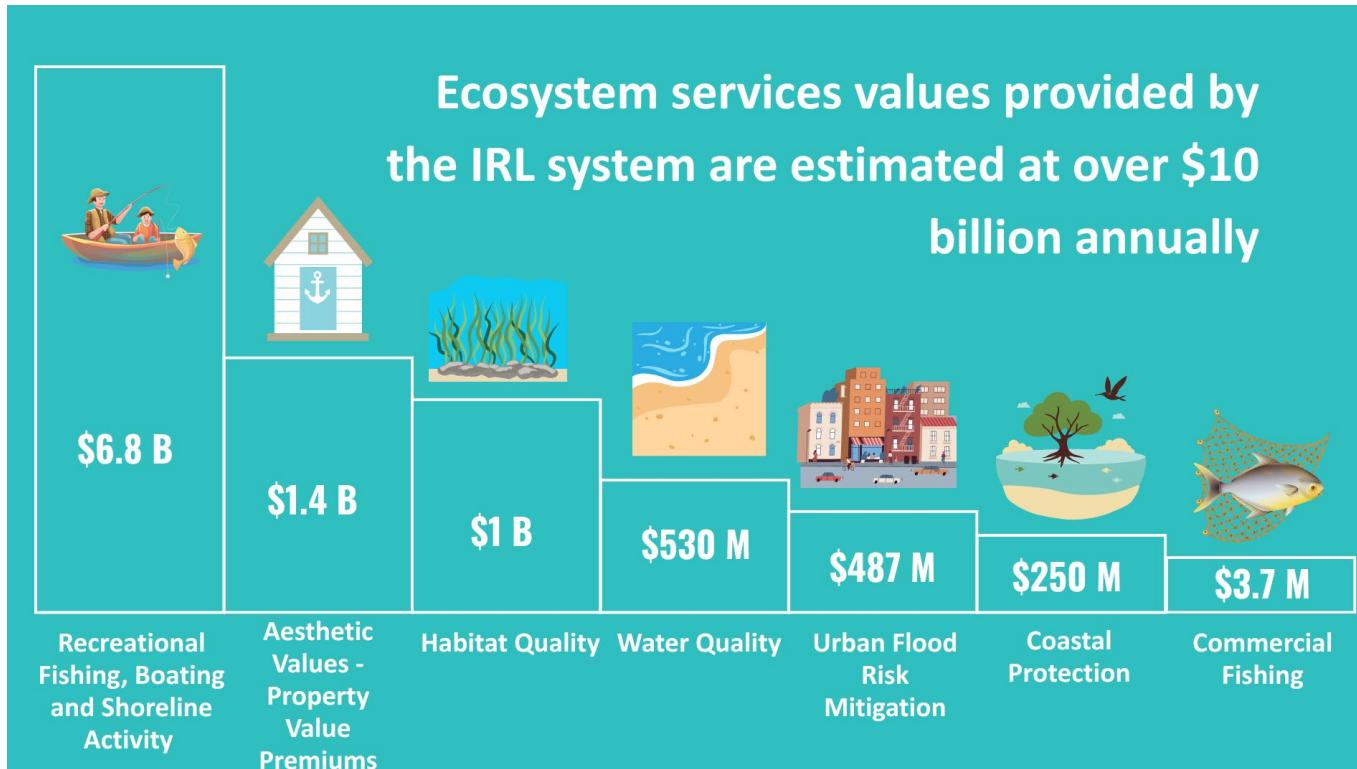


A healthy IRL is a good investment

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\$28.3 BILLION in spending generates **\$14 BILLION** in value added to local GDP **\$8.3 BILLION** in wages **128,400** jobs

