

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:50 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026016

Recommendation # 2026016

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026016 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Tom Kennelly
Address 3711 Indian River Dr, Cocoa FL 32926
Phone (321) 228-5314
Email tekennellyp@gmail.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026016
Recommendation Title Upgrade the storm water drain at Brookhill Dr and Indian River Dr
Areas Affected
Department Affected Public Works Department
Current problem The storm water drain at Brookhill Dr and Indian River Dr back flows lagoon saltwater onto Indian River Dr. Many residents drive their cars through the salt water unaware of the damage they are doing to their cars. Likewise the water sitting on the road is damaging the road and its base.
Recommendation Nicholas Gagliardo, PE of Public Works already created a plan to address the problem but it was put on hold due to the SOIRL project coming through. Now is the time to dust off the plan and raise the area around that intersection. Nicholas mentioned that that are interfacing with SOIRL but I just reviewed the SOIRL plan for Cocoa Zone C and do not see any plans to raise the storm water drain and the area around it. Time to get Nicholas's fine work integrated into the SOIRL plan.
Attachments image001.jpg

Please do not reply to this e-mail, as it will go to an unmonitored mailbox.



Public Works Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 201
Viera, Florida 32940
321-617-7202

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: James P. Liesenfelt, County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026016

CEER #2026016, titled Upgrade the storm water drain at Brookhill Dr and Indian River Dr, was received by the County from Tom Kennelly.

Citizen Statement:

The storm water drain at Brookhill Dr and Indian River Dr back flows lagoon saltwater onto Indian River Dr. Many residents drive their cars through the salt water unaware of the damage they are doing to their cars. Likewise the water sitting on the road is damaging the road and its base.

Citizen Recommendation:

Nicholas Gagliardo, PE of Public Works already created a plan to address the problem but it was put on hold due to the SOIRL project coming through. Now is the time to dust off the plan and raise the area around that intersection. Nicholas mentioned that that are interfacing with SOIRL but I just reviewed the SOIRL plan for Cocoa Zone C and do not see any plans to raise the storm water drain and the area around it. Time to get Nicholas's fine work integrated into the SOIRL plan.

Staff Analysis:

Public Works Engineering developed a maintenance-level stormwater plan in late 2021 for the referenced area. The purpose of the plan is to restore the roadway profile, which has been adversely affected by prolonged high-water levels and has experienced localized settlement, particularly along the road shoulders. The project does not propose raising the road intersection. Instead, it will restore the centerline elevations and reestablish the proper crown and cross slope, followed by placement of a new driving surface. Drainage inlets and pipes are also being installed to preserve the outfall connection to the river.



Public Works Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 201
Viera, Florida 32940
321-617-7202

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Due to inclusion of the area in the SOIRL Septic-to-Sewer project it was determined it to be in the best interest of taxpayers to coordinate both efforts. This coordination is to avoid duplicative impacts, construction conflicts, and overlapping expenditures within the same area.

Given the relatively minor scope of the stormwater maintenance compared to the larger Utilities project, it was decided in 2024 that the Utilities consultant would incorporate the stormwater maintenance plans into the overall Utilities construction documents for bidding and construction. That integration effort remains in progress and the stormwater maintenance plan will be included in the construction project. The construction project is scheduled to be completed by Summer 2029.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2026016 as it does not enhance the efficiency or effectiveness of Home Rule Charter.