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To: [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#)
Subject: FW: Feb 3 EAR Update
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:29:59 AM
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Good morning Jennifer,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, our office is forwarding the below public comment concerning Item H.14. Thank you.

Best regards,

Carol Mascellino
Legislative Aide to Commissioner Rita Pritchett




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County Commissioners,

I understand that you will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan Coast Management Element at your Feb. 3 meeting.

I would like to suggest that you strengthen the Coastal Element Policies 14.6 and 14.9. Instead of using the phrase "The County should," consider replacing this with "The County shall." Consider "requiring" nature-based design standards and/or Low Impact Development design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

Low Impact Development strategies reduce polluted discharge into the Indian River Lagoon. One of the best ways to implement Low Impact Development is to maximize protection of trees, as trees reduce polluted storm water discharge. Studies show storm water discharge is one of the greatest polluters of the Lagoon.

As a recreational boater, the Indian River Lagoon's Intracoastal Waterway is what attracted me to move to Brevard County. Now the Lagoon is so polluted, recreational boating is no longer appealing in our area. Recreational boating was a boast to the region's economy, but now is greatly reduced due to the polluted Lagoon.

To restore the Lagoon and its economic impact on our area, strengthen the Comprehensive Plan's Element Policies, particularly Policies 14.6 and 14.9.

Kay St. Onge
Titusville Tree Team

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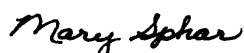
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As I see my and all my neighbor's boats only sitting, rotting in our yards I am seeing the quality of our lives greatly decline with the loss of a beautiful, alive lagoon to enjoy. I shutter to think what has happened to the many people who rely on the lagoon for their income! For the first time we couldn't even host a birding festival.

Luckily , there are many things that MUST and CAN be done to try to restore this vital part of Brevard county's economy.

I am asking you to strengthen the wording of at least the proposed coastal element policies 14.6 and 14.9 replacing the ambiguous wording of "should" to "shall".

I have seen the positive , simple, no nonsense low impact development approach work in my yard, neighborhood and across the country!

Strong, funded, timely actions are needed NOW.

I think the taxpayers of this county realize and deserve their hard earned tax dollars going to restore the IRL quickly and responsibly.

Lora Losi

Retired Brevard School Science teacher

Windover Farms Titusville

From: [Leesa Souto](#)
To: [Commissioner, D4](#)
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Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:01:23 PM

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Dear Commissioner Smith;

We appreciate Brevard County bringing forth Amended Comp Plan language that opens the door to the possibility of using more effective and functional development tools like nature-based designs and Low Impact Development. We are pleased that county staff has included some of the LID language recommended by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, however, the recommended language was weakened considerably to encourage changes instead of requiring them. Research shows that builders and developers will not change their practices unless required to do so. Encouraging them to change or suggesting they should implement LID will not get it accomplished.

You have an opportunity right now to strengthen Brevard County comprehensive plan language to protect coastal flood zones and initiate Low Impact Development that will sustain our community. MRC encourages the following language changes that we believe are immediately implementable, have no economic impact, and will start moving our community toward sustainable Low Impact Development.

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Thank you for re-imagining how we can sustainably grow our community through Low Impact Development. Our Indian River Lagoon coastal community depends on your decision. Please let us know how we can be of assistance as we transition into a resilient and balanced coastal community.

Respectfully;

Leesa Souto, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Marine Resources Council
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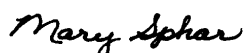
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Dear Commissioners:

No, this problem is not going away. And yes, it really is getting worse. The condition of the lagoon made it to international news in Europe as well as the national news here. We have an emergency and it's making us look like we have our heads buried in the sand.

Two of the Coastal Management Element Policies are not good enough. Using the word "should"....**prevents** any real progress. Using the word **WILL** actually can make things happen.

Specifically, I am talking about policy 14.6 and 14.9. These are so important...and our future depends on it.