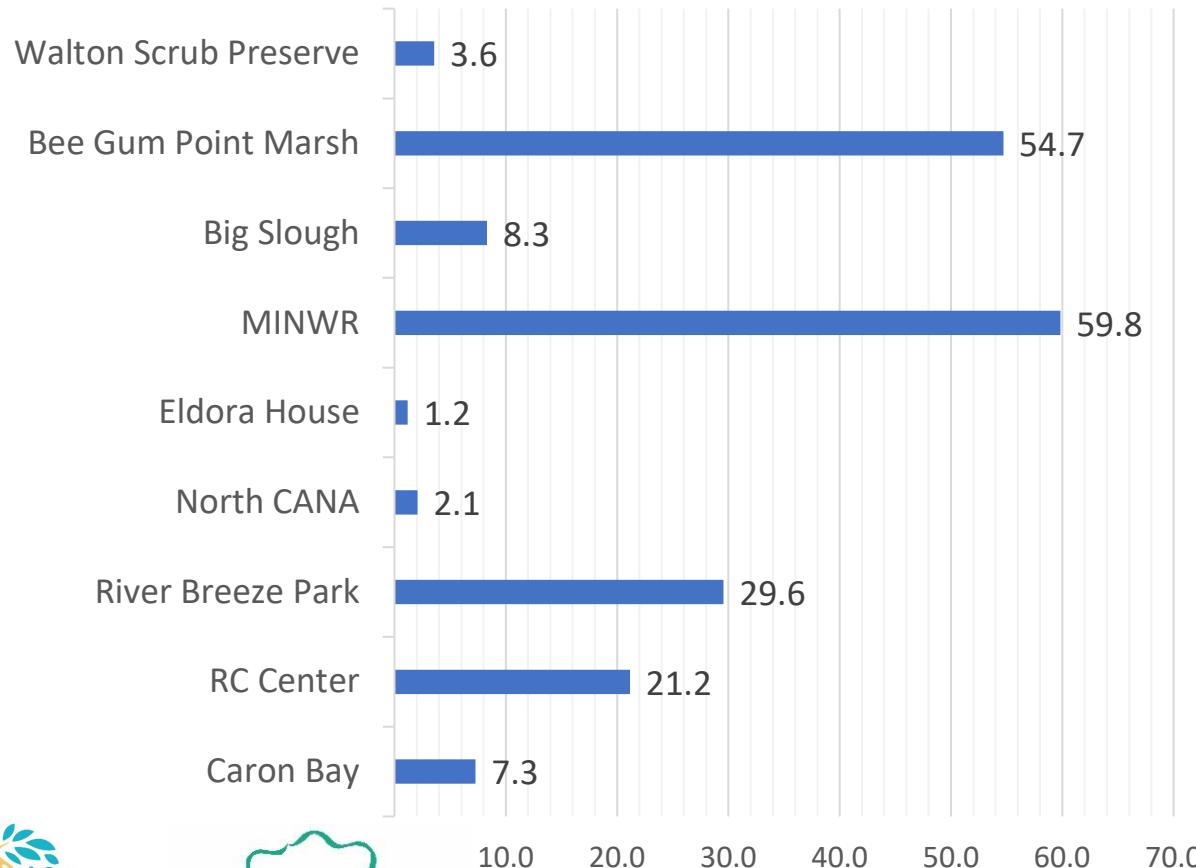


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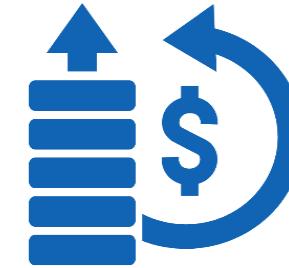
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NOAA Habitat Restoration & Coastal Resilience Grant

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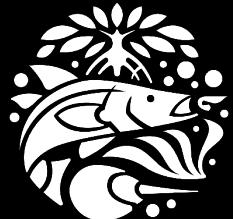


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Workforce

5 Federal Agencies
2 State Agencies
4 Academic Institutions
5 Non-profit Organizations
16 Industry Consultants
15 Student Internships
Over 2,400 Citizen Volunteers.



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ONE COMMUNITY • ONE VOICE

*Every project is progress
There are no “silver bullets”
Ecosystem restoration takes time, resolve, and investments*



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Resolution/Award/Presentation

C.4.

1/12/2026

Subject:

Presentation - Business Community - Laurilee Thompson

Fiscal Impact:

Dept/Office:

Requested Action:

Summary Explanation and Background:

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



The Indian River Lagoon: A Treasure Worth Saving

Laurilee Thompson
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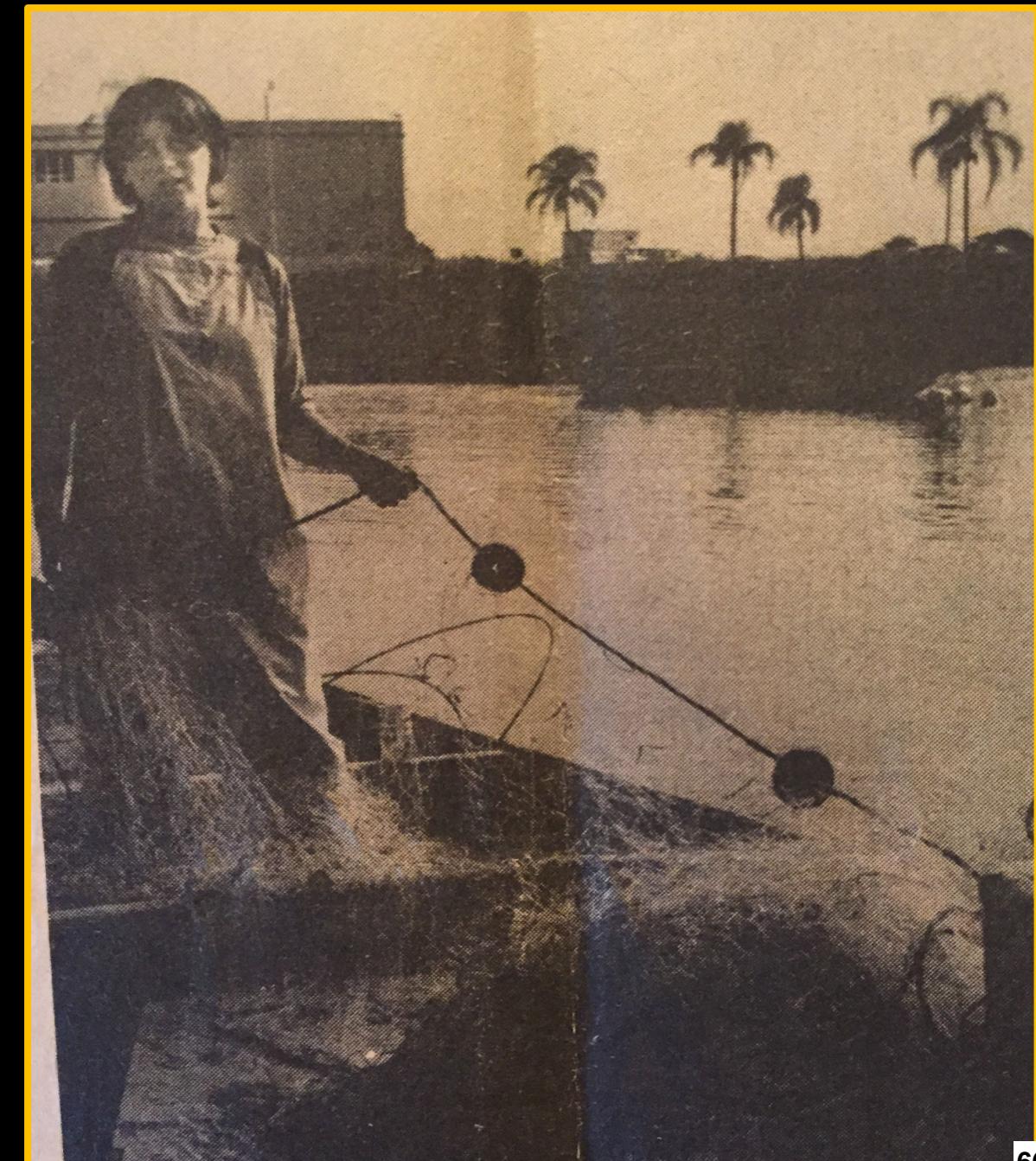
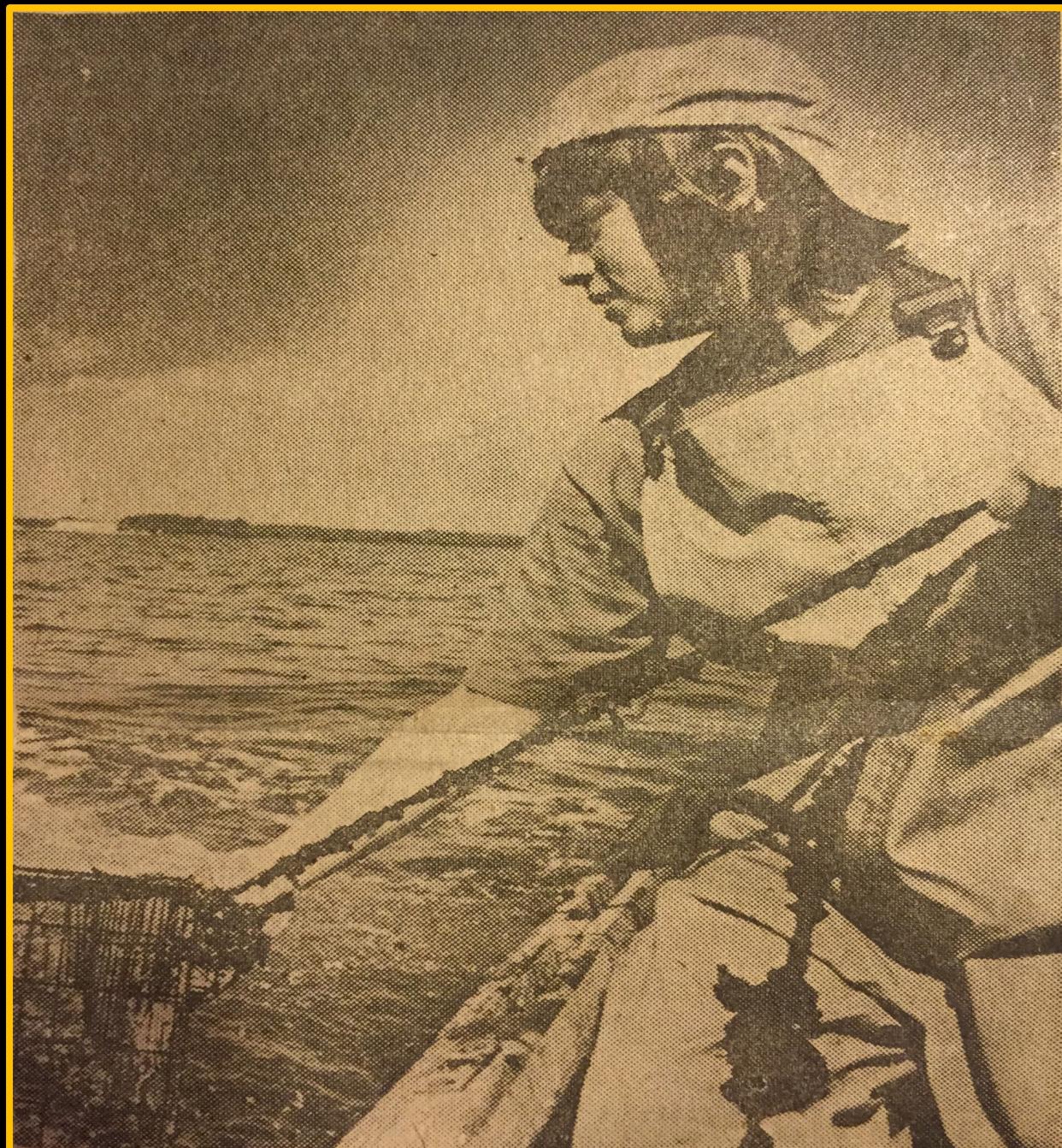














