



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Unfinished Business

I.1.

5/20/2025

Subject:

Speak Up Brevard 2025 - Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) Submissions

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined, as directed by the Board.

Dept/Office:

County Manager's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners review citizen recommendations submitted through Speak Up Brevard and vote to accept the recommendation; accept the recommendation with revisions; or reject the recommendation; as is required under the County Charter.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Brevard County Home Rule Charter, Section 2.9.10, specifically provides 'citizens':

"a mechanism for an individual, or an organized group of individuals to submit a formal written recommendation for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government to the County Commission on an annual basis."

In calendar year 2025, the County received 77 citizen recommendations.

The submission period for 2025 was scheduled beginning January 1 through January 31. Attached is a spreadsheet which identifies each citizen recommendation, the County Department that reviewed the recommendation and a staff recommendation to either accept, accept with revisions, or reject each citizen recommendation. Also included in the attachments are the details of each citizens' recommendation, and staff input relating to each recommendation.

Staff is requesting that the Board approve staff recommendations in a single motion for all the citizen recommendations. The Board may choose to pull those items from the staff recommendations that the Board would like to discuss and/or take alternative action on from the staff recommendation for particular Speak Up Brevard recommendations.

On May 12, 2025, the County Manager provided the citizen a notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting their Speak Up Brevard recommendation(s) is/are scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners.

According to the Brevard County Home Rule Charter and Board Policy BCC-95, the Board of County Commissioners must take a final vote either to accept, accept with revisions, or reject within 120 days of the submittal date of the Speak Up Brevard recommendations. All Speak Up Brevard recommendations for this cycle were received on or before January 31, 2025.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please include recommendations in the Clerk Memo.



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May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

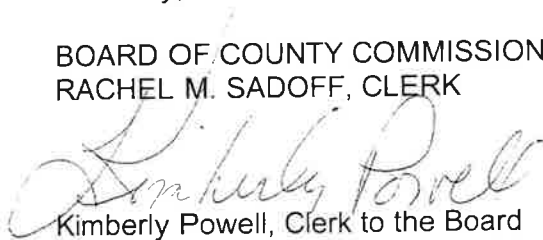
RE: Item I.1., Speak Up Brevard 2025 – Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) Submissions

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 20, 2025, reviewed citizen recommendations submitted through Speak Up Brevard and voted to accept the recommendation; accepted the recommendations with revisions; rejected the recommendation, as required under the County Charter, and approved CEER ID 2025008 to purchase a bucket style adaptive swing at Rotary Park.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Budget
Finance

CEER ID	Submit Date	Assigned Department	Recommendation Title	Citizen Name	Staff Recommended Action
2025001	1/4/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Change Lane Flow from the South Publix on Merritt Island	Russell Wrenn	Reject
2025002	1/4/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Dogs on the beach	Julie Scobie	County Manager suggests rejection
2025003	1/5/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Srray Hold	Sara M Shepherd	County Manager suggests rejection
2025004	1/5/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Hold Public Works and other Departments accountable	John Myers	Reject
2025005	1/5/2025	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Pay equalization	William M Bonnat	Reject
2025006	1/5/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	ANIMAL SHELTER	Kristen Schmitz	County Manager suggests rejection
2025007	1/5/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	derelict boats	Patrick J Waters	Reject
2025008	1/6/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Swings	Ashley M Jones lorenza	Accept with revisions
2025009	1/6/2025	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	Moratorium on New Building Permitting	Lillian Leber	Reject
2025010	1/6/2025	BUDGET OFFICE	Department Budgets	Lisa Cullen	Reject
2025011	1/6/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	SPCA of Brevard or Brevard Humane Society manage county animal shelter.	Lynn Miraglia	County Manager suggests rejection
2025012	1/6/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	New management for county animal shelter	Karen Plunkett	County Manager suggests rejection
2025013	1/7/2025	HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT	Help for Senior Citizens	James Cotter	Accept with revisions

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2025014	1/7/2025	COUNTY ATTORNEY	Brevard County Public Records Need to be Put on the Internet	Sarah K Hodge	Reject
2025015	1/8/2025	LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT	Satellite Beach Public Library Board Reinstatement	Arlin E Massey	Reject
2025016	1/10/2025	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Firefighters	Maria Schmackpfeffer	Reject
2025017	1/10/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Trail lights in Gleason park	Martin Carlswaerd	County Manager suggests rejection
2025018	1/10/2025		Owner	Elizabeth Anne A F.W.M	County Manager suggests rejection
2025019	1/11/2025	UTILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT	Fluoride in drinking water	David F DeLuca	Reject
2025020	1/11/2025	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Emergency Services	John E Dacko	Reject
2025021	1/11/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Road resurfacing & speed bump	Peggy J Carr	Reject
2025022	1/13/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Repair bathroom faucets at Viera campus	Kathleen Miller	Reject
2025023	1/14/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	The Brevard County Barrier Island has a litter problem	Deborah A Sullivan	Accept
2025024	1/15/2025	BUDGET OFFICE	Create a "mini" DOGE for Brevard County	Kevin J Rouse	Reject
2025025	1/16/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Environmental	Elizabeth Weeks	Reject
2025026	1/17/2025	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	Stop building apartments!!!	Diane L Maynard	Reject
2025027	1/17/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Reduce Golf Prices	Frank Fusco	Reject

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2025028	1/18/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Extend Speak Up Brevard	Tracy M Fiedler	Reject
2025029	1/18/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	approval of consent agenda	william hodge	Reject
2025030	1/18/2025	SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS	Stop polluting our air	Terry A LaPlante	Reject
2025031	1/20/2025	DEPARTMENT	Road Maintenance	Sharon E Sander	Reject
2025032	1/21/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Recommendation for future environmental practices to save our unique area	Christine S Bamberger	Reject
2025033	1/23/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	missed hearing	jason m zahner	Reject
2025034	1/23/2025	LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT	Reconsideration of County Staff Support to Municipal Advisory Boards	Lori H Alvord	Reject
2025035	1/24/2025	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	Proactive not reactive	Debra A Brouillette	Reject
2025036	1/25/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Mowing over trash Adopt Low Impact	Suzanne J Taylor	Reject
2025037	1/25/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Development (LID) Practices to Protect the Indian River Lagoon Suggested ways to save the IRL and save money in the ding so.	Jessica Paskert	Accept with revisions
2025038	1/25/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT		David Humphrey	Accept with revisions

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			Adopt Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI)		
2025039	1/25/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Low Impact Development (IDL)	Peggy Hickman	Accept with revisions
2025040	1/26/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Native Plants, Trees, LID, and Unnecessary Chemicals in Our Communities	Carl A Winebarger	Accept with revisions
2025041	1/26/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering the IRL	Anastasia Doshna	Accept with revisions
2025042	1/27/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	USCG Approved Lifesaving Ring Requirement For Open Water Swimming Areas	Jason K Gardner	Accept with revisions
2025043	1/27/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Summit meetings between Commissioners and City Leaders	Michael Rogers	Reject
2025044	1/27/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Implementing Low Impact Development into Stormwater Management	Heather A Elko	Reject
2025045	1/27/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Spend no more money on sand	Emily McCormick	Accept with revisions
2025046	1/27/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Low Impact Development and Design in Brevard County	Diane May	Reject
2025047	1/28/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Restore County grants to nonprofits to focus on homeless and at-risk residents	Jane Higgins	Accept with revisions
2025048	1/28/2025	HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT		Heather A Elko	Reject

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2025049	1/28/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Explore saving costs in Animal Services	William G Dods	County Manager suggests rejection
2025050	1/28/2025	Information Technology PARKS AND RECREATION	Modernize and streamline communications with the public, on-line and in-person	Linda Hargrove	Reject
2025051	1/28/2025	DEPARTMENT UTILITY SERVICES	Allow Dogs in More Parks	Russell Wrenn	Reject
2025052	1/29/2025	DEPARTMENT UTILITY SERVICES	Water filtration	Bruce Kerr	County Manager suggests rejection
2025053	1/29/2025	DEPARTMENT NATURAL RESOURCES	Water filtration Conservation, LID and Restoration	Bruce Kerr	County Manager suggests rejection
2025054	1/29/2025	MANAGEMENT NATURAL RESOURCES		Rebecca Ziegler	Accept with revisions
2025055	1/29/2025	MANAGEMENT	Fish and wildlife	Diane Maynard	Reject
2025056	1/29/2025	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT HOUSING AND HUMAN	wildfire/home fire protection	Logsdon Robert	Reject
2025057	1/29/2025	SERVICES DEPARTMENT COUNTY MANAGERS	Homelessness Acknowledge Speaker Contributions Made at Commission Meetings	Advocate Florida Heather A Elko	Reject County Manager suggests rejection
2025058	1/29/2025	OFFICE			
2025059	1/29/2025	Planning And Development Department Natural Resources	Stop reckless Development Brevard County Wetland Mitigation	Charles Broughton Charles Broughton	Accept with revisions Reject
2025060	1/29/2025	Management TRANSIT SERVICES			
2025061	1/29/2025	DEPARTMENT	Abolish Public Transportation	Charles Broughton	Reject

CEER ID	Submit Date	Assigned Department	Recommendation Title	Citizen Name	Staff Recommended Action
2025062	1/30/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	A tradition being taken away	james t erdman	Reject
2025063	1/30/2025	Mira Office	Mr.	Sebastian J Perin	Reject
2025064	1/30/2025	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	Representative	Sebastian Fernandez C	County Manager suggests rejection
2025065	1/30/2025	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Leaving some wildland	Jesse Baker	Accept with revisions
2025066	1/31/2025	Natural Resources Management	Cost saving on land maintenance	lora losi	Accept with revisions
2025067	1/31/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Control of water flow	lora losi	Accept with revisions
2025068	1/31/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Landscape Contractor Certification	lora losi	Accept with revisions
2025069	1/31/2025	BUDGET OFFICE	Brevard County Board of Government Efficiency	Susan B Connolly	Reject
2025070	1/31/2025	Natural Resources Management	Resilient Restoration of Indian River Lagoon	Susan B Connolly	Reject
2025071	1/31/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION SIDE EFFECT	Elizabeth A Blackford	Reject
2025072	1/31/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Reduction of Stormwater Entering the Indian River Lagoon	Nancy Velie	Accept with revisions
2025073	1/31/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	FLUSHING IRL SALES TAX DOWN THE TOILET	Elizabeth A Blackford	Accept with revisions
2025074	1/31/2025	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Do something about BCFR	Lisa M Druckenmiller	Reject
2025075	1/31/2025	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	Brazilian Pepper	matthew heyden	Reject

CEER ID	Submit Date	Assigned Department	Recommendation Title	Citizen Name	Staff Recommended Action
2025076	1/31/2025	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Asking For Animal Crossing Signs on SRA1A in South Beaches area. BBIA, ACSC.	Dolores Conway	County Manager suggests rejection
2025077	1/31/2025	Natural Resources Management	A Campaign to Save the St. Johns River	Terry Mott	Reject



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Public Works Department

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

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Director of Public Works

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025001

CEER #2025001, titled Change Lane Flow from the South Publix on Merritt Island, was received by the County from Russell Wrenn.

Citizen Statement:

Exiting the First Merritt Shopping Center at Magnolia and S. Courtenay on Merritt Island -- the shopping plaza with Publix, Pet Supermarket, CVS and TJ Maxx -- the straight and right turn lanes are combined. This impedes the flow of traffic and discourages use of the light, causing more cars to exit at the unsignalized TJ Maxx entrance.

Citizen Recommendation:

Put the straight lane with the left turn lane and make the right lane right turn only. People going straight or to the left will have to stop much the same and cars turning right toward FL-520 and N. Courtenay will be able to right-turn on red when there is a break in the traffic or into the traffic backed-up from the 520 light. There is the same lane design as is proposed at E. Cone and S. Courtenay, just over half a mile south.

Staff Analysis:

South Courtenay Parkway at this location on Merritt Island is a 4-lane undivided arterial roadway and is county-maintained. Magnolia Avenue is a local road which extends west of S. Courtenay Parkway and is also a County-maintained roadway.

The citizen's request proposes reconfiguring the private driveway out of the First Merritt Shopping Center onto S. Courtenay Parkway to have a shared through/left-turn lane and a dedicated right-turn lane to improve traffic flow for right-turning vehicles. Currently, the driveway features a combined through/right-turn lane and a dedicated left-turn lane. Because this is exclusively on private property and not in the County-maintained roadway, the property owner would need to perform the requested driveway modifications and submit for a County Right of Way permit.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025001 because the shopping center driveway is privately owned and does not fall within Board of County Commissioner jurisdiction.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2025 2:21 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026001

Recommendation # 2026001

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026001 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization	50StateMedia, Inc
Name	Russell Wrenn
Address	667 Sunset Lane, Merritt Island FL 32952
Phone	(321) 210-2136
Email	rawrenn@msn.com
Alternate Email	

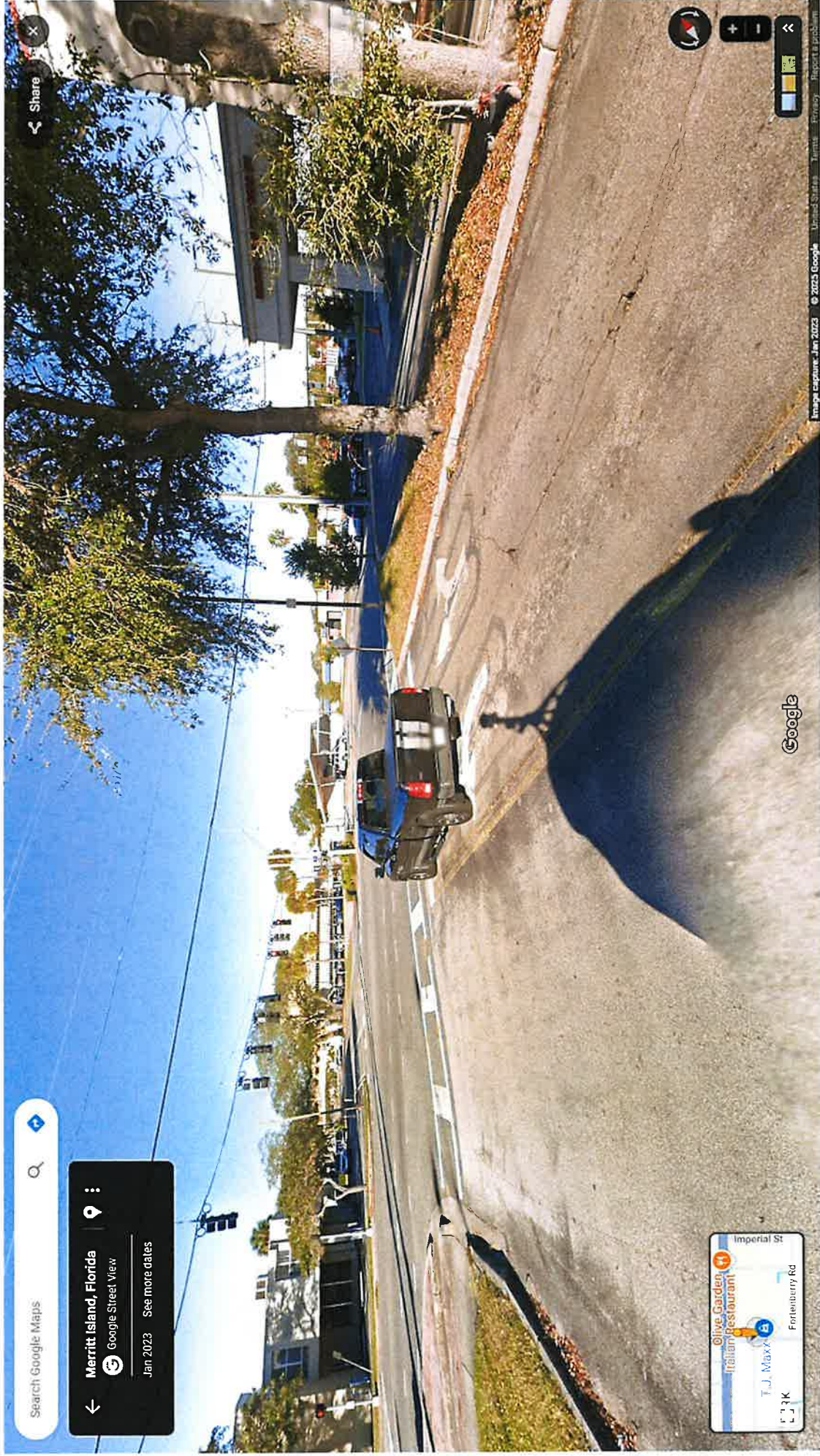
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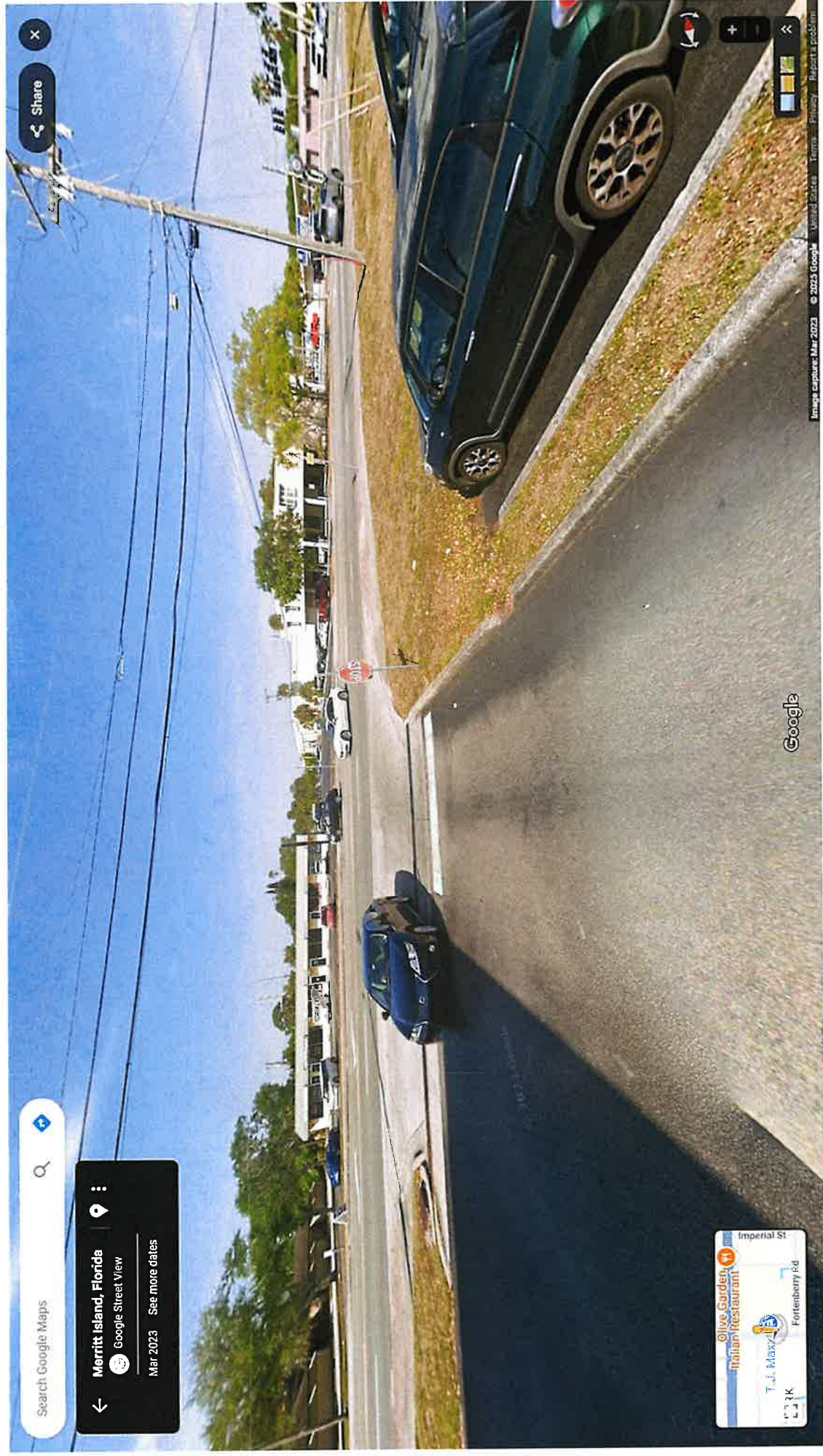
Recommendation ID	2026001
Recommendation Title	Change Lane Flow from the South Publix on Merritt Island
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Exiting the First Merritt Shopping Center at Magnolia and S. Courtenay on Merritt Island -- the shopping plaza with Publix, Pet Supermarket, CVS and TJ Maxx -- the straight and right turn lanes are combined. This impedes the flow of traffic and discourages use of the light, causing more cars to exit at the unsignaled TJ Maxx entrance.
Recommendation	Put the straight lane with the left turn lane and make the right lane right turn only. People going straight or to the left will have to stop much the same and cars turning right toward FL-520 and N. Courtenay will be able to right-turn on red when there is a break in the traffic or into the traffic backed-up from the 520 light. There is the same lane design as is proposed a E. Cone and S. Courtenay, just over half a mile south.
Attachments	Google StreetView - Cone & Courtenay.png Google StreetView - Magnolia Ave light.png Google StreetView - TJ Maxx exit.png

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Parks and Recreation Department
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Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025002

CEER #2025002, titled "Dogs on the Beach", was received by the County from Julie Scobie.

Citizen Statement:

"No dogs at the beach"

Citizen Recommendation:

"I would love to be able to have my small dog on the beach with me. I would love to C dogs on a short leash at the beach here behind Rohnjohns?"

Staff Analysis:

The beach behind the Ron Jon's location is located within the boundaries of the City of Cocoa Beach. As such, it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners or the Parks and Recreation Department. Canova Beach Park (3299 Highway A1A, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937) is the only location under the jurisdiction of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that allows dogs on the beach.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025002 as the referenced beach is outside the Board's jurisdiction.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2025 11:09 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026002

Recommendation # 2026002

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026002 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Julie Scobie
Address 3833 south banana ruver blvd, Cocoa beach FL 32931
Phone (613) 406-0710
Email juliescobie@icloud.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026002
Recommendation Title Dogs on the beach
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem No dogs at the beach
Recommendation I would love to be able to have my small dog on the beach with me. I would love to C dogs on a short leash at the beach here behind Rohnjohns?
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025003

CEER #2025003, titled Ssray Hold, was received by the County from Sara M Shepherd.

Citizen Statement:

The county shelter has not been abiding by the legal stray hold and has been returning cats to field before the owners have a chance to reclaim them. One recent case is that of Snowflake (animal Id: 1001249) her lottery date was set for today (January 5th 2025) but she was released on the 3rd and now her owner cannot find her. The kitten came in with a pink bell collar and I believe was microchipped yet still released.

Citizen Recommendation:

Stray hold should either be made slightly longer under the conditions that the cat is CLEARLY a pet, not feral. Friendly and had a collar. It's not right that this pet was rescued and immediately dumped before the owner even had a chance to reclaim her.

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025003 as Brevard County Animal Shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 8:33 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026003

Recommendation # 2026003

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026003 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name	Sara M Shepherd
Address	2090 MOBILAND DR, MELBOURNE FL 32935 3292
Phone	(321) 225-1967
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Alternate Email	ice.lollee@gmail.com

Recommendation



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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025004

CEER #2025004, titled Hold Public Works and other Departments accountable, was received by the County from John Myers.

Citizen Statement:

When residents contact Departments directly, responses are rare, delayed or outright ignored.

The good news is our D4 Commissioners office is the exact opposite. They respond immediately, refer the issue to the appropriate Department and the issue is quickly addressed.



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continued improvements, and where necessary make course corrections. Some requests require a longer process involving feasibility assessments, design, and funding before progressing to a work order or project. Improving this workflow is the focus of an ongoing core process improvement review, and the Department is also procuring new software to automate status updates over the next few years. Communication/feedback unless specifically requested is an area we sometimes struggle with due to the sheer number of requests. Raising expectations further would necessitate additional funding resources, particularly additional experienced staff as well as continued investments in the aforementioned areas. For unresolved concerns or additional assistance, escalating the request to a supervisor or management remains the most effective way to obtain answers and resolution.

Staff reached out directly to Mr. Myers to obtain examples of his concerns. In addition, Public Works reviewed all service requests in the computerized maintenance system. Twelve public works requests were made by Mr. Myers since 2019: 5 potholes, 2 sidewalks, 1 tree removal, 2 crash debris, 1 catch basin top repair, and 1 railroad crossing bump. Nearly all requests were investigated and responded to in under 72 business hours or less. There was

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 8:57 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026004

Recommendation # 2026004

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026004 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name John Myers
Address 712 BAY VIEW CT, MELBOURNE FL 32940
Phone (321) 423-5105
Email Myersjohnnc@hotmail.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation



Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025005

CEER #2025005, titled Pay equalization, was received by the County from Mr. William M Bonnat

Citizen Statement:

My recommendation would be to find funding within Brevards tourism, space or leftover COVID funding to increase the salaries of these departments. If we want to continue to grow especially when the city of Viera is continuing to build more neighborhoods and businesses. We need to build numbers of Deputies and



Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025005 as the recommendations are outside of the Board's jurisdiction or are subject to mandatory bargaining by law as provided in the staff analysis. Additionally, the proposed funding in the recommendation is either legally restricted for other purposes or is no longer available.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026005

Recommendation # 2026005

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026005 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name William M Bonnat
Address 1106 WOODSMERE PKWY, ROCKLEDGE FL 32955
Phone (321) 210-1516
Email Bonnatw@sbcglobal.net
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026005
Recommendation Title Pay equalization
Areas Affected
Department Affected SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Current problem The issue is the current salary for our Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. If your a solely dependent on your salary as a newly hired Deputy or Firefighter it is very difficult to stay above inflation on everything.
Recommendation My recommendation would be to find funding within Brevards tourism, space or leftover COVID funding to increase the salaries of these departments. If we want to continue to grow especially when the city of Viera is continuing to build more neighborhoods and businesses. We need to build numbers of Deputies and firefighters within these departments we as a county need to be more comparable to Orange County and even other agencies within the surrounding area.
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025006

CEER #2025006, titled Animal Shelter, was received by the County from Kristen Schmitz.

Citizen Statement:

While I think TNR is a valuable resource for the cats of our county, the execution is simply awful.

Cats are not kept on 5 day stray hold, friendly cats are TNRed without being a chance of adoption, and often cats are dropped off in a place that is not their home.

Brevard needs to do better.

Citizen Recommendation:

Fix the above.

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025006 as Brevard County Animal Shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:40 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026006

Recommendation # 2026006

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026006 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026006
Recommendation Title ANIMAL SHELTER
Areas Affected Brevard
Department Affected ANIMAL SERVICES & ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
Current problem While I think TNR is a valuable resource for the cats of our county, the execution is simply awful. Cats are not kept on 5 day stray hold, friendly cats are TNRed without being a chance of adoption, and often cats are dropped off in a place that is not their home. Brevard needs to do better.
Recommendation Fix the above.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
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Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025007

CEER #2025007, titled derelict boats, was received by the County from Patrick J. Waters.

Citizen Statement:

Derelict boats are being removed at taxpayers expense. Derelict boats can also emit fuel and oils to our waterways and the County is paying for their removal not the boat owners.

Citizen Recommendation:

I recommend we offer a percentage of the removal costs to for lack of a better term bounty hunters that research and expose the boats owner and allow the County to make those people accountable for the removal and or costs.

Staff Analysis:

Brevard County's Boating & Waterways Program (B&W Program) coordinates the removal of derelict vessels in collaboration with on-water law enforcement, specifically the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The B&W Program has removed approximately 327 derelict and/or abandoned vessels from the County's waterways since 2007. The vast majority of these removals were funded through grants from partners like the Florida Inland Navigation District, FWC, and the Brevard Tourist Development Council (TDC). A collaborative County-wide DV Removal Project is currently underway, funded largely by hurricane response funds from the State (FWC) and grant funding from the TDC.

The removal process can be challenging and lengthy as Florida Statutes govern derelict and abandoned vessels, which must be officially designated as such by state or local law enforcement. Any alleged derelict or abandoned vessels must first be cleared by law enforcement before any County removals can take place. Only law enforcement

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Website: Brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources

officers are allowed to take initial action on sunken vessels; the County or other local government entities cannot legally touch a vessel until a removal authorization letter is issued.

Owners of derelict vessels can be deemed responsible for their removal and associated costs. Law enforcement investigations are conducted to locate vessel owners and hold owners accountable. If located, legal action may be taken through the court system to prosecute owners.

Brevard County actively participates in regional and statewide waterway management workshops to stay informed of current regulations and management strategies for our expansive waterways. The County participates in regional monthly meetings with FWC and related region on-water law enforcement to discuss county-wide issues regarding long-term stored, hazardous, abandoned, and derelict vessels.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025007, as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter because Florida Statute governs derelict vessel designation and court-ordered costs are recovered when possible as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026007

Recommendation # 2026007

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026007 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026007
Recommendation Title	derelict boats
Areas Affected	Lagoon
Department Affected	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Current problem	derelict boats are being removed at taxpayers expense. Derelict boats can also emit fuel and oils to our waterways and the County is paying for their removal not the boat owners.
Recommendation	I recommend we offer a percentage of the removal costs to for lack of a better term bounty hunters that research and expose the boats owner and allow the County to make those people accountable for the removal and or costs.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Suite 203
Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025008

CEER #2025008, titled "Swings", was received by the County from Ashley M Jones Lorenzana.

Citizen Statement:

"I would like to see if we could have special swings put in at the park as I am a mom to 5 which 3 have special needs. I would love for them to be able to safely go on the swings even though they are aged out of the scoop baby swings they still need a bucket style seat at the parks to protect there balance as a regular swing can't do that. I would love to be able to see this at many of your public parks as all types of kids should have the right to enjoy to swinging. Thank you"

Citizen Recommendation:

"I believe the benefit would be inclusive for all special need children. They can't hold onto a regular swings and swing and they can no longer fit into a bucket seats made for babies. It would warm my heart to be able to take all 5 of my kids to a public park and be able to utilize the swings. Thank you"

Staff Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) is committed to ensuring that all residents have access to facilities and programs. PRD is actively working to enhance our services, facilities, and equipment to support persons with disabilities. To that end, at nine park locations, PRD has twelve accessible beach access points (Bonsteel, Canova Beach, Cherie Down, Howard E. Futch Memorial, Juan Ponce de Leon, Lori Wilson, Spessard Holland (North and South), and Val M. Steele Parks).

PRD's Persons with Disabilities Program (PWD) offers a variety of social activities for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities in the North, Central, and South of the County (<https://brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/PersonsWithDisabilitiesPrograms>). These activities offer opportunities to socialize, develop new friendships, learn life skills, and volunteer in the community. In addition, through a partnership with Special Olympics, there are training and competitions available.

There are multiple playgrounds that offer ground-level “accessible routes” (the term used by the US Access Board), which are either paved or pour in place, and span from a paved walkway/parking lot to the play structure or individual play components. Playgrounds with accessible routes include Fay Lake Wilderness Park (Port St. John), Fox Lake Park (Titusville), Howard E. Futch Park (Melbourne), Marina Park (Titusville), Nancy Higgs Park (Melbourne Beach), Sand Point Park (Titusville), Sandrift Community Center (Titusville), Space Coast Community Sports Complex (Sharpes), Stuart Park (Titusville), and Rotary Park at Suntree (Rockledge).

There are also County sites that offer accessible equipment, such as Sand Point Park, which has a wheelchair accessible glider (swing), swings, and interactive play structures. The PRD is also, as part of their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and as funding permits, adding accessibility points and equipment to playground replacement projects. Space Coast Communities Sports Complex’s playground was replaced, re-opened on April 18, 2025, and includes a new glider swing. Currently, South Area Park Operations is constructing a storage area at Howard E. Futch Memorial Park at Paradise Beach (Melbourne) to house a beach wheelchair to increase accessibility.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025008 with revisions and direct the Parks and Recreation Department to continue adding accessibility (accessible routes and equipment) to playground replacements and upgrades as funding permits.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 12:40 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026008

Recommendation # 2026008

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026008 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026008
Recommendation Title	Swings
Areas Affected	Public parks
Department Affected	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Current problem	I would like to see if we could have special swings put in at the park as I am a mom to 5 which 3 have special needs. I would love for them to be able to safely go on the swings even though they are aged out of the scoop baby swings they still need a bucket style seat at the parks to protect there balance as a regular swing can't do that. I would love to be able to see this at many of your public parks as all types of kids should have the right to enjoy to swinging. Thank you
Recommendation	I believe the benefit would be inclusive for all special need children. They can't hold onto a regular swings and swing and they can no longer fit into a bucket seats made for babies. It would warm my heart to be able to take all 5 of my kids to a public park and be able to utilize the swings. Thank you
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026009

Recommendation # 2026009

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026009 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026009
Recommendation Title Moratorium on New Building Permitting
Areas Affected Loss of wetlands. Flooding in Communities
Department Affected
Current problem Our communities are being flooded and the problem will get worse as indiscriminate building permits are continually issued. I would like to see a moratorium on all new building permits that include destruction and 'mitigation' of wetlands. Agencies that should be gatekeepers don't have the guts to speak up and say, no. It's time for Brevard to take the lead to protect our communities from flooding and to save our fresh water aquifers. With talk of new water treatment plants recycling sewage water to our taps, it is apparent that there is or soon will be a fresh water supply crisis. I don't understand why this is allowed to happen. Wetlands provide water for all living things. Wetlands replenish our fresh water aquifers. Indiscriminate building destroys our wetlands. I'm speaking up. I'd like to see Brevard step up and say, no more!
Recommendation Less flooding in our communities. Available fresh water for all living things. Proof that Brevard really does care about us and what is important.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Planning & Development Department

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Building A, Room 114

Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Billy Prasad, Director, Planning and Development Department

SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025009

CEER # 2025009, titled "Moratorium on New Building Permitting," was received by the County from Lillian Leber.

Citizen Statement:

Our communities are being flooded and the problem will get worse as indiscriminate building permits are continually issued. I would like to see a moratorium on all new building permits that include destruction and 'mitigation' of wetlands. Agencies that should be gatekeepers don't have the guts to speak up and say, no. It's time for Brevard to take the lead to protect our communities from flooding and to save our fresh water aquifers. With talk of new water treatment plants recycling sewage water to our taps, it is apparent that there is or soon will be a fresh water supply crisis. I don't understand why this is allowed to happen. Wetlands provide water for all living things. Wetlands replenish our fresh water aquifers. Indiscriminate building destroys our wetlands. I'm speaking up. I'd like to see Brevard step up and say, no more!

Citizen Recommendation:

Less flooding in our communities. Available fresh water for all living things. Proof that Brevard really does care about us and what is important.

Staff Analysis:

In the event of a moratorium, the County could be subject to legal action if applicants are not permitted to develop their properties. Changes to Future Land Use and rezoning require review by the Planning & Zoning Board, Local Planning Agency, and the Board of County Commissioners. Hearings regarding rezoning applications are quasi-judicial in nature under State law, so only competent substantial evidence may be considered. Any affected party may submit comments or testify at a public hearing regarding the application at that time. The P&Z Board meets once per month and a list of meetings and available agendas are made public online the County website. For those actions, such as building permits, that happen after the zoning and land use are in place, the process is typically administrative in nature; preventing the exercise of property rights could subject the County to legal action.



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Building permits, site plans, subdivisions, and zoning actions are received in the Planning & Development Department, as may be required under County Code and Florida Building Code prior to commencement of building construction. If a reviewer of any of these application types determines that it does not meet code requirements, the application is put into a status of deficiency and will not be approved unless and until the issue is rectified. For example, as part of the application process, parcels are researched individually to ensure the present zoning and land use is consistent with the proposed project.