Low impact development is possible. **Living without any irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticide is easy and possible.** But more than that....knowing that our property isn't causing nutrients from our lawn to pollute the lagoon is what Keep Brevard Beautiful teaches as they taught me to protect the lagoon with their "**Nutrient Pollution Reduction Program**".

Existing properties can be changed to follow the principles of Low Impact Development and the principles put money in my pocket month after month, year after year.

Our county is in trouble. The world is becoming aware of what we allowed to happen. This is a crisis and we have to have a real action plan....not just hope.

Please, let's make strong language a priority for our future. Anything less will just result in the current downward spiral continuing.

Matt Heyden

From: [Anne Briggs](#)
To: [Commissioner, D3](#)
Cc: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: EAR Adoption Hearing, 3 Feb 22
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 3:37:55 PM

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Ref: 3 Feb 22 EAR Update

29 January 2022

Dear Commissioner Tobia,

We are asking you to please consider strengthening the proposed Coastal Management Element Policies (# 14.6 and #14.9) by altering the wording from “should” to “shall” as regards nature-based design standards and low impact development and re-development.

We feel it is necessary to protect and improve the health of our Indian River Lagoon. As we all know, it is a beautiful, unique, fragile, and vulnerable ecosystem. A healthy lagoon attracts new residents and tourism.

We cannot stress enough the urgency of having strongly worded policies in place in the EAR. We have too much to lose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Henry Beck and Anne Briggs

9735 Fleming Grant Road

Micco, Florida 32976

From: [Kristin Lortie](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: Feb 3 Agenda Item: EAR Update - Support for Requested Modifications
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 4:56:12 PM

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Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the (4) changes below for 2 policies that are being presented for consideration on February 3rd.

It's very important to me that Brevard do what we can to include Low Impact Development strategies that may improve stormwater management, and to improve the health of the IRL. Many residents are concerned about the rampant local development and the health of the lagoon, including the state of it's poor health contributing to the loss of wildlife including our beloved manatees.

Thank you for your consideration of the requested changes, especially during the current time of increased development when residents are growing increasingly concerned about local growth and the health of our ecosystem.

Best regards,
Kristin Lortie, D1 Resident
5524 Brilliance Cir, Cocoa, FL 32926

Requested Changes:

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From: [Hope Bookman](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
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To the Brevard County Commissioners,

I've recently learned that the language in the Comp Plan Coastal Management is in review. I am asking that in the Coastal Element Policies the word "SHOULD" be replaced with "SHALL" in at least Policies 14.6 and 14.9. The word shall gives a better hope that these items actually will be done. We must protect the IRL, which is an integral part of our county.

I appreciate your consideration,
Hope Bookman

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From: [Terry LaPlante](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#)
Subject: Feb. 3rd EAR Update
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 2:14:08 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

I read in the paper this morning about the need to tax ourselves again in hope of saving the IRL.

It seems pointless to renew the tax or double the tax given that the county is not requiring developers to do their part by adopting Low Impact Development.

And, it isn't just the Lagoon that we need to protect from pollution since our drinking water comes from Lake Washington it is critical to do the same given all the development going on which will drain into it.

It seems we keep hoping and advocating for developers to do the right thing for our county and our state but what I am witnessing is they only do the minimum of what is required to get their permits or keep the neighbors happy.

The developers seem to play every hand they have or that you give them to do only what is required. Clearly they are making big money as witnessed by hiring attorneys to work the system.

Therefore, we must change recommendations to requirements.

I notice that the people who are appointed to the planning and zoning board are largely favoring development with only 1 or 2 members speaking up in favor of a sustainable community.

I live in district 4 and would be happy to volunteer to balance out the P & Z commission.

We must unite even if it means people buying new homes pay more. We must share the cost of protecting the environment with business. The taxpayers are doing their part in many different ways besides taxing ourselves.

