



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Resolution/Award/Presentation

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1/5/2026

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**Subject:**

Presentation - Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Citizen Oversight Committee - Vinnie Taranto

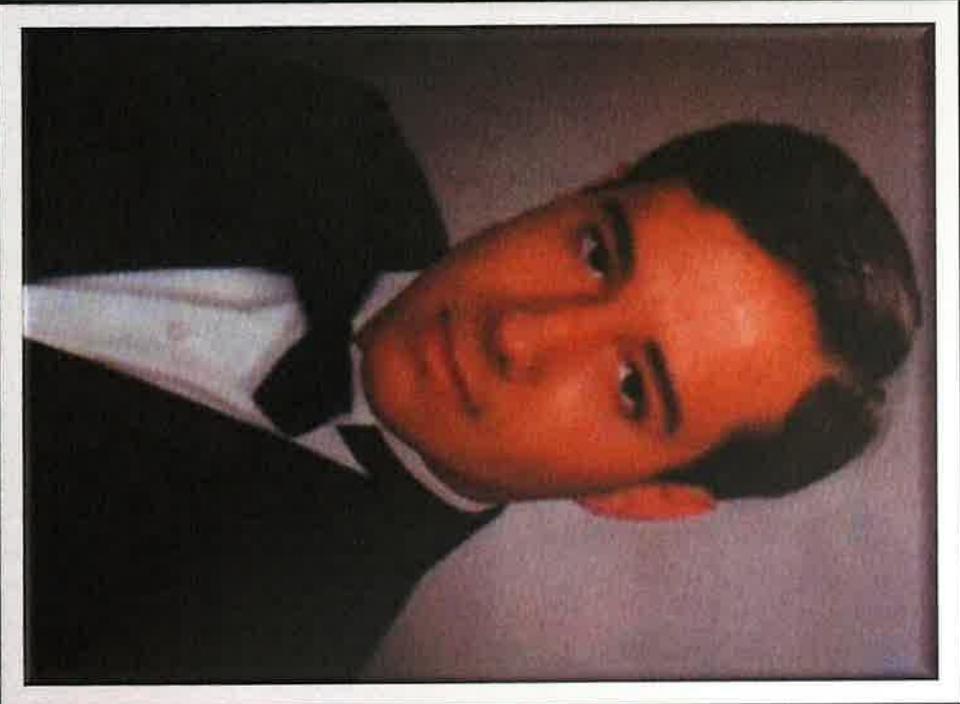
**Fiscal Impact:**

**Dept/Office:**

**Requested Action:**

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**



# Vinnie Taranto

Failed Portrait Model

Immediate Past Chair

Original Member & 8 Year Service

Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC)

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*Save*

# Ordinance 2016-15 Passed August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

## BALLOT

Brevard County, Florida

Caption: Save Our Indian River Lagoon ½ Cent Sales Tax Referendum

To restore the Indian River Lagoon through financing, planning, constructing, maintaining, and operating capital improvements and capital maintenance projects and programs designed to improve water quality, fish, wildlife and marine habitat, remove muck and reduce pollution, shall an ordinance be approved levying a ½ cent sales tax for ten years and requiring deposit of all revenue to a Save Our Lagoon Trust Fund solely for such projects, with citizen committee oversight and annual independent audits?

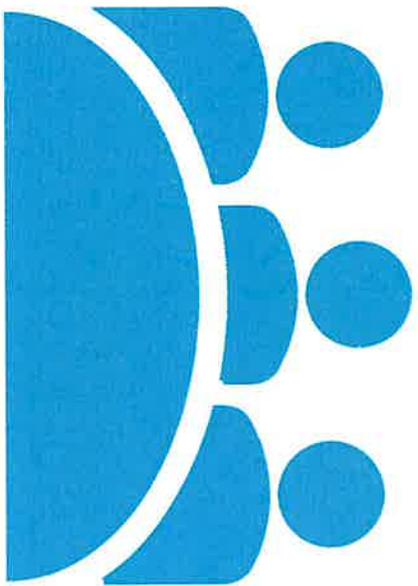
- YES For the ½ cent sales tax  
NO Against the ½ cent sales tax

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## SECTION 17. SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There is hereby created an Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee which shall consist of seven members. The intent of this volunteer oversight committee of diversely skilled citizens would be to recommend updates of the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan to the Board of County Commissioners annually and to provide public oversight and a transparent process that not only allows, but fosters, development and implementation of better, less costly and/or more timely tools and techniques for restoration of the Indian River Lagoon.

