



NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE
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**Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee
Volunteer Application**

Due: October 1, 2016

Name: Courtney Barker
Mailing Address: 565 Cassia Boulevard
City: Satellite Beach **State:** Florida
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Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: science, technology, economics/finance, real estate, education/outreach, tourism, or lagoon advocacy. Knowledge of the water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members will oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on spending an estimated \$303 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon bottom, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP). Duties will include participation in meetings to evaluate data to measure progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of the projects, and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee shall address questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes X No ☐ Number of years _____20_____

2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend multiple weekday meetings annually, as needed? Yes X No ☐

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best match(es) your expertise:

X Science

X Economics/Finance

X Education/Outreach

X Lagoon Advocacy

☐ Technology

☐ Real Estate

☐ Tourism

FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee.

I have always had a strong interest in environmental protection and the Lagoon is a special resource to me and my family. I grew up on a canal in the unincorporated area of Satellite Beach, and most of family members are avid boaters. The Lagoon is a very special resource for our County and I would like to part of the restoration efforts.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

I have a degree and numerous years of experience in urban planning, which have given me a strong background in environmental and development issues, including stormwater retention. As both a planner and City Manager, I have a strong understanding of stormwater, TMDL requirements and challenges, and the pollution sources of the Lagoon. I also have a strong governmental finance and budgeting background.

6. Please describe what character, judgment, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee?

I am on several committees and have chaired several committees. I serve on small committees dedicated to a specific issue, as well as on statewide boards. I also work for five separate people, so like most municipal and county managers, I am used to working to get consensus between several people most of the time. I am have a professional, working relationship with most of the City Managers in the County, and have worked very well with the County staff on the lagoon and other issues. I believe this past experience would be very valuable on the Committee.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

It is important to make sure that there is no perception of conflict so our community has trust in the process. Perception is the most important rule. Even if the perception of the conflict is not real, we must work to maintain a clean and transparent process.

I believe in the past that I, as well as my City Council, have put the interests of the public before the interests of our specific City. I have always been willing to do what is right for the Countywide interests when considering countywide resources, and I have experience in working on the allocation of countywide resources with the TPO Technical Advisory Committee and the Growth Management Committee.

Our City is well beyond the required percentage of TMDL reductions for the 5-year increment of the Basin Management Action Plan; however, I will be happy to abstain from voting if there is any perception of conflict that arises.

Additional Requirements

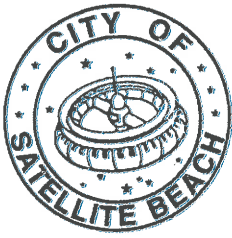
In addition to this application, a resume/CV and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resume, and letter(s) of reference to:

Marie Winkler, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Marie.Winkler@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016, Fax: 321-633-2029



Courtney H. Barker, AICP

Biography

Courtney Barker is currently the City Manager for the City of Satellite Beach. She grew up in Satellite Beach and graduated from Satellite High School.

Courtney has a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of Florida, 1996. She holds certifications in American Institute of Certified Planners, Florida Association of Code Enforcement, Level 1, Leadership Brevard Class of 2007, and Emergency Management: E-Team Software for Brevard County EOC, IS-195 Basic Incident Command, IS-700 A NIMS Introduction and IS-300 Intermediate Incident Command System.

Courtney started out her urban planning career while working on her Master's Degree as a Planning Evaluation Specialist for the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning in Tallahassee. She then gained more experience as an intern for the City of New Smyrna Beach. She held the position of Planner, Comprehensive Planning Division for the City of Jacksonville Planning & Development Department in 2000.

Courtney has also worked for the private sector, including APD, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida as Planner/Project Manager (2000 to 2004). In this position she worked on neighborhood planning and affordable housing developments.

While employed by the City of Titusville, Courtney was the Executive Director of the Planning & Growth Management overseeing all activities of the Planning, Code Enforcement, Economic Development and Neighborhood Services divisions, the Community Redevelopment Agency and related boards (2007–2013), Planning Director for the City of Titusville Planning Department (2006-2007), Chief Planner (2005-2006), & Redevelopment Specialist (2004-2005) which included the management of the City's Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency.

Courtney has held several appointments throughout her career, including: Deputy Operations/Planning Section Chief, Emergency Management Operations, City of Titusville 2007-2013, Technical Advisory Committee Member, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization 2010-2013; Brevard County Schools Capital Outlay Committee Member, Chair (current).

She has volunteered on the Planning & Zoning Board for the City of Satellite Beach (2007-2008), the Florida Redevelopment Association Board (2012 to present) and as Board Member (Treasurer) for the Atlantic Coast Section of Florida American Planning Association (2010 to 2013). She is also the Chair for the Finance Committee for the Satellite Beach United Methodist Church.

She is a member of the Florida City County Managers Association, and Institute of City/County Management Association, American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Leadership Brevard, and the Florida Redevelopment Association.

Courtney is married to Sam Barker, and has three children.



Sept. 30, 2016

Re: Recommendation Letter for Courtney Barker

To Whom it Concerns,

This letter is in support of Ms. Barker's application to serve the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I am very familiar with her work as the City Manager for the City of Satellite Beach based on multiple projects including many direct interactions via: a) my membership on the City's Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Board, b) as a partner on the City's Community Resilience project funded by the State of Florida DEO, c) advising of F.I.T. students working for the City's Sustainability Board, and d) as a partner with the City's infrastructure mapping and coastal hazard planning initiative via a Florida Seagrant project.

These and other sub-projects have allowed me to observe her work up close. In my experience she is not only highly knowledgeable on land use, municipal planning, and requisite intangibles, she exhibits an extraordinary dedication to the future of her community and the IRL that goes beyond what her job alone requires.

She has always appeared committed to empirically-based solutions based on data. In working with her on the assessment report for the City's sustainability plan process, she has sought numeric benchmarking across a wide variety of project scales. Her work in founding and co-guiding the City's new Sustainability Board has been outstanding to witness in terms of technical performance.

She is highly qualified to serve the public interest in relation to the Indian River Lagoon from multiple policy perspectives. I have no doubt that she will apply her formidable skill-sets and work ethic to develop, with other Oversight Committee members, the most effective, timely and responsible means to expend tax revenues so that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public and the lagoon itself.

Given the complexity of the technical and policy issues in this landscape, one of her most valuable assets is that she is a nimble thinker and is not stuck in one-track, predetermined paradigms. As new information becomes available, she has the capacity to evaluate both existing and alternative trajectories based on empirics, not politics.

Ms. Barker has been a consummate public professional in my experience and I have no doubt she will put the public interest first and avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditures of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds. She is an outstanding asset that should serve this Oversight Committee with distinction.

I am happy to answer any comments or questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lindeman".

Ken Lindeman, Ph.D.
Professor
Chair, Academic Sustainability Program