Building permit applications go through a detailed review under the Code requirements of Building, Engineering, Land Development, Natural Resources, Public Works, Traffic, and Zoning. A permit may additionally be reviewed by Utilities, Fire Prevention, Concurrency, and Address Assignment as applicable to the permit application.

For new residential construction and additions which increase the floor area footprint, a site drainage plan is required and evaluated as per County Code of Ordinance Sec. 22-48. The intent of this Code is to provide for drainage of surface water away from structures to protect buildings from potential flooding. All building permit applications for new residential buildings, mobile and manufactured home installations, additions to residences and substantial improvements to residential buildings affecting or altering existing drainage patterns must be accompanied by a site drainage plan meeting the minimum standards of County Code. At minimum, the site drainage plan must demonstrate that surface water is diverted to the road right-of-way, or to a storm water conveyance or surface water discharge improvement designed and constructed to receive surface water discharge from the lot. Building permit applications are reviewed by experienced County Engineers or other technical review staff with training in site drainage plan review. These reviewers confirm the site drainage plan contains all the information required by County Code. Additionally, they ensure that the development of the lot that is within an engineered subdivision is in conformance with the approved subdivision plan. Upon site work completion, a signed and sealed final survey ("as-built survey") must be submitted that shows adequate detail to ensure conformance with the site drainage plan, and an onsite inspection takes place (prior to final building inspection) to evaluate conformance with the drainage plan.

As it pertains to zoning actions, new development is reviewed by Natural Resource Management for any impacts to wetlands as per County Code of Ordinance 62-3692.

The Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) conducts environmental review of development activities on developed and undeveloped properties in unincorporated Brevard County. NRM assesses proposed development for compliance with 10 environmental protection ordinances,



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including wetland protection, floodplain protection, aquifer recharge, and surface water protection regulations. Development review includes site plans, subdivisions, and building permits.

NRM regulates allowable land uses within wetlands through Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4, Brevard County Code of Ordinances, entitled Wetlands Protection. The Brevard County Comprehensive Plan and associated ordinance require "no-net-loss" of wetland function in unincorporated Brevard and establish standards for residential, commercial, and industrial development in and adjacent to wetlands. Applicants must demonstrate that any proposed development complies with all ordinance criteria, including those within Wetlands Protection.

In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new "Peril of Flood" policies as part of the Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment." The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.
- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.
- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

NRM will continue to implement policies and LDRs to ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes. Currently, staff are working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will modify LDRs to align with the new Comprehensive Plan policies.

Current ERM ordinances can be viewed here: [Article X. Environmental Protection and Conservation](#), [Article XII. Coastal Setback and Control Lines](#), and [Article XIII. Landscaping, Tree Protection, Land Clearing and Land Alteration](#).



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Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER # 2025009 with provided clarification as detailed in the staff analysis and because it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager



Brevard County Budget Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 303
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Jill Hayes, Budget Director
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025010

CEER #2025010, titled Department Budgets, was received by the County from Lisa Cullen, Tax Collector.

Citizen Statement:

In speaking with commissioners and the County Manager in reference to the funding of the Fire Department, I was asked where I thought cuts could be in the general fund so as not to go over the budget cap. While I know my own budget very well, I am not privy to the depth of information regarding the BOCC Budget. I would suggest that the questionnaire approved by the Board on June 12, 2023 be sent to each BOCC Department and used to determine where possible cuts could be made if that is the desire of the Board. I would also suggest that each Department report budget categories where spending was either more or less than budgeted. I don't envision the BOCC having to go over each of these questionnaires but possibly a synopsis could be provided to them for guidance. The Budget Office could possibly add questions that would specifically address spending.

Citizen Recommendation:

This process would allow the Board of County Commissioners more in depth information regarding their budget. These questions are also valid for special districts or voted MSTU's. While these fund are not part of the "General Fund" millage, they should be reviewed in each budget cycle. Budgetary issues such as the pricing of capital expenses has dramatically increased since the pandemic. The pandemic also increased pricing of items used as general operating expenses. As government, we need to be in tune with pricing and how it affecting operations."

Staff Analysis:

Section 129.021, Florida Statutes, requires the budgets of all county officers, as submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), must be in sufficient detail and contain such information as the BoCC may require in furtherance of their powers and responsibilities. On

June 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting and approved a "Constitutional Office Budget Questionnaire" to be sent to the Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections. This questionnaire was applicable to Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget submittals and was not a recurring requirement.

Brevard County BoCC Budget and Financial Policy BCC-21 requires that the County Budget Office will prepare the Annual Operating and Capital Budget in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Budget Office periodically reviews these guidelines, as well as the budget policies and documents of comparable counties, to ensure that Brevard County is following best practices when preparing, presenting, and monitoring the budget.

Brevard County's Annual Operating and Capital Budgets are published on our website and provide approximately 900 pages of budgetary information, including but not limited to strategic goals and priorities, budget guidelines for wage increases and employee benefits, budget and financial policies and processes for budget amendments, itemized travel expenses, itemized capital equipment, five-year Capital Improvement Plan, prior-year actuals, and explanations for year-to-year budget variances. In addition to the comprehensive budget book, proposed line-item budgets are published annually and detail individual line-item budgets by department and program. <https://www.brevardfl.gov/BudgetOffice/Budgets>

During budget development each year, County Management and the Budget Office meet with each department for a comprehensive review and analysis of requested budgets. These meetings focus on continuing the Board's core strategic initiatives within available funding sources as inflation continues to outpace revenue growth limitations. Discussions include but are not limited to anticipated revenues, projected fund balance, grants, infrastructure projects, personnel and vacant positions, capital outlay, travel expenses and unfunded critical needs. Annual budget workshops also provide an opportunity for discussions and questions related to county department budgets.

The following Board policies and resources address additional items included in the questionnaire approved by the Board on June 12, 2023: Memberships (BCC-11), Procurement and Contracting (BCC-25, BCC-26, BCC-27), Travel (BCC-26); Brevard County Merit System Policies (Pay and Benefits), Grant Reporting (AO-29), Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025010 because the information is already available as provided in the staff analysis,

CEER #2025010

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and therefore does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 2:07 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026010

Recommendation # 2026010

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026010 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Alternate Email	

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026010
Recommendation Title	Department Budgets
Areas Affected	Budget
Department Affected	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Current problem	In speaking with commissioners and the County Manager in reference to the funding of the Fire Department, I was asked where I thought cuts could be in the general fund so as not to go over the budget cap. While I know my own budget very well, I am not privy to the depth of information regarding the BOCC Budget. I would suggest that the questionnaire approved by the Board on June 12, 2023 be sent to each BOCC Department and used to determine where possible cuts could be made if that is the desire of the Board. I would also suggest that each Department report budget categories where spending was either more or less than budgeted. I don't envision the BOCC having to go over each of these questionnaires but possibly a synopsis could be provided to them for guidance. The Budget Office could possibly add questions that would specifically address spending.
Recommendation	This process would allow the Board of County Commissioners more in depth information regarding their budget. These questions are also valid for special districts or voted MSTU's. While these fund are not part of the "General Fund" millage, they should be reviewed in each budget cycle. Budgetary issues such as the pricing of

capital expenses has dramatically increased since the pandemic. The pandemic also increased pricing of items used as general operating expenses. As government, we need to be in tune with pricing and how it affecting operations.

Attachments

Budget Questionnaire.pdf

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BREVARD County

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June 12, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Rita Pritchett, District 1 Commissioner

RE: Item B.1., Staff Direction on Drafting the FY 2023-2024 Budget

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session on June 12, 2023, authorized the Chair to e-mail the attached letters and questions to the Brevard County Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners; if a response has not been received back by close of business on June 28, 2023, the County Attorney shall be authorized to re-write and submit a public records request to each Constitutional Officer for any information that was not provided back to the Board in response to the questions included in the letters. Enclosed are the fully-executed letters.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager
County Attorney



BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable Lisa Cullen
Brevard County Tax Collector
400 South Street
Titusville, FL 32780

RE: Increasing Transparency of the Annual Budget for the Brevard County Tax Collector

Dear Honorable Lisa Cullen,

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strives to promote an open and transparent government for the benefit of the citizens of Brevard County; in fact, part of the Board's core values is to encourage honesty and accountability. The Board would like to thank you for serving as a partner in this open government.

One of the means to maintain this level of transparency is a detailed annual line item budget, made available to all citizens. As you are most certainly aware, unless otherwise determined by the Board, our budget is subject to the charter cap identified in Section 2.9.3.1(a)-(d) of the Brevard County Charter. This cap limits growth in ad valorem revenue to the lesser of 3% or the increase in CPI plus new construction from the preceding calendar year. As F.S. 195.087 does not require you to submit your FY 2023-24 budget request to the Board of County Commissioners until August 1, your budget for FY 2022-2023 showed an increase of 226% above the 3% charter cap. Therefore, the County expects increased detail for your FY2022-23

and FY2021-22 budgets. Attached is a list of questions that is not readily available on your website or budget in your submissions. This will promote accountability and transparency to Brevard's citizens.

This Board looks forward to reviewing your response by 5pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, as we continue to offer direction to the County Manager as he drafts the FY 2023-24 budget. Please email your response to morris.richardson@brevardfl.gov or deliver a hardcopy to the County Attorney's Office, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL. 32940.

Sincerely,



Rita Pritchett, Chair

As ratified by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
on June 12, 2023

While the County recognizes that F.S. 195.087 does not mandate your office to provide the County with a detailed line item budget to include in the County's Adopted Budget Book, we hope that you will come before the Board with a budget that will help us to fulfill our duties as an honest and unified government.

Constitutional Office Budget Questionnaire

1. Membership Fees:

- a. In the past two fiscal years, did you incur any expenses related to:
 - i. Association or membership fees?
 1. If so, to what specific organizations and how much?
 - ii. Lobbying expenditures, either state or federal?
 1. If so what was the purpose for these services, and what was the cost?

2. Travel:

- a. What are your itemized expenditures relating to travel costs,
 - i. Including but not limited to:
 1. Hotels (name and address)
 2. Flights
 3. Per diem
 4. Mileage
- b. Please provide employee title, justification for travel, and cost.

3. Mailings:

- a. In the past two fiscal years, did you send out any mailings to more than 500 citizens at a time?
 - i. If so, how many distinct mailings and how many pieces in each mailing?
 1. What was the cost for printing each mailing?
 2. What was the cost for postage for each?
 - ii. What was the nature of each mailing? (or provide a copy of each mailing)
 1. Were there any un-mandated inserts included in these mailings?
 - iii. Were the mailings required by state or federal law? (For example, the Property Appraiser is required per F.S. 200.065(2)(B) to mail TRIM notices 55 days after certification of value)?
 - iv. Was your name or likeness printed on the mailings?

4. Vehicles:

- a. In the past two fiscal years, did you use any approved funds for take home vehicles?
 - i. Were the vehicles procured through the state contract?
 - ii. How many are subject to federal income tax?
 - iii. Could you provide a detailed list of staff using the vehicles?
 1. Title and position
 2. What is the justification for these staff having these vehicles?
 3. Do you have any policies for assigning take home vehicles?
 - iv. What types of vehicles are they?
 1. What year?
 - v. Does the County charge for the maintenance of the vehicles?
 - vi. As an alternative, do you offer vehicle allowances?

1. To whom? (position and title)
2. How much are the allowances?

5. Capital Expenses and Contracts:

- a. In the past two fiscal years, have you spent any of your approved budget on:
 - i. Capital expenses?
 1. If so, what were the projects and were their costs?
 - ii. Have you purchased any software or computer equipment?
 1. If so, what was purchased and what was the cost?
 - iii. Outside Counsel?
 1. If so, what was the justification and cost?
 - iv. Outside consulting contracts
 1. If so, what was the justification and cost?
 - v. Do you have procurement policies to ensure the competitive nature of your bids/contracts?
 1. If so, what are your policies?

6. Budget Adjustments:

- a. After the BoCC approves your budget, is it your practice to move money from one category to another?
 - i. Do you make the public aware when this happens?

7. Wage Increases:

- a. How do you determine wage increases?
- b. Do you follow the County or State Increases?

8. Employee Benefits:

- a. Do you offer any additional employee benefits, such as another retirement fund aside from FRS, to employees?

9. Contracted Employees:

- a. Do you have any contracted employees?
 - i. What are the provisions of their contracts?

10. Grant Funding:

- a. Have you received any grants from either governmental or non-governmental entities in the last two fiscal years?
- b. If so:
 - i. What government or non-government entity were these funds received from?
 - ii. What was total amount of the grant?
 - iii. What was the purpose of the grant funding?



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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025011

CEER #2025011 titled SPCA of Brevard or Humane Society manage county animal shelter, was received by the County from Lynn Miraglia.

Citizen Statement:

- ~ Less capacity for sheltering animals humanely. The north shelter was closed but nothing was done at the south shelter to handle the extra intake to that facility.
- ~ Erroneous data on a report that is used to determine the monthly live outcome. *
- ~ Returning friendly cats and kitten to habitat without giving them an opportunity to be adopted even when there are very few cats in the facility.
- ~ Not working well with rescue partners and volunteers who are willing to take cats scheduled to be released to habitat
- ~ Does not utilize database software to best functionality and as a result not all stray intake shows in a timely manner on public website
- ~ Open record requests often take over 30 business days to respond to.
- ~ No initiation of the sterilization program (County Ordinance Section 12-76 from 2018) which is to assist low cost pet sterilization for people with limited financial means.

(*) note files 2024_02, 03 and 04 with negative numbers as cat inventory which is impossible. Notice that 2024_09 beginning inventory does not reflect ending inventory in the 2024_08 report. No quality control of data since they are not held accountable.

Citizen Recommendation:

SPCA of Brevard and Brevard Humane Society have the required experience to run an animal shelter correctly. Having either of those organizations running the shelter would benefit the lives of the animals in the care of the county while being held in the shelter. Both organizations have shown the skills of reaching out to the community with programs that help citizens and their pets. Either org would be more accountable for what their data shows than the current



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management. This would give the public more certainty that the data produced is accurate and timely

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025011 as Brevard County Animal Shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 3:46 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026011

Recommendation # 2026011

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026011 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Lynn Miraglia
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Phone (321) 956-8025
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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026011
Recommendation Title SPCA of Brevard or Brevard Humane Society manage county animal shelter.
Areas Affected Animal shelter part of Animal Services
Department Affected
Current problem ~ Less capacity for sheltering animals humanely. The north shelter was closed but nothing was done at the south shelter to handle the extra intake to that facility. ~ Erroneous data on a report that is used to determine the monthly live outcome. * ~ Returning friendly cats and kitten to habitat without giving them an opportunity to be adopted even when there are very few cats in the facility. ~ Not working well with rescue partners and volunteers who are willing to take cats scheduled to be released to habitat ~ Does not utilize database software to best functionality and as a result not all stray intake shows in a timely manner on public website ~ Open record requests often take over 30 business days to respond to. ~ No initiation of the sterilization program (County Ordinance Section 12-76 from 2018) which is to assist low cost pet sterilization for people with limited financial means. (*) note files 2024_02, 03 and 04 with negative numbers as cat inventory which is impossible. Notice that 2024_09 beginning inventory does not reflect ending inventory in the 2024_08 report. No quality control of data since they are not held accountable.

Recommendation

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Attachments

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES
BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 2/1/2024	134	116	-5	114	359
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	146	10	158	35	349
C	Relinquished by Owner	0	0	0	0	0
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	1	0	4
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	22	0	3	0	25
G	TOTAL INTAKE	171	10	162	35	378
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	82	6	29	30	147
I	Returned to Owner	77	0	9	1	87
J	Transferred to another Agency	16	6	32	26	80
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	67	2	69
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	175	12	137	59	383
M	Died in Care	2	0	2	1	5
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	1	0	1
O	Shelter Euthanasia	6	0	19	0	25
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	1	0	4
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	186	12	160	60	418
Q	Ending Shelter Count 2/29/2024	119	114	-3	89	319

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q.

A plus G 737
R plus Q 737

SAVE RATE:	95.24%	100.00%	86.34%	97.14%	91.71%
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BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 3/1/2024	119	114	-3	89	319
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	145	22	142	44	353
C	Relinquished by Owner	2	0	0	0	2
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	2	0	0	0	2
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	1	0	1
F	Other Intakes	18	0	3	1	22
G	TOTAL INTAKE	167	22	146	45	380
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	75	2	25	12	114
I	Returned to Owner	70	5	6	0	81
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	4	39	27	80
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	64	4	68
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	155	11	134	43	343
M	Died in Care	0	0	0	2	2
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	6	0	16	2	24
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	2	0	0	0	2
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	163	11	150	47	371
Q	Ending Shelter Count 3/31/2024	123	125	-7	87	328

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G 699
R plus Q 699

SAVE RATE:	96.36%	100.00%	89.04%	91.11%	93.12%
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BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count April 1, 2024	123	125	-7	87	328
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	123	5	131	107	366
C	Relinquished by Owner	4	0	0	0	4
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	28	2	2	1	33
G	TOTAL INTAKE	156	7	133	108	404
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	66	7	27	13	113
I	Returned to Owner	50	5	9	0	64
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	3	22	69	104
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	55	1	56
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	126	15	113	83	337
M	Died in Care	3	0	3	2	8
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	1	0	18	1	20
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	4	0	0	0	4
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	134	15	134	86	369
Q	Ending Shelter Count April 30, 2024	145	117	-8	109	363

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G 732
R plus Q 732

SAVE RATE:	97.37%	100.00%	84.21%	97.22%	93.00%
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BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 8/1/2024	188	182	15	185	570
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	128	6	125	166	425
C	Relinquished by Owner	1	0	0	0	1
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	17	2	1	1	21
G	TOTAL INTAKE	147	8	126	167	448
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	81	8	33	130	252
I	Returned to Owner	65	0	4	0	69
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	11	18	58	97
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	80	20	100
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	156	19	135	208	518
M	Died in Care	0	0	2	9	11
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	3	0	18	9	30
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	160	19	155	226	560
Q	Ending Shelter Count 8/31/2024	175	171	-14	126	458

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G 1018
R plus Q 1018

SAVE RATE:	97.95%	100.00%	84.13%	89.22%	90.83%
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BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 9/1/2024	188	182	15	185	570
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	149	11	90	91	341
C	Relinquished by Owner	0	0	0	0	0
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
E	Transferred in from Agency	1	0	0	0	1
F	Other Intakes	17	2	1	2	22
G	TOTAL INTAKE	167	13	91	93	364
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	65	6	17	64	152
I	Returned to Owner	77	1	3	0	81
J	Transferred to another Agency	20	3	18	71	112
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	38	6	44
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	162	10	76	141	389
M	Died in Care	0	0	0	6	6
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	1	2	14	5	22
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	163	12	90	152	417
Q	Ending Shelter Count 9/30/2024	192	183	16	126	517

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

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SAVE RATE:	99.40%	84.62%	84.62%	88.17%	92.31%
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025012

CEER #2025012, titled New Management for County Animal Control, was received by the County from Karen Plunkett.

Citizen Statement:

Management of the animal shelter needs improvement. There are fewer kennels for the dogs now that the county shelter in Titusville is closed. No extra kennels were added to the south shelter to accommodate the extra intake of dogs. This has resulted in the kennels being doubled up and dogs being exposed to hot sun, smaller spaces and less exercise.

This management never provides extra programs to assist citizens with pet issues such as spaying and neutering or microchips, all which would not only help the citizens and their pets but also help keep intake to the shelter lower. This management also can takes days before they show stray cats and dogs on their website. If the animals were shown right away there is a better chance of keeping the population down in the shelter. This management has an unfavorable program of doing an adoption lottery on the last day of stray hold rather than trying to match the right pet with the right home. Our shelter has an unusually high rate of adoption returns, as a result. Also, the lottery is so unfavorable that many people are so disappointed in being a loser that they will not go back again to adopt. For every full adoption lottery that is held there are nine losers. Not the way to win over the public.

Citizen Recommendation:

If the Brevard Humane Society in Cocoa or the SPCA in Titusville would manage the county shelter, the image of the shelter would improve greatly. We already see outreach from these organizations. They show they care about the animals in their care by trying to match them up with adopters as well as the kennels are kept so much cleaner and pleasant. There is just no doubt that they would improve things for the animals and the citizens of Brevard. They have way more experience in running a shelter

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.



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Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025012 as Brevard County Animal Shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026012

Recommendation # 2026012

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026012 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Karen Plunkett
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Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026012
Recommendation Title New management for county animal shelter
Areas Affected County animal shelter - not animal enforcement
Department Affected ANIMAL SERVICES & ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
Current problem Management of the animal shelter needs improvement. There are fewer kennels for the dogs now that the county shelter in Titusville is closed. No extra kennels were added to the south shelter to accommodate the extra intake of dogs. This has resulted in the kennels being doubled up and dogs being exposed to hot sun, smaller spaces and less exercise. This management never provides extra programs to assist citizens with pet issues such as spaying and neutering or microchips, all which would not only help the citizens and their pets but also help keep intake to the shelter lower. This management also can takes days before they show stray cats and dogs on their website. If the animals were shown right away there is a better chance of keeping the population down in the shelter. This management has an unfavorable program of doing an adoption lottery on the last day of stray hold rather than trying to match the right pet with the right home. Our shelter has an unusually high rate of adoption returns, as a result. Also, the lottery is so unfavorable that many people are so disappointed in being a loser that they will not go back again to adopt. For every full adoption lottery that is held there are nine losers. Not the way to win over the public.

Recommendation

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Housing and Human Services

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TO: James Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Juanita D. Jackson, Director Housing and Human Services Department
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025013

CEER #2025013, titled Help for Senior Citizens, was received by the County from James Cotter.

Citizen Statement:

Brevard County needs to study and prepare for an aging population. Transportation, and home health care help need to be improved and made more available.

Citizen Recommendation:

Keep people healthy, cut down on fire department calls, and keep Senior Citizens out of hospitals and nursing homes.

Staff Analysis:

The following is a summary of some of the programs that Brevard County offers to assist Seniors. The Brevard County Commission on Aging (BCOA) was established in 2001 to plan for the future of the elderly population of Brevard County and to foster a community that supports, accommodates and values aging. The resolution for Commission on Aging was extended until September 30, 2027. BCOA meets monthly to collectively identify community resources, make recommendations for systemic and programmatic changes to enhance services for the elder population of Brevard. The BCOA also informs the Board of County Commissioners about issues impacting the aging citizens of Brevard County. The following is the website for Brevard County Advisory Boards:

Brevard County Housing and Human Services has service contracts with Aging Matters, Helping Seniors of Brevard, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Central Brevard Sharing, and Brevard Alzheimer's to provide services to seniors for: Meals on Wheels, Seniors at lunch, transportation, housing, housing improvements, food pantry, adult day care, and in home care.

The following Brevard County Housing and Human Services programs offer preferences to income eligible seniors to assist with emergency home energy, rehab, repair, or replacement of their home, and weatherization of their home: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Phone (321) 633-2007 • Fax (321) 633-2026

Website: www.BrevardFL.gov

<https://brevardflhhs.seamlessdocs.com/f/LIHEAPapp> Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP), Weatherization (WAP)

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/HousingAndHumanServices/HousingPrograms/WeatherizationProgram>

State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP)

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/HousingAndHumanServices/HousingPrograms/ReplaceRehabAndRepairProgram> These programs allow seniors to age safely and actively in their own homes as long as possible.

Space Coast Area Transit operates specialized services to meet the needs of Seniors who are unable to use fixed route service. These specialized services include Volunteers in Motion, Transportation Disadvantaged Paratransit, and ADA Paratransit services as contracted routes. The Space Coast Area Transit services assist many Seniors in Brevard to live independently through assisted transportation.

<https://321transit.com/special-services/td-paratransit-services/>

The Brevard County Library System provides valuable services and resources to seniors ensuring that they have easy access to materials and programs to enhance their lives. For seniors or homebound individuals unable to visit the library in person, a homebound service is offered through the Talking Books Department. Each library branch is equipped with various assistive technologies to help seniors with visual impairments. Library Services also offers programs specifically designed for seniors, including tax assistance, AARP driving safety course, chair yoga, fiber arts, chess club, gardening, computer classes, arts and craft workshops, concerts, line dancing, ukulele meetup groups, game day, movie day and many more. Libraries also offers affordable printing, faxing, copying, and scanning services for seniors who may need to manage their personal or medical documents.

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries/ServicesForTheDisabled>

Libraries has a Community Support Advocate ready to speak to seniors to help them connect with the following services: housing assistance, job/career assistance, food/SNAP benefits, health care and insurance, social security benefits, senior resources, and Veteran's Benefits.

Brevard County Libraries also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for seniors who want to give back to their community. Volunteering at the library provides a meaningful way to stay active and engaged while making a positive impact.

UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County offers a variety of educational programs and classes available to Seniors such as the following: Citizens Academy, Cooking for Bone Health, Pressure Cooking and Air Frying, and Master Naturalist. <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/events/?location=brevard>

The Brevard County Fire Rescue Department also offers the Community Health Resource Program (CHRP), with the goal of providing necessary resources to individuals who don't have an emergent medical need yet may need assistance in obtaining shelter, prevent readmittance back to the hospital, access to meals, prescription medication reconciliation, healthcare screening, telemedicine, and other non-medical needs.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025013 with revisions, as staff will continue efforts to offer programs and opportunities specifically for the senior population of Brevard.

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026013

Recommendation # 2026013

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026013 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name	James Cotter
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Alternate Email	Baw101@aol.com

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026013
Recommendation Title	Help for Senior Citizens
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Brevard County needs to study and prepare for an aging population. Transportation, and home health care help need to be improved and made more available.
Recommendation	Keep people healthy, cut down on fire department calls, and keep Senior Citizens out of hospitals and nursing homes.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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County Attorney's Office
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Morris Richardson, County Attorney
FROM: Christine Reilly, Senior Law Clerk
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026014

CEER #2026014, titled Brevard County Public Records Need to be Put on the Internet, was received by the County from Ms. Sarah K. Hodge.

Citizen Statement:

"I would like to see Public Records put on the Internet for all to see without the cost and delays when trying to get them from the County or Cities. Sometimes you can not get them before the item is voted on. Many years ago Florida Today had to pay \$30,000 to get records from the School Board. Florida Today paid it to get the records and then sued and won in Court and got all their money plus fees back. The School Board Sued to stop them and the Taxpayers had to pay for the School Board's lawsuit fees too. All wasted Taxpayer money because they did not want to release Public Records! The Clerk of Court has its records on the Internet. Why can Brevard not do the same for the Public? It would save Staff time and the huge costs. People have to pay to get records. There is a problem with getting records in advance of meetings and sometimes items are voted on before the records are obtained by the Public."

Citizen Recommendation:

"I recommend that Public Records are accessible to All the Public on the Internet. The benefits are that it would reduce cost of Staff having to obtain the records for the Public requests, reduce delays for the Public in receiving the information and being informed for the meetings, proper notice of Agenda Items to the Public that they need to speak to at the County Commission Meetings and other County Meetings, Possible Lawsuits from

the Public that did not have access to Their Public Records before the Items are voted on before they have had the opportunity to speak for or against the Item on the Agenda."

Staff Analysis:

Brevard County's response to public records requests is governed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Florida's Public Records Law) and Brevard County Administrative Order 47, Coordination of Public Records Requests.

Section 119.011(12), Florida Statutes, defines "public records" as follows:

"Public records" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.

Also see Section 119.07(4) which indicates that the furnishing of public records is made upon payment of a fee, prescribed by law, or if a fee is not prescribed by law, a fee which is in keeping with the provisions of Section 119.07(4), Florida Statutes.

The determination of what constitutes a public record is a question of law. See *State v. City of Clearwater*, 863 So.2d 149, 151 (Fla. 2003). In many instances, this is not a simple analysis. "It is impossible to lay down a definition of general application that identifies all items subject to disclosure under the [Florida Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes]." *Shevin v. Byron, Harless, Schaffer, Reid & Assocs.* 379 So.2d 633, 640 (Fla. 1980). "Consequently, the classification of items which fall midway on the spectrum of clearly public records on the one end and clearly not public records on the other will have to be determined on a case-by-case basis." *Id.*

"A public record is 'any material prepared in connection with official agency business which is intended to perpetuate, communicate, or formalize knowledge of some type.'" *Id.* For instance, "the handwritten notes of the consultant ... made during or shortly after his interviews with job prospects, are merely preliminary materials intended to aid the consultant when he later formalized the knowledge gained during the interviews" and therefore are not public records. *Id.* at 641. In addition, unused ballots do not fit Florida's definition of a public record because they do not "perpetuate, communicate, or formalize knowledge." *Rogers v. Hood*, 906 So.2d 1220 (Fla. 1st DCA 2005). Similarly, drafts are not usually considered public records, unless they have been shown to others. *Times Pub. Co. Inc. v. City of St. Petersburg*, 558 So.2d 487 (Fla. 2d DCA 1990).

To make all County public records available on the internet would involve requiring every member of the County staff to review on a continuous basis every communication that they create or receive to determine if it qualifies as a "public record."¹ This would almost certainly result in frequent staff inquiries to the County Attorney's Office, requiring significant staff and attorney time to review countless documents that may never be the subject of a request or search by any member of the public.

In addition, each member of the County staff would need to review every document he or she creates or receives to see if it is subject to a provision of confidentiality or exemption under the Public Records Act and prevent the record from being placed on the internet or redact it accordingly. Statutory exemptions are extensive and change frequently.² On one day a public record placed on the internet would meet the requirements of the law; however, on a later day, information contained in the same public record might be deemed confidential or exempt. This means that County staff would need to constantly review all of the records placed on the internet for continued compliance with then-current law.

Further, every document uploaded to the internet would need to be formatted to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This process would considerably impinge on the County staff's ability to complete its work in a timely fashion, thereby affecting the ability for all departments to work efficiently. To make all County public records available online would also require a new database requiring multiple operating systems, and the new database would need to be designed to be user-friendly. In addition, optical character recognition would need to be performed on scanned paper documents for a search function to be able to read the documents.

No matter how user-friendly a new database might be, if a user of the new database misspelled a search term, didn't know the proper acronyms for a search, or used abbreviations, this might lead to a response of "no results" to the user's inquiry, even when there were public records responsive to the search. When a public records request is currently made to Brevard County, the person responsible for making sure all the relevant records are produced notifies the department(s) that would have the records. As needed, questions are asked of the department(s) to ask if certain entities have changed,

¹ This is not the current process, as every public record is not placed on the internet. A new process would need to be created to ensure that all staff would have considerable expertise in Florida law relating to what is a public record, what records are exempt or confidential, and what information should be redacted if a record is determined to be a public record. Currently, it is the records custodian in each department who receives in-depth training regarding public records.

² According to the First Amendment Foundation, there are over 1,100 exemptions to Florida's Public Records Act. In 2022, lawmakers filed over 50 bills adding new exemptions to the state's public records law.

what acronyms might need to be searched, or if a certain entity is now known by a different name. Therefore, the staff person processing the request would have additional information to complete a more thorough and successful search than would a public records requestor entering search terms on their own into a website search engine.

The Herculean effort and corresponding expense required to place all of its public records on the internet would not even relieve Brevard County of its current obligation to respond to public records requests. In *Lake Shore Hospital Authority v. Lilker*, 168 So. 3d. 332 (Fla. 1st DCA 2015), a requestor initially asked for electronic access to certain public records. He then changed his request to one for actual paper copies of the public records, due to his alleged difficulty with the website. When the agency only referred the requestor to the website, this was considered a violation of the Public Records Law. As the court in *Lake Shore* stated, "Access to public records by remote electronic means is merely 'an *additional* means of inspecting or copying public records.' §119.07(2)(a), Fla. Stat. (2013) (emphasis added). This additional means of access, however, is insufficient where the person requesting the records specifies the traditional method of access via paper copies." *Id.* at 333.

Nor would placement of public records on the internet necessarily allow Brevard County to greatly reduce its current physical or electronic storage requirements. An agency must provide a copy of a public record in the medium requested, if the agency maintains the record in that medium. §119.01(2)(f), Fla. Stat.; see also Op. Att'y Gen. Fla. 91-61 (1991) (custodian must provide a copy of computer disk in its original format; a typed transcript does not satisfy the requirements of this statute.) Placing all public records on the internet as proposed by CEER #2026014 would require the County to maintain many records in an additional, internet-friendly and ADA-compliant format, while still maintaining the record in its original medium.

It should be noted that the Clerk of Court does not place all "its records on the Internet," as asserted in the citizen's statement. Rather, the Clerk makes specific documents that are recorded in the Official Records of Brevard County (e.g., plats, deeds, mortgages, liens, etc.) and certain records from court files available online. If the citizen wished to see internal memos or emails between Clerk of Court staff members, for example, they would have to make a public records request to the Clerk's Office.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2026014 because it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County Government as contemplated by Section 2.9.10 of the Brevard County Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 3:33 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026014

Recommendation # 2026014

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026014 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026014
Recommendation Title	Brevard County Public Records Need to be Put on the Internet
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	

Current problem

I would like to see Public Records put on the Internet for all to see without the cost and delays when trying to get them from the County or Cities. Sometimes you can not get them before the item is voted on . Many years ago Florida Today had to pay \$30,000 to get records from the School Board. Florida Today paid it to get the records and then sued and won in Court and got all their money plus fees back. The School Board Sued to stop them and the Taxpayers had to pay for the School Board's lawsuit fees too. All wasted Taxpayer money because they did not want to release Public Records! The Clerk of Court has its records on the Internet. Why can Brevard County not do the same for the Public? It would save Staff time and the huge costs People have to pay to get records. There is a problem with getting records in advance of meetings and sometimes items are voted on before the records are obtained by the Public.

Recommendation

I recommend that Public Records are accessible to All the Public on the Internet. The benefits are that it would reduce cost of Staff having to obtain the records for the Public requests, reduce delays for the Public in receiving the information and being informed for the meetings, proper notice of Agenda Items to the Public that they need

to speak to at the County Commission Meetings and other County Meetings, Possible Lawsuits from the Public that did not have access to Their Public Records before the Items are voted on before they have had the opportunity to speak for or against the Item on the Agenda.

Attachments

No Documents were attached.

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Brevard County Library Services
308 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32922
(321) 633-1801

TO: James Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Wendi Bost, Library Services Director 

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025015

CEER #2025015, titled Satellite Beach Public Library Board Reinstatement, was received by the County from Arlin E. Massey.

Citizen Statement:

Several years ago, most Brevard County libraries had a Library Board each vice the current setup of three library boards for all the 17 libraries. The boards were, as I understand as a member of the board, a tool to provide support information, ideas, advice, etc to each branch from its local community. Isn't time to turn this policy around?

As it seems, a major part of this change was to simply eliminate library manpower from attendance to the board. This manpower loss amounted to the library director or their representative from attending a meeting four of five times a year.

Citizen Recommendation:

Return to individual Librart Boards for each library.

Staff Analysis:

In May 2022, the Board of County Commissioners consolidated the various Library Boards with a final configuration of three Boards: (1) the County Library System Advisory Board, (2) the North Brevard Library Advisory Board, and (3) the South/Central Brevard Public Library Advisory Board. The two regional Library Boards were consolidated to increase efficiency and facilitate communication by combining seven individual Library Boards into two regional Boards. The three Boards have a combined 29 members. All municipalities have elected to dissolve their boards, except the City of Satellite Beach. There is one member from the City of Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board on the South/Central Public Library Advisory Board.

In addition to the three Library Advisory Boards, there are 11 Friends of the Library groups, all volunteer-operated at 11 libraries, that provide feedback to the libraries and contribute over \$150,000 to them.