The brilliance of the implementation...



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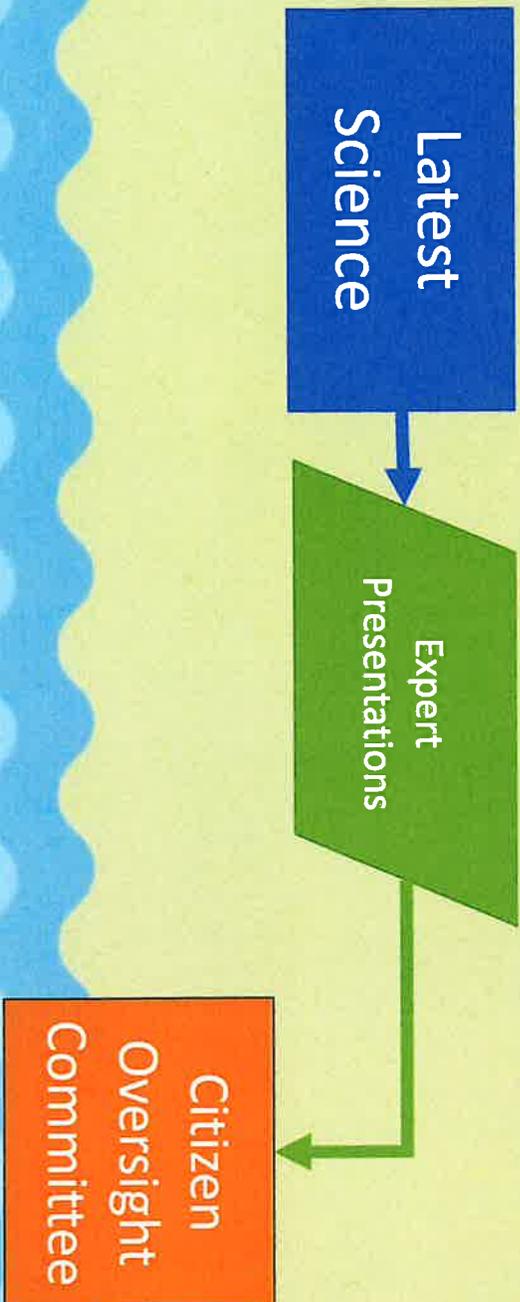
# What is the structure of the Citizen Oversight Committee?

- Seven Areas of Expertise with one member and one alternate representing each.
- Half appointed by the Space Coast League of Cities (municipal representatives).
- Half appointed by Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.
- Two-year terms. Possible reappointment with eight-year limit.
- Two Emeritus non-voting members.