A close-up photograph of a dense field of Halodule seagrass, with long, thin, yellowish-green blades swaying in the water. In the background, a sandy beach and the ocean are visible under a clear blue sky.

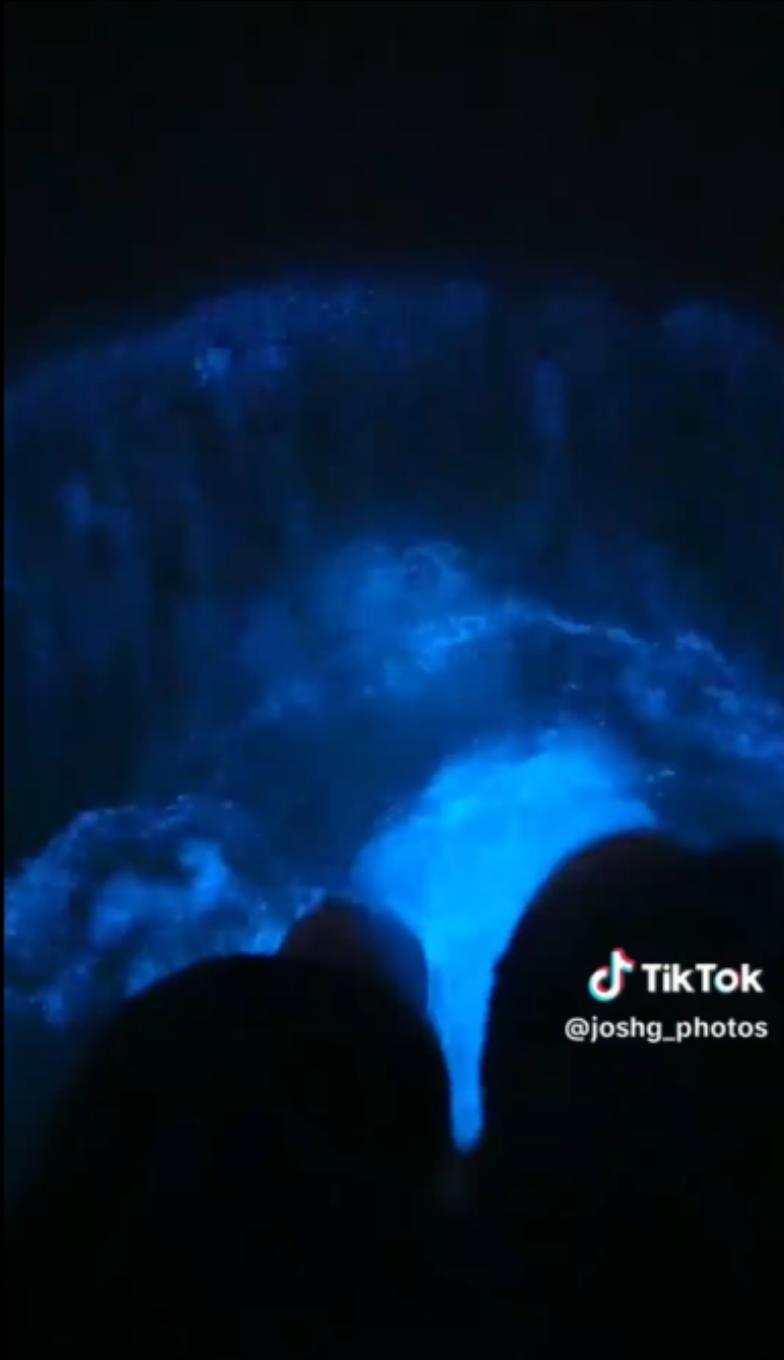
**Halodule Seagrass
Mosquito Lagoon
East of Haulover Canal
September 2023**