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To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: Urgent Comprehensive Plan changes.
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:29:42 PM

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To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: Coastal Management Element Policies
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 3:49:39 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident and home-owner in Brevard County and I am an active voter. I am very concerned about the health and management of the Indian River Lagoon and the impact of overdevelopment in our area, as well as insufficient resources and efforts to conserve and protect our environment. As the waters become more polluted, and more marine life dies (and water birds as well), what will happen to our property values? Now is the time for taking definitive action, and not wishful thinking. Specifically, I would encourage you to start by eliminating the word "should" from a couple of relevant policies, and replacing it with the action-oriented word, "Shall" as follows:

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Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Signe M. Kastberg, PhD LMHC

From: [Robert Rupe](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#); [Abbate, Frank B](#)
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From: [Lora Losi](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: EAR adoption hearing Feb 3
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:03:39 AM

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As I see my and all my neighbor's boats only sitting, rotting in our yards I am seeing the quality of our lives greatly decline with the loss of a beautiful, alive lagoon to enjoy. I shutter to think what has happened to the many people who rely on the lagoon for their income! For the first time we couldn't even host a birding festival.

Luckily , there are many things that MUST and CAN be done to try to restore this vital part of Brevard county's economy.

I am asking you to strengthen the wording of at least the proposed coastal element policies 14.6 and 14.9 replacing the ambiguous wording of "should" to "shall".
I have seen the positive , simple, no nonsense low impact development approach work in my yard, neighborhood and across the country!

Strong, funded, timely actions are needed NOW.

I think the taxpayers of this county realize and deserve their hard earned tax dollars going to restore the IRL quickly and responsibly.

Lora Losi
Retired Brevard School Science teacher
Windover Farms Titusville

From: [giselle](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: Feb 3 Agenda Item: EAR Update - Support for 2 policies that are being presented for consideration on February 3rd.
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To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
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From: [Sally DRAPER](#)
To: [Commissioner, D4](#)
Subject: Feb 3 EAR Update
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 2:54:15 PM

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Dear Commissioner Smith:

I am writing to ask you to help preserve the Indian River Lagoon in this way:

Policy 14.6: Please replace the word "should" with "shall," so that we may be assured that action will be taken now, rather than down the road. Also, please add to "and amend the development" to "and the County shall amend the development."

Policy 14.9: Please replace the word "should" with "shall." Also replace "encourage" with "encourage or require."

These changes and the emphasis on Low Impact Development are necessary to ensure action is being taken in a timely fashion. Time we do not have much of!

I grew up in Merritt Island and still live here. I am a kayaker, and it is disheartening to know that I can no longer kayak in the lagoon due to dangerous algae. I also am greatly concerned about the alarming rise in manatee deaths. I'm sure you know that Brevard will take a major hit in tourism if steps to restore the IRL are not forthcoming, as the lagoon is/was a fishing haven.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally Draper
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From: [B.D](#)
To: [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#); [Commissioner, D1](#)
Subject: Proposed Coastal Management Element Policies, EAR Adoption Hearing, February 3, 2022
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:50:21 PM

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Dear Members of the Brevard County Commission:

As people move to Brevard County and become aware of our filthy Indian River Lagoon, they will likely reassess their decisions and look to move on, to a place without an ecological disaster in their backyard. The contaminated IRL is both an ecological and economic problem. You can help resolve this problem by requiring Low Impact Development.

I am the past president of a local kayaking club, and prior to the 2011/2012 algae plumes we had many paddling events on the IRL. As the IRL continued to deteriorate, we stopped paddling in the IRL. Our membership declined, and the club eventually shut down. No one wanted to get in that dirty IRL water anymore.

I started paddling in the IRL in 1990. The IRL was a magical place back in the day. I have worked as a volunteer monitoring the quality of the IRL for the MRC. Now I examine the IRL from the shore at least twice a week. In short, the health of the IRL is a disgrace.

Our only hope in restoring this fragile body of water is to control how we develop our lands. We have to stop the contaminants at the source. We must ensure that Low Impact Development (LID) methods are used throughout the County. Please make LID development a high priority to assist in reversing what we have done to the IRL in the past.

I recommend the County adopt the Coastal Management Element Policies with underline and strike-through as recommended by the MRC and Sierra Club.