With the two regional advisory boards and the system board, the Library Services Department Director and other Administration staff have been able to attend all Library Board meetings,

which was impossible under the previous structure of Library Advisory Boards. The current advisory board structure has allowed the Boards to learn about the library as a system and are provided with current information, facts, and data. At all meetings, suggestions and feedback are welcome from the public and Board Members.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation CEER #2025015 as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County Government as required by the Home Rule Charter.

c.c. Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 10:43 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026015

Recommendation # 2026015

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026015 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026015
Recommendation Title	Satellite Beach Public Library Board Reinstatement
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Several years ago, most Brevard County libraries had a Library Board each vice the current setup of three library boards for all the 17 libraries. The boards were, as I understand as a member of a board, a tool to provide support information, ideas, advice, etc to each branch from its local community. Isn't time to turn this policy around? As it seems, a major part of this change was to simply eliminate library manpower from attendance to the board. This manpower loss amounted to the library director or their representative from attending a meeting four or five times a year.
Recommendation	Return to individual Librart Boards for each library.
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Brevard County Fire Rescue
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321-633-2056

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025016

CEER #2025016, titled Firefighters, was received by the County from Mrs. Maria Schmackpfeffer

Citizen Statement:

What is happening? Stop losing firefighters. Why aren't we paying them a living wage?

Citizen Recommendation:

Increase wages to nearby industry standards to protect our citizens and care for heroic first responders. Is it tax cuts? Wtaf

Staff Analysis:

Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, requires firefighter compensation be addressed through the collective bargaining process. This process is not within the scope of the Speak Up Brevard program.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025016 as the firefighter compensation is subject to mandatory bargaining by law as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2025 4:07 AM
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

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026016
Recommendation Title	Firefighters
Areas Affected	Firefighting
Department Affected	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Current problem	What is happening? Stop losing firefighters. Why aren't we paying them a living wage?
Recommendation	Increase wages to nearby industry standards to protect our citizens and care for heroic first responders. Is it tax cuts? Wtaf
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Suite 203
Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025017

CEER #2025017, titled "Trail lights in Gleason Park", was received by the County from Martin Carlswaerd.

Citizen Statement:

"Hi. The lights around mostly the north and west side of the lake trail in Gleason Park have been out for the past at least week. Me and my girlfriend come here every morning to exercise and it's very dark on the trails with the lights out. Could someone please fix this ASAP? The photo attached is not an accurate representation of the lack of light since it's taken later then we arrive. Thank you!"

Citizen Recommendation:

"Fix the trail lights so that it's not so dark. There's hundreds of squirrels in the park and they have a tendency to run towards people, with the lights out it's really hard to see them and someone will trip over them and fall sooner rather then later!"

Staff Analysis:

Gleason Park is owned and operated by the city of Indian Harbour Beach. As such, it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners or the Parks and Recreation Department.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025017 as Gleason Park is outside the Board's jurisdiction.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2025 6:55 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026017

Recommendation # 2026017

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026017 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026017
Recommendation Title	Trail lights in Gleason park
Areas Affected	Gleason park
Department Affected	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Current problem	Hi. The lights around mostly the north and west side of the lake trail in Gleason Park have been out for the past at least week. Me and my girlfriend come here every morning to exercise and it's very dark on the trails with the lights out. Could someone please fix this ASAP? The photo attached is not an accurate representation of the lack of light since it's taken later then we arrive. Thank you!
Recommendation	Fix the trail lights so that it's not so dark. There's hundreds of squirrels in the park and they have a tendency to run towards people, with the lights out it's really hard to see them and someone will trip over them and fall sooner rather then later!
Attachments	image.jpg

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Communications/SCGTV Office

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Building C, Room 301
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025018

CEER #2025018, titled Owner, was received by the County from Elizabeth Anne A F.W.M.Smith & son.

Citizen Statement:

To whom this may concern as current chamber of commerce and to our long pensions and associates and families,

Happy New years and know Brevard county and Florida depts and professionals are thinking of you and UF ext class alumni solutions intl.

Sincerely champs classic centennials meldellion s needed forms our pensions hotels.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Anne F.W.M. Smith

Paul Kell Hurd

Jordan Matthew F.W.M Smith

Citizen Recommendation:

Long term revenue and healthy markets job, r and r, travel ext four seasons simplicity

Staff Analysis:

Not applicable.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025018 as the recommendation does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2025 2:22 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026018

Recommendation # 2026018

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026018 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization	Law office of Elizabeth Anne F.W.M Smith
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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026018
Recommendation Title	Owner
Areas Affected	Banks, malls, plaza, hotels, transfer hubs
Department Affected	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Current problem	To whom this may concern as current chamber of commerce and to our long pensions and associates and families, Happy New years and know Brevard county and Florida depts and professionals are thinking of you and UF ext class alumni solutions intl. Sincerely champs classic centennials meldellion s needed forms our pensions hotels. Sincerely, Elizabeth Anne F.W.M. Smith Paul Kell Hurd Jordan Matthew F.W.M Smith
Recommendation	Long term revenue and healthy markets job, r and r, travel ext four seasons simplicity
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Utility Services Department
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Building A, Room 213
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

Thru: Tad Calkins, Interim Assistant County Manager

From: Edward Fontanin, Utility Services Director *EF*

Subject: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) 2025019

CEER #2025019, titled Fluoride in drinking water, was received by the County by David F. DeLuca

Citizen Statement:

In November, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo advised local governments across the state on Friday to stop adding fluoride to their community water supplies. He called it "public health malpractice." Ladapo based his claim on a study from 2023 undertaken by researchers at Tulane University which studied the effects of naturally-occurring fluoride in drinking water in wells in a rural area of Ethiopia. There are no water treatment plants there, so the study had no data on added fluoride. Ashley Malin, an assistant professor in the University of Florida's Epidemiology Department who has studied fluoride's effects in pregnant women. She led a study published in May that was based in Los Angeles and suggested that fluoride exposure during pregnancy was linked to an increased risk of neurobehavioral problems in children. That study was undertaken in Canada and Mexico. The studies cited by Ladapo and Malin were not undertaken in the United States, and neither study considered the role of environmental factors in those countries, nor did they consider diet and genetics, which are the two most determinative factors in developmental health. Based on Ladapo and Malin's claims, all fluoride poses a potential risk. Neither Ladapo nor Malin suggested removing all fluoride from drinking water, so their claims are rendered baseless.

Citizen Recommendation:

The public deserves transparency from its elected officials and their advisors. My recommendations are as follows: Ask Ladapo and Malin to amend their positions on fluoride by publicly stating exactly how much fluoride in drinking water is safe, and at what level does it become toxic. - There are several methods of adding fluoride to drinking water. The county should hold a symposium in which each method is evaluated for cost, efficacy, and public safety. The results should be made easily available to the public. - Palm Bay recently decided to ban the

addition of fluoride after giving citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions. However, Palm Bay voted at the same time to add liquid ammonia to the drinking water without giving citizens the opportunity to voice their opinion. No city or town should vote on matters of public health without allowing the citizens to weigh in.

Staff Analysis:

The address provided by Mr. DeLuca is within the water utility service boundary of the City of Palm Bay. Thus, matters associated with the potable water fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Palm Bay.

All potable water producers in Florida are subject to the same Federal and State requirements:

Federal – Title 40 Chapter 1, Subchapter D - Water Programs

Florida Statute – Chapter 403 – Environmental Control

Florida Administrative Code - 62-550 – Drinking Water Standards, Monitoring, and Reporting

Florida Administrative Code – 62-560 – Requirements for Public Water Systems That Are Out of Compliance

The decision to fluoridate a water supply is made by the State or local municipality and is not mandated by EPA or any other Federal entity. Brevard County Utility Services does not add fluoride to potable water.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025019 because the State Surgeon General is out of the county's jurisdiction and this CEER does not enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Brevard County Government.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2025 12:54 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026019

Recommendation # 2026019

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026019 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Alternate Email dfdeluca@outlook.com

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026019
Recommendation Title Fluoride in drinking water
Areas Affected Brevard County
Department Affected PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Current problem In November, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo advised local governments across the state on Friday to stop adding fluoride to their community water supplies. He called it "public health malpractice." Ladapo based his claim on a study from 2023 undertaken by researchers at Tulane University which studied the effects of naturally-occurring fluoride in drinking water in wells in a rural area of Ethiopia. There are no water treatment plants there, so the study had no data on added fluoride. Ashley Malin, an assistant professor in the University of Florida's Epidemiology Department who has studied fluoride's effects in pregnant women. She led a study published in May that was based in Los Angeles and suggested that fluoride exposure during pregnancy was linked to an increased risk of neurobehavioral problems in children. That study was undertaken in Canada and Mexico. The studies cited by Ladapo and Malin were not undertaken in the United States, and neither study considered the role of environmental factors in those countries, nor did they consider diet and genetics, which are the two most determinative factors in developmental health, Based on Ladapo and Malin's claims, all fluoride poses a potential risk. Neither Ladapo nor

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Recommendation

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Attachments

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Brevard County Fire Rescue
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321-633-2056

TO: Frank B. Abbate, County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025020

CEER #2025020, titled Emergency Services, was received by the County from Mr. John Dacko.

Citizen Statement:

Brevard EMS 1: A Countywide Proposal for Free ALS Transports

Brevard County has the opportunity to create a sustainable, equitable emergency medical transport system by funding it through a 1-cent or 0.5-cent sales tax. This tax would allow all Advanced Life Support (ALS) 911 transports to be free of charge, ensuring no one hesitates to call for help due to cost concerns. Basic Life Support (BLS) services could remain billable through Brevard County Emergency Services or be contracted out to a private entity for fee-based management.

A similar model has been in place in King County, Washington, for over 40 years through their Medic One program. This system has provided exceptional emergency care to residents while removing financial barriers to critical services. Brevard County could adopt this proven approach to meet the growing demands of its community.

Citizen Recommendation:

Key Features of Brevard EMS 1

1. Sales Tax Funding:

- A countywide 1-cent or 0.5-cent sales tax would replace the current EMS funding mechanism in property taxes.
- This shift eliminates EMS-related property taxes for homeowners while ensuring sustainable funding for emergency medical services.



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- Based on Brevard's population and economic activity, a 1-cent sales tax would generate more than enough revenue to fully fund the system and provide financial stability for the long term.

2. City-Based Ambulance Deployment:

- Each city would maintain and operate its own ambulance(s) using municipal employees, fully funded through the sales tax.
- This local model ensures faster response times and a tailored approach to the unique needs of each community.

3. Countywide Collaboration:

- Cities would become direct stakeholders, with representatives sitting on a countywide governing board to oversee EMS operations.
- This ensures transparency, accountability, and consistent service standards across all areas of Brevard County.

4. Year-Round Lifeguard Services:

- Any surplus revenue from the sales tax could fund year-round lifeguard services for the county's 72 miles of coastline.
- Each city would contribute its own lifeguard staff, while a countywide organization would oversee operations to ensure safety and efficiency.

The Benefits of Brevard EMS 1

- **Free ALS Transports:** No one should hesitate to call 911 during a medical emergency due to high transport costs.
- **BLS Transports** could be managed separately, either through billing by the county or contracting with private ambulance providers to ensure cost recovery without impacting ALS services.
- **Property Tax Relief:** EMS costs would no longer be funded through property taxes, reducing the financial burden on homeowners.
- **Improved Emergency Response:** Locally stationed ambulances ensure faster response times, better coverage, and efficient use of resources.
- **Unified Services:** The governing board ensures a coordinated, transparent system that works for all cities and unincorporated areas of Brevard County.



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- **Enhanced Coastal Safety:** Year-round lifeguard services would improve safety for residents and tourists, protecting one of the county's most valuable resources—its beaches.

Why Now?

Brevard County's current EMS funding system relies on property taxes, which can create inequities and limit resources as the county grows. Transitioning to a sales tax-based model shifts the cost to a broader base, including visitors who use the county's services. This ensures that everyone contributes to maintaining a robust emergency medical system.

By adopting the Brevard EMS 1 model, the county can deliver high-quality emergency care, reduce financial stress on residents, and create a safer community for all.

Staff Analysis:

The recommendation presents one example of an Emergency Medical Service model that has been successful in a community in Washington. Some operational aspects have been adopted by BCFR, such as the "pit crew" CPR strategy developed by King County. However, the recommendations put forward as a complete model are outside the operational control of Brevard County Fire Rescue.

The Board of County Commissioners may, by ordinance, levy a discretionary sales surtax of up to 1 percent for emergency fire rescue services and facilities pursuant to Section 212.055(8), Florida Statutes. The term "emergency fire rescue services" in this context includes, but is not limited to, preventing and extinguishing fires; protecting and saving life and property from fires or natural or intentional acts or disasters; enforcing municipal, county, or state fire prevention codes and laws pertaining to the prevention and control of fires; and providing prehospital emergency medical treatment.

Upon the adoption of an ordinance, the levy of the surtax must be placed on the ballot by the Board of County Commissioners. The ordinance will only take effect if approved by a majority of the electors of the County voting in a referendum placed on the ballot of a general (even year) election. Surtax collections shall be initiated on January 1 of the year following a successful referendum.

Pursuant to Section 212.054(4), Florida Statutes, the proceeds of the discretionary surtax, less an administrative fee that may be retained by the Department of Revenue ("DOR"), shall be distributed by DOR to the County. The County shall distribute the proceeds it receives from



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DOR to each local government entity providing emergency fire rescue services in the County. The surtax proceeds, less an administrative fee not to exceed 2 percent of the surtax collected, shall be distributed by the County based on each entity's average annual expenditures for fire control and emergency fire rescue services in the 5 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the surtax takes effect in proportion to the average annual total of the expenditures for such entities in the 5 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the surtax takes effect. The County shall revise the distribution proportions to reflect a change in the service area of an entity receiving a distribution of the surtax proceeds. If an entity declines its share of surtax revenue, such revenue shall be redistributed proportionally to the entities that are participating in the sharing of such revenue based on each participating entity's average annual expenditures for fire control and emergency fire rescue services in the preceding 5 fiscal years in proportion to the average annual total of the expenditures for the participating entities in the preceding 5 fiscal years.

Upon the surtax taking effect and initiation of collections, each local government entity receiving a share of surtax proceeds shall reduce the ad valorem tax levy or any non-ad valorem assessment for fire control and emergency rescue services in its next and subsequent budgets by the estimated amount of revenue provided by the surtax. In other words, the surtax is not intended to supplement existing revenue sources, but instead replace them.

Use of these surtax proceeds does not relieve a local government entity from complying with Chapter 200 and any related provision of law that establishes millage caps or limits undesignated budget reserves and procedures for establishing rollback rates for ad valorem taxes and budget adoption. If surtax collections exceed projected collections in any fiscal year, any surplus distribution shall be used to further reduce ad valorem taxes in the next fiscal year. These proceeds shall be applied as a rebate to the final millage, after the TRIM notice is completed in accordance with this provision. If a local government entity receiving a share of the surtax is unable to further reduce ad valorem taxes because the millage rate is zero, the funds shall be applied to reduce any non-ad valorem assessments levied for the purposes described in this section. If no ad valorem or non-ad valorem reduction is possible, the surplus surtax collections shall be returned to the County, and the County shall reduce the County millage rates to offset the surplus surtax proceeds.



Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025020 because it is outside of the Board's exclusive authority and control as it would require approval by the voters at a referendum that cannot be held until November 2026 at the earliest. It would entail a significant planning exercise with multiple local government bodies and municipal agencies to dramatically reimagine the provision and funding of fire control and emergency fire rescue services throughout the County, with no assurance that the referendum would be approved. That exercise may hinder current efforts to address fire control and emergency fire rescue services funding concerns through measures that are within the control and authority of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2025 1:29 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026020

Recommendation # 2026020

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026020 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name John E Dacko
Address 1558 Meadow Lark Dr, Titusville FL 32780
Phone (321) 258-7583
Email Srfderth@bellsouth.net
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026020
Recommendation Title Emeregency Services
Areas Affected All of Brevard County
Department Affected FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Current problem See attached Word Documentation for a full analysis
Recommendation See attached Word Documentation for a full analysis
Attachments Brevard EMS 1 Proposal.docx

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Brevard EMS 1: A Countywide Proposal for Free ALS Transports

Brevard County has the opportunity to create a sustainable, equitable emergency medical transport system by funding it through a 1-cent or 0.5-cent sales tax. This tax would allow **all Advanced Life Support (ALS) 911 transports to be free of charge**, ensuring no one hesitates to call for help due to cost concerns. Basic Life Support (BLS) services could remain billable through Brevard County Emergency Services or be contracted out to a private entity for fee-based management.

A similar model has been in place in King County, Washington, for over 40 years through their Medic One program. This system has provided exceptional emergency care to residents while removing financial barriers to critical services. Brevard County could adopt this proven approach to meet the growing demands of its community.

Key Features of Brevard EMS 1

1. Sales Tax Funding:

- A countywide 1-cent or 0.5-cent sales tax would replace the current EMS funding mechanism in property taxes.
- This shift eliminates EMS-related property taxes for homeowners while ensuring sustainable funding for emergency medical services.
- Based on Brevard's population and economic activity, a 1-cent sales tax would generate more than enough revenue to fully fund the system and provide financial stability for the long term.

2. City-Based Ambulance Deployment:

- Each city would maintain and operate its own ambulance(s) using municipal employees, fully funded through the sales tax.
- This local model ensures faster response times and a tailored approach to the unique needs of each community.

3. Countywide Collaboration:

- Cities would become direct stakeholders, with representatives sitting on a countywide governing board to oversee EMS operations.
- This ensures transparency, accountability, and consistent service standards across all areas of Brevard County.

4. Year-Round Lifeguard Services:

- Any surplus revenue from the sales tax could fund year-round lifeguard services for the county's 72 miles of coastline.

- Each city would contribute its own lifeguard staff, while a countywide organization would oversee operations to ensure safety and efficiency.

The Benefits of Brevard EMS 1

- **Free ALS Transports:** No one should hesitate to call 911 during a medical emergency due to high transport costs.
- **BLS Transports** could be managed separately, either through billing by the county or contracting with private ambulance providers to ensure cost recovery without impacting ALS services.
- **Property Tax Relief:** EMS costs would no longer be funded through property taxes, reducing the financial burden on homeowners.
- **Improved Emergency Response:** Locally stationed ambulances ensure faster response times, better coverage, and efficient use of resources.
- **Unified Services:** The governing board ensures a coordinated, transparent system that works for all cities and unincorporated areas of Brevard County.
- **Enhanced Coastal Safety:** Year-round lifeguard services would improve safety for residents and tourists, protecting one of the county's most valuable resources—its beaches.

Why Now?

Brevard County's current EMS funding system relies on property taxes, which can create inequities and limit resources as the county grows. Transitioning to a sales tax-based model shifts the cost to a broader base, including visitors who use the county's services. This ensures that everyone contributes to maintaining a robust emergency medical system.

By adopting the Brevard EMS 1 model, the county can deliver high-quality emergency care, reduce financial stress on residents, and create a safer community for all.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Works Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 201
Viera Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Marc Bernath, the Public Works Director.

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026021

CEER #2025021, titled Road Resurfacing and Speed Bump, was received by the County from Peggy J. Carr.

Citizen Statement:

Areas Affected: White Rd between Harlock Rd and Turtle mound Rd

The surfacing on White Rd needs completed (it seems like every road nearby has been resurfaced). The problem is this road is used for a cut through and is becoming a racetrack. There is a Section 8 living area where kids are in the road a lot and one of them is going to be hit by a car if there is not a speed bump or more police patrol. We ride bikes on this road and several times have almost been hit by a car doing more than 50 mph (in a 25 mph zone). There are also many tree limb piles left on this road for weeks and it finally makes it in the water drainage and clogs this up. Please have someone take a look at this road to see if there can be some type of speed bump installed to slow individuals down.

Citizen Recommendation:

Resurfacing, tree limb removal, and speed bumps.

Staff Analysis: Public Works – Road and Bridge and Traffic Operations Programs

This is not an efficiency recommendation, but rather a request for work. The Road and Bridge Program is responsible for evaluating road conditions. It has an established process for prioritizing which roads get resurfaced, reconstructed, or treated. It starts with an independent third-party performing a technical and objective assessment of unincorporated roads approximately every 4 years. Area field supervisors validate the information yearly, by driving each road under their maintenance supervision and by making note of condition changes. The Pavement Management Coordinator and team

independently verify these assessments to determine the need, appropriate application, timing, and available funding.

Specific to White Rd, it received what is known as a Double Micro-surfacing from Marywood Rd to Turtle Mound Rd in 2023. However, failing shoulders on the west section between Harlock Rd and Marywood Rd prevented the completion of this treatment. The shoulder restoration has since been completed, and the next planned Double Micro-surfacing treatment for this section is scheduled for mid-year 2025. Subsequent status updates can be received by directly contacting Road and Bridge Wickham Shop at (321) 255-4310.

Regarding the tree limb piles, these piles are from homeowners trimming their trees. The property owners need to individually contact Waste Management to schedule a pickup. Brevard County does not perform tree trimming and removal. For persistent concerns, contact Brevard County Code Enforcement at (321) 633-2086.

The Traffic Operations Program is responsible for evaluating requests for speed humps. The process includes a traffic study to determine if a road meets the County's criteria as laid out in the speed hump policy. This also includes reviewing allowable vehicle speeds, traffic volumes, and other factors.

If the roadway meets these criteria, Traffic Operations will provide the requestor a petition to be signed by residents adjacent to the roadway where speed humps are proposed as well as amplifying guidance. A minimum of eighty-five percent (85%) of those residents must approve the installation of speed humps before the District Commissioner will consider the request in accordance with Board Policy BCC-91 and AO-72. If you wish to proceed with a request for White Rd, please contact the Traffic Operations Program directly at (321) 633-2077.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025021 because staff already has an objective process for both pavement management and speed hump implementation. Additionally, this area is already scheduled for Double Micro – surfacing in FY25.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2025 2:58 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026021

Recommendation # 2026021

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026021 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name	Peggy J Carr
Address	4485 White Rd, Melbourne FL 32934
Phone	(321) 536-6434
Email	peggecarr1@yahoo.com
Alternate Email	peggecarr1@yahoo.com

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026021
Recommendation Title	Road resurfacing & speed bump
Areas Affected	White Rd between Harlock Rd and Turtle mound Rd.
Department Affected	
Current problem	The surfacing on White Rd needs completed (it seems like every road nearby has been resurfaced). The problem is this road is used for a cut through and is becoming a racetrack. There is a Section 8 living area where kids are in the road a lot and one of them is going to be hit by a car if there is not a speed bump or more police patrol. We ride bikes on this road and several times have almost been hit by a car doing more than 50 mph (in a 25 mph zone). There are also many tree limb piles left on this road for weeks and it finally makes it in the water drainage and clogs this up. Please have someone take a look at this road to see if there can be some type of speed bump installed to slow individuals down.
Recommendation	Resurfacing and speed bump.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Public Works/Facilities
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 207
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Memo

TO: Frank B. Abbate, County Manager

THRU: John P. Denninghoff, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026022

DATE: 01/13/2025

CEER #2026022 was received by the County from Kathleen Miller.

Total Staff Time: 02 Hours

Citizen Statement:

The faucets in the womens bathroom continually run on the third floor and all the bathrooms I have seen in the SOE office and throughout Building C in Viera, have issues with the faucets. The faucets are corroded, leak or run continually. A significant amount of water is wasted each year.

Citizen Recommendation:

Replace the faucets from 1990's with updated and more efficient models.

Staff Analysis:

This is a standard service request.

On December 10, 2024, Facilities noticed a leaking faucet in Building C, 3rd floor women's restroom. Multiple faucets were replaced in the restroom that day. Since repairs were made they are no longer wasting water. A Service Request was not created because the work had been completed before the complaint was made. Upon being notified of these faucets needing repair, staff visually confirmed that the Building C 3rd floor restroom faucets were already replaced with new faucets. Facilities evaluates each component to determine whether repair or replacement is cost-effective and reasonable. Components are replaced when they are no longer repairable, operable, or efficient. Replacing all faucets will occur if the Board approves additional funding for restroom renovations.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject the recommendation. Staff replaced these faucets over a month before the request was made.





7003 TECHNOLOGY DR
MELBOURNE, FL 32904-1512

Please contact with Questions: 321-837-5411

COUNTY OF BREVARD
BROF COMFACPO83480
2725 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY
BLDG A 2ND FL
VIERA, FL 32940-6602

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PO BOX 100286
ATLANTA, GA 30384-0286
MASTER ACCOUNT NUMBER: 154215

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COUNTER PICK UP
7003 TECHNOLOGY DR
MELBOURNE, FL 32904-1512

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Works/Facilities

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 207
Viera, Florida 32940

Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr. Bernath', followed by a stylized flourish.

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025022

CEER #2025022, titled Repair Bathroom Faucets at Viera Campus, was received by the County from Kathleen Miller.

Citizen Statement:

The faucets in the womens bathroom continually run on the third floor and all the bathrooms I have seen in the SOE office and throughout Building C in Viera, have issues with the faucets. The faucets are corroded, leak or run continually. A significant amount of water is wasted each year.

Citizen Recommendation:

Replace the faucets from 1990's with updated and more efficient models.

Staff Analysis:

This is a standard service request. However, on December 10, 2024, Facilities noticed a leaking faucet in Building C, 3rd floor women's restroom. Multiple faucets were replaced in the restroom that day. Since repairs were made, they are no longer wasting water. In this case, a service request was not created because the work had already been completed before the complaint was made. Upon being notified of these faucets needing repair, staff visually confirmed that the Building C 3rd floor restroom faucets were already replaced with new faucets. Facilities evaluates each component to determine whether repair or replacement is cost-effective and reasonable. Components are replaced when they are no longer repairable, operable, or efficient.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025022 because staff replaced these faucets.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:05 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026022

Recommendation # 2026022

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026022 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name	Kathleen Miller
Address	2016 Deercroft Drive, Melbourne FL 32940
Phone	(321) 507-7455
Email	vivalakathleen@gmail.com
Alternate Email	vivalakathleen@gmail.com

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026022
Recommendation Title	Repair bathroom faucets at Viera campus
Areas Affected	Bathrooms
Department Affected	
Current problem	The faucets in the womens bathroom continually run on the third floor and all the bathrooms I have seen in the SOE office and throughout building C in Viera, have issues with the faucets. The faucets are corroded, leak or run continually. A significant amount of water is wasted each year.
Recommendation	To replace the faucets from 1990's with updated and more efficient models.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Communications/SCGTV Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 301
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025023

CEER #2025023, titled The Brevard County Barrier Island has a litter problem, was received by the County from Deborah A Sullivan.

Citizen Statement:

Beautiful Brevard nature is littered by humans. As citizens, many of us pick up litter while strolling the beaches. Unfortunately, the highway (A1A), sidewalks, natural brush, trails etc are consistently littered. The recent designation given the Brevard barrier as an area of critical State concern lends itself to protecting the natural environment. The southern barrier island represents one of the most fragile and endangered coastal ecosystems in North America.

Citizen Recommendation:

Please reach out to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for *regularly scheduled inmate assistance cleaning up Brevards' jewel.

Staff Analysis:

State Highway A1A is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation.

This recommendation, as requested by the citizen, was brought to the attention of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 4/10/2025.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025023 as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025023

Recommendation # 2025023

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025023 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Deborah A Sullivan
Address 5080 S Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach FL 32951
Phone (561) 716-1870
Email Kevroart@gmail.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025023
Recommendation Title The Brevard County Barrier Island has a litter problem
Areas Affected Barrier Island / Ocean Ave to Sebastian Inlet
Department Affected
Current problem Beautiful Brevard nature is littered by humans. As citizens, many of us pick up litter while strolling the beaches. Unfortunately, the highway (A1A), sidewalks, natural brush, trails etc are consistently littered. The recent designation given the Brevard barrier as an area of critical State concern lends itself to protecting the natural environment. The southern barrier island represents one of the most fragile and endangered coastal ecosystems in North America.
Recommendation Please reach out to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for *regularly scheduled inmate assistance cleaning up Brevards' jewel.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Brevard County Budget Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 303
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Jill Hayes, Budget Director
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025024

CEER #205024, titled Create a 'mini' DOGE for Brevard County, was received by the County from Kevin J Rouse.

Citizen Statement:

Create a 'mini' DOGE of retired govt employees And private expert citizens -to include finance And tech -to address the ideas local Brevard govt seeks for conserving energy, saving costs, eliminating duplication, generating revenue, increasing productivity, preventing waste.

Citizen Recommendation:

Station DOGE participants inside agency departments. DOGE participants to serve as an advisory board acting outside of government. Publish findings for taxpayers.

Staff Analysis:

Establishing a new department or advisory board is a Board policy decision. The Board may take into consideration the following systems currently in place when determining whether to create a DOGE.

Florida Constitution - Article V, Section 16: Responsibilities of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Under Article V, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution, the Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the ex officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, acting also as the auditor, recorder, and custodian of all county funds. In the role of the County's Comptroller, the Clerk is tasked with the collection, safe depositing, investment, expenditure, and distribution of county funds, all in strict adherence to the law and administrative regulations. As an independently elected official, the Clerk's office audits each requested Board payment to ensure that all expenditures of County funds are authorized by law.

By having an independent elected official serve as the Comptroller, the county benefits from strong internal controls and enhanced fiscal accountability. The Clerk's dual role as custodian of county funds and as an independent auditor ensures that all financial transactions comply with applicable laws and regulations.

External Audit Requirements - Section 218.39, Florida Statutes

Section 218.39, Florida Statutes mandates that each county and county agency obtain an independent financial audit. This audit must be conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General, which provides specific guidelines for the audit process. These rules ensure that audits are executed consistently, comprehensively, and accurately.

A fundamental purpose of this required financial audit is to provide independent assurance to key stakeholders, including citizens, bondholders, debt rating institutions, and other governmental entities. By conducting these audits, counties and county agencies help maintain transparency, accountability, and confidence that resources are used efficiently and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Brevard County's Internal Audit Program

Brevard County has implemented a comprehensive internal audit program that includes independent audit reports conducted by both the Clerk's internal auditors and independent internal auditors contracted through competitive solicitation. The primary focus of the internal audit function is to assess efficiency and effectiveness in the use of county resources compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies, procedures, contracts, grants, and agreements; adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls; areas related to fraud, waste, abuse, theft or other irregularities examined or reported.

Internal audits result in recommendations for improvement, helping to identify areas where economy and efficiency can be improved. An Audit Committee has been established to oversee the County's auditing functions, develop an annual audit work plan for internal auditing of the Board agencies and monitor the productivity and performance of the auditing process. Final audit reports are issued to the Board of County Commissioners and are made publicly accessible through both the Clerk's website and the County's websites.

Citizen Budget Review Committee

The Citizen Budget Review Committee (CBRC) has been established with the primary goal of assisting the Board of County Commissioners in reviewing the Brevard County budget. The

committee reviews and discusses various county programs to ensure the budget aligns with the Board's goals and priorities, and that these goals are being met in a cost-efficient and effective manner. Based on their findings, the committee makes recommendations and offers suggestions to the Board.

Countywide Lean Six Sigma Initiatives

Brevard County Government has integrated the Lean Six Sigma methodology into the organization, utilizing a data-driven approach to enhance efficiency, reduce waste, and improve customer satisfaction. This approach empowers the County to continuously refine operations and better meet the needs of the community.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025024 because it is duplicative of existing programs as provided in the staff analysis, therefore does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 9:33 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025024

Recommendation # 2025024

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025024 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Kevin J Rouse
Address 5080 S Hwy A1A, Melbourne Beach FL 32951
Phone (561) 789-5104
Email Kevroart@gmail.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025024
Recommendation Title Create 'mini' DOGE for Brevard County
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem Create a 'mini' DOGE of retired govt employees And private expert citizens -to include finance And tech -to address the ideas local Brevard govt seeks for conserving energy, saving costs, eliminating duplication, generating revenue, increasing productivity, preventing waste.
Recommendation Station DOGE participants inside agency departments. DOGE participants to serve as an advisory board acting outside of government. Publish findings for taxpayers.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025025

CEER #2025025, titled Environmental, was received by the County from Ms. Elizabeth Weeks.

Citizen Statement:

County board allowing development of unimproved properties without environmental review.

Citizen Recommendation:

Species protection. Concerned about allowing development of properties that are unimproved, vacant, and have mature trees and undergrowth. We feel they should be evaluated for threatened species. Builders should be required to relocate these.

Staff Analysis:

NRM Environmental Resources Management (ERM) conducts environmental review of nearly all land development activities on developed and undeveloped properties in unincorporated Brevard County. ERM assesses proposed development for compliance with 10 environmental protection ordinances including wetland, floodplain, aquifer recharge, and surface water protection. Development review includes site plans, subdivisions, and building permits, and other ERM-specific permits (e.g., surface water protection, small scale land clearing, and land alteration).

During these reviews, ERM also assesses for indicators of protected species that may reside in a particular habitat (e.g., Florida scrub jays, gopher tortoises, marine turtles, manatees, and bald eagles). These species are regulated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. However, ERM informs applicants about the potential presence of any protected species and provides contact information for the applicable State or Federal permitting agency.

Main Line: (321) 633-2016

Website: Brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources

Note that the criteria within ERM's ordinances have a secondary effect of species protection through habitat protection. ERM ordinances can be viewed at www.brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025025, as it does not enhance of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2025 11:02 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025025

Recommendation # 2025025

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025025 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Elizabeth Weeks
Address PO Box 236603, Cocoa FL 32923
Phone (321) 978-1687
Email Tweeks74@yahoo.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025025
Recommendation Title Environmental
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem County board allowing development of unimproved properties without environmental review.
Recommendation Species protection Concerned about allowing development of properties that are unimproved, vacant, and have mature trees and undergrowth. We feel they should be evaluated for threatened species. Builders should be required to relocate these species.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Planning & Development Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 114
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Billy Prasad, Director, Planning and Development Department
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025026

CEER #2025026, titled "Stop building apartments!!!!," was received by the County from Diane Maynard.

Citizen Statement:

Overpopulation due to excessive apartment and PUDs without considering roads, green area, wildlife, water usage, parking etc. We are Orlando with all the crime, accidents, etc. Please have consideration for long time residents that care about the lagoon and the environment!

Citizen Recommendation:

Moratorium and low density only. 35% green area only and leave 25% native !!! Stop the renourishment projects. No one should bld that close to environmentally endangered turtles. Put speed bumps on Post..all the way and decrease the speed . College students can't drive.. lots of deaths already by the schools The county will be sued if they don't stop the reckless driving! More police and Sheriffs please...traffic control! South Brevard is just awful now!!! All due to Countyvand City planning smg zoning and lack of rules!!!

Staff Analysis:

In the event of a moratorium, the County could be subject to legal action if applicants are not permitted to develop their properties. Changes to Future Land Use and rezoning require review by the Planning & Zoning Board, Local Planning Agency, and the Board of County Commissioners. Any affected party may submit comments or testify at a public hearing regarding the application at that time. The P&Z Board meets once per month and a list of meetings and available agendas are made public online the County website. For those actions, such as building permits, that happen after the zoning and land use are in place, the process is typically administrative in nature; preventing the exercise of property rights could subject the County to legal action.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners have been working to promote more uniform, county-wide development practices using Low Impact Development (LID). For example, as part of its Comprehensive Plan (the very essence of uniform, county-wide development practices), in February



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2022, Objective 14 - Coastal Development and Redevelopment, was adopted into the Coastal Management Element to address "Peril of Flood." These 13 new policies include language that creates procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions through nature-based design standards and/or Low Impact Development.

With new or improved development, the Traffic Engineering Office administrates programs including street lighting, speed humps, traffic accident data analysis and engineering studies. In addition, Traffic Engineering is included in the review process for all subdivisions, site plans and right-of-way use permits that are submitted to the County.