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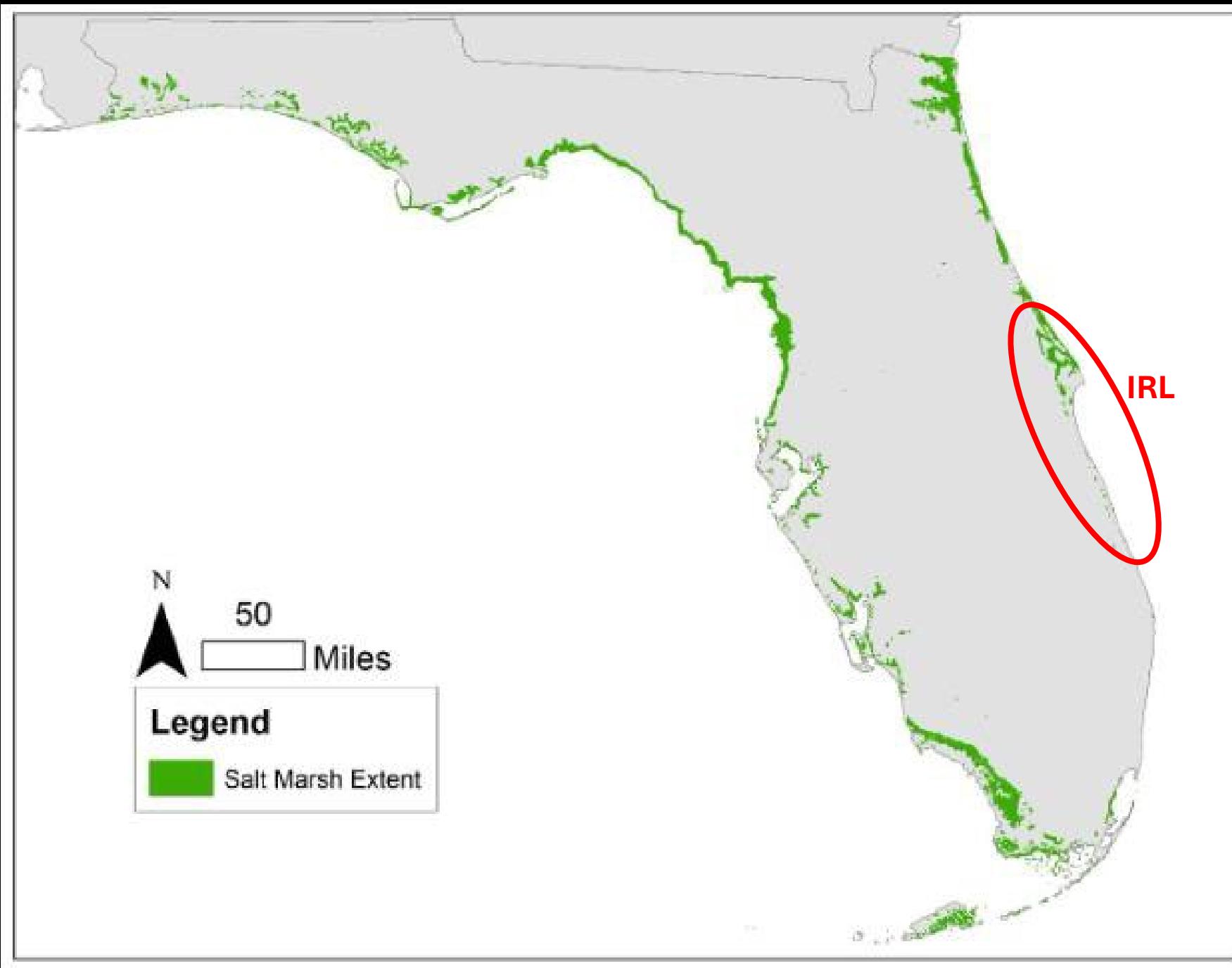


Staff photo
Rodney Thompson and his daughter Laurie stand with a statue of 'Mr. Rock,' the mascot for Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant in Titusville.

A shrimp's tale

How a throw-away crustacean became the rock one Florida family built the legendary Dixie Crossroads restaurant upon.