# When does the Citizen Oversight Committee meet?

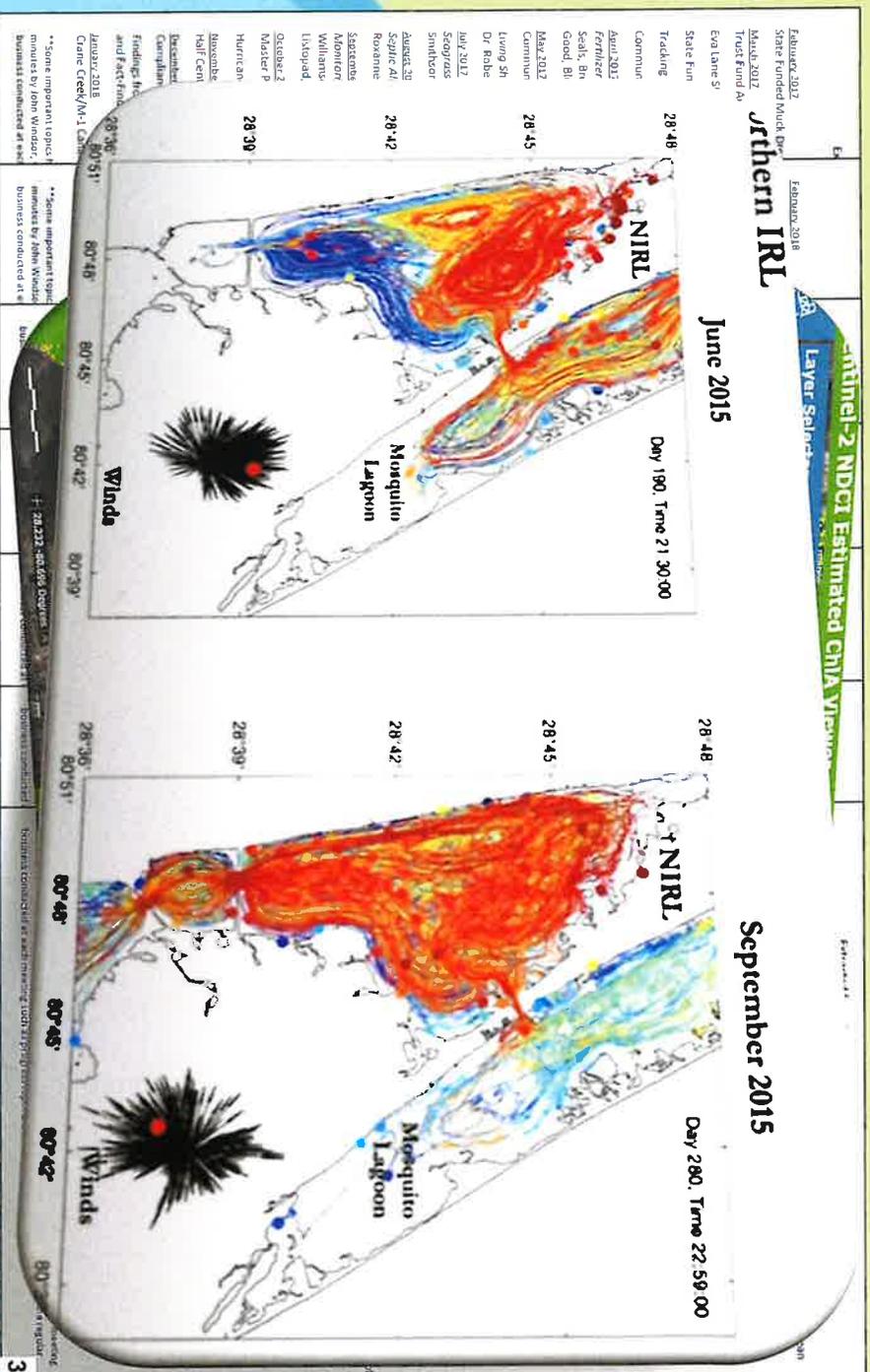
- Meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
@ 8:30am in Viera
- Broadcast live on:
  - Space Coast Government TV  
(Spectrum)
  - Brevard County's Website
  - Brevard County's Facebook
  - SOIRL YouTube Page
- 14,445 minutes of 84 meetings