Brevard County preliminary concurrency applications must be submitted and approved prior to application for site plan, driveway permit, right-of-way permit or pre-application for subdivision. Pursuant to Section 163.3202 (2)(g), Florida Statutes a potable water service capacity reservation certificate verifies potable water is available, sanitary sewer service capacity certificate verifies sanitary sewer service is available, and a solid waste capacity reservation certificate verifies that adequate solid waste capacity is available. In addition, a review is also conducted ensuring roadway capacity. Concurrency reviews, site plans, subdivisions, building permits and zoning actions such as Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) are received in the Planning & Development Department as required for building construction to commence. As part of the application process, parcels are researched individually to ensure the present zoning is consistent with the proposed project. If the scope of the project does not meet the code requirements, applicants are then referred to the appropriate reviewer for further instruction and guidance with how to proceed. Permit applications go through a detailed review under the Code requirements of Building, Land Development, Natural Resources, and Zoning. A permit may additionally be reviewed by Utilities, Fire Prevention, Concurrency, and Address Assignment as applicable to the permit application.

For decades, Brevard County has required native or waterwise landscape plantings, preferred by pollinators, for development. Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 Brevard County Code, Landscaping, Land Clearing, and Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 (4) requires that at least 50 percent of trees, shrubs and groundcovers shall be native species or recommended by "Waterwise Florida Landscapes", 2004, Florida Water Management Districts, as may be amended. These plantings must be maintained in perpetuity pursuant to Section 62-4343 (1).

Brevard County has had a tree ordinance in place since the 1980's. Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 of Brevard County Code is entitled Landscaping, Land Clearing, and Tree Protection (LLTP). The LLTP regulations include canopy preservation and planting requirements that vary depending on the size of the area of alteration and land use. Trees must be preserved or relocated on-site during development to the greatest extent feasible and replacement of protected trees is required if minimum canopy



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thresholds are not met. If specimen trees are removed, they must be replaced regardless of canopy threshold satisfaction. Where adverse site conditions make the removal of a protected or specimen tree necessary and cause the site to fall below the minimum required canopy preservation percentage, an Alternative Landscape Enhancement Plan is required that demonstrates the adverse site conditions and provides a planting plan that exceeds the minimum landscape and canopy standards.

For vacant parcels, land clearing is prohibited without Natural Resources Management review and approval with few exemptions (bona fide agricultural use pursuant to F.S. Ch. 163.3162(4), emergency removal of a dead or seriously damaged tree that poses an immediate threat, removal of nonnative invasive or undesirable plants, etc). For parcels that are already developed, minimum landscaping and canopy preservation requirements must be maintained in perpetuity, after the issuance of certificate of occupancy.

Sand placement through beach nourishment and/or dune restoration is used to maintain Brevard County beaches to support quality of life for Brevard County beachgoers and the beach-based tourism that fuels Brevard's economy. The Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR) completed a study that determined the state's return on investment (ROI) for investing in beach restoration was a positive 5.4 to 1. This is based largely on the tax revenues generated by beach-related tourists. On average, Brevard receives approximately one dollar in State funding for each dollar Brevard spends on beaches. Therefore, Brevard's ROI is likely similar to the state's ROI. Brevard generally funds its portion of beach nourishment projects using the tourism "bed tax" paid by visiting tourists.

Before ongoing beach nourishment efforts in Brevard, Brevard's beaches and dunes were suffering from erosion rather than truly flourishing. Once sand placement began in the early 2000s, Brevard's dunes began to recover and grow through natural processes driven by the placement of added beach-quality sand. All sand placed by Brevard County meets the state standard for beach quality sand and environmental permit requirements. Brevard's beaches might now be described as thriving as a direct result of sand placement.



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Photos above show south Cocoa Beach before and after the initial construction of the North Reach Shore Projection (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2001, the Cocoa Beach shoreline was seriously eroded and much of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. After nourishment of the North Reach, waves could no longer reach the seawalls, and this allowed dunes to develop with wind-blown sand, provided by the project, collecting around native plants.



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Photos above show the Breakers Condominium before and after the initial construction of the **South Reach Shore Projection** (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2002-2003, the South Reach shoreline (including the towns of Indialantic and Melbourne Beach) was seriously eroded and portions of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. At that time, residents of the Breakers were afraid for their building and considering a seawall that could have caused harm to the public beach sea turtle nesting habitat. After the nourishment of the South Reach, the added sand allowed dunes to develop, providing protection and habitat.

Brevard County's current coastal development ordinance ensures that new construction is located behind the primary, and secondary, dunes in the unincorporated County. Buildings that still exist on the dune in unincorporated Brevard are structures built in the 1980's and before, prior to the adoption of coastal development regulations.

Further, Brevard nourishment projects occur outside of primary marine turtle nesting season. Turtle nesting is carefully monitored, as required by permit, before and during sand placement to avoid impacts. As habitat has been protected and restored through nourishment, nesting and hatching have increased.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER # 2025026 with provided clarification as detailed in the staff analysis. As the recommendation pertains to law enforcement



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agencies, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office is not under the Brevard County Board of County Commissioner's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 8:11 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025026

Recommendation # 2025026

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025026 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Diane L Maynard
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Phone (321) 419-8202
Email Dmaynard321@gmail.com
Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025026
Recommendation Title Stop building apartments!!!
Areas Affected All of Brevard
Department Affected
Current problem Overpopulation due to excessive apartment and PUDs without considering roads, green area, wildlife, water usage, parking etc. We are Orlando with all the crime, accidents, etc. Please have consideration for long time residents that care about the lagoon and the environment!
Recommendation Moratorium and low density only. 35% green area only and leave 25% native !!! Stop the renourishment projects. No one should build that close to environmentally endangered turtles. Put speed bumps on Post..all the way and decrease the speed . College students can't drive..lots of deaths already by the schools The county will be sued if they don't stop the reckless driving! More police and Sherriffs please...traffic control! South Brevard is just awful now!!! All due to County and City planning smg zoning and lack of rules!!!
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Parks and Recreation Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Suite 203
Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025027

CEER #2025027, titled "Reduce Golf Prices", was received by the County from Frank Fusco.

Citizen Statement:

"Currently golf prices at subject courses have increased significantly for Brevard county residents. Making them too costly to play for Brevard county residents especially senior citizens."

Citizen Recommendation:

"My recommendation is to reduce prices for Brevard County Residents and increase prices for all other out of county and state Residents. This pricing formula is utilized in most other states and counties. This will allow the tax paying Brevard County Residents especially senior citizens to enjoy their County golf courses. The course rates now in the winter are prohibited for Brevard County Residents and only the out of state and country visitors are enjoying our courses because to them the pricing is cheaper than where they normally play. We pay the taxes they get to play our courses at a reduced rate. Needs to change."

Staff Analysis:

The current management company (Golf Brevard, Inc.) took over in 2018 and is an agency made up of Brevard residents who are intimately involved in golfing. Per their agreements with Brevard County (as approved by the Board of County Commissioners), Golf Brevard has sole discretion regarding the operations of Spessard Holland and Habitat golf courses, including setting the rates for play operations (setting and charging for tee times and memberships, etc.), Pro Shop operations, and food and beverage operations.

Golf Brevard, Inc. has endeavored to balance their need to operate, maintain, improve, and repair the courses with the fees that are charged for play and membership.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025027 as County golf prices are established by Golf Brevard, Inc.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 8:55 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025027

Recommendation # 2025027

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025027 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Phone (631) 335-4895
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Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025027
Recommendation Title Reduce Golf Prices
Areas Affected Brevard County Golf Courses Habitat, Spessard Holl
Department Affected PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Current problem Currently golf prices at subject courses have increased significantly for Brevard county residents. Making them too costly to play for Brevard county residents especially senior citizens.
Recommendation My recommendation is to reduce prices for Brevard County Residents and increase prices for all other out of county and state Residents. This pricing formula is utilized in most other states and counties. This will allow the tax paying Brevard County Residents especially senior citizens to enjoy their County golf courses. The course rates now in the winter are prohibited for Brevard County Residents and only the out of state and country visitors are enjoying our courses because to them the pricing is cheaper than where they normally play. We pay the taxes they get to play our courses at a reduced rate. Needs to change.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025028

CEER #2025028, titled Extend Speak Up Brevard, was received by the County from Tracy M. Fiedler.

Citizen Statement:

The Speak Up Brevard program only accepts suggestions the first month of 2025. There needs to be a way to submit suggestions year long whenever people may have an idea. A majority of people are not even aware the program exists and it needs time to catch hold.

Citizen Recommendation:

Extend Speak Up Brevard to a year long program. Once some suggestions are incorporated and publicized, there will be more interest.

Staff Analysis:

Section 2.9.10 of the County Charter provides for an annual filing date for a citizen or a group of citizens to submit a formal written formal recommendation for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government to the County Commission. Under BCC-95, the filing date for submission date is Jan. 1 through Jan. 31.

In July 2022, the Brevard County Charter Commission considered citizen requests to extend the Speak Up Brevard campaign from once a year to twice a year. That measure was voted down.

As in past years, staff will continue to publicize how citizens can submit CEER recommendations under the e-Government tab for the month of January. Additionally, staff will continue to feature other ways citizens can provide feedback and recommendations throughout the year to the Board, including:

- Online Feedback: Visit www.brevardfl.gov under the e-Government tab to share input on the County budget, transit services, and other topics, or to provide feedback on Parks and Preserves, Public Safety, the Sheriff's Office, and more.



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- **Public Comments:** Attend Board of County Commissioners meetings to voice concerns or ideas directly during non-agenda public comments.
- **Connect with Commissioners:** Contact the District Commission office to discuss specific issues or propose potential agenda items.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025028 as solutions to the issues raised are already in place and there are already additional ways to bring issues to the County and Board's attention throughout the year.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025028

Recommendation # 2025028

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025028 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

Name Tracy M Fiedler
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Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025028
Recommendation Title Extend Speak Up Brevard
Areas Affected Speak Up Brevard
Department Affected
Current problem The Speak Up Brevard program only accepts suggestions the first month of 2025. There needs to be a way to submit suggestions year long whenever people may have an idea. A majority of people are not even aware the program exists and it needs time to catch hold.
Recommendation Extend Speak Up Brevard to a year long program. Once some suggestions are incorporated and publicized, there will be more interest.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025029

CEER #2025029, titled Approval of Consent Agenda, was received by the County from William Hodge.

Citizen Statement:

Items listed on the consent agenda are voted as one block and commissioners can only say no to certain items. This does not provide a chance for meaningful discussion by the commissioners or the public.

Citizen Recommendation:

county commissioners should be able to pull items off the consent agenda and then allow discussion of the pulled item by the commissioners and the public. Then it can be voted as a separate item. Just saying no on some items does not allow any discussion on that item. This is the procedure followed by Cape Canaveral Council

Staff Analysis:

Board Policy (BCC-97) specifically addresses Consent Agenda Items as follows:

Agenda

1. The rules governing the preparation, addition to and omissions from the agenda for any regular or special meeting shall be those established by Board of County Commissioners, Agenda Report Procedure Administrative Order Number A0-23, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Chair of the Board shall have the authority to move agenda items in order to expedite the progression of a meeting, or to schedule items for a time certain.
3. The Board may approve, by single motion and a majority vote, all items included on a consent agenda. Any item removed from the consent agenda must be approved by separate motion and majority vote. Items may be removed from the consent agenda for full discussion. Removal of a consent agenda item may be requested at the Board meeting by any Board member, the County Manager, the County Attorney, or an



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individual filling a card seeking to speak on a specific matter at any time prior to the approval of the entire consent agenda. County Commissioners, the County Manager, and the County Attorney should make an effort, if possible, to communicate the intent to remove an item from the consent agenda before 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting at which the item is to be considered. Those items removed from the consent agenda shall be addressed after approval of the consent agenda. Members of the public can fill out pink speaker cards to address items on the agenda or to bring up non-agenda-related items before the Board. There are two public comment periods during Board meetings.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025029 because rules governing preparation, addition to, or omissions from Board agendas are established by BOCC policy (BCC-97).

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025029

Recommendation # 2025029

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025029 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025029
Recommendation Title	approval of consent agenda
Areas Affected	county commissioners
Department Affected	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Current problem	items listed on the consent agenda are voted as one block and commissioners can only say no to certain items . this does not provide a chance for meaningful discussion by the commissioners or the public.
Recommendation	county commissioners should be able to pull items off the consent agenda and then allow discussion of the pulled item by the commissioners and the public . then it can be voted as a separate item . Just saying no on some items does not allow any discussion on that item. this is the procedure followed by cape canaveral council
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
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Interoffice Memo

To: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Thomas J. Mulligan, Solid Waste Management Department Director *tm*
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025030

CEER #2025030, titled Stop Polluting Our Air, was received by the County from Terry A. LaPlante.

Citizen Statement:

For the last year or two I have been assaulted with the smell of Febreeze or a similar non-organic air freshener. I thought it was my neighbor doing his laundry and that he was using a scent product in his dryer that was blowing out into my yard. Over and over I was driven back into my home in order to breath (sic). The day came to when he was away on vacation and I realized the smell wasn't coming from his house. My other neighbors did not appear to be home. I started asking around about the smell and was told that this fragrance was being released into the air to cover up the smell of the landfill on Sarno Road. I live off of Post Road. I was told that it was someone living near the landfill that had demanded something be done about the smell. I object to this practice. To me anyone who buys property near a land fill has reason to expect a smell and has no right to demand the air be polluted for the whole city. I urge you to stop this practice. These air fresheners have strong links to a number of health issues which I would be happy to provide you more information on. Thank you for taking this issue under consideration and hopefully bringing it up for public discussion if necessary.

Citizen Recommendation:

Stop the practice of using scents to cover up smells coming from the land fill. This will keep the people living in the affected area from experiencing a wide range of health issues. This will save the county money by not using this product. This will prevent further pollution of our land and water and eliminate the unattended (sic) consequences of taking such an action without the consent of the public. This puts the welfare of the people ahead of the interest of one or perhaps a few people.

Staff Analysis:

The Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department processes both Class I and Class III waste at the 3379 Sarno Road, Melbourne facility.

Class III waste collected from the south portion of Brevard County is disposed of in the Sarno Road Landfill. Class III waste includes non-hazardous material generally considered not to be water soluble, including, but not limited to steel, concrete, glass, brick, asphalt roofing material, or lumber. As such, Class III waste does not pose a risk of emitting noxious or offensive gas or odors to surrounding properties.

Class I waste collected from the south portion of Brevard County is tipped in the Sarno Road Transfer Station for transport and disposal at the Central Disposal Facility Class I landfill located at 2250 Adamson Road, Cocoa. Class I waste includes Class III waste plus animal, fruit, or vegetable matter that attends the manufacture, preparation, use, cooking and dealing in, or storage of edibles, and any other matter, of any nature whatsoever, which is subject to decay, putrefaction and the generation of noxious or offensive gasses or odors, or which, during or after decay, may serve as breeding or feeding material for flies or other germ-carrying vectors. Because of the propensity for Class I waste to generate noxious and offensive odors, control of objectionable odors at the transfer station is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Indoor Waste Processing Facility permit. The use of a misting odor control system is the industry standard for transfer stations across the United States. The odor-control misting system employed at the Sarno Road Transfer Station utilizes an odor neutralizing concentrate diluted in water that is then pumped into mister arrays along the ceiling of the transfer station tipping floor. The mist mixes with and neutralizes the odors from the Class I waste. The product utilized is Cherry-O Deodorant. According to the Safety Data Sheet it does not contain any substances considered hazardous to health.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizens Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation CEER #2025030, as the use of odor-control equipment while operating the Sarno Road Transfer Station is required by the FDEP and failure to do so will result in permit violations and fines.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 7:33 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025030

Recommendation # 2025030

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025030 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Alternate Email tlaplante2012@gmail.com

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025030
Recommendation Title Stop polluting our air
Areas Affected 32935
Department Affected SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
Current problem For the last year or two I have been assaulted with the smell of Febreze or a similar non-organic air freshener. I thought it was my neighbor doing his laundry and that he was using a scent product in his dryer that was blowing out into my yard. Over and over I was driven back into my home in order to breath. The day came to when he was away on vacation and I realized the smell wasn't coming from his house. My other neighbors did not appear to be home. I started asking around about the smell and was told that this fragrance was being released into the air to cover up the smell of the landfill on Sarno Road. I live off of Post Road. I was told that it was someone living near the landfill that had demanded something be done about the smell. I object to this practice. To me anyone who buys property near a land fill has reason to expect a smell and has no right to demand the air be polluted for the whole city. I urge you to stop this practice. These air fresheners have strong links to a number of health issues which I would be happy to provide you more information on. Thank you for taking this issue under consideration and hopefully bringing it up for public discussion if necessary.

Recommendation

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Attachments

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Public Works Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 201
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Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025031

CEER #2025031, titled Road Maintenance, was received by the County from Sharon Sander.

Citizen Statement:

Areas Affected: Barnes Blvd between Murrell Rd and US1

The bike lanes on both sides of Barnes Blvd East of Murrell and West of Hwy 1 are over-grown with grass and don't give cyclist enough room to safely travel. This is a main throughfare for cyclists to get to the Indian River. There is about a mile of road that is affected.

Citizen Recommendation:

The grass needs to be removed off the bike lane so that cyclists can safely ride.

Staff Analysis: Public Works – Road and Bridge

This is a standard service request. Service request SR#7771438589 was created in Public Works iWorQ system on January 21, 2025. The necessary repair was made on February 12, 2025. Additionally, it should be noted that this is a road shoulder, not a designated bike lane as there is insufficient right-of-way and funding to create one in this area.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025031 because staff promptly responded to the service request and addressed the issue.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 10:27 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025031

Recommendation # 2025031

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025031 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization	Bicycle Rider
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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025031
Recommendation Title	Road Maintenace
Areas Affected	Barnes Blvd (East of Murrell)
Department Affected	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Current problem	The bike lanes on both sides of Barnes Blvd East of Murrell and West of Hwy 1 are over-grown with grass and don't give cyclist enough room to safely travel. This is a main throughfare for cyclists to get to the Indian River. There is about a mile of road that is affected.
Recommendation	The grass needs to be removed off the bike lane so that cyclists can safely ride.
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Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Virginia Barker, Director, Natural Resources Management Dept.

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025032

CEER #2025032, titled Recommendation for future environmental practices to save our unique area, was received by the County from Christine Bamberger.

Citizen Statement:

*Embrace and renew the SOIRL program that is due to run out in 2026. It is imperative to continue programs that work to clean and maintain the IRL and this program has been successful in starting the ongoing need to continue this program. *Sewage treatment plant expansion- rapid real estate development to keep in check the ever present need to accommodate Brevard County development for spillage during hurricane storm season and flooding. We also need to update septic systems that no longer is adequate. *Expand use of Florida native plants to accommodate pollinators that feed on these species to ensure our own food supply is bountiful for own use. *Right to clean water- ensuring future generations have a clean water supply to enjoy recreationally and for optime health. *Train Safety- monitor the taffic systems in place to keep cars safe from high speed trains recently built for life saving procedures.

Citizen Recommendation:

The above suggestions and areas are prolonging the health and safety of our local population as well as keeping all tourists safe and healthy during their stay. Most residents approve of measures that keep this local environment in the same condition as when we all were first introduced to the area. We would hope these areas be funded so future generations and visitors can enjoy the same environment now and in the future. The health and cleanness of the IRL is critical to keeping species that thrive here able to do so in the future. If we keep the IRL clean it only means that Brevard county continues to attract visitors and businesses to locate here... resulting in the high standard of land value we all now enjoy presently. Isn't that what we all want?

Main Line: (321) 633-2016

Website: Brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources

Staff Analysis:

In 2016, the County Commission adopted Ordinance 2016-15 creating the Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program, adopted the original Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan, and Brevard's citizens voted to tax themselves to fund the projects in the plan to restore clean water and health to the Indian River Lagoon. The SOIRL Program has completed 100 community projects, manages more than 100 additional community projects in design, permitting, contracting or construction, and has completed nearly 2,000 individual homeowner projects. The completed projects have reduced nitrogen pollution by over 800,000 pounds. Water quality is improving; harmful algal blooms are less frequent and less intense; and seagrass is beginning to recover.

Since the tax began, SOIRL has funded the upgrade of wastewater treatment plants, repaired leaking sewer lines, converted homes on septic to either central sewer or advanced septic; constructed stormwater treatments, removed muck from the floor of the lagoon, and restored vital, pollution-filtering ecosystems including oyster bars, clam beds, seagrass and native plant shoreline buffer zones. Cumulatively, these projects are making a difference, but there is still far too much pollution reaching the lagoon.

The SOIRL tax expires on December 31, 2026. The program will continue a number of years beyond 2026 to complete the funded projects. As more people move to Brevard and add more pollution, those impacts will need to be offset. The SOIRL Project Plan analyzed thousands of potential pollution reduction projects and allocates \$585 million to fund 428 carefully selected projects that provide maximum water quality benefits per dollar invested. Projects that were evaluated but not funded are listed in Appendix D of the Project Plan. Appendix D includes 1777 unfunded projects totaling \$2.5 billion in cost. These projects are sorted by type and cost-effectiveness per pound of pollution reduction benefit. Due to inflation and the most cost-effective projects being completed first, the incremental cost per pound of future pollution reduction projects will continue to rise.

Renewal of the discretionary Save Our Indian River Lagoon Half-Cent Sales Surtax would require the County Commission to approve placing renewal on a ballot and adopt an ordinance specifying the rate, duration and uses for the tax. After ordinance adoption, the referendum must be approved by the voters in a County-wide general election. Otherwise, the tax will sunset December 31, 2026 and the SOIRL Program will conclude a few years later when the SOIRL-funded projects are complete.

For decades, Brevard County has required native or waterwise landscape plantings, preferred by pollinators, for development. Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 Brevard County Code, Landscaping, Land Clearing, and Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 (4) requires that at least 50 percent of trees, shrubs and groundcovers shall be native species or recommended by "Waterwise Florida Landscapes", 2004, Florida Water

Management Districts, as may be amended. These plantings must be maintained in perpetuity pursuant to Section 62-4343 (1).

Regarding the right to clean water, the Safe Drinking Water Act sets maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for pollutants like lead, arsenic, nitrates, and bacteria. The Act requires treatment methods to remove these harmful contaminants, however some chemicals, including emerging contaminants, are not yet fully regulated under the Act. Public water systems must regularly test and report water quality. Public drinking water providers must issue an Annual Report to customers which summarizes water quality and compliance issues that occurred during the previous year. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state agencies can take enforcement actions against water systems that fail to meet standards.

Rail safety, operations, and monitoring do not fall under the County's jurisdiction. Rather, it exclusively falls under the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The County is aware that there is an active safety evaluation project underway regarding the preemption systems between trains and traffic, but the County is not involved directly in the project or the review process. Separately, the County is working through the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization. They conducted an evaluation of all highspeed crossings in Brevard and provided match for a Federal Grant to perform recommended safety improvements identified at Michigan Avenue, Dixon Boulevard, and Holly Street. However, the County's role is limited to funding because the rail system predates the county roads that traverse them. Brightline, under the cognizance of FEC, is responsible for all technical decisions, designing, as well as constructing the improvements. Lastly, FEC submits which County crossings they intend to repair or reconstruct each year. The County is obligated to fund the identified improvements but plays no direct role or oversight in the work.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025032 as it does not enhance the effectiveness or efficiency of County government as required by Section 2.9.10 of the Brevard County Home Rule Charter.

Water quality and safe drinking water standards are established by the federal government and enforced by the US EPA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Any of the policy adjustments in the recommendation require legislative action and may be considered by the Board of County Commissioners after properly noticed hearings.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:14 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025032

Recommendation # 2025032

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025032 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025032
Recommendation Title	Recommendation for future environmental practices to save our unique area
Areas Affected	SOIRL, Indian River Lagoon
Department Affected	STATE - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Current problem	*Embrace and renew the SOIRL program that is due to run out in 2026. It is imperative to continue programs that work to clean and maintain the IRL and this program has been successful in starting the ongoing need to continue this program. *Sewage treatment plant expansion- rapid real estate development to keep in check the ever present need to accommodate Brevard County development for spillage during hurricane storm season and flooding. We also need to update septic systems that no longer is adequate. *Expand use of Florida native plants to accommodate pollinators that feed on these species to ensure our own food supply is bountiful for own use. *Right to clean water- ensuring future generations have a clean water supply to enjoy recreationally and for optime health. *Train Safety- monitor the taffic systems in place to keep cars safe from high speed trains recently built for life saving procedures.
Recommendation	The above suggestions and areas are prolonging the health and safety of our local population as well as keeping all tourists safe and healthy during their stay. Most residents approve of measures that keep this local environment in the same condition as when we all were first introduced to the area. We would hope these areas be

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Attachments

No Documents were attached.

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Communications/SCGTV Office

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Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025033

CEER #2025033 was received by the County from Jason M Zahner.

Citizen Statement:

inclement weather - missed hearing - put my money at sccu - quit playing games - was told by Rachel that she would take as long as possible to get me my money from house sale - false arrest - state dropped charges - at river palm hotel, Melbourne - awiting you call :)

Citizen Recommendation:

say hey to racehl and jusdge Harrell - inclement weather stopped proceedings - have wayne come get me :)

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to Brevard County Clerk of Court Office and to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/2025.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025033 as the County Manager administratively rejected this recommendation because the Brevard County Clerk of Court and Brevard County Sheriff's Office are not under Brevard County Board of County Commissioners' jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025033

Recommendation # 2025033

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025033 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025033
Recommendation Title	missed hearing
Areas Affected	brevard
Department Affected	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Current problem	inclement weather - missed hearing - put my money at sccu - quit playing games - was told by Rachel that she would take as long as possible to get me my money from house sale - false arrest - state dropped charges - at river palm hotel, Melbourne - awiting you call :)
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Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Brevard County Library Services
308 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32922
(321) 633-1801

TO: James Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Wendi Bost, Library Services Director *WBS*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025034

CEER #2025034, titled Reconsideration of County Staff Support to Municipal Advisory Boards, was received by the County from Lori H Alvord.

Citizen Statement:

In May 2022, the Brevard County Board of Commissioners passed a measure that ended Brevard County staff interaction with non-mandatory, advisory boards. This measure ended the long-standing participation of Satellite Beach Public Library staff in the bi-monthly meetings of the Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board.) This injunction applies to all library branches and their interaction with city advisory boards. The County Attorney also decided it applied to county advisory boards – i.e., staff from libraries falling under the Brevard South-Central Library Advisory Board cannot interact with the board or its members.) An advisory board that cannot interact with the entity it has been appointed to support fails to advance our civic society and democracy.

The County Commissioners undertook a review of non-mandatory, advisory boards as many had been dormant during the COVID pandemic. The Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board has, however, been meeting regularly since its establishment under the Satellite Beach City Code, Chapter 10, as amended by Ordinance 908, and as approved by the Satellite Beach City Council on June 15, 2005. Until the change, the board served as a sounding board for Satellite Beach Public Library staff and offered new ideas for programming based on our interaction with and outreach to our community.

The review also sought to reduce costs. The Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board is a completely voluntary board that receives no public funding. It also requires very little time of Satellite Beach Public Library staff – approximately 6-12 hours of time of the Library Director per annum. The board meets every other month in the library community room and during regular library hours – requiring no commuting nor overtime on the part of library staff. Time covers preparation for the meeting, participation in the meeting, and limited follow-up.

Citizen Recommendation:

Recommendation: Repeal the injunction preventing county staff from participating in non-mandatory municipal boards in their official capacities. Reasonable limits to costs and staff time could apply, such as no more than two hours for every scheduled hour of meeting.

As a member of the Satellite Beach Library Advisory board since December 2021, I believe our board has previously added value to our library, city, and county at the very minimal cost of a few hours' time from the Brevard County library staff. This time would also seem to be part of the normal community outreach and communication duties of the Library Director. The current situation has had a negative impact on the Satellite Beach Public Library's connection to the public without commensurate savings. The Satellite Beach Public Library is funded by the taxpayers of Brevard County, which include all members of our advisory board. Municipal boards allow the citizens of smaller communities – such as Satellite Beach and Indian Harbour Beach, whom we also represent – to provide feedback from the public, input into programming, and share information back to our community.

Staff Analysis:

In May 2022, the Board of County Commissioners consolidated the various Library Boards with a final configuration of three Boards: (1) the County Library System Advisory Board, (2) the North Brevard Library Advisory Board, and (3) the South/Central Brevard Public Library Advisory Board. The two regional Library Boards were consolidated to increase efficiency and facilitate communication by combining seven individual Library Boards into two regional Boards. The three Boards have a combined 29 members.

In addition to the three Library Advisory Boards, there are 11 Friends of the Library groups, all volunteer-operated at 11 libraries, that provide feedback to the libraries and contribute over \$150,000 to them.

The Satellite Beach Library Board is a City of Satellite Beach operated Library Board outside the current structure of the three County Library Advisory Boards. All municipalities have elected to dissolve their boards. There is one member from the City of Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board on the South/Central Public Library Advisory Board.

With the two regional advisory boards and the system board, the Library Services Department Director and other Administration staff have been able to attend all Library Boards, which was impossible under the previous structure of Library Advisory Boards. The current advisory board structure has allowed the Boards to learn about the library as a system and are provided with

current information, facts, and data. At all meetings, suggestions and feedback are welcome from the public and Board Members.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025034 as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County Government as the City of Satellite Beach Library Board is operated separately by the City and the public can provide input at any County Library Advisory Board or speak with Library Services Staff.

c.c. Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025034

Recommendation # 2025034

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025034 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025034

Recommendation Title Reconsideration of County Staff Support to Municipal Advisory Boards

Areas Affected Non-mandatory Municipal Boards

Department Affected LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Current problem In May 2022, the Brevard County Board of Commissioners passed a measure that ended Brevard County staff interaction with non-mandatory, advisory boards. This measure ended the long-standing participation of Satellite Beach Public Library staff in the bi-monthly meetings of the Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board. (This injunction applies to all library branches and their interaction with city advisory boards. The County Attorney also decided it applied to county advisory boards--i.e., staff from libraries falling under the Brevard South-Central Library Advisory Board cannot interact with the board or its members.) An advisory board that cannot interact with the entity it has been appointed to support fails to advance our civic society and democracy. The County Commissioners undertook a review of non-mandatory, advisory boards as many had been dormant during the COVID pandemic. The Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board has, however, been meeting regularly since its establishment under the Satellite Beach City Code, Chapter 10, as amended by Ordinance 908, and as approved by the Satellite Beach City Council on June 15, 2005. Until the change, the board served as a sounding board for Satellite Beach Public Library staff and offered new ideas for programing based on our interaction with

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Recommendation

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Attachments

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Planning & Development Department

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Building A, Room 114
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Billy Prasad, Director, Planning and Development Department
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025035

CEER #2025035, titled "Proactive not reactive," was received by the County from Debra Brouillette.

Citizen Statement:

My idea would be to have code enforcement change policy on complaints. Please bring back anonymous reporting of concerns throughout Brevard County. Most issues go unreported due to people most people being afraid. Also would be a great asset if while out in the community if something is seen and addressed. This would make our community a much safer and more welcoming to the citizens and visitors.

Citizen Recommendation:

Proactive on issues would make a difference for everyone in our county.

Staff Analysis:

Complaints are received in Planning & Development for contractor and code enforcement violations. A change to state law in 2021 requires a person to provide their name and address when submitting a complaint (Florida Statute Section 162.06(1)(a)(b)). Prior to the enactment of this statutory mandate, County Code allowed Commissioners to determine whether anonymous complaints should be permitted in their districts. In 2010, for example, anonymous complaints were permitted in Districts 1 & 2.

However, if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources; in only those cases can complaints be made anonymously. Further, citizens may call in a complaint anonymously if they suspect unlicensed or unpermitted activity if they have the correct address or location where regulated activity is taking place. (Florida Statute Section 489.131(7)(f)(1)) Staff will continue to inform the public by phone, email, and online instruction on the following operating procedures:

- In the event of a Contractor Licensing complaint, the enforcement officer can investigate an active job site, review the system database for permit requirements, and verify any corresponding licensing requirements per the scope of work conducted. Complaints filed regarding a regulated construction trade or service in the unincorporated areas of the County, or a municipality where there is an interlocal agreement can be filed proactively by the enforcement officer, or reactive as filed by a complainant. In such cases, a notice of violation and citations can be issued to the violator(s).



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- In the event of a Code Enforcement complaint, the County primarily responds to complaints from citizens. Anonymous complaints are not allowed per State Statute unless the issue is a health-safety issue such as an unsecure swimming pool or structure that has been severely damaged. In which case, the enforcement officers can also investigate proactively. The Enforcement Process is regulated by Florida State Statute Chapter 162.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER # 2025035 as Florida law prohibits the County from accepting anonymous complaints with exceptions outlined in the staff analysis.

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:30 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025035

Recommendation # 2025035

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025035 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025035
Recommendation Title Proactive not reactive
Areas Affected Brevard County
Department Affected GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Current problem My idea would be to have code enforcement change policy on complaints. Please bring back anonymous reporting of concerns throughout Brevard County. Most issues go unreported due to people most people being afraid. Also would be a great asset if while out in the community if something is seen and addressed. This would make our community a much safer and more welcoming to the citizens and visitors.
Recommendation Proactive on issues would make a difference for everyone in our county.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Attorney's Office
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Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager; Morris Richardson, County Attorney
FROM: Marc Bernath, Public Works Director
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025036

CEER #2025036, titled Mowing over trash, was received by the County from Suzanne J. Taylor.

Citizen Statement:

The amount of trash in our county is appalling. Worse still, both private persons and county employees just run over trash while mowing, chopping the trash into tinier, harder to remove, bits. Even when the trash is large, I've observed people just running over it with their mower.

Citizen Recommendation:

Pass a county ordinance fining people, or punishing county employees, who run over trash with a mower rather than picking it up. Eventually all trash ends up in our waters. It is impossible to get the small bits of trash out of our environment. However, if it is picked up and thrown away rather than just run over with mowers, the county will be cleaner and its residents (plant, animal and human) safer.

Staff Analysis:

Both the Brevard County Code of Ordinances and Florida Statutes prohibit littering and the improper disposal of waste. Section 403.413, Florida Statutes, known as the *Florida Litter Law* prohibits the dumping of litter along any public land, street and right-of-way. Depending on the quantity of litter being dumped, the penalties range from a noncriminal infraction punishable by a civil penalty, up to a third-degree felony. Brevard County has incorporated the entirety of the Florida Litter Law into Section 94-182 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances. In addition to this, Brevard County has adopted a prohibition on littering and the unlawful conveyance of waste from a vehicle due to improperly secured materials or debris in Sections 94-183 and 94-184 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances.

Brevard County does not currently have an ordinance specifically requiring the removal of litter prior to mowing or prohibiting the mowing of litter that has been deposited along roadways. An ordinance may be adopted requiring the removal of all litter prior to mowing. Such an ordinance

may have enforcement issues based upon the short and sporadic nature of mowing. These issues would include whether a person knowingly mowed over litter on their property, who was responsible for the mowing, and the difficult ability of curing the violation after the fact.

Brevard County Public Works performs a large majority of the right-of-way mowing for the County but does contract with private companies to mow certain roadways and County property. These contracts require the contractor to remove any litter prior to mowing and specifically prohibit the mowing of trash and debris. Should the County observe or receive complaints that a contractor is not performing in accordance with this provision, the County may take action to enforce compliance.

CEER #2020012 submitted in 2020 addressed similar concerns of the current CEER. A copy of the Staff response to CEER #2020012 and minutes adopting the request are attached as Exhibit A. In response to CEER#2020012 County staff worked with Keep Brevard Beautiful to use volunteers to implement litter pick-ups prior to mowing. Due to the lack of volunteers and the frequency and large geographic range of County mowing, this program has proved unsuccessful.

Brevard County Public Works has identified five options should the Board of County Commissioners require the removal of all litter and debris prior to County mowing. These options, and their estimated costs for Fiscal Year 2025-26 are as follows:

Option 1. Utilize Current Staff

Approximately seventeen employees are required to conduct mowing across the County without litter pickup. Currently the department only has eleven County employees performing these duties. Due to this shortage of employees needed to perform mowing operations as is, staff determined this was not viable. Discipling staff for mowing over litter that may be present is not recommended as this requirement would make it impossible for staff to keep current maintenance schedules and standards.