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Thank you,

Bill DeBusk
Concerned Citizen
2674 Tuscarora Ct.
West Melbourne FL, 32904

From: [dlaney](#)
To: [Commissioner_D4](#)
Subject: Coastal Development Policies
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 10:17:39 AM

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Dear Commissioner Smith,

I am writing you about the upcoming February 3, 2022 meeting concerning the 13 Coastal Development and Redevelopment policies being drafted by your Board.

It is my understanding that two of the policies, 14.6 and 14.9 contain the wording "should" when if you changed the wording to "shall" in those policies it could really make all the difference in the world as to how these policies might really impact and improve our community in the future.

I love the Indian River Lagoon Estuary, and have stood before you in the past to ask you to help protect it. On April 4, 2019 you denied a rezoning request (18PZ00154) in Scottsmeer. In the 10 findings of facts subsequent to this action the following were included:

#8. The proposed rezoning to RR-1 is inconsistent with the coastal management element and the conservation element of the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan, and would negatively impact the Indian River Lagoon system.

#9. The proposed rezoning to RR-1 would aggravate drainage issues and cause significant unmitigatable impacts on water bodies.

This is such a priceless treasure we citizens of Brevard County are entrusted with, and to see the degradation to our lagoon happening right now in front of our eyes, only leads me to believe that strengthening this language in the Coastal policies is a step in the right direction towards saving the lagoon for ourselves and especially for future generations.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Ann Barnes

3800 Sams Ln.

Mims, FL 32754

From: [Kate Perez](#)
To: [Commissioner, D4](#)
Subject: Comp Plan Water Management
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:06:04 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

I live at:

Kathleen Perez
3025 S Washington Ave.
Titusville, 32780

and I would like you to make the following changes to the comp plan:

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From: mheyden716@aol.com
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#)
Subject: E.A.R. adoption hearing.
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 1:23:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

No, this problem is not going away. And yes, it really is getting worse. The condition of the lagoon made it to international news in Europe as well as the national news here. We have an emergency and it's making us look like we have our heads buried in the sand.

Two of the Coastal Management Element Policies are not good enough. Using the word "should"....**prevents** any real progress. Using the word **WILL** actually can make things happen. Specifically, I am talking about policy 14.6 and 14.9. These are so important...and our future depends on it.

Low impact development is possible. **Living without any irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticide is easy and possible.** But more than that....knowing that our property isn't causing nutrients from our lawn to pollute the lagoon is what Keep Brevard Beautiful teaches as they taught me to protect the lagoon with their "**Nutrient Pollution Reduction Program**".

Existing properties can be changed to follow the principles of Low Impact Development and the principles put money in my pocket month after month, year after year.

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Please, let's make strong language a priority for our future. Anything less will just result in the current downward spiral continuing.

Matt Heyden

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Robert Rupe](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: County Proposed Comp Plan Change
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:43:21 AM
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Carol Mascellino
Legislative Aide to Commissioner Rita Pritchett



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321-536-3840

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
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Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Feb 3 Agenda Item: EAR Update - Support for 2 policies that are being presented for consideration on February 3rd.
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3224 Fairfax Ln, Cocoa, FL 32926

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
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Subject: RE: Urgent Comprehensive Plan changes.
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:51:29 AM
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To: [Terry LaPlante](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Feb. 3rd EAR Update
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 11:58:55 AM
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To: Commissioner, D1 <D1.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: Feb. 3rd EAR Update

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Dear Commissioner,

I read in the paper this morning about the need to tax ourselves again in hope of saving the IRL. It seems pointless to renew the tax or double the tax given that the county is not requiring developers to do their part by adopting Low Impact Development.

And, it isn't just the Lagoon that we need to protect from pollution since our drinking water comes from Lake Washington it is critical to do the same given all the development going on which will drain into it.

It seems we keep hoping and advocating for developers to do the right thing for our county and our state but what I am witnessing is they only do the minimum of what is required to get their permits or keep the neighbors happy.

