

**SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name
Mailing Address
City **State** **Zip Code**
Phone
Email

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economics/Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lagoon Advocacy	

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

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 am a US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner OUPV Operator, AKA Captain. In my retirement, I now work as a Fishing Guide throughout the IRL. I am interested in achieving better water quality and better fishing. Within my 36 years here in Brevard County, I have seen the decline and I have seen isolated improvements in the water quality. Those improvements prove to me that it is not a lost cause and can be restored. I will help. My son is also a local Fishing Guide and firefighter. We both hope someday his son will be able to enjoy the IRL in all its glory.

I live on the Grand Canal in Satellite Beach. I have been able to observe the cyclical changes in our water quality. I am a concerned citizen who is qualified to understand the technology used for reclamation of the IRL and I have the time and interest required to become part of this project. I offer my services and commitment to this project with professional attitude and unbiased report which has always served my projects well throughout my career in governance.

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 am a retired public administrator from Brevard County Board of County Commissioners as of 1/2020. I am a college graduate with 33 years of experience working with government agencies to improve our infrastructure. I am familiar with government process and have addressed individually unique water quality issues and enforcement as a priority task throughout my career.

I have worked in sanitary sewer construction /inspection, public works infrastructure inspections, supervision of Land Development inspections, and was the Construction Coordinator for construction management for the Solid Waste Department. Each of these positions has had unique water quality challenges.

My volunteer experience includes when I served on the Indian Harbour Beach Planning and Zoning Board for 5 years, the Indian Harbour Beach Volunteer Fire Department for 9 years, and coached on various youth football, soccer, softball, and baseball teams while my children participated.

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

I am a college graduate from Florida Atlantic University with my degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

During my career with Brevard County I had opportunities for career development which I participated in. Here are a few of my strengths:

Brevard County Continuous Improvement Certifications:

- ELI Executive Leadership Institute Program Graduate
- Employee Development with all of the three levels of Management Certification
- Team Leader / Facilitator Training
- Stephen Covey – The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium:

- Building Consensus Solutions to Florida's Public Problems Certification

Budget planning with all of my positions held.

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.

As a committee member, we serve the public interest. Being entrusted with public funds is a great responsibility. Without responsible committee members, public trust would erode and support for funding would not be available. Therefore, the restoration of the IRL would be endangered. That is not what the will of the people, who voted in the half cent tax, and it is not what I want to see happen to this project.

Committee members must become knowledgeable of each of the forthcoming agenda items and provide support for their recommendations with data to bring clarity to the decision. When I began my career in governance I received advice from one of my mentors, Ed Washburn. We were discussing planning and zoning committee matters and he said to me, "David, stay out of the gray areas". This advice has served me well as it brings clarity to validating the issue while reviewing the options for resolutions.

DAVID G. TRAFTON
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EDUCATION:

University of Central Florida – Masters Public Administration Graduate degree program.

Florida Atlantic University – Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the Geography Department, Boca Raton, Florida Graduate 1982

University of South Florida – Associates Degree. Tampa, Florida Graduate 1981

FEMA Division of Emergency Management – Completed IS-100b, ICS-200, IS-700, ECS G-300 and Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents - 7/17/2015

Brevard County Executive Leadership Institute May 16, 2014

Brevard County Employee Development Program – Certificate of Professional Development Brevard County Human Resources Completed all three levels of courses. July 12, 2010

The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium - Certification as mediator and facilitator for conflict resolution

Twenty-Eight Certifications in various types of Inspections, Project Management, and safety programs available upon request.

US Coast Guard Certified Licensed Captain - 7-2019

EXPERIENCE:

2/2009

Retired 01/24/2020

Brevard County, Board of County Commissioners,
Solid Waste Management. Support Services
Construction Coordinator

Performing technical support functions in reviewing engineering design, planning, developing documentation for capital improvement construction projects. Review and development of task orders for contract services. Coordinating within county departments for collaborative efforts on capital improvement projects. Tracking quantities and daily reports to compile monthly pay request for all assigned projects. Considerable independent judgment and initiative are required in carrying out program objectives within the framework of engineering and administrative principles and practices and established policies and regulations. Considerable tact and courtesy is required in frequent contacts with public, contractors, and engineering consultants. Coordinated

2/01- 2/09

the FEMA debris management for the southern half of Brevard County for Hurricane Mathew - 2016

Brevard County, Board of County Commissioners,
Land Development, Permitting and Enforcement

Public Administrator 1
Special Projects Coordinator IV
Supervisor of Land Development Engineering Inspection.