Option 2. Increase Staff and Equipment

Public Works estimates that an additional seventeen employees will be required to perform the litter removal prior to each mowing operation. Additional vehicles and utility trailers will be required in order haul the litter removed to the appropriate solid waste disposal site. This increase in the number of vehicles and the number of trips transporting collected litter will increase maintenance costs. It is estimated that the additional cost for the first year will total approximately \$2,433,947. This total includes \$1,012,000 for the initial purchase of pickup trucks, utility vehicles and utility trailers, and \$1,419,947 in new labor costs, fuel, insurance, maintenance, repairs, taxes, depreciation of the vehicles and replacement costs. As there is currently a shortage of employees performing mowing, there is some concern that these positions may not be filled at the standard starting hourly rate of \$16.52 plus benefits. The upfront and recurring costs of this option exceed the cost of Option 5.

Option 3. Increase Utilization of Inmates

Currently the Sheriff's Office provides inmate labor for mowing of County facilities but has not provided labor for right-of-way mowing since 2020. The County would also be required to provide

all equipment and fund the recurring non-labor charges. Staff determined this was not a viable option.

Option 4. Create a Litter Control Program

The County has been unsuccessful in partnering with non-profit organizations to remove all litter prior to mowing. Staff has determined this is not a viable option due to the lack of volunteers with the organization and the daily coordination needed between the County and the organizations.

Option 5. Increase Outsourcing through Private Contracts

Currently, approximately \$300,000 is spent annually on outsourcing mowing operations to private contractors for certain roads in County Commission Districts 1,2,4, and 5. These mowing operations include the requirement that the contractor removes all litter prior to mowing. Public Works staff estimates contracting out all mowing operations in the County would cost approximately \$1,500,000 year. Based on a standard two month mowing schedule, this option would increase the frequency of mowing from the current standard. Employees who currently focus on mowing operations will likely be directed to vertical mowing and ditch maintenance. This would increase ditch maintenance from approximately once per year to twice per year.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025036 as it does not enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of County government as required by Section 2.9.10 of the Brevard County Home Rule Charter and would require new or additional annually recurring costs as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025036

Recommendation # 2025036

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025036 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025036
Recommendation Title	Mowing over trash
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	COUNTY ATTORNEY
Current problem	The amount of trash in our county is appalling. Worse still, both private persons and county employees just run over trash while mowing, chopping the trash into tinier, harder to remove, bits. Even when the trash is large, I've observed people just running over it with their mower.
Recommendation	Pass a county ordinance fining people, or punishing county employees, who run over trash with a mower rather than picking it up. Eventually all trash ends up in our waters. It is impossible to get the small bits of trash out of our environment. However, if it is picked up and thrown away rather than just run over with mowers, the county will be cleaner and its residents (plant, animal and human) safer.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025037

CEER #2025037, titled Adopt Low Impact Development (LID) Practices to Protect the Indian River Lagoon, was received by the County from Ms. Jessica Paskert.

Citizen Statement:

Polluted stormwater runoff is a significant issue for Brevard County's waterways, particularly the Indian River Lagoon. Runoff carries excess nutrients, sediments, and toxins into the lagoon, leading to algal blooms, habitat loss, and declining water quality. These challenges are exacerbated by increased development, impervious surfaces, and insufficient stormwater management practices.

Citizen Recommendation:

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CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:38 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025037

Recommendation # 2025037

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025037
Recommendation Title Adopt Low Impact Development (LID) Practices to Protect the Indian River Lagoon
Areas Affected
Department Affected
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025038

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Recommendation Information:

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Areas Affected IRL (is the victim) Brevard is the beneficiary
Department Affected DEVELOPMENTAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

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Recommendation Information:

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Virginia Barker, Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. 

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025040

CEER #2025040, titled Low Impact Development (IDL), was received by the County from Carl Winebarger.

Citizen Statement:

Conradina Native Plant Society supports the Brevard Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Coalition to install Advanced Treatment On-Sites septic tank systems and state of the art sewage systems that will help reduce pollution. State funding of these programs would be an excellent way to help protect the Indian River Lagoon and all of Florida waterways.

Citizen Recommendation:

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Staff Analysis:

In 2020, the Florida Legislature enacted the Clean Waterways Act to impose stricter requirements for wastewater treatment plants and septic systems operating within the Indian River Lagoon watershed. The Florida Legislature enacted House Bill (HB) 1379 in 2023 and HB 1557 in 2024 to further address sewage-related water quality issues in the Indian River Lagoon watershed. Key requirements include:

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Staff Recommended Action:

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CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025040

Recommendation # 2025040

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025040 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025040
Recommendation Title	Low Impact Development (IDL)
Areas Affected	All of Brevard county and the state of Florida
Department Affected	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Current problem	Conradina Native Plant Society supports the Brevard Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Coalition to install Advanced Treatment On-Sites septic tank systems and state of the art sewage systems that will help reduce pollution. State funding of these programs would be an excellent way to help protect the Indian River Lagoon and all of Florida waterways.
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Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept.

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025041

CEER #2025041, titled Native Plants, Trees, LID, and Unnecessary Chemicals in Our Communities, was received by the County from Ms. Anastasia Doshna.

Citizen Statement:

Brevard county is being overdeveloped by poor building practices. This results in communities flooding and decimation of our ecosystem. Communities are being poisoned by unnecessary pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, and fungicides resulting in contamination to our water, air, and soil making us sick.

Citizen Recommendation:

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Staff Analysis:

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Landscape Contractor Requirements

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Pesticide Applicator Trainings and Continuing Education

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Fertilizer Applicator Training and Continuing Education

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Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Certified Professional

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Recommendation Information:

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FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

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Recommendation Information:

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Areas Affected	Brevard County
Department Affected	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
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Recommendation	Everyone benefits from Low Impact Development! Developers -Reduces land clearing and grading costs -Reduces infrastructure costs (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retention ponds) -Reduces rain water management costs -May increase lot yield and may reduce impact fees -Increases lot and community marketability Municipalities - Reduces infrastructure and utility maintenance costs -Improves residents' quality of life -Balances growth with the need to protect the Indian River Lagoon and the aquifer Residents -Preserves/protects recreation opportunities of natural areas and habitats (IRL) -Improves aesthetics of home and area for livability and re-sale -Provides habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees -Reduces utility costs Environment -Improves water quality -Preserves the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems - Ensures the future health of the Lagoon by preventing additional pollution -Increases

carbon and nutrient absorption and improves soil health -Preserves tree canopy and natural areas -Provides aquifer recharge

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Parks and Recreation Department
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Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025043

CEER #2025043, titled "USCG approved Lifesaving Ring requirement for water swimming areas", was received by the County from Michael Rogers.

Citizen Statement:

"Open water drownings risk at Brevard County open water swimming areas including beaches, lakes, rivers. Minimum level safety equipment is not currently required at open water swimming areas at which locations the public is invited to take place in swimming and water related activities."

Citizen Recommendation:

"Brevard County public and private swimming pools where patrons are invited to come and partake in swimming and other water related activities are required by the Brevard County Health Department to provide and maintain a USCG (or other) Approved Lifesaving Ring. The open water swimming environment is arguably much more dangerous than a swimming pool environment yet a throwable lifesaving device is not required by the County at these areas. The lack of a throwable lifesaving device at these open water swimming locations also increases the chances for a catastrophic double or triple drowning event as patrons (i.e. parent, grandparent, etc.) will often choose to enter the water to save their child or other loved one given no other option. The lifesaving ring is a much safer option as the person throwing the ring is on the beach or bank."

Staff Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) does not operate or manage open swimming environments including beaches. PRD's jurisdiction over beachside parks and crossovers ends at the dune line away from where the location of a lifesaving device would be useful. Public Safety, Fire Rescue staffs eleven lifeguard towers at unincorporated and city contracted beach locations, which have approved lifesaving rings as part of their equipment. Additionally, the Drown Zero program maintains 26 approved lifesaving ring stations at unincorporated beach access points across the County, which are unmanned.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025043 as it does not provide for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as described in the staff analysis.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025043

Recommendation # 2025043

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025043 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025043
Recommendation Title	USCG Approved Lifesaving Ring Requirement For Open Water Swimming Areas
Areas Affected	Public Safety, Public Health, Parks & Recreation
Department Affected	PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP
Current problem	Open water drownings risk at Brevard County open water swimming areas including beaches, lakes, rivers. Minimum level safety equipment is not currently required at open water swimming areas at which locations the public is invited to take place in swimming and water related activities.
Recommendation	Brevard County public and private swimming pools where patrons are invited to come and partake in swimming and other water related activities are required by the Brevard County Health Department to provide and maintain a USCG (or other) Approved Lifesaving Ring. The open water swimming environment is arguably much more dangerous than a swimming pool environment yet a throwable lifesaving device is not required by the County at these areas. The lack of a throwable lifesaving device at these open water swimming locations also increases the chances for a catastrophic double or triple drowning event as patrons (i.e. parent, grandparent, etc.) will often choose to enter the water to save their child or other loved one given no other option. The lifesaving ring is a much safer option as the person throwing the ring is on the beach or bank.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025044

CEER #2025044, titled Summit meetings between Commissioners and City Leaders, was received by the County from Heather A Elko.

Citizen Statement:

In recent years the relationship between the County and our cities has deteriorated into becoming adversarial. Issues do come up that would benefit from wise leaders (the leaders themselves, not their staffs) sitting down together. BACKGROUND EXAMPLES: 1. The Malabar Scrub melt-down was one, where the issue seemed to be hijacked by hotheads on both sides, when a reasonable joint meeting of multiple Commissioners and City leaders could have been more professional and effective. 2. The funding of lifeguards situation is similar to the Malabar issue. This one resulted in sword-rattling and combative talk. Citizens learned about it in social media and news sources, which resulted in their being concerned and upset at an unknown future.

Citizen Recommendation:

The County should reach out to Cities on issues that require joint cooperation and set up a summit meeting on an as-needed basis, involving the cities that the issue affects. 1. I suggest the actual elected Commissioners and City leaders (not just staff representatives) attend this/these meetings, which would include an agreed-upon agenda, coffee and snacks, and lunch if the meeting is lengthy. A. The drawback of just having "my people meet with your people" is that staff members do not have decision-making authority and must fear for their jobs if they speak "out of turn." 2. The benefit of such summit meetings is to spend quality time, speak and listen respectfully, break bread, and knit together a more coherent governance for the citizens of Brevard County. A. The costs would be as follows. Leaders' time away from office tasks; space needed for a comfortable meeting; snacks, drinks and lunch if needed. B. A side benefit is that leaders will get to know each other on a more personal level and that will result in future communication being easier. C. The summit meetings do not need to be etched in granite. They should be as-needed when the issues arise where joint cooperation would be beneficial. 3. Citizens don't care as much as the elected leaders do about when they are in a city jurisdiction



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or in a county jurisdiction. Citizens just want solutions that affect their quality of life, no matter who is in charge.

Staff Analysis:

The County routinely reaches out to, and works in tandem with, municipal governments, their elected officials, and other community agencies related to a broad spectrum of governmental initiatives, including transportation projects, public safety, community redevelopment and environmental issues.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025044 because Board action to schedule meetings, including a Summit meeting if desired, is already allowed at Board discretion under the County Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 12:15 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025044

Recommendation # 2025044

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025044 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025044
Recommendation Title Summit meetings between Commissioners and City Leaders
Areas Affected Citizen sense of wellbeing
Department Affected
Current problem In recent years the relationship between the County and our cities has deteriorated into becoming adversarial. Issues do come up that would benefit from wise leaders (the leaders themselves, not their staffs) sitting down together. BACKGROUND EXAMPLES: 1.The Malabar Scrub melt-down was one, where the issue seemed to be hijacked by hotheads on both sides, when a reasonable joint meeting of multiple Commissioners and City leaders could have been more professional and effective. 2.The funding of lifeguards situation is similar to the Malabar issue. This one resulted in sword-rattling and combative talk. Citizens learned about it in social media and news sources, which resulted in their being concerned and upset at an unknown future.
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Summit Meetings of County Commissioners with Elected City leaders for specific purposes

Intro: In recent years the relationship between the County and our cities has deteriorated into becoming adversarial. Issues do come up that would benefit from wise leaders (the leaders themselves, not their staffs) sitting down together.

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Background examples:

1. The Malabar Scrub melt-down was one, where the issue seemed to be hijacked by hotheads on both sides, when a reasonable joint meeting of multiple Commissioners and City leaders could have been more professional and effective.
2. The funding of lifeguards situation is another. Similar to the Malabar issue, this one resulted in sword-rattling and combative talk. Citizens learned about it in social media and news sources, which resulted in being concerned and upset at an unknown future.



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Natural Resources Management Department

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025045

CEER #2025045, titled Implementing Low Impact Development into Stormwater Management, was received by the County from Ms. Emily McCormick.

Citizen Statement:

Florida communities must reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering coastal estuaries, especially the Indian River Lagoon by implementing Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) into stormwater management practices to protect water quality and reduce flooding.

Citizen Recommendation:

My recommendation is to integrate Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) into local policies and planning. These sustainable practices offer numerous benefits to our community and environment. They preserve and protect recreational opportunities in natural areas and habitats, including the Indian River Lagoon while improving the quality of life for individuals, not only through economic vitality, but also can reduce utility expenses for residents by improving water efficiency.

From an environmental perspective, these strategies enhance water quality, maintain the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems, and ensure the long-term health of the IRL by preventing further pollution. Any LID practices recommended by the Marine Resource Council would be a great addition to integrate into our infrastructure.
<https://lovetheirl.org/education/low-impact-development/>

Thank you for your time

Staff Analysis:

Low Impact Development (LID) + Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Education & Outreach

In October 2020, the Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) produced the grant-funded LID Guide for Commercial and Light Industrial Facilities for Brevard County. The guide and other educational materials are available as part of the Lagoon Loyal stormwater outreach program, www.lagoonloyal.com. A link to the guide, which defines LID and identifies principles and practices that can be applied to virtually all development, is also available on the NRM Stormwater Program webpage at www.brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources/StormwaterProgram.

Revised State Stormwater Rule

On June 28, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 7040 into law, which updates Florida's stormwater rules and design criteria to protect the state's waterways. Under the new rule, developers and builders have flexibility to choose from a range of LID design options, and other best management practices, when designing systems to meet the performance-based design criteria. The revised Stormwater Quality Nutrient Permitting Requirements, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), apply to individual and general permits, issued after December 28, 2025. To meet the new performance standard nutrient reduction levels, all new development will likely need to incorporate LID tools appropriate for the site. Brevard County already incorporates, requires and encourages aspects of LID in many of the existing local environmental regulations.

Existing LID+GSI-Related County Requirements & Continuing Efforts

NRM continues to implement and refine policies and Land Development Regulations (LDR) that align with Low Impact Development principles and ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including native vegetation, wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes.

- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 requires at least 50% native preserved or planted trees for new development. Additionally, at least 50% native or water-wise shrubs are required. Trees and shrubs must be maintained on-site in perpetuity. Meeting all principles of Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping is incentivized through a 50% reduction in the required shrub quantity for new developments.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4344 provides incentives for increased canopy preservation and landscaping above the required thresholds. For example, one preserved specimen tree can offset the requirement for planting up to 16 smaller trees, thereby retaining the environmental benefits of the established preserved tree and offsetting the risk of establishing new, smaller planted trees. Landscaping credit may also be accumulated for the preservation of healthy

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- vegetation of special concern, such as rare, endangered or threatened plant species or hardwood hammock, barrier island scrub, or sand pine scrub.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4346, provides for an administrative waiver of up to 30% of nonresidential parking standards for the preservation or additional planting of native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping. This waiver reduces impervious surfaces while requiring additional planted green space.
 - Chapter 62, Article XII - Coastal Setback and Control Lines establishes the Brevard County Coastal Setback Line (CSL), located an additional 25 feet west (landward) of the FDEP Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). No development impacts are permitted east of the CSL, with the exception of a minimized elevated dune crossover and maximum of 100 square feet of elevated minor structure. The removal of native vegetation is prohibited east of the CSL.
 - Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4 - Wetland Protection establishes specific allowable land uses in wetlands, including residential density of one unit per five acres and the direction of commercial development into established areas of commercial use and prioritizes the protection of higher functioning wetlands. Additionally, there shall be no net loss of wetland function in the County.
 - Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Floodplain Protection establishes criteria that exceed state stormwater standards by requiring "no adverse impact" to off-site properties, resources, and infrastructure through compensatory storage of stormwater volume. Brevard County continually advances area-specific flood studies to further refine current modelling and engineering practices. Development is limited or prohibited in the most vulnerable floodplains such as the mean and 10-year riverine floodplains. Riverine floodplains are those areas that have a surface water connection to major freshwater bodies during the 100-year flood.
 - Chapter 62, Article X, Division 3 - Surface Water Protection establishes buffers 25 to 200 feet in width, depending on water body classification, between development and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and St. Johns River. Native vegetation is required in these buffers as well as stormwater management for all impacts to the buffers. This includes GSI practices such as dense native vegetation, rain gardens, and exfiltration.
 - Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Aquifer Protection establishes impervious area restrictions in recharge soils and/or demonstration of preservation of recharge volume to protect water infiltration into the surficial aquifer.
 - Chapter 46, Article II, Division 4, Section 46-87, Nitrogen Reduction Overlay, requires enhanced nutrient-reducing on-site sewage treatment and disposal

systems (OSTDS) within the Indian River Lagoon septic overlay area.

In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new "Peril of Flood" Policies as Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment. The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.
- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.
- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

Staff is also currently working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying Policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will propose modification of LDR to align with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Lastly, in July 2023, the county proactively participated in a LID/GSI Code Audit through University of Florida Community Scoping Exercise. That exercise found many Brevard County policies and regulations consistent with LID/GSI and areas where definitions and practices could be better described. Improvements will be proposed as part of the Peril of Flood, EAR, and Barrier Island Area of Critical State Concern LDR updates.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025045 with revisions, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025045

Recommendation # 2025045

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025045 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025045
Recommendation Title Implementing Low Impact Development into Stormwater Management
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem Florida communities must reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering coastal estuaries, especially the Indian River Lagoon by implementing Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) into stormwater management practices to protect water quality and reduce flooding.
Recommendation My recommendation is to integrate Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) into local policies and planning. These sustainable practices offer numerous benefits to our community and environment. They preserve and protect recreational opportunities in natural areas and habitats, including the Indian River Lagoon while improving the quality of life for individuals, not only through economic vitality, but also can reduce utility expenses for residents by improving water efficiency. From an environmental perspective, these strategies enhance water quality, maintain the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems, and ensure the long-term health of the IRL by preventing further pollution. Any LID practices recommended by the Marine Resource Council would be a great addition to

integrate into our infrastructure. <https://lovetheirl.org/education/low-impact-development/> Thank you for your time

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025046

CEER #2025046, titled Spend no more money on sand, was received by the County from Diane May.

Citizen Statement:

Stop spending money on sand!
Get rid of the daily bread...it breeds drug addicts and alcoholics in a beautiful downtown!

Citizen Recommendation:

The beach environment would flourish without all the non native sand!!!

Staff Analysis:

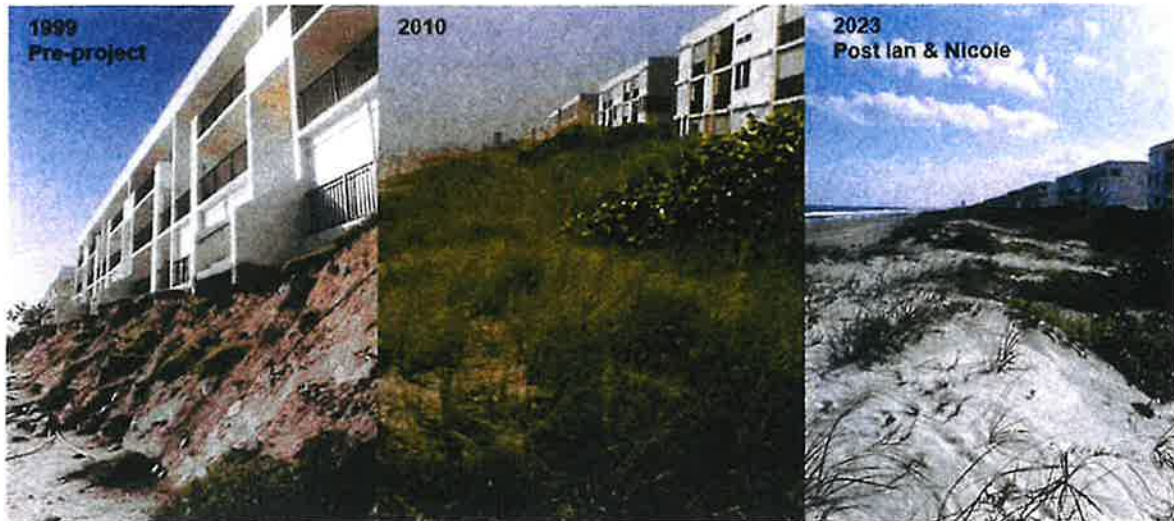
Sand placement through beach nourishment and/or dune restoration is used to maintain Brevard County beaches to support quality of life for Brevard County beachgoers and the beach-based tourism that fuels Brevard's economy. The Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR) completed a study that determined the state's return on investment (ROI) for investing in beach restoration was a positive 5.4 to 1. This is based largely on the tax revenues generated by beach-related tourists. On average, Brevard receives approximately one dollar in State funding for each dollar Brevard spends on beaches. Therefore, Brevard's ROI is likely similar to the state's ROI. Brevard generally funds its portion of beach nourishment projects using the tourism "bed tax" paid by visiting tourists.

Before ongoing beach nourishment efforts in Brevard, Brevard's beaches and dunes were suffering from erosion rather than truly flourishing. Once sand placement began in the early 2000s, Brevard's dunes began to recover and grow through natural processes driven by the placement of added beach-quality sand. All sand placed by Brevard County meets the state standard for beach quality sand and environmental permit

requirements. Brevard's beaches might now be described as thriving as a direct result of sand placement.



Photos above show south Cocoa Beach before and after the initial construction of the **North Reach Shore Projection** (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2001, the Cocoa Beach shoreline was seriously eroded and much of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. After nourishment of the North Reach, waves could no longer reach the seawalls, and this allowed dunes to develop with wind-blown sand, provided by the project, collecting around native plants.



Photos above show the Breakers Condominium before and after the initial construction of the **South Reach Shore Projection** (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2002-2003, the South Reach shoreline (including the towns of Indialantic and Melbourne Beach) was seriously eroded and portions of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. At that time, residents of the Breakers were afraid for their building and considering a seawall that could have caused harm to the public beach sea turtle nesting habitat. After the nourishment of the South Reach, the added sand allowed dunes to develop, providing protection and habitat.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject the beach nourishment suggestion for CEER #2025046 as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject the Daily Bread suggestion for CEER #2025046 as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as the operation is outside of Brevard County Board of County Commissioners' jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 5:39 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025046

Recommendation # 2025046

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025046
Recommendation Title	Spend no more money on sand
Areas Affected	Beach renourishment. Get rid of the Daily Bread
Department Affected	BREVARD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
Current problem	Stop spending money on sand! Get rid of the daily bread...it breeds drug addicts and alcoholics in a beautiful downtown!
Recommendation	The beach environment would flourish without all the non native sand!!!
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025047

CEER #2025047, titled Low Impact Development and Design in Brevard County, was received by the County from Ms. Jane Higgins.

Citizen Statement:

Florida communities must reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering coastal estuaries, especially the Indian River Lagoon. Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) represent the most progressive trends in stormwater management to protect water quality and reduce flooding. These concepts are gaining widespread popularity throughout the state of Florida and the country as citizens are becoming increasingly concerned about conservation and preserving our environment.

We hope Brevard County will join in and become even more ambitiously engaged in LID for the future of our gorgeous county! Thank you!

Citizen Recommendation:

Our recommendation is to incorporate LID into legislation as is being done throughout other Florida counties. I'd be glad to participate on a committee or task force to investigate and create legislation.

Everyone benefits from Low Impact Development!

Developers

- Reduces land clearing and grading costs
- Reduces infrastructure costs (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retention ponds)
- Reduces rain water management costs
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Municipalities

- Reduces infrastructure and utility maintenance costs
- Improves residents' quality of life
- Balances growth with the need to protect the Indian River Lagoon and the aquifer

Residents

- Preserves/protects recreation opportunities of natural areas and habitats (IRL)
- Improves aesthetics of home and area for livability and re-sale
- Provides habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees
- Reduces utility costs

Environment

- Improves water quality
- Preserves the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems
- Ensures the future health of the Lagoon by preventing additional pollution
- Increases carbon and nutrient absorption and improves soil health
- Preserves tree canopy and natural areas
- Provides aquifer recharge

Staff Analysis:

Low Impact Development (LID) + Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Education & Outreach

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Revised State Stormwater Rule

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County already incorporates, requires and encourages aspects of LID in many of the existing local environmental regulations.

Existing LID+GSI-Related County Requirements & Continuing Efforts

NRM continues to implement and refine policies and Land Development Regulations (LDR) that align with Low Impact Development principles and ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including native vegetation, wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes.

- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 requires at least 50% native preserved or planted trees for new development. Additionally, at least 50% native or water-wise shrubs are required. Trees and shrubs must be maintained on-site in perpetuity. Meeting all principles of Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping is incentivized through a 50% reduction in the required shrub quantity for new developments.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4344 provides incentives for increased canopy preservation and landscaping above the required thresholds. For example, one preserved specimen tree can offset the requirement for planting up to 16 smaller trees, thereby retaining the environmental benefits of the established preserved tree and offsetting the risk of establishing new, smaller planted trees. Landscaping credit may also be accumulated for the preservation of healthy vegetation of special concern, such as rare, endangered or threatened plant species or hardwood hammock, barrier island scrub, or sand pine scrub.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4346, provides for an administrative waiver of up to 30% of nonresidential parking standards for the preservation or additional planting of native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping. This waiver reduces impervious surfaces while requiring additional planted green space.
- Chapter 62, Article XII - Coastal Setback and Control Lines establishes the Brevard County Coastal Setback Line (CSL), located an additional 25 feet west (landward) of the FDEP Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). No development impacts are permitted east of the CSL, with the exception of a minimized elevated dune crossover and maximum of 100 square feet of elevated minor structure. The removal of native vegetation is prohibited east of the CSL.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4 - Wetland Protection establishes specific allowable land uses in wetlands, including residential density of one unit per five acres and the direction of commercial development into established areas of commercial use and prioritizes the protection of higher functioning wetlands.

Additionally, there shall be no net loss of wetland function in the County.

- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Floodplain Protection establishes criteria that exceed state stormwater standards by requiring "no adverse impact" to off-site properties, resources, and infrastructure through compensatory storage of stormwater volume. Brevard County continually advances area-specific flood studies to further refine current modelling and engineering practices. Development is limited or prohibited in the most vulnerable floodplains such as the mean and 10-year riverine floodplains. Riverine floodplains are those areas that have a surface water connection to major freshwater bodies during the 100-year flood.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 3 - Surface Water Protection establishes buffers 25 to 200 feet in width, depending on water body classification, between development and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and St. Johns River. Native vegetation is required in these buffers as well as stormwater management for all impacts to the buffers. This includes GSI practices such as dense native vegetation, rain gardens, and exfiltration.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Aquifer Protection establishes impervious area restrictions in recharge soils and/or demonstration of preservation of recharge volume to protect water infiltration into the surficial aquifer.
- Chapter 46, Article II, Division 4, Section 46-87, Nitrogen Reduction Overlay, requires enhanced nutrient-reducing on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) within the Indian River Lagoon septic overlay area.

In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new "Peril of Flood" Policies as Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment. The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.
- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.

- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

Staff is also currently working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying Policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will propose modification of LDR to align with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Lastly, in July 2023, the county proactively participated in a LID/GSI Code Audit through University of Florida Community Scoping Exercise. That exercise found many Brevard County policies and regulations consistent with LID/GSI and areas where definitions and practices could be better described. Improvements will be proposed as part of the Peril of Flood, EAR, and Barrier Island Area of Critical State Concern LDR updates.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025047 with revisions, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025047

Recommendation # 2025047

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025047 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025047
Recommendation Title	Low Impact Development and Design in Brevard County
Areas Affected	Brevard County
Department Affected	
Current problem	Florida communities must reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering coastal estuaries, especially the Indian River Lagoon. Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) represent the most progressive trends in stormwater management to protect water quality and reduce flooding. These concepts are gaining widespread popularity throughout the state of Florida and the country as citizens are becoming increasingly concerned about conservation and preserving our environment. We hope Brevard County will join in and become even more ambitiously engaged in LID for the future of our gorgeous county! Thank you!
Recommendation	Our recommendation is to incorporate LID into legislation as is being done throughout other Florida counties. I'd be glad to participate on a committee or task force to investigate and create legislation. Everyone benefits from Low Impact Development! Developers -Reduces land clearing and grading costs -Reduces infrastructure costs (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retention ponds) -Reduces rain water management costs -May increase lot yield and may reduce impact fees -Increases lot and community marketability Municipalities -Reduces infrastructure and utility maintenance

costs -Improves residents' quality of life -Balances growth with the need to protect the Indian River Lagoon and the aquifer Residents -Preserves/protects recreation opportunities of natural areas and habitats (IRL) -Improves aesthetics of home and area for livability and re-sale -Provides habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees - Reduces utility costs Environment -Improves water quality -Preserves the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems -Ensures the future health of the Lagoon by preventing additional pollution -Increases carbon and nutrient absorption and improves soil health -Preserves tree canopy and natural areas -Provides aquifer recharge

Attachments

LID presentation to FI Legislators - Jan 2025.pdf
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Florida Native Plant Society, Conradina Chapter



The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

Conradina provides monthly educational meetings, an annual landscape tour, and volunteer projects to remove invasives and plant native plants. We represent over 1,000 citizens concerned about the Brevard County environment, and collaborate with other environmental groups such as Marine Resources Council, Space Coast Audubon, Surfrider, Keep Brevard Beautiful.

We request that you promote and support legislation and projects that use Low Impact Development and Design (LID) throughout Brevard County to protect our precious wildlife, water, and habitat.

What is Low Impact Development?

- LID is an internationally recognized stormwater management approach that protects downstream surface water quality, reduces downstream flooding, and improves overall resilience.
- LID is an approach to land development that uses various land planning, design practices, and technologies to preserve and protect essential aquifers and waterways such as the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) while reducing infrastructure costs.
- LID allows land to be developed in a cost-effective manner to ensure that home, habitat, and quality of life are sustained for the future.
- Some cities and counties in Florida have taken the initiative and adopted LID into their code, e.g. Alachua and Pinellas counties. LID provides a more sustainable community with a higher level of natural resource protection such as seagrass, fisheries and shellfisheries, manatees, dolphins, and estuarine birds who fish, such as pelicans.
- LID leads to more fishable, swimmable, and healthier waters.



LID Offers Several Environmental Benefits

1. **Improves Water Quality:** LID helps to protect downstream surface water quality by reducing pollutants and contaminants that enter water bodies.
2. **Preserves Ecological Balance:** It maintains the balance and integrity of ecological and biological systems, ensuring the health of natural habitats.
3. **Reduces Flooding:** By managing stormwater effectively, LID reduces downstream flooding, which helps to protect both natural and built environments.
4. **Enhances Soil Health:** LID practices increase carbon and nutrient absorption, which improves soil health.
5. **Protects Natural Areas:** It preserves tree canopies and natural areas, providing habitat for various species and maintaining biodiversity.
6. **Aquifer Recharge:** LID helps to recharge aquifers, ensuring a sustainable water supply for the future.

These benefits contribute to creating a more sustainable and resilient environment

Who Benefits From LID Implementation? EVERYONE!

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Municipalities

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- Improves residents' quality of life
- Balances growth with the need to protect the Indian River Lagoon and the aquifer

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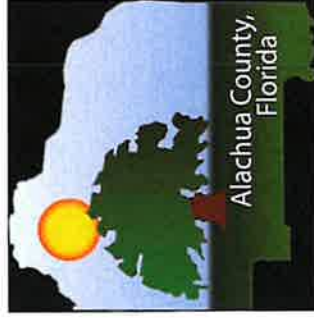
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The State of Florida has
been slow to adopt LID
permitting criteria...

...so local governments
are taking the lead.



Sarasota County



Please represent us at the state level to support
implementation of LID for the future of Florida!



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Housing and Human Services

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Suite 103
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: James Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Juanita D. Jackson, Director Housing and Human Services Department
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025048

CEER #2025048, titled Restore grants to nonprofits to focus on homeless and at-risk residents, was received by the County from Heather A. Elko

Citizen Statement:

Nonprofits that serve basic human needs are buckling under the demands of a burgeoning low-income population. Nonprofit funding as it stands cannot keep up. Homeless people and inadequately sheltered people are a segment of our County population that need more assistance. Nonprofits are capable of providing services but need more funds. Temporary shelter, emergency help with utilities and food, mental health services, transportation to medical care—these are fundamental needs. Unfortunately, nonprofits run out of money on a regular basis and have to deny services to applicants.

It is appropriate and necessary to use public funds for this purpose. We are all in this together. Demarcations of city and county borders are not relevant in this current crisis. Our poorest citizens are suffering, and better-off citizens are dismayed at the condition of the poor people here in Brevard.

Citizen Recommendation:

The County should provide grant funding to nonprofits that serve unsheltered and inadequately sheltered residents, and their associated needs. This in effect would be a restoration of grant funding, with a more targeted focus, that had been in place for decades but was halted by commissioners who were in office about 9 years ago.

BENEFIT: Enable nonprofits to serve County residents as they are designed to do, but in the current crisis are being overwhelmed. Prevent currently housed, at-risk people from becoming homeless.

1. The County should restore grant funding to nonprofits in a focused way, targeting human services providers.
 - a. In today's housing crisis at the level of basic shelter, grants should be made to agencies that specifically deal with our homeless or inadequately sheltered residents, with their associated needs.

2. Commissioners should review the past grants to nonprofits program that was highly approved by citizens, and fine-tune it for current needs.
3. The County should develop a new program for the crisis we are in. Don't worry about creating a program in perpetuity. The Commissioners can structure this grant program according to near, middle, and/or longer-range needs.
4. Quickly--time is of the essence--determine where the most pressing needs are. Go to street-level nonprofit providers to get feedback.
5. Don't make the grant process too cumbersome. Limit the hurdles and speed up the time frame, so that the nonprofits can immediately provide more assistance.
6. Don't fall back on an excuse that past commissioners used: "We don't want to pick winners and losers" (by awarding grants to some but not all). Those commissioners in effect made everyone losers, even better-off residents who are on the sidelines, watching with alarm the inadequacy of basic shelter and services that are desperately needed.
7. There is precedent for such action. In past times of emergency, the County has adjusted budgets and processes as needed. Examples include the housing meltdown when tax revenues dropped and the County cut hours and services, and the pandemic crisis that created administrative and reach-out needs beyond immediate County borders. We now are experiencing a time of emergency.

Staff Analysis:

From FY-2005 through FY-2021 the Brevard County Commissioners funded Community Based Organizations grants (CBO's) through Housing & Human Services utilizing request for proposals (RFP) process. In 2017, the Board of County Commissioners decided to phase out the Community Based Organization grant award process with the last year of funding in 2021 of \$102,040.

Since then, the Brevard County Commissioners have voted to support various community-based organizations. For FY 2024-2025 the following community-based organizations are funded through Housing & Human Services; 211 Brevard-\$73,600, Aging Matters-Meals on Wheels-\$60,000, Fire Watch-\$75,000, Crosswinds Youth Services- Juvenile Assessment Center-\$208,815, Space Coast Health Foundation- Child Protection Team/Medical Exams-\$86,000, and Brevard County Legal Aid-\$256,500.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025048 because it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Section 2.9.10 of the Brevard County Home Rule Charter as outlined in the staff analysis.

