From: Tiffany Busby
To: Espy, Julie
Cc: Laura Savage
Subject: Fwd: Mosquito Lagoon RAP
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 12:38:45 PM

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Date: January 29, 2018 at 9:56:30 AM EST
To: Brett Cunningham <BCunningham@jonesedmunds.com>
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Brett,

Thought you would be interested in Clay Henderson's concerns regarding the Pollutant Load Reduction objective of the RAP Plan (forwarded to our City Manager), which comments certainly need to be addressed should they surface in a public forum.

Thanks,

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From: Clay Henderson [mailto:whenders@stetson.edu]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Brangaccio, Pam <pbrangaccio@cityofnsb.com>
Subject: Thanks

Pam,
Thanks for your very kind note. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to present at the kick-off meeting and delighted at the energy in the room and the response that we have seen. You should feel proud of the effort and result.

Per your schedule, the next meeting is to focus on environmental issues and right now I'm focused on one major issue of concern. I just got off the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan meeting (via webinar) where we received an update on the progress of the RAP. We heard that the documents and plans are coming together and they expect to brief elected officials in the affected jurisdictions over the next month. As we have discussed, several of us have expressed some overriding concerns about the direction of the plan. While we are pleased with the overall multi-jurisdictional cooperation on projects and data collection associated with this effort, we are concerned that this is primarily a stormwater plan and not a coordinated restoration plan for the lagoon. New Smyrna Beach has shown significant leadership in these issues by eliminating wastewater discharges, making stormwater improvements, and looking for opportunities to convert remaining septic tanks to sewer.

We have two primary concerns about the direction of the reasonable assurances program for Mosquito Lagoon. First, the consultants are recommending a lowering of adopted water quality standards for the Indian River Lagoon in Southeast Volusia. The Lagoon has demonstrated significant stress over the last several years and FDEP has recommended placing our portion of the IRL on the impaired waters list. Lowering the standards so that they are easier to meet is not the way to restore the lagoon. Secondly, the proposed plan is primarily focused on stormwater retrofits. There are no proposed projects in the draft reasonable assurance plan for conversion of septic tanks to sewer. Eliminating septic tanks within the IRL watershed is a manageable goal within New Smyrna Beach. We encourage the City to continue to work toward that goal and to engage in discussions with county on how to provide wastewater service to Silver Sands as well.

Based on the feedback I received at our kickoff meeting, citizens in New Smyrna Beach support measures to protect our lagoon. Of the jurisdictions in Southeast Volusia, the City of New Smyrna Beach can claim leadership for having invested in major actions to improve the lagoon. We hope the city will continue to keep a leadership role and support our goals to promote a meaningful restoration of the Indian River Lagoon. The restoration of the Indian River Lagoon is an important focus area of our Institute. If we can assist you in any way on this issue, please let us know.

Best wishes,
Clay

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