# What does the Citizen Oversight Committee do?

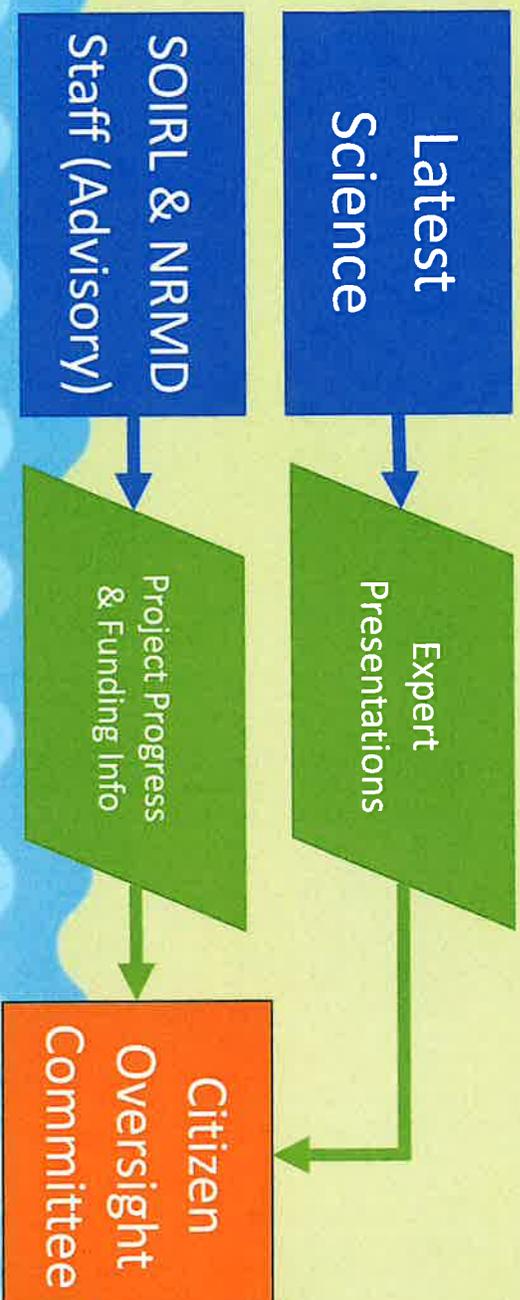


# Expert Presentations

- List of Presentations Through First Four Years
- New Technology

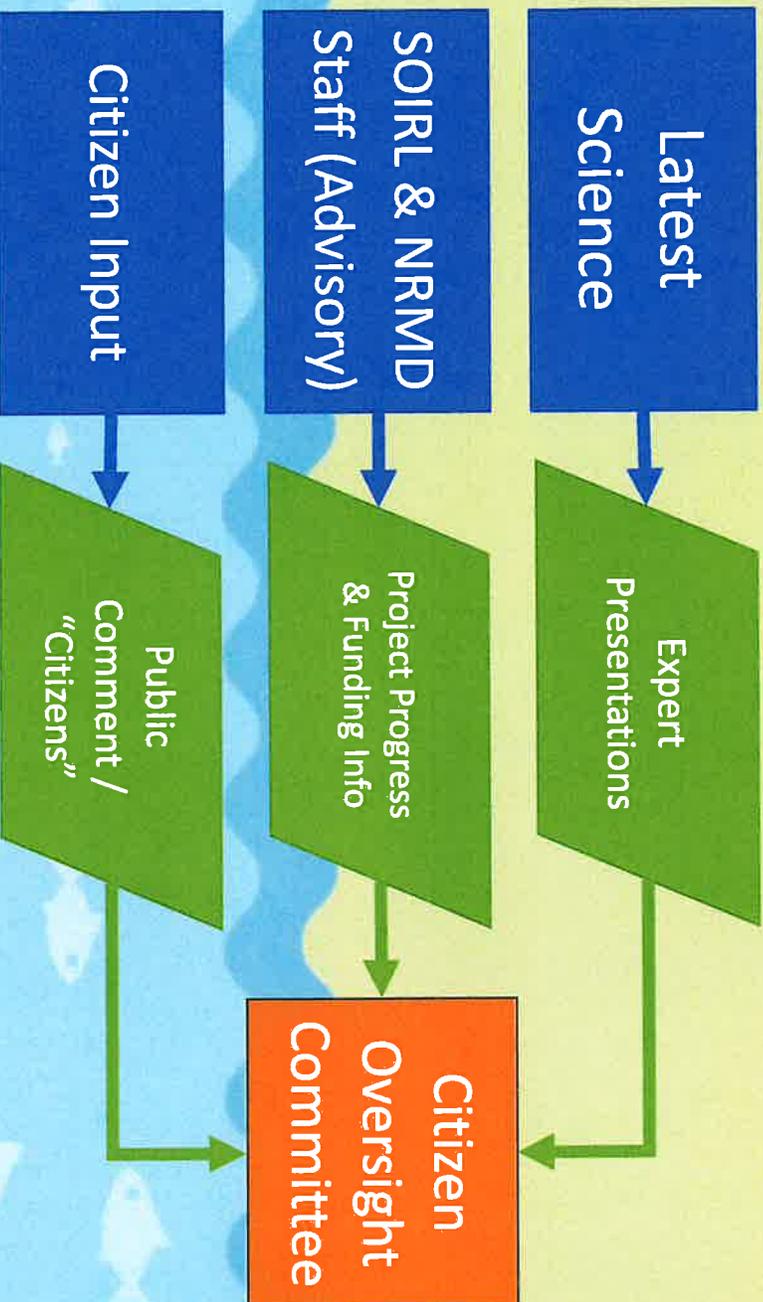