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025048

Recommendation # 2025048

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025048 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025048
Recommendation Title Restore County grants to nonprofits to focus on homeless and at-risk residents
Areas Affected
Department Affected
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Communications/SCGTV Office

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025049

CEER #2025049, titled Explore saving costs in Animal Services, was received by the County from William G Dods.

Citizen Statement:

By not exploring other agencies that may manage the animal shelter more economically the county may be losing the opportunity to save costs.

Citizen Recommendation:

By having other experienced local agencies bid on managing the shelter it would ensure that the budget for animal services would be spent wisely. By accepting bids from the SPCA of Brevard in Titusville and the Brevard Humane Society in Cocoa to manage the shelter part of animal services we would get a better idea on what savings may be had. Also, having one of the other shelters in the County more involved may assist in the workload on the county shelter as well as help residents claim their stray animals from the northern part of the county. This may also save funds for the animal control part of the budget by being more efficient if the trucks don't have to travel from Melbourne to return cats to the field in the northern cities like Mims and Titusville.

I believe this is worth looking into.

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025049 as Brevard County animal shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 3:00 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025049

Recommendation # 2025049

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025049 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025049
Recommendation Title Explore saving costs in Animal Services
Areas Affected Budget for Animal Services
Department Affected ANIMAL SERVICES & ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
Current problem By not exploring other agencies that may manage the animal shelter more economically the county may be losing the opportunity to save costs.
Recommendation By having other experienced local agencies bid on managing the shelter it would ensure that the budget for animal services would be spent wisely. By accepting bids from the SPCA of Brevard in Titusville and the Brevard Humane Society in Cocoa to manage the shelter part of animal services we would get a better idea on what savings may be had. Also, having one of the other shelters in the County more involved may assist in the workload on the county shelter as well as help residents claim their stray animals from the northern part of the county. This may also save funds for the animal control part of the budget by being more efficient if the trucks don't have to travel from Melbourne to return cats to the field in the northern cities like Mims and Titusville. I believe this is worth looking into.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Information Technology
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Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Jeff McKnight, Director Information Technology 
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025050

CEER #2025050, titled *Modernize and Streamline Communications with the Public, Online and In-Person*, was received by the County from Linda Hargrove.

Current Problem

Brevard County's online and in-person communications efforts have not evolved with the times. Information is fragmented and difficult to find across the various offices (including constitutional offices).

Citizen Recommendation

Brevard County's online and in-person communications efforts have not evolved to meet 2025 needs. Please consider:

1. Modernize county-wide web. Currently there is no uniformity (look, feel, search capabilities) to the various websites (links use different naming standards (.gov; .us; .com); searching is difficult; results are inconsistent. See current web list below:
Brevard County Main Website - <https://www.brevardfl.gov/> and
Clerk of the Court - <https://www.brevardclerk.us/> and
Property Appraiser - <https://www.bcpao.us/> and
Sheriff's Office - <https://www.brevardsheriff.com/home/> and
Supervisor of Elections - <https://www.votebrevard.gov/> and
Tax Collector - <https://www.brevardtaxcollector.com/>
2. Using a large digital information board (easy for seniors to read), create a document check list (e.g., car registration, DD-214) needed to do business with various offices such as the Tax Collector, Property Appraiser etc. Place at door entrance.
3. Create uniform lunch hours between various departments/orgs similar to how pharmacy hours work. Closing at a known time frame (e.g., noon - 1pm) is win-win for both the employee and public especially when coordinating documents are sometimes needed from the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser offices.

BENEFITS: Improve customer experience over the current, fragmented communications; modern look and feel; easier for users to find information; reduced resource investment; and enhanced cybersecurity. Thank you for your consideration.

Staff Analysis:

In response to Recommendation 1: The County website was updated in December 2024 to meet changes in ADA Compliance (WCAG 2.1), improve Search Engine Optimization (SEO), and to utilize Analytics (GA4) to explore traffic patterns and trends so that the County may improve the user experience. Extensive improvements were made to enhance the mobile user experience and navigation changes have been implemented based on user feedback and will continue to be improved to further meet end user preferences.

The websites for constitutional offices are independent of the County's website and also independent of each other.

In response to Recommendation 2: The Tax Collector and Property Appraiser are not under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners.

In response to Recommendation 3: The Tax Collector and Property Appraiser are not under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizens Efficiency and Effectiveness (CEER) #2025050 recommendation because the County website undergoes continuous improvement utilizing end user feedback and all other recommendations are not within the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners.

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:29 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025050

Recommendation # 2025050

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025050 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025050
Recommendation Title Modernize and streamline communications with the public, on-line and in-person
Areas Affected
Department Affected
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Recommendation Brevard County's online and in-person communications efforts have not evolved to meet 2025 needs. Please consider: RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Modernize county-wide web. Currently there is no uniformity (look, feel, search capabilities) to the various websites (links use different naming standards (.gov; .us; .com); searching is difficult; results are inconsistent. See current web list below: Brevard County Main Website - <https://www.brevardfl.gov/> and Clerk of the Court - <https://www.brevardclerk.us/> and Property Appraiser - <https://www.bcpao.us/> and Sheriff's Office - <https://www.brevardsheriff.com/home/> and Supervisor of Elections - <https://www.votebrevard.gov/> and Tax Collector - <https://www.brevardtaxcollector.com/> 2. Using a large digital information board (easy for seniors to read), create a document check list (e.g., car registration, DD-214) needed to do business with various offices such as the Tax Collector, Property Appraiser etc. Place at door entrance. 3. Create

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Department
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Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ian Golden, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025051

CEER #2025051, titled "Allow more dogs in Parks", was received by the County from Russell Wrenn.

Current Problem (as written by the citizen):

"As population density increases there need to be more public places to walk pets."

Citizen Recommendation:

"The default regulation in Brevard County Parks is to disallow dogs. The opposite tact should be taken and leashed dogs should be allowed unless there is a specific reason or area where they should not. Right now, especially in smaller parks, the "no pets" rule is being ignored and a lot of people, when told via social media that they can't walk their dog in a what they consider a neighborhood park are surprised because they have been doing it for years. There is no reason leashed dogs should be banned in most county parks and as the county's population density increases, there will be more demand for public areas where residents can get outside for a time with their pets. There's a nice walking trail around Veteran's Memorial Park, but if you take a leashed dog on it, you are violating the rules and a risking a reprimand from Citizen's Patrol. The default should be that leashed pets are allowed unless there is a specific reason why."

Staff Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) operates several locations that offer dog parks: Canova Beach Park (Indian Harbour Beach), Fay Lake Wilderness Park (Port St. John), Lori Wilson Park (Cocoa Beach), Marina Park (Titusville), Nancy Higgs Park (Melbourne Beach), and Wickham Park (Melbourne). As the submitter indicated, there are Brevard County residents that already ignore any restrictions that are in place for other locations. This causes several issues, including: (1) lack of receptacles for the disposal of waste, (2) altercations between dogs and their owners, (3) dog bites/attacks on other patrons, (4) negative impacts to the environment (vegetation and wildlife), (4) complaints from other patrons, and (5) the perception that PRD staff are able to directly enforce a dog restriction. In regard to #5, PRD employees are avenues for complaints, however the departmental expectation is that they are not to engage in enforcement (which is outside of their job duties) and instead contact local law enforcement to address noncompliance to posted park rules and ordinances.

The question of restricting dogs in public parks requires the balancing of the use of parks by those who do not want to be exposed to animals (leashed or otherwise) with others who want the ability to walk their dogs. While most dog owners act responsibly, there are those who allow their dogs off leash, leave waste behind, and excuse aggressive animal behavior (towards other park attendees and wildlife). These actions could potentially deter families and individuals from using a park, which is the opposite of their intended purpose.

Public spaces require reasonable guidelines for shared enjoyment. Restricting dogs to certain parks and locations allows those who are uncomfortable around them to enjoy the area without interference.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025051 as it does not provide for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as described in the staff analysis.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 5:41 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025051

Recommendation # 2025051

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025051 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025051
Recommendation Title Allow Dogs in More Parks
Areas Affected
Department Affected PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Current problem As population density increases there need to be more public places to walk pets.
Recommendation The default regulation in Brevard County Parks is to disallow dogs. The opposite tact should be taken and leashed dogs should be allowed unless there is a specific reason or area where they should not. Right now, especially in smaller parks, the "no pets" rule is being ignored and a lot of people, when told via social media that they can't walk their dog in a what they consider a neighborhood park are surprised because they have been doing it for years. There is no reason leashed dogs should be banned in most county parks and as the county's population density increases, there will be more demand for public areas where residents can get outside for a time with their pets. There's a nice walking trail around Veteran's Memorial Park, but if you take a leashed dog on it, you are violating the rules and a risking a reprimand from Citizen's Patrol. The default should be that leashed pets are allowed unless there is a specific reason why.
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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Utility Services Department

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

Thru: Tad Calkins, Interim Assistant County Manager

From: Edward Fontanin, Utility Services Director

Subject: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) 2025052 & 2025053

CEER #2025052 & 2025053, titled water filtration, was received by the County by Bruce Kerr

Citizen Statement:

Water is horrid. Can't afford the amount of bottled water I must drink daily. Neighbors hesitantly bathe in this water. Some use cheap bottled water to brush their teeth.

Citizen Recommendation:

Water filtration plant(s) benefit obvious.

Staff Analysis:

The address of Mr. Kerr is located within Merritt Island, Florida. The potable water supplier for the region of Merritt Island is under the jurisdiction of the City of Cocoa. Brevard County does not provide potable water to Merritt Island. Brevard County Utility Services Department only provides sewer and reuse services on Merritt Island. This recommendation was forwarded to the City of Cocoa on 2/17/2025.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners rejects CEER #2025052 & #2025053 as the City of Cocoa water system is not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 3:44 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025052

Recommendation # 2025052

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025052
Recommendation Title	Water filtration
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Water is horrid. Can't afford the amount of bottled water I must drink daily. Neighbors hesitantly bathe in this water. Some use cheap vottled water to brush their teeth.
Recommendation	Water filtration plant(s) benefit obvious.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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Department Affected	
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025054

CEER #2025054, titled Conservation, LID and Restoration, was received by the County from Ms. Rebecca Ziegler.

Citizen Statement:

Brevard County has been experiencing rapid population growth accompanied by rapid development. With that we have less open space, more storm water runoff and more sewage overflows. Brevard has a great variety of ecosystems whose free "services" are being lost due to construction. Developers are quick to buy the best properties with the sizes of the projects getting bigger and more costly for long-time residents. Expenses are rising for storm water management, traffic congestion, air quality, and the need for additional schools, fire stations, police, and more.

Citizen Recommendation:

We have the EELS program and they need to buy more land, especially wetland and wetland adjacent property. I believe at least 90% should be committed to acquiring land while they still can. I also believe all new housing projects need to design green (not paved pickle ball or tennis courts) recreational space to accommodate residents prior to permitting approval. It would also be great--since Florida has the highest per capita rate of EV adoption in the US--if charging stations were mandated for new developments.

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Staff Analysis:***Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program***

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) bonded \$3 million for Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program land acquisition. A variety of properties have been identified for future acquisition. These properties are a mixture of both wetlands and uplands and are primarily outparcels within or directly adjacent to existing conservation lands. EELs is in the process of hiring a contractor to pursue the acquisition of lands with the allocated funds. If the Board approves additional funds, the contractor will already be on board to carryout additional efforts.

Additionally, the EEL Program has been working diligently with the community since the mid-1990's to provide mitigation opportunities. EEL manages over 1,600 acres of conservation lands that have been directly donated or restored by the development community to offset habitat loss impacts caused by residential and commercial development. These donation and restoration projects have also included over \$750,000 in management fees that are used by the EEL Program to manage these lands into the future.

Low Impact Development (LID) + Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Education & Outreach

In October 2020, the Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) produced the grant-funded LID Guide for Commercial and Light Industrial Facilities for Brevard County. The guide and other educational materials are available as part of the Lagoon Loyal stormwater outreach program, www.lagoonloyal.com. A link to the guide, which defines LID and identifies principles and practices that can be applied to virtually all development, is also available on the NRM Stormwater Program webpage at www.brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources/StormwaterProgram.

Revised State Stormwater Rule

On June 28, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 7040 into law, which updates Florida's stormwater rules and design criteria to protect the state's waterways. Under the new rule, developers and builders have flexibility to choose from a range of LID design options, and other best management practices, when designing systems to meet the performance-based design criteria. The revised Stormwater Quality Nutrient Permitting Requirements, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), apply to individual and general permits, issued after December 28, 2025. To meet the new performance standard nutrient reduction levels, all new

development will likely need to incorporate LID tools appropriate for the site. Brevard County already incorporates, requires and encourages aspects of LID in many of the existing local environmental regulations.

Existing LID+GSI-Related County Requirements & Continuing Efforts

NRM continues to implement and refine policies and Land Development Regulations (LDR) that align with Low Impact Development principles and ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including native vegetation, wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes.

- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 requires at least 50% native preserved or planted trees for new development. Additionally, at least 50% native or water-wise shrubs are required. Trees and shrubs must be maintained on-site in perpetuity. Meeting all principles of Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping is incentivized through a 50% reduction in the required shrub quantity for new developments.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4344 provides incentives for increased canopy preservation and landscaping above the required thresholds. For example, one preserved specimen tree can offset the requirement for planting up to 16 smaller trees, thereby retaining the environmental benefits of the established preserved tree and offsetting the risk of establishing new, smaller planted trees. Landscaping credit may also be accumulated for the preservation of healthy vegetation of special concern, such as rare, endangered or threatened plant species or hardwood hammock, barrier island scrub, or sand pine scrub.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4346, provides for an administrative waiver of up to 30% of nonresidential parking standards for the preservation or additional planting of native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping. This waiver reduces impervious surfaces while requiring additional planted green space.
- Chapter 62, Article XII - Coastal Setback and Control Lines establishes the Brevard County Coastal Setback Line (CSL), located an additional 25 feet west (landward) of the FDEP Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). No development impacts are permitted east of the CSL, with the exception of a minimized elevated dune crossover and maximum of 100 square feet of elevated minor structure. The removal of native vegetation is prohibited east of the CSL.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4 - Wetland Protection establishes specific allowable land uses in wetlands, including residential density of one unit per five acres and the direction of commercial development into established areas of commercial use and prioritizes the protection of higher functioning wetlands.

Additionally, there shall be no net loss of wetland function in the County.

- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Floodplain Protection establishes criteria that exceed state stormwater standards by requiring "no adverse impact" to off-site properties, resources, and infrastructure through compensatory storage of stormwater volume. Brevard County continually advances area-specific flood studies to further refine current modelling and engineering practices. Development is limited or prohibited in the most vulnerable floodplains such as the mean and 10-year riverine floodplains. Riverine floodplains are those areas that have a surface water connection to major freshwater bodies during the 100-year flood.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 3 - Surface Water Protection establishes buffers 25 to 200 feet in width, depending on water body classification, between development and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and St. Johns River. Native vegetation is required in these buffers as well as stormwater management for all impacts to the buffers. This includes GSI practices such as dense native vegetation, rain gardens, and exfiltration.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Aquifer Protection establishes impervious area restrictions in recharge soils and/or demonstration of preservation of recharge volume to protect water infiltration into the surficial aquifer.
- Chapter 46, Article II, Division 4, Section 46-87, Nitrogen Reduction Overlay, requires enhanced nutrient-reducing on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) within the Indian River Lagoon septic overlay area.

In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new "Peril of Flood" Policies as Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment. The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.
- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.
- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

Staff is also currently working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying Policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will propose modification of LDR to align with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

In July 2023, the county proactively participated in a LID/GSI Code Audit through University of Florida Community Scoping Exercise. That exercise found many Brevard County policies and regulations consistent with LID/GSI and areas where definitions and practices could be better described. Improvements will be proposed as part of the Peril of Flood, EAR, and Barrier Island Area of Critical State Concern LDR updates.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025054 with revisions, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 7:17 AM
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Recommendation # 2025054

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025054
Recommendation Title Conservation, LID and Restoration
Areas Affected
Department Affected

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept.

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SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025055

CEER #2025055, titled Fish and wildlife, was received by the County from Diane Maynard.

Citizen Statement:

Stop replenishing dirt on the beach. Use taxpayer money to plant native vegetation!
No more building on the dune

Citizen Recommendation:

The homeowner should fix their sabd

Staff Analysis:

Sand placement through beach nourishment and/or dune restoration is used to maintain Brevard County beaches to support quality of life for Brevard County beachgoers and the beach-based tourism that fuels Brevard's economy. The Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR) completed a study that determined the state's return on investment (ROI) for investing in beach restoration was a positive 5.4 to 1. This is based largely on the tax revenues generated by beach-related tourists. On average, Brevard receives approximately one dollar in State funding for each dollar Brevard spends on beaches. Therefore, Brevard's ROI is likely similar to the state's ROI. Brevard generally funds its portion of beach nourishment projects using the tourism "bed tax" paid by visiting tourists.

Beach restoration in Brevard County is used to preserve the beach and dune habitat valued by both Brevard County residents and visiting tourists. Only beach-quality sand, as approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is used for beach restoration work in the county. Brevard County is already supplementing sand placement by planting native dune vegetation, typically sea oats, panic grass and other native herbaceous vegetation. Brevard is currently planting over one million native

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dune plants along roughly 21 miles of Brevard's ocean shoreline. Including this current project, Brevard will have planted almost 3.9 million native dune plants over the last 20 years.

Given the rate of coastal erosion in Brevard, native plants alone cannot prevent the dunes from being lost to erosion as they are pinched between the ocean and existing development or coastal armor. Before the beginning of ongoing sand placement by Brevard County, much of the native vegetation in the dune had been lost. Beach nourishment allowed the dunes recovered.

Brevard County's current coastal development ordinance ensures that new construction is located behind the primary, and secondary, dunes in the unincorporated County. Buildings that still exist on the dune in unincorporated Brevard are structures built in the 1980's and before, prior to the adoption of coastal development regulations.



Photos above show south Cocoa Beach before and after the initial construction of the **North Reach Shore Projection** (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2001, the Cocoa Beach shoreline was seriously eroded and much of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. After nourishment of the

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North Reach, waves could no longer reach the seawalls, and this allowed dunes to develop with wind-blown sand, provided by the project, collecting around native plants.



Photos above show the Breakers Condominium before and after the initial construction of the **South Reach Shore Projection** (beach nourishment) Project. Before the first nourishment of this project in 2002-2003, the South Reach shoreline (including the towns of Indialantic and Melbourne Beach) was seriously eroded and portions of it had been armored with seawalls and rip-rap. At that time, residents of the Breakers were afraid for their building and considering a seawall that could have caused harm to the public beach sea turtle nesting habitat. After the nourishment of the South Reach, the added sand allowed dunes to develop, providing protection and habitat.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025055 as it does not enhance the effectiveness or efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 8:14 AM
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Recommendation # 2025055

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Areas Affected Beach
Department Affected
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Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025056

CEER #2025056, titled wildfire/home fire protection, was received by the County from Mr. Logsdon Robert.

Citizen Statement:

After experiencing a wild fire next to my home by an unlawful trash burning neighbor I have concerns for the firefighting capabilities in the south beaches.

1. There are multiple homes in the south beaches that are either inaccessible by fire department equipment or very limited.
2. There are no municipal water sources available for tank replenishment or direct fire control connection.
3. The alternative suggestions by the fire department for water source replenishment or speculative and not specific.
4. There is no existing program to establish specific access to land locked areas for home or wildfire protection.
5. Establish a data base or amend existing for fire dispatch that includes presurveyed home access and wildfire road access.
5. Alternative water sources could be established for refill and or direct connect with designated well locations through a geographically designed system.
6. Change or amend Brevard county burn ban rules for south beaches to eliminate yard trash burning until updated wildfire protections are established



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7. Establish new county rules for enforcement of burn rule violation which allows fire prevention officers access to private property similar to county code enforcement regulations including use of special magistrate.

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Staff Analysis:

Brevard County Fire Rescue works proactively to protect the lives and property of residents and maintains a Class 3/3X rating from the Insurance Safety Organization in the Public Protection Classification. The ISO rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection



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in a community. The rating scale ranges from one to 10 with a Class 1 being the best possible score.

The categories below address the concerns raised in the recommendation:

Infrastructure and Accessibility:

Fire department resources and response strategies are continuously evaluated to ensure maximum effectiveness within existing infrastructure. While some areas present accessibility challenges, emergency response plans are developed to adapt to these limitations.

Water Source Alternatives:

The fire department utilizes pre-identified water sources and deploys tanker support as needed. While we recognize the importance of additional water supply points, the feasibility of implementing a geographically designed well system requires further study and coordination with multiple agencies.

Burn Ban Regulations and Enforcement:

The existing Brevard County burn ban policies are structured in alignment with state fire prevention standards. While adjustments may be considered in the future, any modifications must be carefully assessed to balance property rights with fire safety needs. Additionally, expanding enforcement authority for fire prevention officers would require legal revisions beyond the scope of current regulations.

Fire Dispatch and Access Database:

While fire dispatch relies on existing property access information, efforts to enhance pre-surveyed data are ongoing. However, logistical and privacy considerations must be addressed before implementing a comprehensive database expansion.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025056 as current processes address the recommendation concerns as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

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From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025056
Recommendation Title	wildfire/home fire protection
Areas Affected	South Beaches
Department Affected	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Current problem	After experiencing a wild fire next to my home by an unlawful trash burning neighbor I have concerns for the firefighting capabilities in the south beaches. 1. There are multiple homes in the south beaches that are either inaccessible by fire department equipment or very limited. 2. There are no municipal water sources available for tank replenishment or direct fire control connection. 3. The alternative suggestions by the fire department for water source replenishment or speculative and not specific. 4. There is no existing program to establish specific access to land locked areas for home or wildfire protection. 5. Establish a data base or amend existing for fire dispatch that includes presurveyed home access and wildfire road access. 5. Alternative water sources could be established for refill and or direct connect with designated well locations through a geographically designed system. 6. Change or amend Brevard county burn ban rules for south beaches to eliminate yard trash burning until updated wildfire protections are established 7. Establish new county rules for enforcement of burn rule violation which allows fire prevention officers access to private property similar to county code enforcement regulations including use of special magistrate.

Recommendation

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Attachments

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Housing and Human Services

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Suite 103
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: James Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Juanita D. Jackson, Director Housing and Human Services Department
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025057

CEER #2025057, titled Homelessness, was received by the County from Advocate Florida

Citizen Statement:

I am concerned about our homeless population in Brevard County. Especially our Veterans. When someone serves our country for us, we should honor them and treat them with the respect they deserve. The fact that our veterans are being forced into homelessness because of choices/decision that our cities, municipalities, legislators are making based on their own feelings and not one person making these decisions (I bet) has ever gone out and had a conversation with someone who is homeless and found out their story. Why are they without a roof over their head, extra clothes to wear, food to eat, etc. Does anyone sitting in those seats making these decisions actually care about any of the homeless population, veteran or non-veteran? I am curious to wonder how many of them actually have a heart, conscience to actually even care. They are people, human beings, someone's mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter. Let's hope it is not someone in your family that would ever be in their situation.

Citizen Recommendation:

Brevard County should have a place for them to sleep, shower, eat, get the services they need to get off the streets, fields, wherever it is they are allowed to be now, instead of being thrown into a "statistic" of they are just bad people, breaking the law, standing on my sidewalk, down my street, as everyone just drives by, in fear. Help them! The affordable housing complexes that are being built in the area (are they really affordable at starting rates of \$1600-\$2300) should be just that- affordable! Give them something to be hopeful for and want to strive for something better for themselves, but they can't do that if the government entities are just always going to put them down and turn them away at every turn.

Staff Analysis:

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is not the Lead Agency for homeless and homeless prevention. The Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) is the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency for homeless and homeless prevention services for Brevard County. The BHC is the recipient of funding to support this population and collaborates with communities and agencies throughout the County to help provide critical interventions to Brevard's homeless individuals and families and those vulnerable to homelessness. The BHC manages federal and state housing and services funding, coordinates local and national advocacy and planning efforts, administers the Homeless Management Information System, a local information technology system which tracks and measures the success as a CoC.

The CEER specifically addresses that Brevard should have a place for the homeless to sleep, shower, eat, receive wrap around services and the affordable housing complexes that are being built are not affordable. The CoC 2023-2026 Strategic Plan has a Build measure, build upon and create new multi-sector partnerships to increase the number of affordable housing units, and shelter beds through innovative solutions.

The annual Point-In-Time (PIT) is an annual census of sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. According to the Brevard County 2024 PIC the unsheltered veteran count reduced by 20%, 65 in 2023 to 52 in 2024. Brevard County Veterans Services will assist homeless veterans with applying for VA benefits with priority processing. Veterans Services will also refer homeless veterans to the Viera VA clinic homeless coordinator to see if they can receive a HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) certificate. Veteran Services also partners with Florida Department of Veteran Affairs, HOPE Florida, Brevard Homeless Coalition, National Veterans Homeless Support, Veterans Connections, Cocoa Veterans Village, Brevard Veteran Memorial Center, America Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, and many other veteran organizations that focus on Brevard's Homeless veterans.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continuous impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. On April 8, 2021, HUD allocated HOME-ARP funds to 651 grantees using the established HOME formula.

Brevard County Housing & Human Services has received \$4,524,586 in HOME-ARP grant funds. The Brevard County HOME Consortium which consist of Brevard County and four cities in Brevard (Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Titusville), following input from community stakeholders, purposes to utilize the funding in the following categories: supportive services (\$500,000 or 11% of funding), development of affordable rental housing (\$3,045,898 or 67%), non-profit operating (\$150,000 or 3%), non-profit capacity building (\$150,000 or 3%), and administration and planning (\$678,688 or 15%) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025057 as current processes address the recommendation concerns as provided in the staff analysis.

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025057

Recommendation # 2025057

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025057 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025057
Recommendation Title Homelessness
Areas Affected Entire County/State/ Nation
Department Affected
Current problem I am concerned about our homeless population in Brevard County. Especially our Veterans. When someone serves our country for us, we should honor them and treat them with the respect they deserve. The fact that our veterans are being forced into homelessness because of choices/decision that our cities, municipalities, legislators are making based on their own feelings and not one person making these decisions (I bet) has ever gone out and had a conversation with someone who is homeless and found out their story. Why are they without a roof over their head, extra clothes to wear, food to eat, etc. Does anyone sitting in those seats making these decisions actually care about any of the homeless population, veteran or non-veteran? I am curious to wonder how many of them actually have a heart, conscience to actually even care. They are people, human beings, someone's mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter. Let's hope it is not someone in your family that would ever be in their situation.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025058

CEER #2025058, titled Acknowledge Speaker Contributions Made at Commission Meetings, was received by the County from Heather A Elko.

Citizen Statement:

1. Speakers sign up to convey to the Commissioners something they consider important, but the 3 minutes of speaking end without even a nod of acknowledgement. A speaker leaves wondering what impact, if any, their words have had. 2. Admittedly it is a busy few hours and the need to move on is understandable. However, a follow-up from the commissioner would be nice, even something like "thank you for taking the time to speak to us." 3. I have not observed any Commissioner taking notes or any staff member recording speakers' words. 4. Yes, there is a video record. I doubt the Commissioners have time to go back and review what the speaker said. 5. As for the home audience, the person's name and self-introduction fly by, and viewers see an anonymous presenter nervously cramming their words into three minutes.

Citizen Recommendation:

1. Devise a way to give speakers at the Commission meetings some kind of feedback that shows you have heard the. a. Have a staff member take notes of who spoke and what they said, the topic of concern. b. Have a staff member provide you with a list of speakers and what they said, and any other information you ask to have. 2. Follow up by sending the individual an email or have a staff member send them an email referring specifically to the topic they brought up if you found it of interest or value. 3. Send the speaker an email at least thanking them for taking the time to address the Commission, even if you did not find the topic of interest. 4.

Background: a. I have spoken a few times, and have not received any indication that anyone was paying particular attention. I see passive faces above me, and then I walk back to my seat in silence. Speaking before that towering dais is unnerving, and it takes a lot for a citizen to brave it. b. I have sent multiple emails over many years, often addressed to Commissioners across the board because my topic is of countywide interest, not just my District. I receive a robo-response from my district and nothing to indicate anyone actually read my email. c. On two occasions I have received a response that says my District Commissioner as referred my



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Staff Analysis:

Board Policy (BCC-97) specifically addresses Public Comments during Board meetings. It states: The agenda shall provide a section for public comment to fifteen (15) minutes following approval of the consent agenda during each Regular County Commission Meeting. The purpose of public comment is to allow individuals to comment on any topic relating to County business which is not on the meeting agenda. Individuals delivering public comment shall be restricted to a three-minute time limit on their presentation. During the fifteen-minute segment of public comment, speakers will be heard in the order in which they turned in a pink card asking to be heard. Any speaker not heard during the first fifteen-minute public comment section will be heard during a second public comment section held at the conclusion of business specified on the regular Commission agenda. Individuals may not speak under both the first and second public comment sections. With the exception of emergency items, the Board will take no action under the Public Comment section, but can refer the matter to another meeting agenda or request a staff report.

All speakers are required to fill out pink speaker cards that document for the record the speaker's name, address and their topic of discussion. The back of the pink card states the rules for public comment and also offers public speaker's a copy of Board Policy (BCC-97).

All Board meetings, including public comments and the pink speaker cards, are recorded by and transcribed online, and all public comment is included in the official minutes prepared and publicly noticed by the Brevard County Clerk's Office.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025058 as the recommendation does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:08 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025058

Recommendation # 2025058

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025058
Recommendation Title Acknowledge Speaker Contributions Made at Commission Meetings
Areas Affected
Department Affected
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

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SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025059

CEER #2025059, titled Stop reckless Development, was received by the County from Mr. Charles Broughton.

Citizen Statement:

The space coast I grew up in used to be known for its grass flats and red fishing. You could surf in the morning and hunt the St. John's in the evening. Reckless development approvals and poor infrastructure planning is paving away our county. We are soon going to be better known for our sprawling apartments and car washes.

Citizen Recommendation:

Stop re zoning and variances. Implement low density and LID practices. Developers should be held accountable for storing and treating their own storm water.

Staff Analysis:

Low Impact Development (LID) + Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Education & Outreach

In October 2020, the Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) produced the grant-funded LID Guide for Commercial and Light Industrial Facilities for Brevard County. The guide and other educational materials are available as part of the Lagoon Loyal stormwater outreach program, www.lagoonloyal.com. A link to the guide, which defines LID and identifies principles and practices that can be applied to virtually all development, is also available on the NRM Stormwater Program webpage at www.brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources/StormwaterProgram.

Revised State Stormwater Rule

On June 28, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 7040 into law, which updates Florida's stormwater rules and design criteria to protect the state's waterways.

Under the new rule, developers and builders have flexibility to choose from a range of LID design options, and other best management practices, when designing systems to meet the performance-based design criteria. The revised Stormwater Quality Nutrient Permitting Requirements, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), apply to individual and general permits, issued after December 28, 2025. To meet the new performance standard nutrient reduction levels, all new development will likely need to incorporate LID tools appropriate for the site. Brevard County already incorporates, requires and encourages aspects of LID in many of the existing local environmental regulations.

Existing LID+GSI-Related County Requirements & Continuing Efforts

NRM continues to implement and refine policies and Land Development Regulations (LDR) that align with Low Impact Development principles and ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including native vegetation, wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes.

- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 requires at least 50% native preserved or planted trees for new development. Additionally, at least 50% native or water-wise shrubs are required. Trees and shrubs must be maintained on-site in perpetuity. Meeting all principles of Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping is incentivized through a 50% reduction in the required shrub quantity for new developments.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4344 provides incentives for increased canopy preservation and landscaping above the required thresholds. For example, one preserved specimen tree can offset the requirement for planting up to 16 smaller trees, thereby retaining the environmental benefits of the established preserved tree and offsetting the risk of establishing new, smaller planted trees. Landscaping credit may also be accumulated for the preservation of healthy vegetation of special concern, such as rare, endangered or threatened plant species or hardwood hammock, barrier island scrub, or sand pine scrub.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4346, provides for an administrative waiver of up to 30% of nonresidential parking standards for the preservation or additional planting of native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping. This waiver reduces impervious surfaces while requiring additional planted green space.
- Chapter 62, Article XII - Coastal Setback and Control Lines establishes the Brevard County Coastal Setback Line (CSL), located an additional 25 feet west (landward) of the FDEP Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). No

development impacts are permitted east of the CSL, with the exception of a minimized elevated dune crossover and maximum of 100 square feet of elevated minor structure. The removal of native vegetation is prohibited east of the CSL.

- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4 - Wetland Protection establishes specific allowable land uses in wetlands, including residential density of one unit per five acres and the direction of commercial development into established areas of commercial use and prioritizes the protection of higher functioning wetlands. Additionally, there shall be no net loss of wetland function in the County.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Floodplain Protection establishes criteria that exceed state stormwater standards by requiring “no adverse impact” to off-site properties, resources, and infrastructure through compensatory storage of stormwater volume. Brevard County continually advances area-specific flood studies to further refine current modelling and engineering practices. Development is limited or prohibited in the most vulnerable floodplains such as the mean and 10-year riverine floodplains. Riverine floodplains are those areas that have a surface water connection to major freshwater bodies during the 100-year flood.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 3 - Surface Water Protection establishes buffers 25 to 200 feet in width, depending on water body classification, between development and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and St. Johns River. Native vegetation is required in these buffers as well as stormwater management for all impacts to the buffers. This includes GSI practices such as dense native vegetation, rain gardens, and exfiltration.
- Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5 - Aquifer Protection establishes impervious area restrictions in recharge soils and/or demonstration of preservation of recharge volume to protect water infiltration into the surficial aquifer.
- Chapter 46, Article II, Division 4, Section 46-87, Nitrogen Reduction Overlay, requires enhanced nutrient-reducing on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) within the Indian River Lagoon septic overlay area.

In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new “Peril of Flood” Policies as Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment. The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce

obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.

- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.
- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

Staff is also currently working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying Policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will propose modification of LDR to align with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Lastly, in July 2023, the county proactively participated in a LID/GSI Code Audit through University of Florida Community Scoping Exercise. That exercise found many Brevard County policies and regulations consistent with LID/GSI and areas where definitions and practices could be better described. Improvements will be proposed as part of the Peril of Flood, EAR, and Barrier Island Area of Critical State Concern LDR updates.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025059 with revisions regarding LID, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 6:09 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025059

Recommendation # 2025059

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025059 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025059
Recommendation Title Stop reckless Development
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem The space coast I grew up in used to be known for its grass flats and red fishing. You could surf in the morning and hunt the St. John's in the evening. Reckless development approvals and poor infrastructure planning is paving away our county. We are soon going to be better known for our sprawling apartments and car washes.
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Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025060

CEER #2025060, titled Brevard County Wetland Mitigation, was received by the County from Mr. Charles Broughton.

Citizen Statement:

Development within the county is eliminating green spaces for public use as well as impacts to wildlife.

Citizen Recommendation:

Brevard county should implement its own wetland / upland mitigation program to offset the net loss of green space LOCALLY. The program administered by FDEP is a joke and does not provide any benefits to county residents. Make developers pay into the EEL program or something similar to preserve wild lands.

Staff Analysis:

Environmental Review

NRM Environmental Resources Management (ERM) conducts environmental review of development activities on developed and undeveloped properties in unincorporated Brevard County. ERM assesses proposed development for compliance with 10 environmental protection ordinances including wetland, floodplain, aquifer recharge, and surface water protection. Development review includes site plans, subdivisions, and building permits, and other ERM-specific permits (e.g., surface water protection, small scale land clearing, and land alteration).