Supervising up to eight inspectors and three office staff tasked with permitting and inspecting all paving, drainage, and grading for commercial, and subdivision site development. Supervising the right of way use program and the residential lot grading program for their application, inspection, and acceptance. Coordinating NPDES inspections for all sites. Developing the annual budget, coordinating construction meetings, final inspections, performance, and maintenance bonding administration, quantities for payment request and estimates. I also handle Mediation and resolution of drainage and development issues between residents and county projects.

04/90-02/01

City of Palm Bay

Departments, Promotions, and Duties listed below.

12/92 – 2/01

City of Palm Bay Utilities

Utility Engineering Inspector – Performing technical work inspecting utility construction projects to ensure compliance with approved drawings and expediting pay request. Inspecting projects involving Utility Department's water and sewer infrastructure expansion and facilities to ensure that material, methods and sizing meet local and state codes. Responsible for reviewing project plans and specifications, inspecting and monitoring on-going construction and advising changes to plans to achieve compliance. Tracking quantities and daily reports to compile monthly pay request for all assigned projects. Managing the day-to-day operations of my projects. This assignment was a promotion from Engineering Inspection in Public Works.

4/90 – 2/01

City of Palm Bay / Public Works / Engineering Inspection

Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Engineering Inspector – Performing technical support functions in designing, planning, and developing documentation for capital improvement construction projects under the instruction of the City Resident Engineer. Tracking quantities and daily reports to compile monthly pay request for all assigned projects. Considerable independent judgment and initiative are required in carrying out program objectives within the framework of engineering and administrative principles and practices and established policies and regulations. Considerable tact and courtesy is required in frequent contacts with contractors, Division Heads and the general public. Managing the day-to-day operations.

1/96 – 4/90

Florida Department of Transportation

District Five, Rockledge, Florida 32955

Engineering Technician III – Promoted from ET-1, Performing technical support functions in designing, planning and developing documentation for construction projects under the instruction of the District Five Resident Engineer. Using considerable independent judgment and initiative in carrying out program objectives within the framework of engineering and administrative principles and practices and established policies and regulations. Demonstrating considerable tact and courtesy in frequent contacts with contractors, Division Heads, administration, and the general public.

1/83 – 4/90

Architectural Drafters of Brevard Inc

Brevard County

Owner and architectural draftsman - Draftsman and designer for contractors and homeowners providing residential house plans and construction management. Also providing a blueprinting service. My staff consisted of up to 5 employees.

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Public Administration Policy Process and Procedures

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Kohl Consulting Inc.

Hazardous Materials Operations / OSHA Level II

Eight Hr. Spotter Training for Class I, II, & III Landfills, Waste Processing Facilities, & C&D Sites

California State University, Sacramento

Water Distribution System Operating and Maintenance

Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Distribution Systems

FDOT Construction Training Qualification Program

Plans Reading and Signalization

FDOT Construction Training Qualification Program
Concrete Placement and Inspection

FDOT Construction Training Qualification Program
Asphalt Paving Technician – Level 1

FDOT Certificate of Qualification
Nuclear Surface Moisture Density Gauges

Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center
Project Management Fundamentals
Introduction to the Metric System
Asphalt Pavement
Module 2A Asphalt Pavement Repair
Module 2B Asphalt Paving
Module 2C Asphalt Paving Inspection
Module 2D Asphalt Surface Treatment

Florida Treasure Coast Safety Council
Work Zone Concepts – Level III

Florida Safety Council
Maintenance of Traffic (Intermediate)

FDEP
Qualified Stormwater Management Inspector

Safety Compliance Services
Confined Space Entry Awareness OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146

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December 31, 2020

Board of County Commissioners
Save our Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR DAVID TRAFTON

I personally and professionally recommend David Trafton for a volunteer Citizen Oversight Committee membership position.

He has a degree in Urban Planning, has worked in positions of increasing responsibility with private practice (he gave me my first job out of college), Palm Bay, FDOT, and land development and solid waste management in Brevard County. Dave gets things done.

On the personal side he's been a great friend, fiscally and morally responsible, and more importantly applicable to this position he is a waterman, fisherman, hunter, and custodian of our natural resources in Brevard County and is in tune with water quality, invasive species, pollutant discharges, etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

LEE ENGINEERING, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert I. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert I. Lee P.E.,
President