

## Horst, Rachel

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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:40 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026015

### Recommendation # 2026015

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026015 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

#### Contact Information:

##### Group/Organization

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#### Recommendation Information:

**Recommendation ID** 2026015  
**Recommendation Title** Fix Indian River Drive in conjunction with SOIRL Septic to Server - funded  
**Areas Affected** SOIRL  
**Department Affected** Public Works Department  
**Current problem** Indian River Drive from City Point Road to Briarwood is a highly patched road. The road needs to have its base repaired in so many locations because the road has remained under lagoon water for long periods of time as evidenced by all of the patches and broken road edges. Since the SOIRL project is going to mill and repave all of that road let's get the base fixed as well.  
**Recommendation** Work with the SOIRL project, who already has funding to mill and repave the road, and go the extra mile and fix the base by having Brevard County fund the part that SOIRL is not doing, the base and the edges. I would attach the SOIRL Cocoa Zone C plan, which is entirely in Brevard County, but the file is too large to be included. Once you obtain the SOIRL plan you can verify that part of the plan is to mill and repave this entire stretch. I obtained the SOIRL Cocoa Zone C plan from: Whitney Blucher Special Projects Coordinator II Brevard County Utility Services 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, A-213 Viera, FL 32940 Tel: 321.633.2091 Fax: 321.633.2095  
**Attachments** No Documents were attached.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**TO:** Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager  
**THROUGH:** Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager  
**FROM:** Virginia Barker, Director, Natural Resources Management Dept.  
**SUBJECT:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2026015

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CEER #2026015, titled Fix Indian River Drive in conjunction with SOIRL Septic to Sewer – funded, was received by the County from Tom Kennelly.

**Citizen Statement:**

Indian River Drive from City Point Road to Briarwood is a highly patched road. The road needs to have its base repaired in so many locations because the road has remained under lagoon water for long periods of time as evidenced by all of the patches and broken road edges. Since the SOIRL project is going to mill and repave all of that road let's get the base fixed as well."

**Citizen Recommendation:**

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**Staff Analysis:**

The purpose of SOIRL is to cost-effectively reduce and remove pollution from the Indian River Lagoon. Septic to sewer conversion projects are funded to reduce the impacts of

septic pollution on the lagoon. One of the priority areas for septic to sewer conversion extends along the southern portion of Indian River Drive. Following its purpose for cost-effective pollution reduction, the SOIRL program only funds the repair or rebuilding of roadway areas specifically impacted by its projects.

The county evaluates roadway improvements for each specific project to determine whether full reconstruction, base repair, or milling and resurfacing are appropriate. These determinations are made by the Public Works staff based on the anticipated impacts of the septic to sewer project combined with field assessments, roadway condition, structural integrity of the base, drainage considerations, long-term performance needs, and available funding.

For projects occurring within the County right-of-way, all work must comply with the requirements outlined in the issued Right-of-Way Permit. The permit specifies the scope of restoration necessary to return the project area to acceptable standards. Roadway sections identified as requiring full reconstruction, including base repair, are rebuilt in accordance with those permit requirements. Sections that meet structural standards and only require surface restoration are milled and repaved, as specified.

While coordination between projects is considered whenever feasible, funding responsibilities and scopes of work are determined by staff evaluation and adopted guidelines. Any additional reconstruction beyond what is needed for the project would be assessed and budgeted based on available road program funding that fiscal year. This project is projected to be complete in fiscal year 2029.

**Staff Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2026015 with revisions, specifically that Natural Resources, Utility Services, and Public Works Departments continue to evaluate and coordinate efforts to determine road reconstruction versus milling and repaving needs, as well as fair allocation of interdepartmental costs for each Septic to Sewer project or other capital improvement project impacting County road right of way.