Except where the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) exempts small wetland impacts from state Environmental Resource Permitting, NRM is pre-empted from duplicating tasks performed by FDEP, including the delineation of wetlands, the avoidance and minimization of wetland impacts, and the establishment of no-net-loss mitigation. ERM does regulate allowable land uses within wetlands through Chapter 62, Article X, Division 4, entitled Wetlands Protection. The Comprehensive Plan

and ordinance require "no-net-loss" of wetland function in the County, and establish standards for residential, commercial, and industrial development in and adjacent to wetlands. On rare occasions, wetland mitigation has been provided through the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program. However, since Brevard County defers to FDEP to determine no-net-loss, most mitigation is provided through private off-site Mitigation Banks with or without on-site restoration and/or preservation and perpetual maintenance of any remaining wetlands.

For developers to provide wetlands mitigation through a County program, accepted by both the state and the County, Brevard would need to establish a state- and federally-permitted Mitigation Bank (Bank). Creating and managing a Bank would be an intensive process. This process is regulated under the state's Mitigation Bank Statute, 373.4136, and Mitigation Bank Rule, 62-342, and administered through FDEP and the St. Johns River Management District (SJRWMD). Banks are authorized by a state permit and by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Mitigation Bank Instrument. Both public and private entities are eligible to set up and operate a mitigation bank if they can show sufficient legal interest in the property to operate the Bank and can meet the financial responsibility requirements of the rule. Section 373.4136(1) establishes requirements for a Bank, including providing viable and sustainable ecological and hydrological functions, effective long term management, and achieving mitigation success. There would be significant difficulty and cost in demonstrating that the County meets these requirements, as well as funding the land acquisition and perpetual land management of a mitigation bank.

Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) bonded \$3 million for Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program land acquisition. A variety of properties have been identified for future acquisition. These properties are a mixture of both wetlands and uplands and are primarily outparcels within or directly adjacent to existing conservation lands. EELs is in the process of hiring a contractor to pursue the acquisition of lands with the allocated funds. If the Board approves additional funds, the contractor will already be on board to carryout additional efforts.

Additionally, the EEL Program has been working diligently with the community since the mid-1990's to provide mitigation opportunities. EEL manages over 1,600 acres of conservation lands that have been directly donated or restored by the development community to offset habitat loss impacts caused by residential and commercial development. These donation and restoration projects have also included over \$750,000 in management fees that are used by the EEL Program to manage these lands into the future.

In 2010, the State legislature, at the urging of the private mitigation bank lobby, ended the ability of local government to allow the development community to perform wetland mitigation restoration projects on County lands that were acquired specifically for conservation. The development community is still able to donate lands for wetland mitigation and perform scrub habitat restoration on County conservation lands. The opportunities are ongoing.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025060 related to wetland and upland mitigation banking, as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 6:18 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
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Recommendation # 2025060

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025060
Recommendation Title Brevard County Wetland Mitigation
Areas Affected
Department Affected
Current problem Development within the county is eliminating green spaces for public use as well as impacts to wildlife.
Recommendation Brevard county should implement its own wetland / upland mitigation program to offset the net loss of green space LOCALLY. The program administered by FDEP is a joke and does not provide any benefits to county residents. Make developers pay into the EEL program or something similar to preserve wild lands.
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Terry A. Jordan, Director Space Coast Area Transit
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025061

CEER #2025061, titled Abolish Public Transportation, was received by the County from Charles Broughton.

Citizen Statement:

"Public transportation (ie buses) are a nuisance on the road and not used by the general public in any significance to justify their existence."

Citizen Recommendation:

Abolish public transportation to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

Staff Analysis:

During fiscal year 2024, Space Coast Area Transit provided close to 2 million passenger trips in Brevard County. An average of greater than 6,500 passenger trips are taken each weekday. As reflected in passenger surveys the number one reason for use of Brevard's public transit system are passengers traveling to and from work each day. Additional reasons shared by our community members of a reliance on public transit are for access to healthcare, attend school, grocery shopping, prescriptions and other life-sustaining goods and services.

Space Coast Area Transit also provides other services to include Paratransit service to disabled individuals who are unable to drive themselves or unable to utilize the Public Transit fixed route system. Users of this service are reliant on Space Coast Area Transit for transportation to such life sustaining services such as dialysis treatment, medical appointments, and nutritional locations. Additionally daily transportation is provided to individuals with developmental disabilities to such locations as adult daycare and training centers and/or worksites, who would otherwise be unable to attend such activities.

According to most recent census data, Brevard County's population is made up of a variety of Public Transportation dependent citizens, with 16% being disabled, 25% being over the age of 65, 18% being under the age of 16, and 10% of families earning less than \$28,000 annually. This highlights the need for Public Transit Services in Brevard County.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025061 as it does not provide for enhancement or effectiveness and efficiency of County government.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager



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Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 6:58 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025061

Recommendation # 2025061

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025061 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Alternate Email

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025061

Recommendation Title Abolish Public Transportation

Areas Affected

Department Affected

Current problem Public transportation (ie buses) are a nuisance on the road and not used by the general public in any significance to justify their existence.

Recommendation Abolish public transportation to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

Attachments No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Morris Richardson, County Attorney

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025062

Updated 5/6/2025 to address state legislative action on UTVs

CEER #2025062, titled A tradition being taken away, was received by the County from James T. Erdman.

Citizen Statement:

"For many years it has been a way of life in north Brevard for people to ride there side by sides ATVS and golf carts around the back roads. Recently the sheriff department has started to harasses people and write tickets for people riding down the back roads trying to force people to change their way of life to fit in to there new view of how north Brevard should be. when there is so much crime in Brevard county why is it the sheriffs office big concern is to pull a family on a golf cart over for riding the back roads on a nice afternoon?"

Citizen Recommendation:

"In Viera they made an ordinance allowing golf carts to ride around in the city kids under 16 are driving them to school. I suggest Brevard county makes and ordinance allowing people to ride their side by sides golf carts and ATVS on county roads in north Brevard with speed limits less than 45. with all the development going on we need to save the way of life we grew up with as kids in north Brevard and help keep north Brevard Rural to our child can grow up the same way"

Staff Analysis:

A. Golf Carts

A golf cart is defined in section 316.003(29), Florida Statutes, as "a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes."

The operation of golf carts upon the public roads or streets in Florida is generally prohibited. Section 316.212, Florida Statutes. However, a golf cart may be operated upon a county road that has been designated by the Board of County Commissioners for use by golf carts. Before making such designation, the Board of County Commissioners must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road. Section 316.212(1), Florida Statutes.

To conduct a traffic study sufficient for the Board of County Commissioners' consideration of whether golf carts may safely travel on or cross certain roads, the roads proposed for golf cart usage would have to be specifically identified. Each road would then be analyzed based on factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road. The need for this road-specific assessment would make it virtually impossible to implement the citizen's recommendation to authorize golf cart use on all county roads in north Brevard with speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less.

Moreover, according to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and consistent with existing County golf cart regulations, golf carts may only be operated on roads that are designated for golf carts with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less. See Section 106-73(b)(3)j., Brevard County Code of Ordinances. This is contrary to the citizen's recommendation that golf carts be allowed to operate on roads with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less.

Further, central to the citizen recommendation is that "kids" be allowed to operate "side by sides" golf carts and ATVs on county roads in north Brevard ... to save the way of life we grew up with as kids ... [so] our child can grow up the same way." However, effective October 1, 2023, a person operating a golf cart on public roads who is under 18 years of age must possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license. Section 316.212(7), Florida Statutes. A person must be at least 15 years old to obtain a Florida learner's license. Brevard County has no jurisdiction or authority to allow unlicensed minors to operate golf carts on public roads. Therefore, depending on how the citizen defines "kids," it is unclear whether designating roads in north Brevard for golf cart operation would achieve his stated goal.

B. ATVs

An all-terrain vehicle, or ATV, is defined in section 317.0003(1), Florida Statutes, as "any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle 55 inches or less in width which has a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, is designed to travel on three or more nonhighway tires, and is manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons."

Section 316.2074, Florida Statutes, regulates the use of ATVs. Subsection (5) of the statute states that except as provided in that section or as otherwise permitted by the managing state or federal agency, ATVs may not be operated upon public roads, streets, or highways. Thus, in AGO 04-39, the Attorney General stated that while a municipality was authorized to regulate the recreational use of ATVs on municipal property, it was precluded from regulating the use of ATVs on streets and highways.

In 2006, the Legislature enacted section 316.2123(1), Florida Statutes, the current version of which provides:

- (1) The operation of an ATV, as defined in s. 317.0003, upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited, except that an ATV may be operated during

the daytime on an unpaved roadway where the posted speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour.

- (2) A county is exempt from this section if the governing body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this section. Alternatively, a county may, by majority vote after such a hearing, designate certain unpaved roadways where an ATV may be operated during the daytime as long as each such designated roadway has a posted speed limit of less than 35 miles per hour and is appropriately marked to indicate permissible ATV use.
- (3) Any operation that is permitted under subsection (1) or subsection (2) may be undertaken only by a licensed driver or a minor who is under the direct supervision of a licensed driver. The operator must provide proof of ownership under chapter 317 upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

Thus, section 316.2123, Florida Statutes, creates a limited exception to the prohibition in section 316.2074, Florida Statutes, for use of ATVs on public roads, by permitting the use of such vehicles during the daytime on unpaved roadways where the speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour by a licensed driver or a minor under the supervision of a licensed driver.

A county is permitted to exempt itself from section 316.2123's limited exception allowing ATV operation on certain unpaved roads. The Board of County Commissioners has already acted on this issue. In 2006, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance exempting itself from section 316.2123, Florida Statutes, thereby prohibiting the use of ATVs on public roads altogether. See Section 106-7, Brevard County Code of Ordinances. As expressed in Brevard County Ordinance No. 06-57, "the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Brevard County, Florida and has determined that to permit the use of ATVs on its unpaved roads would be unsafe, would lead to accidents, roll-overs, serious injury and death...."

The Board of County Commissioners is without jurisdiction or authority to implement the citizen's recommendation to generally authorize the operation of "ATVs on county roads in north Brevard with speed limits less than 45." In AGO 2007-16, the Attorney General explained:

When the legislature has prescribed the manner in which something is to be done, it effectively operates as a prohibition against its being done in any other manner. Prior to the enactment of section 316.2123, Florida Statutes, counties had no authority to permit the operation of ATVs on public streets and highways of this state. The intent of the Legislature in enacting section 316.2123 appears to have been to permit the limited use of ATVs during daylight hours on certain roadways by licensed drivers or minors under the supervision of a licensed driver, and to allow a county to exempt itself from such an authorization. In such a case, the provisions of section 316.2074, Florida Statutes, would prohibit the use of ATVs

on the public roads and highways. I have found nothing in either the language of the statute or in the legislative history surrounding the enactment of section 316.2123 which permits a county to partially opt-out of the statute or otherwise grants the county authority to regulate in this area.

C. Side-by-Sides (UTVs)

Current Florida law does not contain a specific definition for a “side-by-side.” The state law label that best fits is probably “ROV”, defined by section 317.0003(9), Florida Statutes, to mean any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 80 inches or less in width which has a dry weight of 3,500 pounds or less, is designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, and is manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term does not include a golf cart or a low-speed vehicle. More broadly, side-by-sides are “off-highway vehicles,” a term defined by section 317.0003(6), Florida Statutes, to mean any ATV, two-rider ATV, ROV, or OHM that is used off the roads or highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed for highway use pursuant to chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

Regardless of the label, current Florida law does not allow for side-by-sides to be operated on public roads or streets, nor does it allow counties to authorize such use.

Florida Senate Bill 88, introduced on December 6, 2024, seeks to include side-by-sides in the new term “utility terrain vehicle” (or UTV), defined as a vehicle less than 70 inches in width which has at least two seats allowing passengers to sit in a side-by-side manner, is operated by foot controls and a steering wheel, and is equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signals, tail lamps, rearview mirrors, a windshield, seat belts, and a horn. The bill would authorize a UTV to legally operate on two-lane county roads and two-lane municipal streets in which the posted speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour. The bill would allow the operator to drive the UTV during all hours, however, a UTV may only be operated by a licensed driver or a person possessing a learner’s driver license who is under the direct supervision of a licensed driver.

The bill requires that the UTV owner fulfill insurance requirements, maintain the registration certificate in the UTV, and ensure that the UTV has a proper license plate. The bill provides that a county may enact an ordinance regulating UTV operation and equipment that is more restrictive than statutory requirements. It also authorizes a county to prohibit the operation of a UTV on any road under its jurisdiction if the governing body determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety. The bill passed the Senate on March 27, 2025, and is “in messages” (meaning it has been transmitted to the House for consideration). UPDATE: On May 3, 2025, the House indefinitely postponed the proposed legislation and withdrew it from consideration.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #20240062. As to golf carts, it would be virtually impossible and prohibitively expensive to undertake the traffic study

necessary to support the recommended authorization of golf cart use on all County roads in north Brevard with speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less, and thus the CEER would not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as contemplated by Section 2.9.10 of the Home Rule Charter. Even if such a broad designation of roads in north Brevard were possible, generally golf carts may only be operated on roads with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less – not 45 miles per hour or less, as recommended by the citizen. Finally, current Florida law requires a person operating a golf cart on public roads who is under 18 years of age to possess a valid driver license or learner's driver license. Thus, the citizen recommendation that "kids" be authorized to drive golf carts in north Brevard is inconsistent with state law.

As to ATVs, state law prohibits the operation of such vehicles upon public roads, streets, or highways. The Board of County Commissioners has already established policy on this issue, opting out of a limited state law authorization for the use of ATVs during daylight hours on unpaved roads where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The Board is without jurisdiction or authority to more broadly allow ATV operation "on county roads in north Brevard with speed limits less than 45," and could never allow their use on paved roads.

As to side-by-sides, a bill is pending in the Legislature that would include side-by-sides in the new defined term "utility terrain vehicle" and authorize their use on two-lane county roads where the posted speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour. The County currently has no jurisdiction or authority to allow the use of side-by-sides "on county roads in north Brevard with speed limits less than 45." The County can only wait and see what the Legislature does in this regard. UPDATE: On May 3, 2025, the House indefinitely postponed the proposed legislation and withdrew it from consideration.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 5:06 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025062

Recommendation # 2025062

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025062 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025062
Recommendation Title A tradition being taken away
Areas Affected north brevard
Department Affected SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Current problem For many years it has been a way of life in north Brevard for people to ride there side by sides ATVS and golf carts around the back roads. Recently the sheriff department has started to harasses people and write tickets for people riding down the back roads trying to force people to change their way of life to fit in to there new view of how north Brevard should be. when there is so much crime in Brevard county why is it the sheriffs office big concern is to pull a family on a golf cart over for riding the back roads on a nice afternoon?
Recommendation In Viera they made an ordinance allowing golf carts to ride around in the city kids under 16 are driving them to school. I suggest Brevard county makes and ordinance allowing people to ride their side by sides golf carts and ATVS on county roads in north Brevard with speed limits less than 45. with all the development going on we need to save the way of life we grew up with as kids in north Brevard and help keep north Brevard Rural to our child can grow up the same way
Attachments No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Larry Lallo, MIRA Executive Director
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025063

CEER# 2025063, titled Mr., was received by the County from Sebastian J. Perin.

Citizen Statement: "Update on Plans to Revitalize the Merritt Square Mall"

Citizen Recommendation:

"Revitalization could provide a stimulus for attracting new business and increasing job opportunities for the community and become a community activity center."

Staff Analysis:

While redeveloping Merritt Square Mall may be a key interest for the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA), the property faces a primary redevelopment challenge, in that multiple parcels are owned by unrelated private property owners. Since Brevard County and MIRA are not owners of the parcels, they cannot initiate the redevelopment process. MIRA will continue to advocate and facilitate the mall's redevelopment. In fact, MIRA has had numerous correspondence and conversations with the owners. In 2024, MIRA provided the mall owners' available market studies, redevelopment concepts, potential redevelopment incentives to assist them with marketing the mall's revitalization to potential redevelopers.

Redeveloping the Mall area would have several potential benefits, including but not limited to, reducing blight, improving the quality of life, returning the deteriorating property to a productive use, boosting the tax base, creating jobs, and aligning with ongoing regional growth, including the workforce housing demand for young families joining the nearby space, hospitality, and medical industries. The property owners of the mall would need to initiate the redevelopment process. No redevelopment applications have been received to date.

The recommendation of the CEER shall not be construed as direction for MIRA to stop encouraging, facilitating, and advocating for redevelopment projects and policies that will redevelop the SR 520 Commercial Core and Mall area in alignment with the new plans, with broad support from property owners, investors, citizens, and stakeholders.

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025063 as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 10:12 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025063

Recommendation # 2025063

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025063 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025063
Recommendation Title	Mr.
Areas Affected	development
Department Affected	
Current problem	Update on plans to revitalize the Merritt Square Mall.
Recommendation	Revitalization could provide a stimulus for attracting new business and increasing job opportunities for the community and become a community activity center.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025064

CEER #2025064, titled Representative, was received by the County from Sebastian Fernandez Cornejo.

Citizen Statement:

Hello Board of County Commissioners,

I hope this finds you well. My name is Sebastian Fernandez-Cornejo and have been working alongside Bryan's Art Foundation, a non-profit organization for neurodiversity individuals, since 2017. Our team has managed to provide various types of therapies including occupational, physical, equestrian, etc., art and music classes, and activities for families to come together. This happened when the foundation originated in Miami and now the foundation has moved to Brevard County.

New places offer new opportunities and we want to be able to offer ourselves to the families in Brevard County with members that are neurodivergent. This encompasses people with autism, Asperger, cerebral palsy, and other conditions.

The current situation presented to us is reaching out to families, having a local space to conduct classes and therapies, and obtain grants and funds.

For more information about what we do and have done our website is bryansartfoundation.com

Citizen Recommendation:

Bryan's Art Foundation wishes to apply for any release of public funding for organizations like ours and to obtain any local space to resume offering our art and music classes. In addition, we wish to offer our community service opportunities to schools.

We wish to have the support of Brevard County to grow right here.

Staff Analysis:

Not applicable.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025064 as the recommendation does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 10:54 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025064

Recommendation # 2025064

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025064 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025064
Recommendation Title	Representative
Areas Affected	Special needs
Department Affected	COMMUNITY SERVICES
Current problem	Hello Board of County Commissioners, I hope this finds you well. My name is Sebastian Fernandez-Cornejo and have been working alongside Bryan's Art Foundation, a non-profit organization for neurodiversity individuals, since 2017. Our team has managed to provide various types of therapies including occupational, physical, equestrian, etc., art and music classes, and activities for families to come together. This happened when the foundation originated in Miami and now the foundation has moved to Brevard County. New places offer new opportunities and we want to be able to offer ourselves to the families in Brevard County with members that are neurodivergent. This encompasses people with autism, Asperger, cerebral palsy, and other conditions. The current situation presented to us is reaching out to families, having a local space to conduct classes and therapies, and obtain grants and funds. For more information about what we do and have done our website is bryansartfoundation.com
Recommendation	Bryan's Art Foundation wishes to apply for any release of public funding for organizations like ours and to obtain any local space to resume offering our art and

music classes. In addition, we wish to offer our community service opportunities to schools. We wish to have the support of Brevard County to grow right here.

Attachments

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Thank you for taking the time to send me a gift. I appreciate your effort and for thinking of me. Together, with the support of our nation, we can make a real difference for the prosperity of the American public.

I know we will continue making this country great again.

All the best,



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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Billy Prasad, Director, Planning and Development Department
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025065

CEER # 2025065, titled "Leaving some wetland," was received by the County from Jesse Baker.

Citizen Statement:

Hello, I am writing you today to bring up how little wildlands, food and shelter we leave for the wildlife around us

Citizen Recommendation:

My recommendation is to leave as much wildland as possible when constructing new projects. And try to dedicate some land to no construction. We have seen dramatic drops in wildlife of every kind in large numbers. Something along the lines of 95% of our songbirds (Specifically songbirds) can only feed their young caterpillars. Those caterpillars need their local host plants to either be eaten by said songbirds or become the butterfly they can be When is the last time you saw a A praying mantis? A lightning bug? A painted bunting? (Vibrantly colorful song bird, as or more colorful then a parrot!) Thank you for your time.

Staff Analysis:

Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) bonded \$3 million for Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program land acquisition. A variety of properties have been identified for future acquisition. These properties are a



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mixture of both wetlands and uplands and are primarily outparcels within or directly adjacent to existing conservation lands. EELs is in the process of hiring a contractor to pursue the acquisition of lands with the allocated funds. If the Board approves additional funds, the contractor will already be on board to carryout additional efforts.

Additionally, the EEL Program has been working diligently with the community since the mid-1990's to provide mitigation opportunities. EEL manages over 1,600 acres of conservation lands that have been directly donated or restored by the development community to offset habitat loss impacts caused by residential and commercial development. These donation and restoration projects have also included over \$750,000 in management fees that are used by the EEL Program to manage these lands into the future.

Planning and Development Department (P&D) Review and Coordination to Ensure Compliance With Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations

Building permits, site plans, subdivisions, and zoning actions are received in the Planning & Development Department, as may be required under County Code and Florida Building Code prior to commencement of building construction. If a reviewer of any of these application types determines that it does not meet code requirements, the application is put into a status of deficiency and will not be approved unless and until the issue is rectified. For example, as part of the application process, parcels are researched individually to ensure the present zoning and land use is consistent with the proposed project.

Building permit applications go through a detailed review under the Code requirements of Building, Engineering, Land Development, Natural Resources, Public Works, Traffic, and Zoning. A permit may additionally be reviewed by Utilities, Fire Prevention, Concurrency, and Address Assignment as applicable to the permit application.



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As it pertains to zoning actions, Planning and Development coordinates with the Natural Resources Department (NRM), who conducts a review of new development for any impacts regulated by Brevard County Code of Ordinances, including, but not limited to, impacts to protected species (see section "Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) Environmental Review," below).

Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) Environmental Review

NRM conducts environmental review of nearly all land development activities on developed and undeveloped properties in unincorporated Brevard County. NRM assesses proposed development for compliance with 10 environmental protection ordinances including wetland, floodplain, aquifer recharge, and surface water protection. Development review includes site plans, subdivisions, and building permits, and other NRM-specific permits (e.g., surface water protection, small scale land clearing, and land alteration).

During these reviews, NRM also assesses for indicators of protected species that may reside in a particular habitat (e.g., Florida scrub jays, gopher tortoises, marine turtles, manatees, and bald eagles). These species are regulated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. However, NRM informs applicants about the potential presence of any protected species and provides contact information for the applicable State or Federal permitting agency.

Note that the criteria within NRM's ordinances have a secondary effect of species protection through habitat protection. NRM ordinances can be viewed at

www.brevardfl.gov/naturalresources.



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NRM also continues to implement and refine policies and Land Development Regulations (LDR) that align with Low Impact Development principles and ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including native vegetation, wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes.

- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4341 requires at least 50% native preserved or planted trees for new development. Additionally, at least 50% native or water-wise shrubs are required. Trees and shrubs must be maintained on-site in perpetuity. Meeting all principles of Xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping is incentivized through a 50% reduction in the required shrub quantity for new developments.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection, Section 62-4344 provides incentives for increased canopy preservation and landscaping above the required thresholds. For example, one preserved specimen tree can offset the requirement for planting up to 16 smaller trees, thereby retaining the environmental benefits of the established preserved tree and offsetting the risk of establishing new, smaller planted trees. Landscaping credit may also be accumulated for the preservation of healthy vegetation of special concern, such as rare, endangered or threatened plant species or hardwood hammock, barrier island scrub, or sand pine scrub.
- Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 2 - Landscaping, Land Clearing & Tree Protection,



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Section 62-4346, provides for an administrative waiver of up to 30% of nonresidential parking standards for the preservation or additional planting of native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping. This waiver reduces impervious surfaces while requiring additional planted green space.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025065 with revisions as provided in staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 8:02 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025065

Recommendation # 2025065

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025065

Recommendation Title Leaving some wildland

Areas Affected

Department Affected

Current problem Hello, I am writing you today to bring up how little wildlands, food and shelter we leave for the wildlife around us

Recommendation My recommendation is to leave as much wildland as possible when constructing new projects. And try to dedicate some land to no construction. We have seen dramatic drops in wildlife of every kind in large numbers. Something along the lines of 95% of our songbirds (Specifically songbirds) can only feed their young caterpillars. Those caterpillars need their local host plants to either be eaten by said songbirds or become the butterfly they can be When is the last time you saw a A praying mantis? A lightning bug? A painted bunting? (Vibrantly colorful song bird, as or more colorful then a parrot!) Thank you for your time.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025066

CEER #2025066, titled Cost saving on land maintenance, was received by the County from Ms. Lora Losi.

Citizen Statement:

Too much detritus and fresh water with pollutants going into the IRL.

Excessive treatment of county owned ponds and vegetation, and therefore wasting tax payers money.

Lack of maintenance of baffle boxes.

Citizen Recommendation:

To save money:

In the short run—Eliminate the use of herbicide in and around county ponds. This will prevent possible runoff to the IRL and again save money in not having to re vegetate any seagrasses effected.

The county already owns 3 harvesters for aquatic vegetation removal. One is even small enough to remove unwanted and invasive vegetation in small ponds.

Likewise, drop or lower the use of excess pesticides, especially on lawns.

The treatment of potable water supplies to remove these and other pollutants is EXTREMELY costly.

Mowing and tree trimming on county properties could be rescheduled for many fewer repetitions. Longer grass holds water better, slowing or stopping the runoff. Trees with lower limbs and mass are more wind resistant.

Baffleboxes can only be useful when removal of detritus is done efficiently and often.

Staff Analysis:

Physical/mechanical removal of vegetation from stormwater ponds was recognized by the County years ago as an alternative to aquatic herbicides. As identified by Ms. Losi, Natural Resources has purchased, through grant funding, multiple harvesters and added field crews to harvest stormwater ponds. The program has grown considerably from ~180,000 pounds of aquatic weeds harvested in 2019 to more than ~7 million pounds last year. Since the harvesting program's inception in 2019, Natural Resources has removed ~14.5 million pounds of aquatic weeds from water bodies, the equivalent of ~21,000 pounds of nitrogen and ~3,400 pounds of phosphorus.

Public Works maintains 85 ponds. Two are spot treated six times a year to control vegetative growth. These two ponds have no direct connectivity to the Indian River Lagoon and are appropriately measured to dissipate at approximately 500 feet. These two ponds are being evaluated for mechanical harvesting by Natural Resources but due to limited access, the county may have to purchase additional right-of-way or seek easements to get the harvesting equipment to the ponds. Public Works has a strict no spray policy within ½ mile of major water bodies. Regarding mowing and trimming, cycles are evaluated periodically and adjusted as needed.

Mosquito Control employs an integrated mosquito management program which utilizes various habitat management (impounded wetland management), biological control (native fish hatchery/ stocking) and cultural control (public education) techniques to protect public health, but US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved pesticides ultimately are necessary to support the public health mission as well, and invasive aquatic vegetation control is one of those important tools. Local mosquitoes are known to utilize the shelter of aquatic vegetation during their immature (i.e., larval and pupal) life stages; and invasive aquatic plant species have the capacity to provide significant mosquito breeding habitat when given the opportunity to clog waterways and grow out of control. Herbicides are effective at controlling such aquatic vegetation, so completely removing them from the toolbox could negatively impact public health due to potential increases in mosquitoes and associated disease risk. Nevertheless, Mosquito Control has taken steps to reduce all pesticides usage over the years, particularly in areas adjacent to the Lagoon.

Lastly, aquatic vegetation harvesting was added to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan in 2020 as a project type eligible for funding. Funds are allocated to demonstrate or purchase capital equipment needed to initiate or expand harvesting programs, not to fund seasonal maintenance. Currently, there are 10 vegetation

harvesting projects approved in the SOIRL Plan. Of these, 6 have been completed, 3 are underway, and 1 is being withdrawn by the municipality. Entities (municipalities, other government agencies, homeowner associations, etc.) are encouraged to apply for this funding during the annual application cycle.

Lastly, County-owned baffle box screens are cleaned monthly; sediment is removed twice yearly under vendor contract.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025066 with revisions, as herbicide reduction and mechanical harvesting is already implemented as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025066

Recommendation # 2025066

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025066 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025066
Recommendation Title	Cost saving on land maintenance
Areas Affected	Maintenace of county properties
Department Affected	NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
Current problem	Too much detritus and fresh water with pollutants going into the IRL. Excessive treatment of county owned ponds and vegetation, and therefore wasting tax payers money. Lack of maintenance of baffle boxes.
Recommendation	To save money: In the short run—Eliminate the use of herbicide in and around county ponds. This will prevent possible runoff to the IRL and again save money in not having to re vegetate any seagrasses effected. The county already owns 3 harvesters for aquatic vegetation removal. One is even small enough to remove unwanted and invasive vegetation in small ponds. Likewise, drop or lower the use of excess pesticides, especially on lawns. The treatment of potable water supplies to remove these and other pollutants is EXTREMELY costly. Mowing and tree trimming on county properties could be rescheduled for many fewer repetitions. Longer grass holds water better, slowing or stopping the runoff. Trees with lower limbs and mass are more wind resistant. Baffleboxes can only useful when removal of detritus is done effeciently and often.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025067

CEER #2025067, titled Control of water flow, was received by the County from Ms. Lora Losi.

Citizen Statement:

Land and Development planning

Lack of planning for water movement, involving future flooding and pollution.

Citizen Recommendation:

In the long run -----Buying and maintaining wetlands instead of allowing ever increasing runoff into the IRL would certainly save money with less freshwater flowing into and damaging the salinity of the IRL.

We are seeing that development without proper planning can flood existing homes. In the long run this will hurt the property value of the entire region, including new builds. Tax revenues will fall, just when residents will need answers as to why simple GIS maps were not studied and development and remediation not properly planned.

Staff Analysis:

Environmental Review

NRM Environmental Resources Management (ERM) conducts environmental review of development activities on developed and undeveloped properties in unincorporated Brevard County. ERM assesses proposed development for compliance with 10 environmental protection ordinances including wetland, floodplain, aquifer recharge, and surface water protection. Development review includes site plans, subdivisions, and building permits, and other ERM-specific permits (e.g., surface water protection, small scale land clearing, and land alteration).

Brevard is also in the process of establishing and implementing LID strategies. In February 2022, Brevard County adopted 13 new "Peril of Flood" Policies as Comprehensive Plan,

Coastal Element, Objective 14, entitled Coastal Development and Redevelopment." The primary objective is to create procedures to allow consideration of the changing dynamics of flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in growth management decisions within Brevard County. The Policies also direct the County to:

- Develop mechanisms to evaluate and recommend new design and development standards for public and private infrastructure projects that consider future climate conditions and amend land development regulations (LDRs) to reduce obstacles that hinder nature-based design standards and/or LID.
- Continually identify strategies and engineering solutions that minimize the loss of flood storage capacity in all floodplains and areas vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise, and incorporate them into the LDRs.
- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

NRM will continue to implement Policies and LDRs to ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to natural coastal ecosystems, including wetlands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, and dunes. Currently, staff are working on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), further modifying Policies in the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements to better facilitate the implementation of LID practices. Once the EAR is adopted later this year, staff will modify LDRs to align with the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Note that stormwater and floodplain development criteria are included in Chapter 46, Article V, entitled Stormwater, and Chapter 46, Article X, Division 6, entitled Floodplain Protection. The upcoming LID Policy and ordinance modification proposals will further enhance the existing standards as discussed above.

Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) bonded \$3 million for Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program land acquisition. A variety of properties have been identified for future acquisition. These properties are a mixture of both wetlands and uplands and are primarily outparcels within or directly adjacent to existing conservation lands. EELs is in the process of hiring a contractor to pursue the acquisition of lands with the allocated funds. If the Board approves additional funds, the contractor will already be on board to carryout additional efforts.

Additionally, the EEL Program has been working diligently with the community since the mid-1990's to provide mitigation opportunities. EEL manages over 1,600 acres of conservation lands that have been directly donated or restored by the development community to offset

habitat loss impacts caused by residential and commercial development. These donation and restoration projects have also included over \$750,000 in management fees that are used by the EEL Program to manage these lands into the future.

In 2010, the State legislature, at the urging of the private mitigation bank lobby, ended the ability of local government to allow the development community to perform wetland mitigation restoration projects on County lands that were acquired specifically for conservation. The development community is still able to donate lands for wetland mitigation and perform scrub habitat restoration on County conservation lands. The opportunities are ongoing.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025067 with revisions, as environmental review and PRD EEL program are already implemented as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
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Recommendation # 2025067

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025067
Recommendation Title	Control of water flow
Areas Affected	Land and Development planning
Department Affected	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Current problem	Lack of planning for water movement, involving future flooding and pollution.
Recommendation	In the long run -----Buying and maintaining wetlands instead of allowing ever increasing runoff into the IRL would certainly save money with less freshwater flowing into and damaging the salinity of the IRL. We are seeing that developement without proper planning can flood existing homes. In the long run this will hurt the property value of the entire region, including new builds. Tax revenues will fall , just when residents will need answers as to why simple GIS maps were not studied and development and remediation not properly planned.
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Natural Resources Management Department

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025068

CEER #2025068, titled Landscape Contractor Certification, was received by the County from Lori Losi.

Citizen Statement:

Current lawn and tree maintenance companies work with no supervision. In the long run this costs tax payers in the form of pollution in the IRL and tree and vegetation damage caused by improper trimming.

Citizen Recommendation:

To generate revenue ---(and possibly cut some sources of pollution)
Institute a certification requirement for lawn and yard work contractors. This could be a certification that the companies pay for—the training, annual certification, inspection etc... It would be especially important for those companies working in the IRL watershed. KBB has such a program with 9 companies certified. The companies certainly could brag in their advertisements about this. The certification would mean that the companies would have to test soils, not excessively irrigate, understand how and when to fertilize (or not at all when not needed), not let clippings and unneeded pesticides become pollution. Brevard's groundwater supplies and the IRL do not need any preventable sources of pollution that cost tax payers to clean our drinking water and waterways.

Trees improperly trimmed fall and die costing tax payers and the county for clean up.

Staff Analysis:

A very similar CEER submitted was considered by the Board last year - #2024028.

Brevard County licenses irrigation contractors. See e.g. Section 22-529, Brevard County Code of Ordinances, including as a class of competency "irrigation specialty contractor."

Main Line: (321) 633-2016

Website: Brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources

There are currently 70 active licenses certified by the County, and four certified by the State and registered with the County. Broader local licensing requirements are generally preempted under Fla. Stat. Section 489.117. For those certified by the County, the educational materials our test providers draw from include information on pollution and prevention of runoff.

Contracted landscapers are required by law to receive training and certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for the application of pesticides and fertilizers. Each individual seeking certification must satisfactorily pass an examination. UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County regularly provides the training and continuing education needed to obtain and recertify these required certifications. Examples are listed below.

Pesticide Applicator Trainings and Continuing Education

Chapter 482 (Structural Pest Control) of the Florida Statute states that all general use and restricted use pesticides applied within 10 feet of any building (i.e., "for-hire" contracted landscapers) must receive certifications and maintain those licenses with continuing education provided by FDACS approved education, such as by UF/IFAS Extension. For Ch. 482-Structural Pest Control, we provide training and continuing education for Commercial Lawn and Ornamental, Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance, and Special ID Card holders.