**Seagrass at
Scottsmoor
Landing Northern
Indian River Lagoon
August 2024**

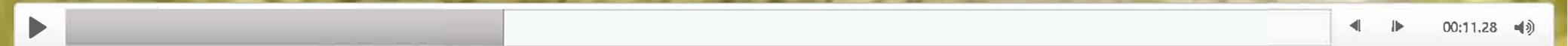




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Presentation - Municipal Perspective - Frank Catino

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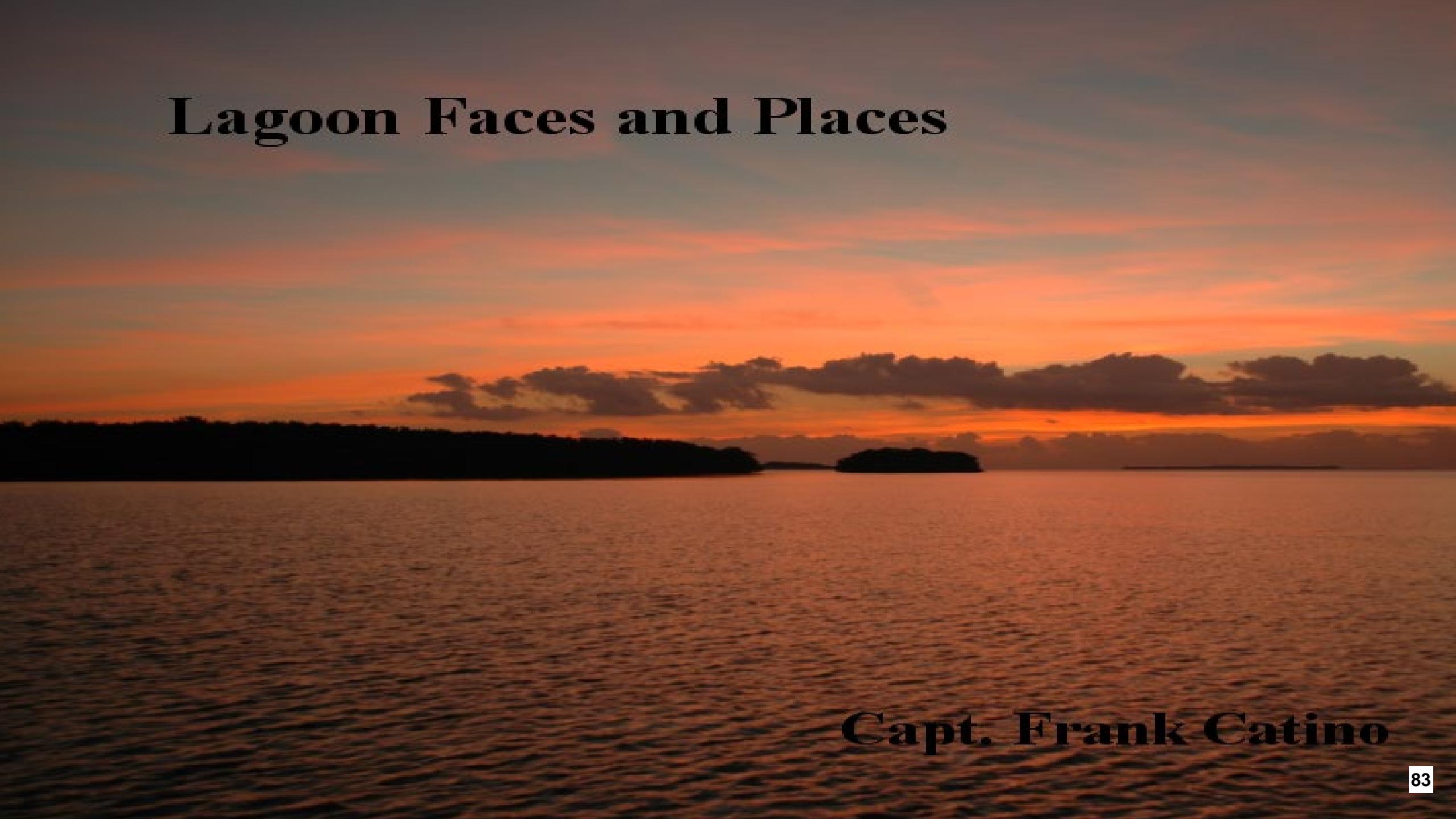
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Lagoon Faces and Places



Capt. Frank Catino























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1/12/2026

Subject:

Presentation - Economic Impact of the Indian River Lagoon - Chris Peterson, St. Johns River Water Management District Member

Fiscal Impact:

Dept/Office:

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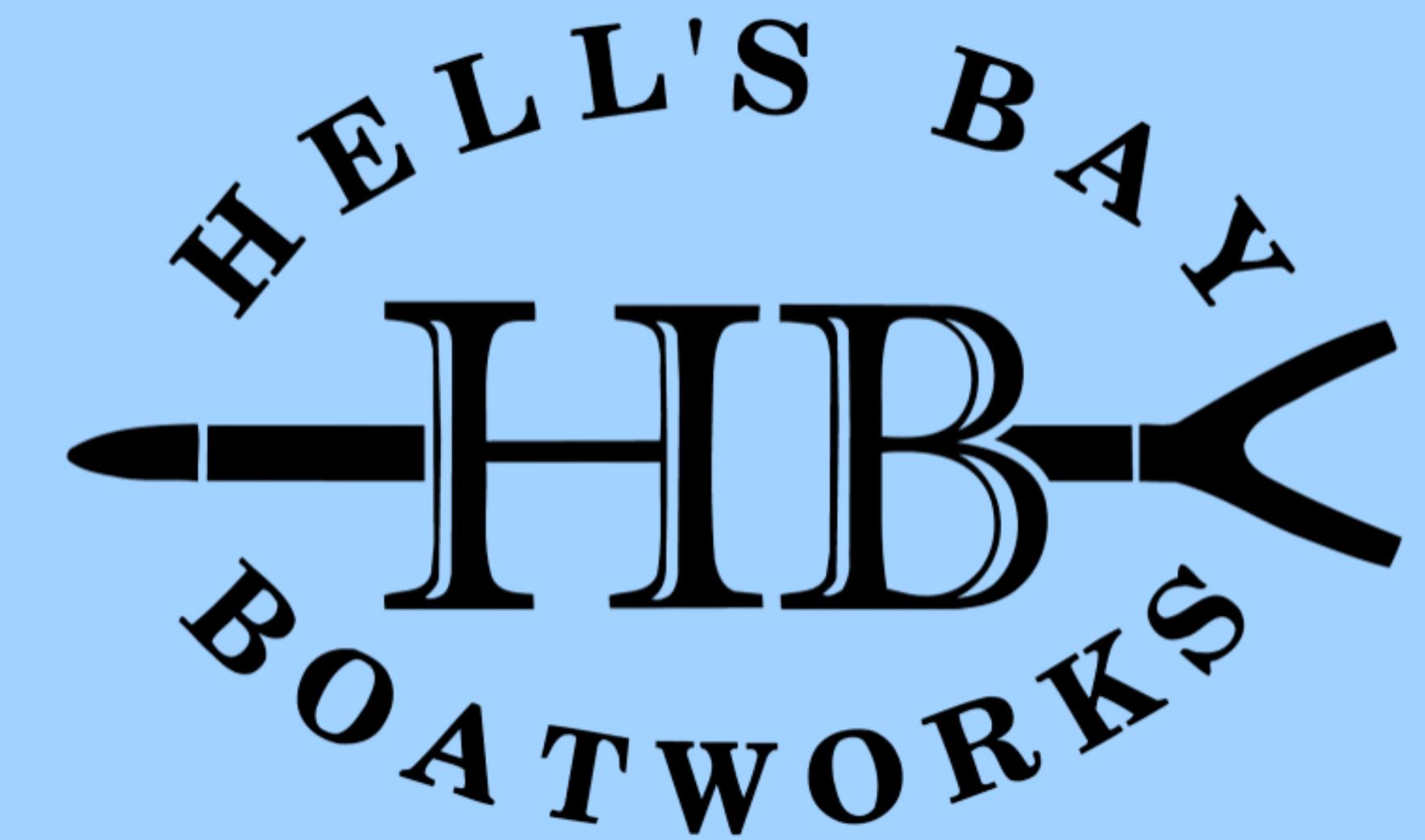
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The Business of Water

Chris Peterson



Chris Peterson

President, Hell's Bay Boatworks
Titusville, Florida

Economic Output & Angler Spending



Saltwater recreational fishing alone generates about **\$9.2 billion** in economic impact and supports about **88,500** jobs in Florida.

When combined with freshwater fishing, the total is estimated at **\$13.8 billion** and about **120,000** jobs across Florida.

Clean Water is Critical to Business

If we do not have clean water, you do not have healthy estuaries, without healthy estuaries you do not have good fisheries, without healthy fisheries you do not have great fishing and therefore.... nobody needs the “World’s Finest Shallow Water, Light Tackle Fishing Skiff”

