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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2026 12:09 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026044

### Recommendation # 2026044

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026044 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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#### Recommendation Information:

<b>Recommendation ID</b>	2026044
<b>Recommendation Title</b>	Commercial Spaceport Authority – a Spaceport Task Force
<b>Areas Affected</b>	The East Central Florida Region
<b>Department Affected</b>	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
<b>Current problem</b>	Balancing Brevard’s Unique Space Future with Our Quality of Life Brevard is blessed with a celebrated environment of beaches, our Lagoon and wetlands; a thriving business community; strong educational institutions; nationally recognized tourism resources; and more-the world’s leading SpacePort. With much accomplishment comes much responsibility. Achieving balance between Space Commercialization, our quality of life, and recovering Indian River Lagoon is the synergy we seek. While our state boasts a “quad-modal” transportation infrastructure system, (roads, aviation, rail, and sea) to support and drive their growth, Brevard may be the first “penta-modal” community to evolve by adding a yet to be regulated Commercial Space Industry as the fifth economic modal driver. The accelerating growth of commercial Space is driving rapid change in our community: o Thousands of acres of new manufacturing and support facilities both within the Spaceport and beyond. o The addition of tens of thousands of workers to support private Space activities also come with the accompanying need for housing, facilities and an increased demand on all concurrency moderated services. o New wastewater facilities will be required to support this growth all the while we struggle with and meeting new septic conversion

requirements. o No Spaceport Safety Plan, which similarly is found at modern airports today. o Raw water resources are limited and on the verge of depletion. Such is the case in east Orange County, where the Space Center draws its water, too. o Need for provisions to manage anticipated sea-level rise. o Adaptation of Port Canaveral to accommodate Space industry needs in addition to tourism and commercial activities. o Replacement and expansion of our roads and bridges to support Space and other growth while also removing the causeways that block wind-driven flow in the Indian River Lagoon o Develop a means of engineering with nature so that mitigation impacts can be recovered through restoration projects, such as removing the mosquito impoundments and opening these “lungs” of the lagoon. o Expansion of our local airports and improved rail access. o Additions to our educational and tourism resources. o And more. The question that we face is this: Can we join forces as a community, with one voice, as we build synergy around work, play and our quality of life? We have a space coast blessed with a highly educated technical workforce and a plethora of businesses and sustaining companies working in aerospace and related disciplines. Surely we can develop the wherewithal to integrate these changing demands on our infrastructure with our way of living. Because, if we cannot, we have seen the type of community disruption that can take place, for example in Boca Chica, Texas. The issue posed then is this: What leadership role should the Brevard County Commission play in understanding and planning this development over the next 20-30 years and beyond? Failure to do this will likely lead to substantial deterioration in our environment across the East Central Florida region, including inefficient development, inadequate raw, sanitary and storm water resources and citizens’ dissatisfaction with their quality of life.

**Recommendation**

We urge the County Commission to recognize the dramatic changes that are taking place here today and accelerating into the future, and to work with Space Florida to characterize, quantify, and plan for this development. We recommend that the Commission use its unique Brevard leadership role to engage key organizations, beginning with Space Florida, to form a task force made of the entities involved in the planning, permitting, and implementation of future projects in order to characterize and quantify the coming growth. This “inventory” should lead to a planning process that moves our community forward, while balancing growth and quality of life synergistically, and avoiding conflicting demands and unplanned problems. This effort should be transparent to and involve the public. Utilizing these agencies and organizations to create and implement a unified plan now, rather than reacting to growth in a piecemeal manner as it occurs, will save the County considerable time and money in the future. The following is a draft list of organizations and Key Participants for County-Related “Penta-Modal” Commercial Spaceport Task Force: o Brevard County Commission o NASA/KSC o DOD/Space Force/CCSFS o Space Florida o Space Coast Economic Development Council o Canaveral Port Authority o US Army Corps of Engineers o Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office o Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority o Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program o IRL National Estuary Program/ Indian River Lagoon Council o Titusville/Cocoa Municipal Representatives o USFWS/Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge o National Park Service/Canaveral National Seashore o FAA/COMSTAC o US Coast Guard – Canaveral MSD o US Department of Commerce o NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service o Brevard County Tourist Development Council o Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection o Florida Dept. of Transportation o St. Johns River Water Management District o Indian River Lagoon Roundtable o Marine Resources Council of East Florida o Space Coast Audubon Society o Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition

**Attachments**

No Documents were attached.

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**TO:** Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Don Walker, Director of Communications  
**SUBJ:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026044

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CEER #2026044, titled Commercial Spaceport Authority – a Spaceport Taskforce, was received by the County from Michael D Myjak.

**Citizen Statement:**

Balancing Brevard's Unique Space Future with Our Quality of Life

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- o Need for provisions to manage anticipated sea-level rise.
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- o Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority
- o Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
- o IRL National Estuary Program/ Indian River Lagoon Council
- o Titusville/Cocoa Municipal Representatives
- o USFWS/Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
- o National Park Service/Canaveral National Seashore
- o FAA/COMSTAC
- o US Coast Guard – Canaveral MSD
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**Staff Analysis:**

This recommendation repeats CEER #2024059 that was submitted in the 2024 CEER Program. The following staff analysis was provided:

“The long-term strategic planning discussed as part of this recommendation is best addressed through the comprehensive plan process. The process is objective, allows for public and stakeholder participation, and carries significant weight in related decision-making. The County’s efforts in 2022 in amending the Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan is an example of such an effort, during which 13 policies were adopted to include language that creates procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions through nature-based design standards and/or Low Impact Development. This process included review by several of the listed agencies, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Staff would also note that the County is currently in the process of implementing an Area of Critical State Concern in the South Beaches Area. This process, which is overseen by our partners at Florida Commerce, will involve public and stakeholder input (such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission), and is expected to have a significant impact on several of the issues raised here, including wastewater infrastructure, additions to educational resources, and growth management.

Staff will continue to advance effective growth management policies consistent with Board direction.”

Since this action was taken, the Planning and Development Department has continued to work proactively with the Board and our community stakeholders to advance effective growth management policies. Ordinances implementing the Barrier Island Area of Critical Concern plan have been approved by the Board and transmitted to Florida Commerce.

As part of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Program (SOIRL), the SOIRL Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) was established by Brevard County Ordinance 2016-15 to play a key role in ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of funds from the half-cent sales surtax for the SOIRL program. Members of the COC are selected to represent a diversity of professions and perspectives including science, technology, finance, real estate, tourism, lagoon commerce, and lagoon advocacy. Although there is currently no known COC member with extensive experience in the space industry, a member with expertise could be appointed in the future to give voice to space interests and responsibility.



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The County has added an Environmental Policy and Resilience Administrator position to the Natural Resources Management Department to oversee comprehensive planning and resilience initiatives, including risk assessment and analysis, strategy development, and partnership opportunities. This position also works closely with the Planning and Development Department to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan and other regulations relating to land use and land development activities within the County.

The County is also working with Economic Development Council (EDC) of the Space Coast, Space Launch Delta (SLD) 45 Command and Operations at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS) NASA at the Kennedy Space Center, Space Florida, and the City of Titusville to determine the best path forward to support the wastewater needs of the residents and the requested increase from Space Florida to the Brevard County Utility system.

**Staff Recommended Action:**

The Board of County Commissioners accepted this recommendation with revisions on April 9, 2024.