Fertilizer Applicator Training and Continuing Education

Florida law states that all commercial fertilizer applicators must have a Limited Urban Fertilizer (LUF) Certification from FDACS. To get this certification, each commercial applicator must be trained in the Green Industries Best Management Practices Certification Class (GI-BMPs) and receive a certificate of completion from UF/IFAS and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. We regularly provide this training at UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Certified Professional

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program offers a Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Certified Professional (FFLCP) designation to individuals who have completed the required training in FFL principles and are familiar with the latest UF/IFAS recommendations. These trained professionals have demonstrated the ability to recognize and address common landscape issues by using environmentally sustainable landscape management practices that help preserve and protect Florida's water and natural resources. UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County provides the required in-person *Field Module* training, annually, for landscapers pursuing the FFLCP designation.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025068 with revisions as educational and licensing programs are already implemented.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025068

Recommendation # 2025068

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025068
Recommendation Title	Landscape Contractor Certification
Areas Affected	Business
Department Affected	PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
Current problem	Current lawn and tree maintenance companies work with no supervision. In the long run this costs tax payers in the form of pollution in the IRL and tree and vegetation damage caused by improper trimming.
Recommendation	To generate revenue ---(and possibly cut some sources of pollution) Institute a certification requirement for lawn and yard work contractors. This could be a certification that the companies pay for—the training, annual certification , inspection etc... It would be especially important for those companies working in the IRL watershed. KBB has such a program with 9 companies certified. The companies certainly could brag in their advertisements about this. The certification would mean that the companies would have to test soils, not excessively irrigate, understand how and when to fertilize (or not at all when not needed), not let clippings and unneeded pesticides become pollution. Brevard's groundwater supplies and the IRL do not need any preventable sources of pollution that cost tax payers to clean our drinking water and waterways. Trees improperly trimmed fall and die costing tax payers and the county for clean up.

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Brevard County Budget Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 303
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Jill Hayes, Budget Director
SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025069

CEER #205069, titled Brevard County Board of Government Efficiency, was received by the County from Susan B Connolly.

Citizen Statement:

Not having sufficient budget funds to make our current infrastructure resilient and future ready in support of our growth.

Citizen Recommendation:

Donald J Trump established the Department of Government Efficiency in January 2025 for the purpose to maximize efficiency and productivity across federal agencies by reducing wasteful spending, eliminating unnecessary regulations and improving software and IT systems. I propose that we follow the lead and intent of our President and establish a similar entity for our County, as well as, be the lead for encouraging municipalities to the same."

Staff Analysis:

Establishing a new department or advisory board is a Board policy decision. The Board may take into consideration the following systems currently in place when determining whether to create a DOGE.

Florida Constitution - Article V, Section 16: Responsibilities of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Under Article V, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution, the Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the ex officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, acting also as the auditor, recorder, and custodian of all county funds. In the role of the County's Comptroller, the Clerk is tasked with the collection, safe depositing, investment, expenditure, and distribution of county funds, all in strict adherence to the law and administrative regulations. As an independently elected official, the Clerk's office audits each requested Board payment to ensure that all expenditures of County funds are authorized by law.

By having an independent elected official serve as the Comptroller, the county benefits from strong internal controls and enhanced fiscal accountability. The Clerk's dual role as custodian of county funds and as an independent auditor ensures that all financial transactions comply with applicable laws and regulations.

External Audit Requirements - Section 218.39, Florida Statutes

Section 218.39, Florida Statutes mandates that each county and county agency obtain an independent financial audit. This audit must be conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General, which provides specific guidelines for the audit process. These rules ensure that audits are executed consistently, comprehensively, and accurately.

A fundamental purpose of this required financial audit is to provide independent assurance to key stakeholders, including citizens, bondholders, debt rating institutions, and other governmental entities. By conducting these audits, counties and county agencies help maintain transparency, accountability, and confidence that resources are used efficiently and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Brevard County's Internal Audit Program

Brevard County has implemented a comprehensive internal audit program that includes independent audit reports conducted by both the Clerk's internal auditors and independent internal auditors contracted through competitive solicitation. The primary focus of the internal audit function is to assess efficiency and effectiveness in the use of county resources compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies, procedures, contracts, grants, and agreements; adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls; areas related to fraud, waste, abuse, theft or other irregularities examined or reported.

Internal audits result in recommendations for improvement, helping to identify areas where economy and efficiency can be improved. An Audit Committee has been established to oversee the County's auditing functions, develop an annual audit work plan for internal auditing of the Board agencies and monitor the productivity and performance of the auditing process. Final audit reports are issued to the Board of County Commissioners and are made publicly accessible through both the Clerk's website and the County's websites.

Citizen Budget Review Committee

The Citizen Budget Review Committee (CBRC) has been established with the primary goal of assisting the Board of County Commissioners in reviewing the Brevard County budget. The

committee reviews and discusses various county programs to ensure the budget aligns with the Board's goals and priorities, and that these goals are being met in a cost-efficient and effective manner. Based on their findings, the committee makes recommendations and offers suggestions to the Board.

Countywide Lean Six Sigma Initiatives

Brevard County Government has integrated the Lean Six Sigma methodology into the organization, utilizing a data-driven approach to enhance efficiency, reduce waste, and improve customer satisfaction. This approach empowers the County to continuously refine operations and better meet the needs of the community.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025069 because it is duplicative of existing programs as provided in the staff analysis, therefore does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 12:08 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025069

Recommendation # 2025069

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025069 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025069
Recommendation Title Brevard County Board of Government Efficiency
Areas Affected all departments and operations of county government
Department Affected
Current problem Not having sufficient budget funds to make our current infrastructure resilient and future ready in support of our growth.
Recommendation Donald J Trump established the Department of Government Efficiency in January 2025 for the purpose to maximize efficiency and productivity across federal agencies by reducing wasteful spending, eliminating unnecessary regulations and improving software and IT systems. I propose that we follow the lead and intent of our President and establish a similar entity for our County, as well as, be the lead for encouraging municipalities to do the same.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Virginia Barker, Director, Natural Resources Management Dept.

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025070

CEER #2025070, titled Resilient Restoration of Indian River Lagoon, was received by the County from Susan B. Connolly.

Citizen Statement:

In 2024 there were 52 wastewater spills in the Central Indian River Lagoon watershed and 9 of these directly into the lagoon. Spill volumes ranged from 50 gallons to 1.33 million gallons, including untreated and partially treated wastewater.

Citizen Recommendation:

Revise the mission of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon City Oversight Committee to an Indian River Lagoon Solution Board with the main function to restore resiliency of the IRL. The Board could serve as a clearinghouse for receiving, reviewing, and recommending to the County Commission programs and actions that are root-cause solutions that would restore our IRL and serve in a preventative capacity for the future. The Board could be a collaboration of county commissioners, citizens, businesses, professionals and all who are ready for resolution rather than remediation. The successful results of this entity would be comprehensive and complete and affect our entire ecosystem. The purpose would be for sustainable, long-term actions within a short-term time frame.

Staff Analysis:

Wastewater spills have a localized and sometimes acute impact on water quality in the vicinity of the spill. In recent years, wastewater spills have contributed a relatively small fraction of the total nutrient pollution in the Indian River Lagoon. Nevertheless, improvements are being funded by a combination of utility fees, grants, loans and Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) cost-share. To prevent spills, utilities along the lagoon are actively searching for leaks, lining pipes to prevent inflow and infiltration, adding redundant pumps to avoid spills caused by equipment failures, installing back-up

generators to avoid spills caused by power outages, increasing storage capacity to address surges in volume, and upgrading infrastructure to advanced wastewater treatment standards.

The SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) was established by Brevard County Ordinance 2016-15 to play a key role in ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of funds from the half-cent sales surtax for the SOIRL Program. Uses of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Surtax were specified in the 2016 ballot language, with more detail in County Ordinance 16-15, and in Interlocal Agreements with all municipalities in Brevard.

Citizen Oversight Committee members are selected to represent a diversity of professions and perspectives including science, technology, finance, real estate, tourism, lagoon commerce and lagoon advocacy. The current mission of the COC is to:

- Oversee the use of the half-cent sales tax revenue dedicated to restoring the Indian River Lagoon.
- Ensure projects are science-based, cost-effective, and impactful in reducing pollution, improving water quality, and restoring natural habitats.
- Adapt and refine restoration strategies based on new scientific data and environmental monitoring.
- Promote transparency and public trust by reviewing expenditures and providing recommendations to the Brevard County Commission.

Key Responsibilities of the COC include:

- Reviewing Project Plans and Expenditures - Evaluating proposed projects to ensure they align with scientifically supported methods for reducing pollution and restoring water quality, and recommending adjustments or additions to the plan based on new research and environmental needs.
- Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility - Monitoring the proper allocation and spending of the sales tax revenue, ensuring funds are used efficiently and as intended, and providing oversight on the cost-effectiveness and return on investment for water quality projects.
- Public Transparency and Accountability - Conducting regular (monthly) public meetings to hear from the community, review updates on progress and challenges, and publish annual reports detailing project performance, financial expenditures, and environmental improvements.
- Advising the County Commission - Making recommendations to the Brevard County Commission regarding funding decisions, project priorities, and policy adjustments.

The COC's oversight helps maintain public trust, ensuring that the Indian River Lagoon restoration efforts remain effective, science-based, and financially responsible.

The County Commission has authority to change the structure or functions of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee by amending County Ordinance 2016-15 through the typical public hearing process, as long as the changes are consistent with the 2016 ballot language and municipal interlocal agreements for the surtax.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025070, as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 12:33 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025070

Recommendation # 2025070

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025070 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025070
Recommendation Title Resilient Restoration of Indian River Lagoon
Areas Affected natural resources, tourism
Department Affected
Current problem In 2024 there were 52 wastewater spills in the Central Indian River Lagoon watershed and 9 of these directly into the lagoon. Spill volumes ranged from 50 gallons to 1.33 million gallons, including untreated and partially treated wastewater.
Recommendation Revise the mission of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon City Oversight Committee to an Indian River Lagoon Solution Board with the main function to restore resiliency of the IRL. The Board could serve as a clearinghouse for receiving, reviewing, and recommending to the County Commission programs and actions that are root-cause solutions that would restore our IRL and serve in a preventative capacity for the future. The Board could be a collaboration of county commissioners, citizens, businesses, professionals and all who are ready for resolution rather than remediation. The successful results of this entity would be comprehensive and complete and affect our entire ecosystem. The purpose would be for sustainable, long-term actions within a short-term time frame.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Works Department

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321-617-7202

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marc Bernath', with a stylized flourish at the end.

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025071

CEER #2025071, Dangerous Traffic Congestion Side Effect, was received by the County from Elizabeth A Blackford, Palm Bay, FL.

Citizen Statement:

Traffic congestion is creating dangerous conditions in residential neighborhoods. Brevard County's rampant rate of growth, coupled with aging and inadequate roads, is creating more and more traffic congestion, even during non-peak travel hours. The result is impatient drivers taking shortcuts through residential neighborhoods, shopping centers, and intersection corner businesses, often at unsafe speeds. This unintended consequence of overbuilding is most dangerous in residential neighborhoods adjacent to schools & major surface streets, where drivers routinely exceed posted speed limits, endangering children, pets, and the elderly who frequently walk or play in streets not provided with sidewalks. Shocking Hit & Run accidents are on the rise!

Citizen Recommendation:

My recommendations are to: • LOWER ALL RESIDENTIAL SPEED LIMITS TO 25 MPH, even if road conditions justify 30 mph or more. While this action may not slow all vehicular traffic, it will slow some drivers, put others on notice, and warrant ticketing in the most problematic areas when monitored by radar or police. • REVISIT PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR SPEED HUMPS & LOWER SPEED LIMITS FROM THE LAST 5 YEARS. Quite simply, conditions have changed countywide – there are far more cars & trucks on the road than there were 5 years ago, so fix the problem areas that have already been reported. Make it easy for neighbors to protect themselves and their neighborhoods by offering technical & financial assistance, starting with historical requests. • DON'T LET PEOPLE BECOME ROADKILL!

Staff Analysis:

Regional growth has led to increased traffic volumes, which may contribute to higher instances of cut-through traffic in residential areas. However, speed limits on roadways must legally be established based

on engineering studies that consider factors such as roadway classification, prevailing speeds, traffic volume, sight distance, and pedestrian activity. Arbitrarily lowering speed limits without supporting engineering analysis may not effectively reduce speeds and will create enforcement challenges.

While speed limit adjustments may have some impact on driver behavior, the primary means of mitigating cut-through traffic and speeding concerns in residential neighborhoods are through traffic calming measures and law enforcement. Increased police presence and enforcement efforts serve as effective deterrents to reckless driving behaviors. Traffic calming solutions, such as speed humps, physically deter speeding and discourage cut-through traffic. Conversely, speed humps can slow emergency response times, increase noise and vibration, and cause vehicle wear and tear, while also requiring ongoing maintenance. Additionally, they may shift traffic problems to other streets, create drainage issues, and lead to non-compliance from drivers, making enforcement more challenging.

Regarding the suggestion to revisit speed hump and speed limit reduction requests from the past five years, each request requires evaluation based on current traffic conditions, crash history, and roadway design. In many jurisdictions, changes to speed limits and installation of speed humps follow specific criteria and warrant studies conducted by traffic engineers in coordination with law enforcement agencies.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025071 as the identified concerns and requested actions pertain to non-County roadways as provided in the staff analysis.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025071

Recommendation # 2025071

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025071 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025071
Recommendation Title	DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION SIDE EFFECT
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Traffic congestion is creating dangerous conditions in residential neighborhoods. Brevard County's rampant rate of growth, coupled with aging and inadequate roads, is creating more and more traffic congestion, even during non-peak travel hours. The result is impatient drivers taking shortcuts through residential neighborhoods, shopping centers, and intersection corner businesses, often at unsafe speeds. This unintended consequence of overbuilding is most dangerous in residential neighborhoods adjacent to schools & major surface streets, where drivers routinely exceed posted speed limits, endangering children, pets, and the elderly who frequently walk or play in streets not provided with sidewalks. Shocking Hit & Run accidents are on the rise!
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025072

CEER #2025072, titled Reduction of Stormwater Entering the Indian River Lagoon, was received by the County from Ms. Nancy Velie.

Citizen Statement:

Reduction of Stormwater Entering the Indian River Lagoon

Florida communities must reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering coastal estuaries, especially the Indian River Lagoon. The estuaries are crucial in supporting fish populations. Fisheries have been in decline for decades and their demise threatens the global food supply.

Citizen Recommendation:

Low impact development along with reduction of septic tanks in Palm Bay would reduce the pollution and runoff from Brevard communities.

Staff Analysis:

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Existing LID+GSI-Related County Requirements & Continuing Efforts

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- Encourage nature-based adaptation strategies design standards and/or LID design for development and redevelopment within areas vulnerable to current and future flooding impacts.

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In July 2023, the county proactively participated in a LID/GSI Code Audit through University of Florida Community Scoping Exercise. That exercise found many Brevard County policies and regulations consistent with LID/GSI and areas where definitions and practices could be better described. Improvements will be proposed as part of the Peril of Flood, EAR, and Barrier Island Area of Critical State Concern LDR updates.

Lastly, Brevard County's Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program is connecting thousands of homes to sewer to reduce the impact of septic systems on lagoon water quality. Over 660 of these SOIRL-funded conversions are in the City of Palm Bay. The City just received a \$5M grant from the state for additional septic to sewer conversion efforts.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025072 with revisions, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis. Any legislative changes related to LID must be enacted through the ordinance adoption process and may be considered at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

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From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
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Recommendation # 2025072

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Recommendation Information:

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Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept (NRM)

AE

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025073

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Citizen Statement:

Every day, thousands of people in Brevard County pay an additional half-cent-per-dollar sales tax to help clean up our biggest economic driver, the Indian River Lagoon. Yet in the next breath, they flick their cigarette butts out the window, fail to pick up after pets, or treat their sod lawn with high phosphorus-high nitrogen fertilizer. Developers are building homes with minimal regard for the environmental impacts of their construction methods. Cities and HOAs actively oppose Lagoon-friendly landscaping methods and plants. The recovery plan is in place, but we have NO COORDINATION & NO ENFORCEMENT.

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- Reduces utility costs
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Benefits to the Environment:

- Improves water quality
- Preserves the balance & integrity of ecological & biological systems
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Staff Analysis:

Fertilizer Signage

Pursuant to Section 46-337 Brevard County Code, signage is required at fertilizer retail locations to inform consumers about proper fertilizer use, including restrictions and best practices, as part of efforts to protect the Indian River Lagoon. The County provides the signs and inspects retail outlets annually to ensure the signs are posted.

Stormwater Maintenance & Drain Marking

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Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the LID portion of CEER #2025073 with revisions, as LID practices are already being implemented as detailed in the staff analysis.

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept with revisions the portion of CEER #2025073 relating to stormwater maintenance and marking and fertilizer signage, these practices are already implemented as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 3:07 PM
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Recommendation # 2025073

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Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

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Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025074

CEER #2025074, titled Do something about BCFR, was received by the County from Mrs. Lisa Druckenmiller

Citizen Statement:

My concern is our continued tourism, snowbird population and breaks for incoming new businesses. We do these things without considering that our county Fire and Rescue for the 72 mile county is losing members to fellow counties within and outside of the state of FL. With more citizens that means more vehicles on our roads potentially on both more emergencies and more accidents. At what point are we going to take care of those who are here and those coming? Stop telling taxpayers that the average retention amounts for BCFR are within average when your own pay and increased bonuses far exceeds those.

Citizen Recommendation:

I suggest you find a way to provide an increase in pay for our first responders along with better working hours, better working environment conditions and actual working resources to DO their jobs, so that we are prepared for what comes, and not behind it. If the fires in CA taught us anything or impact of past hurricanes show, we need to be better equipped for ALL emergencies not just then, but on our overcrowded roads and among our vast number of citizens. We can't keep up with the way things are now, the way in which our county is going and STILL expect to have a county Fire and Rescue department there for us for much longer. The sheriff's office was granted such, why should BCFR not illicit the same?! Let's not wait for another major disaster to suddenly start caring again about those first responders out there 24/7/365+ risking their lives and livelihoods to put us first. Let's appreciate now, not later.



Brevard County Fire Rescue

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321-633-2056

Staff Analysis:

Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, requires firefighter compensation be addressed through the collective bargaining process. This process is not within the scope of the Speak Up Brevard program.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025074 as the firefighter compensation is subject to mandatory bargaining by law as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 3:48 PM
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Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

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Areas Affected Fire and Rescue
Department Affected FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025075

CEER #2025075, titled Brazilian Pepper, was received by the County from Matthew Heyden.

Citizen Statement:

Brazilian Pepper is the single most aggressive alien species that is destroying what is left of our native plants that are supposed to be here. Yes, possession of Brazilian pepper with the intent to sell or plant is illegal.

The following few sentences are from the FWC website regarding how serious the Brazilian Pepper problem is:

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Why Brazilian pepper must be managed

Brazilian pepper invasions represent a significant threat to Florida's native plant and wildlife populations. Typically, Brazilian pepper forms dense forests that exclude all other plant life by producing a dense closed canopy. These forests are considered to be poor habitat for native wildlife species and may negatively impact bird populations.

Environmental damage caused by Brazilian pepper forests

Brazilian pepper produces dense closed canopy forests that shade out almost all other plant life.

Brazilian pepper forests alter natural fire regimes.

Brazilian pepper forests are considered to be poor habitat for native wildlife species.

Because of its relationship to poison ivy, many who come in contact with its sap develop allergic skin reactions.

Main Line: (321) 633-2016

Website: Brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources

Citizen Recommendation:

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Staff Analysis:

A very similar CEER submitted was considered by the Board last year - #2024001. The Board rejected the recommendation.

Invasive plant removal on public lands is valuable, as is the rehabilitation of inmates. Natural Resources Management (NRM) Staff has sporadically utilized inmates for land management. However, these efforts mainly involved hand-weeding and less intense physical activities. Removal of invasive plants, such as Brazilian pepper, typically involves chain saws or heavy equipment, and herbicides to stump-treat for the prevention of regrowth. Specialized licensing is required to oversee the use of these herbicides. NRM does not have appropriate oversight staffing to train and supervise inmates in these intensive efforts. NRM will continue leveraging partnerships to ensure the most effective utilization of available resources.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025075, as it does not enhance of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 3:59 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025075

Recommendation # 2025075

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025075 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization	Space Coast Audubon
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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025075
Recommendation Title	Brazilian Pepper
Areas Affected	all publicly owned properties in Brevard County
Department Affected	DEVELOPMENTAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Current problem	Brazilian Pepper is the single most aggressive alien species that is destroying what is left of our native plants that are supposed to be here. Yes, possession of Brazilian pepper with the intent to sell or plant is illegal. The following few sentences are from the FWC website regarding how serious the Brazilian Pepper problem is: Because of its aggressive growth rate, never plant Brazilian pepper. Possession of Brazilian pepper with the intent to sell or plant is illegal in Florida without a special permit Why Brazilian pepper must be managed Brazilian pepper invasions represent a significant threat to Florida's native plant and wildlife populations. Typically, Brazilian pepper forms dense forests that exclude all other plant life by producing a dense closed canopy. These forests are considered to be poor habitat for native wildlife species and may negatively impact bird populations. Environmental damage caused by Brazilian pepper forests Brazilian pepper produces dense closed canopy forests that shade out almost all other plant life. Brazilian pepper forests alter natural fire regimes. Brazilian pepper forests are considered to be poor habitat for native wildlife species. Because of its relationship to poison ivy, many who come in contact with its sap develop allergic skin reactions.

Recommendation

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Attachments

No Documents were attached.

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Communications/SCGTV Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 301
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025076

CEER #2025076 was received by the County from Dolores Conway.

Citizen Statement:

The area of SR A1A in the South Beaches has been designated as BBIA, ACSC.

SR A1A is 2 lanes from the SH Golf Course to the Sebastian Inlet. Every day animals are killed crossing the road from the east to the west side of A1A and back again. The animals include gopher turtles, possums, raccoons, squirrels, bunny rabbits, and land crabs in the summer and fall.

Citizen Recommendation:

To save as many animals as possible and give them a chance to cross A1A, it would be great if the County would put up animal crossing signs to warn drivers.

There are turtle signs that could be installed south of Publix and south of Melbourne Shores.

Crab signs sprinkled from Crystal Lakes to Sebastian Inlet. Raccoon, bunny, and possum signs near each of the Archie Carr and other preserves on A1A.

The signs could be installed along the walkway. The signs are cute and will help drivers to be aware. We want to share the road with the animals of South Beaches.

Thank you for listening to our suggestions.

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation on 2/17/2025.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025076 as the recommendation does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:36 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025076

Recommendation # 2025076

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025076 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025076
Recommendation Title Asking For Animal Crossing Signs on SR A1A in South Beaches area. BBIA, ACSC.
Areas Affected Highway A1A in the South Beaches area
Department Affected
Current problem The area of SR A1A in the South Beaches has been designated as BBIA, ACSC. SR A1A is 2 lanes from the SH Golf Course to the Sebastian Inlet. Every day animals are killed crossing the road from the east to the west side of A1A and back again. The animals include gopher turtles, possums, raccoons, squirrels, bunny rabbits, and land crabs in the summer and fall.
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natural Resources Management Department

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 219
Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager
FROM: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management Dept. *AE*
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025077

CEER #2025077, titled A Campaign to Save the St. Johns River, was received by the County from Terry Mott.

Citizen Statement:

Suggestion: For the Commission to inspire the five entities listed below to work together to create and execute a Stormwater Education Program for the residents of the Viera East Community Development District.

Entities:

- o Brevard County Natural Resources (BNR):
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Background Information (an overview; additional details can be provided):

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- o However, shortly thereafter, the VECDD changed its pond maintenance program and killed off all of the vegetation by routine spraying. And that maintenance program has continued through to today for all of the 84 detention ponds in Viera East.

Issues of Concern:

- o Over the years, erosion along the edge of the buffer zones has continually increased

to the point where we now have a steep incline.

- o The buffer zone has lost footage, and continues to erode each day. Wave energy for properties situated on the west side of the ponds--such as our property--seem to suffer from more erosion due to summer easterly winds.

- o Most of our 84 detention ponds flow into the St. Johns River. And without vegetation to filter pollutants from our yards, those pollutants are flowing unfiltered into that critically important watershed.

- o With the loss of vegetation along the littoral shelves, the number of birds foraging around our ponds has dramatically reduced over the years.

Action Taken:

- o A few years ago, I alerted the VECDD of the erosion problem. The VECDD staff came to my home, measured our property and the buffer zone, and confirmed that the buffer zone was losing footage.

- o Through a series of many meetings with the VECDD and BNR staff, it was determined that the VECDD kills off all the vegetation along the littoral shelves of these 84 detention ponds because residents don't like to see "weeds" in their backyards.

- o The solution to this matter--as determined collectively by BNR and VECDD staff members--was for the BNR to apply to the Florida Department of Environment Protection for a \$50,000 educational grant for the BNR to conduct a stormwater education program for residents of the VECDD.

- o Current status: We're still waiting for the BNR to apply for that grant. And in the meantime, the VECDD is still routinely spraying to kill off all vegetation along our 84 ponds.

Citizen Recommendation:

Proposed Action Plan:

- o Throughout this process, I've attended several workshops that recommended the best management practices for pond maintenance offered by the entities mentioned above, along with the Marine Resources Council.

- o I believe that if these entities could work together and share resources, an online program could be created that may accomplish the mission of educating the VECDD residents enough to understand the importance of allowing vegetation to be maintained along the littoral shelves of our 84 ponds. If our residents understood that the current maintenance program is polluting the St Johns River and--in the long run--diminishing our property values due to erosion, and ultimately creating a flooding hazard for the community, they would not object to seeing "weeds" in their backyards.

- o Here's one possible program idea:

- oo The BNR or the SJRWMD could organize a Save the St. Johns River Campaign.

- oo The Campaign could focus on 3W's: Water~Wildlife~Waste

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- oo UF/IFAS staff also offer several online classes.

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(originally created to educate community association managers, which could easily be tweaked to accommodate this current objective).

oo Both the VECDD and the VECA could organize the HOA leadership within the VECDD and work with the other entities to hold training workshops and use their respective websites to further educate our residents. In sum, all the information we need to inspire the VECDD community to adopt best management practices for pond maintenance is readily available if the entities above agree to work together. And I believe the above-mentioned campaign could energize and inspire the entire community to get involved.

Staff Analysis:

The Board considered very similar CEER recommendations last year (#2024050 and #2024051).

Natural Resources Management recognizes the value of working together and the importance of working with Homeowners Associations (HOAs) to better manage stormwater ponds. HOAs are responsible for the maintenance and operation of over 4,000 stormwater ponds in Brevard County, about ten times as many county-maintained stormwater ponds. Since last year, Brevard County has made significant strides in stormwater education efforts with innovative pilot programs and demonstration plantings added to existing permit-required outreach.

2024-2025 Citizen Science - Pond Pilot Program

While this CEER request is specific to the St. Johns River, Brevard County has actively been working on a similar request for the Indian River Lagoon that could be used as a template for all stormwater pond management. The Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program is currently piloting a citizen science/outreach program that is partnering with four Homeowners Associations (HOAs) to improve stormwater pond management and reduce stormwater inputs to the Indian River Lagoon (IRL). Funding to start this program was added in the 2023 Update to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan and remains in the 2025 Update approved in February. A grant proposal was submitted to the IRL Council/Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program to seek additional funding to support a pilot program for this education/outreach campaign and was contracted in October 2024. The Pond Pilot Program is running for one year (October 2024 - October 2025), with the future goal of improving and expanding the program to include additional HOAs and stakeholder groups.

The following four HOAs volunteered and were selected to participate in this Pond Pilot Program:

- Country Walk HOA (Suntree) – North IRL
- Longwood HOA (Melbourne) – North IRL
- Tortoise Island HOA (Satellite Beach) – Banana River Lagoon
- South Lakes HOA (Melbourne) – Central IRL

Multiple visits were made to each of the four HOAs during late summer/early fall 2024 to meet with HOA community contacts and to gather information and evaluate their stormwater ponds. More formal meetings were held at each HOA over the course of the fall/winter 2024-2025 to provide information about the Pond Pilot Program and to generate wider public support and participation.

The citizen science portion of the Pond Pilot Program is focused on training HOA volunteers to collect monthly water samples from their stormwater pond(s). Water samples will be analyzed for total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a. These data will be used to 1) educate HOAs about the water quality conditions in their pond, and 2) to establish baseline data, detect trends, and quantify changes in nutrient levels. Volunteers from the 4 HOAs were trained and began collecting water samples in December 2024. To date, 18 volunteers have been trained to collect water samples as part of this Pilot Program and three months of water quality data has been collected. One extra month of water samples was collected at Country Walk HOA (November 2024) to get baseline water quality data before the installation of their floating wetland, which occurred in early December 2024.

The education/outreach portion of the Pond Pilot Program is focused on developing a curriculum 1) to help HOAs improve their stormwater pond maintenance, and 2) to help HOAs identify and implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce stormwater pollution in their neighborhood and to the IRL. Pre- and post-pilot program surveys will be used to measure learning outcomes and adoption of pollution prevention measures. The pre-pilot survey was deployed via email to each of the four HOAs in February 2025. These data are being analyzed now to help inform preparations for the educational meetings set to begin in late March/early April 2025.

The series of educational meetings with each HOA will provide resources and support HOA efforts to develop/improve their stormwater pond maintenance plan(s) and to identify specific stormwater BMPs that their neighborhood would like to implement. Funding is allocated to assist HOAs interested in installing floating wetlands or planting native aquatic plants in the littoral zone (shallow, near-shore zone) of their pond(s). Plantings will be scheduled for spring 2025.

2024-2025 Pond Demonstration – Native Littoral Plantings in Viera

Natural Resources Management, in conjunction with the Viera Wetland Rangers Volunteer Group, recently completed the installation of a native littoral buffer zone and educational signage at Clubhouse Drive Park Pond in Viera East. With that location now selected and thriving, the Brevard County Stormwater Program had been collaborating with the Viera East Community Development District (VECDD) on an educational grant submittal for stormwater pond best management practices that are demonstrated at this pond location. Part of the project included targeted educational outreach to HOAs within the VECDD area. Ms. Mott has indicated to NRM staff that she no longer believes the grant submittal is necessary as the material produced would be duplicative of educational material already available through the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Master Naturalist Freshwater Systems Course.

Ongoing Stormwater Education Outreach

Stormwater pollution prevention presentations to adults are conducted as part of the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance. The Brevard County Stormwater Program conducts presentations for HOAs upon request, and as staffing allows. Many HOA volunteers are already active in County stormwater pollution prevention efforts, placing storm drain markers throughout our community to further education efforts, or through the aforementioned volunteer pond littoral planting at Clubhouse Drive Park and as citizen scientists with the Pilot Pond Program.

Proposed 3W's Campaign

Regarding the 3 W's campaign suggested, the County has implemented programs that address the first W, Water. The Lagoon Loyal program was developed to address the thousands of pounds of excess algae-feeding nutrients that flow to the Indian River Lagoon, polluting both groundwater and stormwater. This program is the cornerstone of the outreach efforts required under the county's NPDES permit.

Regarding the second W of the 3 W's campaign, Wildlife, the Board does not have jurisdiction relevant to wildlife protection. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or United States Fish and Wildlife Service would need to spearhead efforts regarding outreach for fauna. Additionally, as noted in the citizen recommendation, the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) has a Florida Master Naturalist Program that teaches those who teach others about Florida's unique ecosystems and wildlife. UF/IFAS Brevard Extension continues to work with Natural Resources to assist and educate the citizens of Brevard when appropriate.

Regarding the last W, Waste, is partially addressed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Waste Reduction Section. This section is responsible for promoting and monitoring statewide recycling and waste reduction programs as well as the recycling and proper management of household hazardous waste, medications, mercury lamps (fluorescent) and devices (thermostats), batteries, and scrap electronics. Grants and technical assistance are provided to local governments for the implementation of solid waste management programs. As required pursuant to 403.7032 Florida Statutes, and Chapter VIII of Brevard's Comprehensive Plan, Brevard County's Solid Waste Department provides outreach by a Recycling Coordinator and a Recycling Educator who attend community events, civic organization meetings, school functions, and other events as appropriate. The Solid Waste webpage provides a plethora of educational materials including a Recyclopedica, Recycling Kids' Corner, and other links and media.

Although not located in the Viera East community, Florida Recyclers of Brevard (Sarno Road) is a commercial composting facility. At the current Brevard County Solid Waste Management locations, there is neither the space nor the personnel to engage in composting. Lastly, composting results in odors that are not normally compatible

adjacent to residential uses unless high-cost management and maintenance equipment is employed.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025077, as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter as detailed in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 11:29 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
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Recommendation # 2025077

Dear CEER Administrator,

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Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025077
Recommendation Title	A Campaign to Save the St. Johns River
Areas Affected	An educational program
Department Affected	Natural Resources Management
Current problem	See the attached form.
Recommendation	A program to save tax dollars. See the attached form.
Attachments	Suggestion from Terry Mott.pdf

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Submission from Terry Mott

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Hello everyone,

My name is Ashley Lorenzana

I'd like to start off by saying thank you for allowing me to speak today.

I am here to discuss the importance of an ADA swing for special-needs adults and children in our community in Merritt island.

I would like to begin by presenting a compilation of photographs I have prepared. These photographs depict Rotary Park on Merritt Island. You will also observe a space with a bracket in this image. This bracket is not merely any bracket; it is specifically designed for an ADA swing.

You may be wondering why there is no swing in place. I would not be here if I had that answer. I am uncertain why we have a space and a bracket in place without the ADA swing that requires this specific bracket, which is why I am here today.

I speak to you as a member of this community, a special-needs advocate, and most importantly, as a mother to multiple children with special needs. I have struggled for years to find a public park that could accommodate a family like mine with children who simply want to do what their peers can. That is when I realized there was a need in this community. When I submitted my concern, I knew there would be recommendations and/or staff responses. The thing I took from the responses was that I should consider enjoying Sand Point Park, which is 22 miles away or a 37-minute drive from my home, or I could go to Space Coast Sports Complex, which is a 30 minutes drive away and 13 miles from my home. I was also informed that all the work they have done to make the handicap accessibility at Melbourne Beach or the playground accessible routes at ground levels. However, I did not hear anything about how special-needs children in Merritt Island can enjoy these parks. Did you know that there is a private school named FACES. It is a private school for children with Autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. My youngest son is a student there and his school had to build a playground behind there building as there wasn't a park equipped for all there needs.

I figured as a community we could take it a step further than just being able to access these parks; how about we figure out how all different types of children and adults can enjoy utilizing the equipment at the parks when they are physically limited?

How could we expect to bring a child with a physical disability to a park without providing them with the necessary accommodations?

Shouldn't we be Ensuring Inclusive Play for All?

Imagine a world where children of all abilities can enjoy the same playground equipment without limitations. Swinging, going down the slide, climbing the rock wall, and more—these are just a few of the possibilities that should be accessible to all but the reality is they are not.

Many children face challenges due to poor muscle tone, making activities like these difficult or even impossible. This begs the question: should we bring all our children to the park, but separate those who are unable to participate from those who can?

As a parent of five, I am deeply concerned about the impact of these limitations on our children's development and well-being. It is important for all children to have the opportunity to engage in physical activities and build confidence.

With the support of the commissioners and staff, we can implement changes that ensure inclusive play for all. Installing a special-needs swing could be the start that would have a profound impact on our community. It would not only benefit my family but also many others who feel their special-needs children are constantly overlooked.

Thank you for your consideration

Ashley Jones Lorenzana

(352)6388728

Board Meeting Date

5-20-25

Item Number: I-1 2025008

Motion By: KA

Second By: TA

Nay By: _____

Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
Commissioner Delaney	1		✓
Vice Chair Goodson	2	✓	
Commissioner Adkinson	3	✓	
Commissioner Altman	5	✓	
Chairman Feltner	4	✓	

Board Meeting Date

5/20/25

Item Number: I.1. CERR
Motion By: K.D #8 Swings
Second By: R.7
Nay By: _____

Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
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