The developers seem to play every hand they have or that you give them to do only what is required. Clearly they are making big money as witnessed by hiring attorneys to work the system. Therefore, we must change recommendations to requirements.

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From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Kate Perez](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Comp Plan Coastal Management
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:34:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Perez,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

Thank you for contacting our office and sharing your concerns.

Best regards,

Carol Mascellino
Legislative Aide to Commissioner Rita Pritchett



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From: Kate Perez <katpezquark@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 5:02 PM
To: Commissioner, D1 <D1.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: Comp Plan Coastal Management

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Dear Commissioner,

I live in Titusville

Kathleen Perez

3025 S. Washington Ave, 32780

and I would like you to make the following changes to the plan.

Policy 14.6

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Kate Perez
katpezquark@gmail.com

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Kristin Lortie](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Feb 3 Agenda Item: EAR Update - Support for Requested Modifications
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:37:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Lortie,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

Thank you for contacting our office and sharing your concerns.

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Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Commissioner, D1 <D1.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D2 <D2.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D3 <d3.commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D4 <D4.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D5 <D5.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: Feb 3 Agenda Item: EAR Update - Support for Requested Modifications

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Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the (4) changes below for 2 policies that are being presented for consideration on February 3rd.

It's very important to me that Brevard do what we can to include Low Impact Development strategies that may improve stormwater management, and to improve the health of the IRL. Many residents are concerned about the rampant local development and the health of the lagoon, including the state of it's poor health contributing to the loss of wildlife including our beloved manatees.

Thank you for your consideration of the requested changes, especially during the current time of increased development when residents are growing increasingly concerned about local growth and the health of our ecosystem.

Best regards,
Kristin Lortie, D1 Resident
5524 Brilliance Cir, Cocoa, FL 32926

Requested Changes:

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From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Signe Kastberg](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Coastal Management Element Policies
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:38:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

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Subject: Coastal Management Element Policies

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident and home-owner in Brevard County and I am an active voter. I am very concerned about the health and management of the Indian River Lagoon and the impact of overdevelopment in our area, as well as insufficient resources and efforts to conserve and protect our environment. As the waters become more polluted, and more marine life dies (and water birds as well), what will happen to our property values? Now is the time for taking definitive action, and not wishful thinking. Specifically, I would encourage you to start by eliminating the word "should" from a couple of relevant policies, and replacing it with the action-oriented word, "Shall" as follows:

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Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Signe M. Kastberg, PhD LMHC

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Anne Briggs](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: EAR Adoption Hearing, 3 Feb 22
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:39:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Briggs,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

Thank you for contacting our office and sharing your concerns.

Best regards,

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From: Anne Briggs <annebriggs@yahoo.com>
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To: Commissioner, D3 <d3.commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
Cc: Commissioner, D1 <D1.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D2 <D2.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D4 <D4.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D5 <D5.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
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Ref: 3 Feb 22 EAR Update

29 January 2022

Dear Commissioner Tobia,

We are asking you to please consider strengthening the proposed Coastal Management Element Policies (# 14.6 and #14.9) by altering the wording from “should” to “shall” as regards nature-based design standards and low impact development and re-development.

We feel it is necessary to protect and improve the health of our Indian River Lagoon. As we all know, it is a beautiful, unique, fragile, and vulnerable ecosystem. A healthy lagoon attracts new residents and tourism.

We cannot stress enough the urgency of having strongly worded policies in place in the EAR. We have too much to lose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Henry Beck and Anne Briggs

9735 Fleming Grant Road

Micco, Florida 32976

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Julie Mallisturner](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: POLICY 14.9
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:41:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Mallisturner,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

Thank you for contacting our office and sharing your concerns.

Best regards,

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From: Julie Mallisturner <mallisturner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Commissioner, D1 <D1.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: POLICY 14.9

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Dear Honorable Pritchard,

I am contacting to read over this policy and back changing the wording as directed below.

Thank you.