-Chris Peterson, Hell’s Bay Boatworks



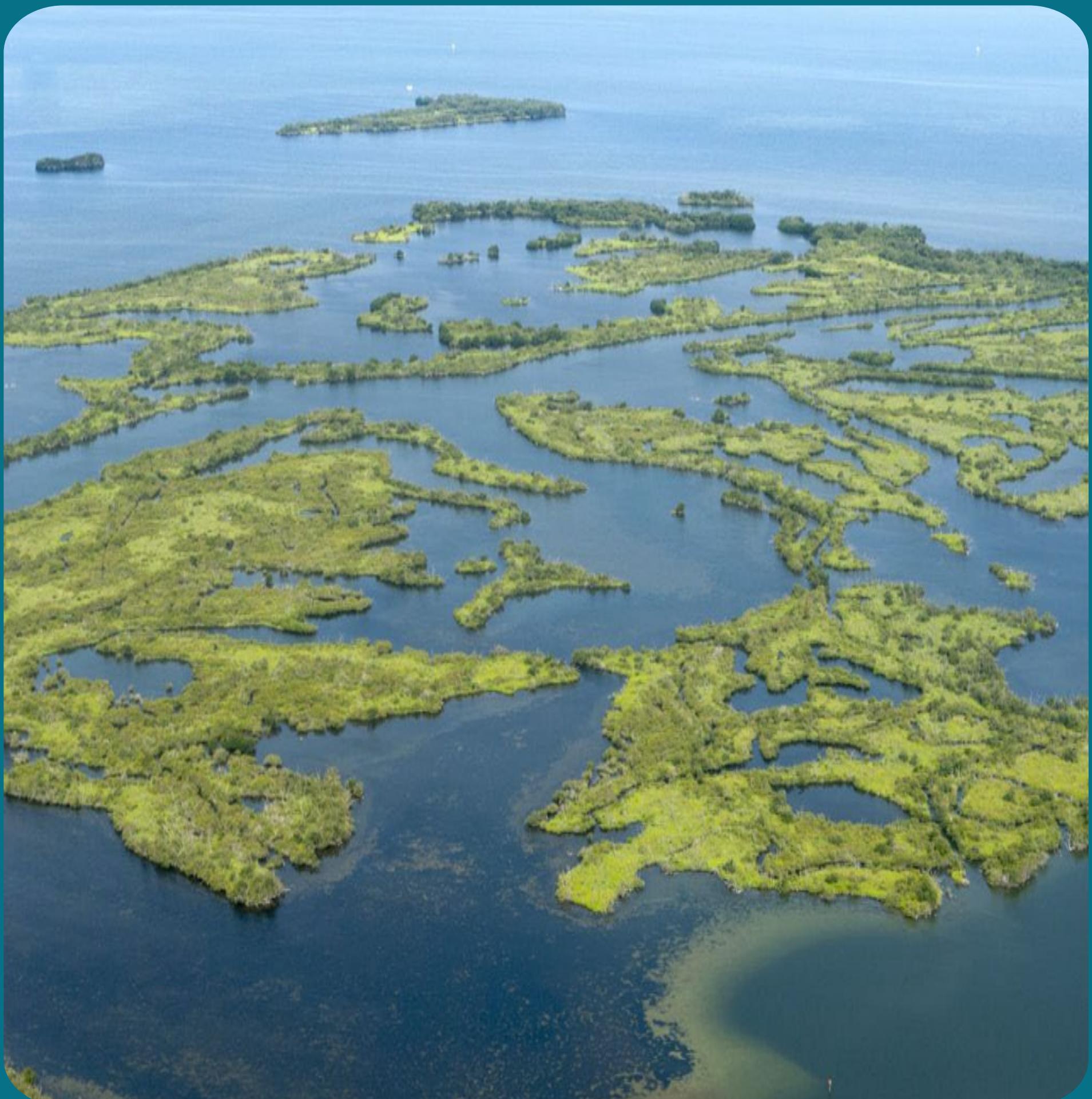
Historic Commitment to Water —

From the State Capitol to the Indian River Lagoon

- The FY 2025–26 state budget **includes \$1.4 billion** dedicated to ecosystem restoration and water quality.
- The same budget declares that since 2019, Florida has invested **nearly \$9 billion** in restoring and protecting the state’s waterways.
- In the 2025 -26 budget includes **\$600 million** for “targeted water quality improvements and springs protection efforts.”

Targeted Estuary Funding

- In the 2025–26 budget, \$25 million was allocated for the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Protection Program for priority water quality projects.
- Also, in that same budget, \$382 million is set aside for “expanded Water Quality Improvement Projects” including wastewater, stormwater, septic conversions, etc.



Since 2019, **nearly \$390 million** has been invested in lagoon restoration. In the most recent budget, **\$100 million** was set aside for water quality projects in the IRL basin — from septic-to-sewer conversions to wastewater treatment upgrades and stormwater retrofits.

Local Leadership: Brevard County's ½-Cent Sales Tax and the Indian River Lagoon

Through that tax, Brevard County has already:

- Planned and implemented **hundreds** of projects — or put them into progress — all designed to reduce and remove excess nutrients and pollution that undermine the health of the lagoon.
- Reduced and prevented nitrogen and phosphorus from entering the lagoon, with projected annual pollutant reductions measured in hundreds of thousands of pounds once all projects are complete.

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- Supported upgrades to septic systems, stormwater improvements, sewer expansions, and innovative approaches to reduce pollutant inputs.

Some of the standout local projects funded through this tax include:

- **Crane Creek M-1 restoration**
- **Installation of baffle boxes and stormwater treatment facilities**
- **Installation of Living shoreline**

Crane Creek M-1 Canal Flow Restoration Project





Titusville Causeway Multi-Trophic Restoration and Living Shoreline

Local investment is not separate from state funding.

It is the key that unlocks it.

Because of this local investment :

- Brevard County has been able to meet required local match thresholds, often 50 percent or more, for state water-quality grants.
- Projects funded through the Save Our Indian River Lagoon program are structured to align with state priorities, making them eligible for funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Management Districts.
- Every local dollar invested through the half-cent sales tax has been leveraged to attract additional state dollars, multiplying the impact well beyond what local funding alone could achieve.



*Florida's Water is
Florida's Soul*