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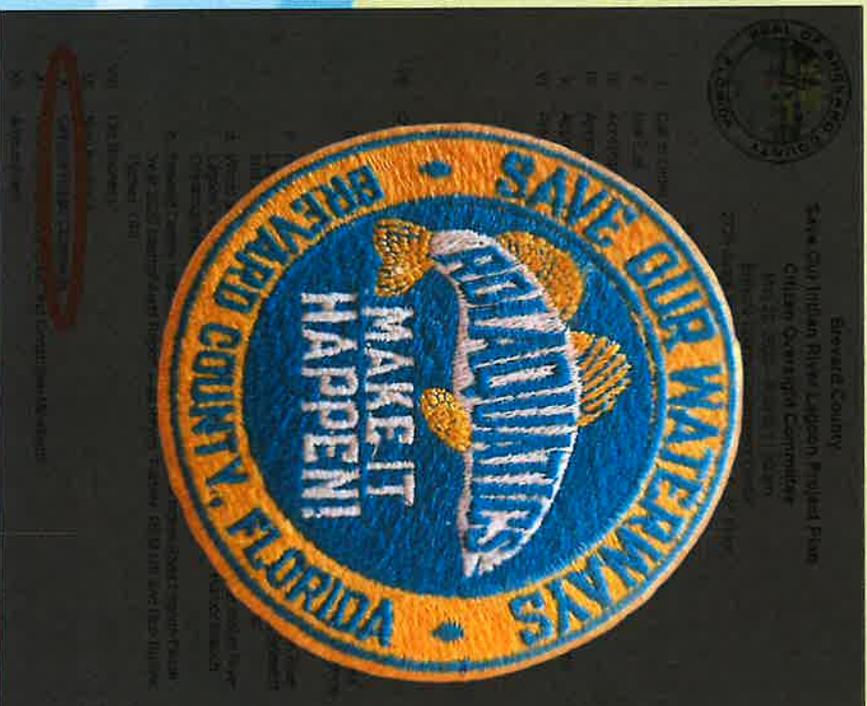


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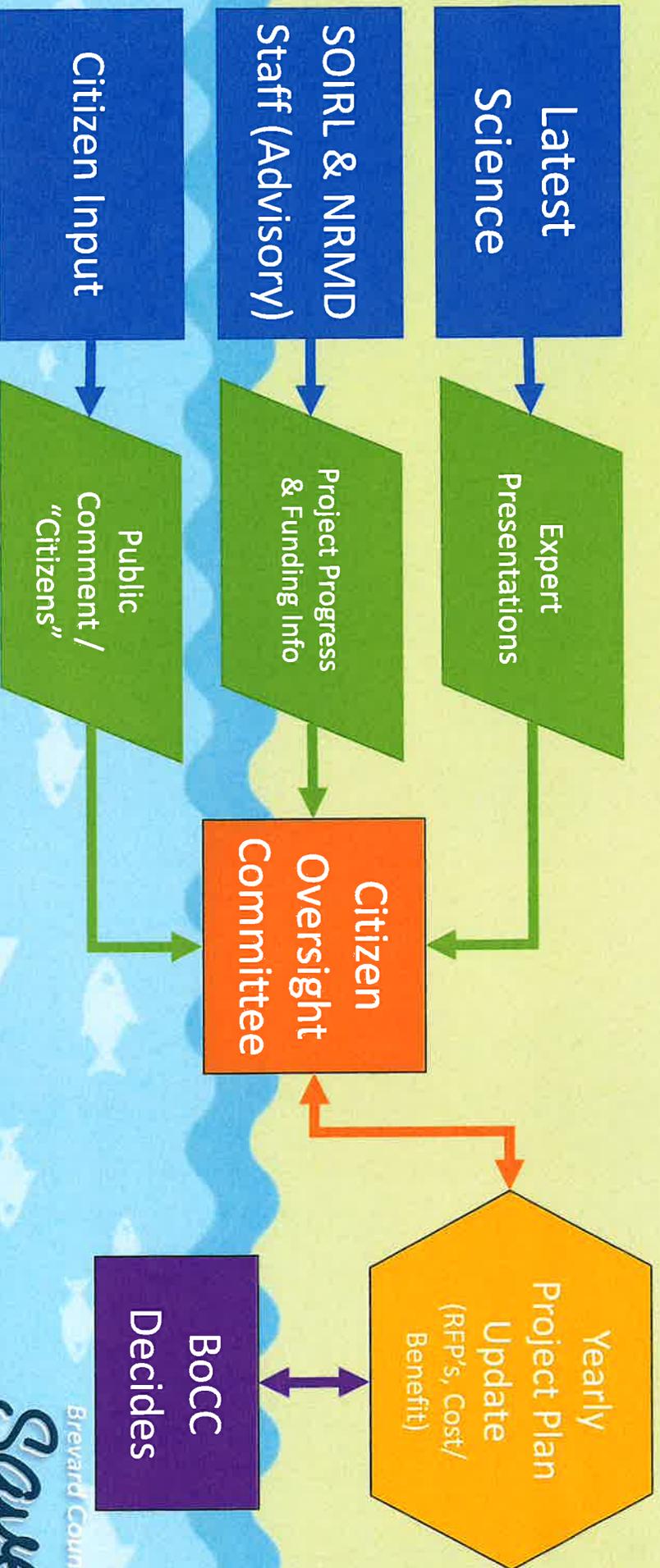