Julie Turner
(321) 266-2786

Policy 14.9

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- dear Honorable Pritchard

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From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Matt](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Feb 3 EAR Update and Low Impact Development
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:43:18 PM
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Mr. Coiro,

On behalf of Commissioner Pritchett, thank you for your email. The Commissioner has reviewed your email and wants you to know that she will take your comments into consideration.

Thank you for contacting our office and sharing your concerns.

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Brevard County Commission,

The Indian River Lagoon is a vital resource in Brevard County. We must do everything we can to restore and preserve its health. Moving towards low impact development is one of the steps we need to be taking.

I understand the Commission will be reviewing 13 Coastal Development and Redevelopment policies that the County should adopt. I feel they should contain strong language to ensure the policies are followed. Especially in two of the 13. They are 14.6 and 14.9. I feel some of the verbiage should be changed to make them more impactful. The word SHOULD should be replaced with SHALL in most cases. I have pasted the policies below and highlighted the suggested verbiage in red.

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I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Thank You,

Matthew Coiro

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Melbourne, FL 32940



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From: [Ball, Jeffrey](#)
To: [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: Feb 3 Brevard Zoning Meeting Agenda Item – Adoption of EAR based amendments, 2017-2.2 DEO
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 3:55:44 PM

FYI

From: Schmadeke, Adrienne
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:27 PM
To: Leesa Souto <Leesa@mrcirl.org>
Cc: Calkins, Tad <tad.calkins@brevardfl.gov>; Bellak, Christine <Christine.Bellak@brevardfl.gov>; Alward, Keith A <Keith.Alward@brevardfl.gov>; Ball, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Ball@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Feb 3 Brevard Zoning Meeting Agenda Item – Adoption of EAR based amendments, 2017-2.2 DEO

Good afternoon Leesa,

On behalf of Commissioner Smith, I want to acknowledge receipt of your email. It will be shared with him. With this reply I have also included Brevard County Planning and Zoning. Thank you for sending your suggestions regarding the language in the Amended Comp Plan.

Regards,

Adrienne Schmadeke



Adrienne Schmadeke
Chief of Staff
Brevard County Commission, District 4
Commissioner Curt Smith
[321.633.2044](tel:321.633.2044) | Adrienne.Schmadeke@brevardfl.gov
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From: Leesa Souto <Leesa@mrcirl.org>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Commissioner, D4 <D4.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>

Subject: Feb 3 Brevard Zoning Meeting Agenda Item – Adoption of EAR based amendments, 2017-2.2 DEO

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Dear Commissioner Smith;

We appreciate Brevard County bringing forth Amended Comp Plan language that opens the door to the possibility of using more effective and functional development tools like nature-based designs and Low Impact Development. We are pleased that county staff has included some of the LID language recommended by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, however, the recommended language was weakened considerably to encourage changes instead of requiring them. Research shows that builders and developers will not change their practices unless required to do so. Encouraging them to change or suggesting they should implement LID will not get it accomplished.

You have an opportunity right now to strengthen Brevard County comprehensive plan language to protect coastal flood zones and initiate Low Impact Development that will sustain our community. MRC encourages the following language changes that we believe are immediately implementable, have no economic impact, and will start moving our community toward sustainable Low Impact Development.

Policy 14.6 (Replace word “Should” with word “shall”)

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Policy 14.9 (Replace word “Should” with word “shall” and add “or require”)

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Thank you for re-imagining how we can sustainably grow our community through Low Impact Development. Our Indian River Lagoon coastal community depends on your decision. Please let us know how we can be of assistance as we transition into a resilient and balanced coastal community.

Respectfully;

Leesa Souto, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Marine Resources Council

321-725-7775

www.SaveTheRL.org

From: [Commissioner, D1](#)
To: [Steph C](#)
Cc: [Pritchett, Rita](#); [Mascellino, Carol](#); [Smith, Nathan](#); [Price, Jessica](#); [Jones, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: Feb 3 EAR Update and Low Impact Development
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:29:12 PM
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Thank You,

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