## Citizen Input

- By-Laws Article VII state Public Comment to be “heard on a proposition before” the COC
- General Public Comment Section
- Citizens talking to Citizens

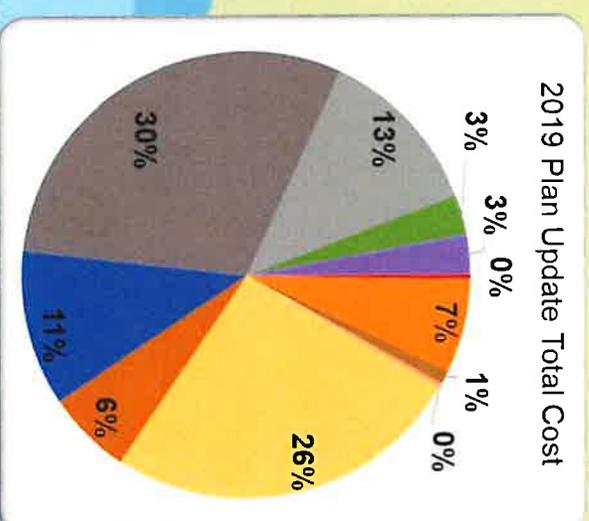
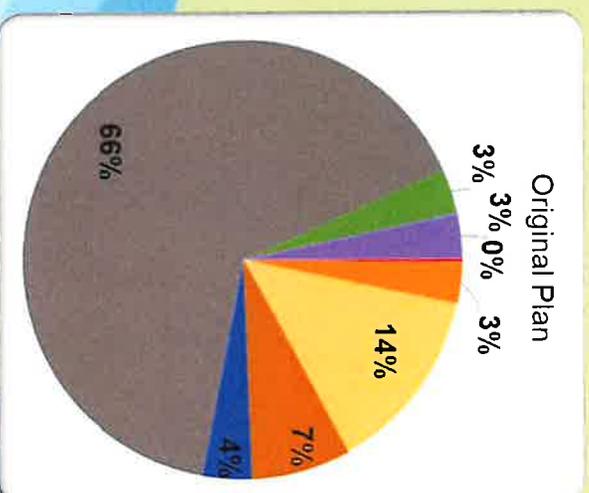


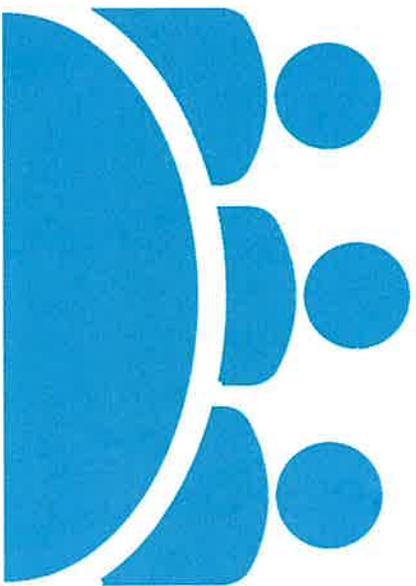
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# Yearly Project Plan Update

- In 2019 through *Public Comment and Science*, reimbursements were reallocated towards septic.
- New Project Examples are Reuse Water and Laterals
- The Project Plan which provides long term funding DOES change! Brilliant!





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