

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Taylor Creek Restoration Muck Removal Project

2. Date of Submission: 08/19/2019

3. House Member Sponsor: Toby Overdorf

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		585,210	585,210		3,164,790	3,164,790

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Environmental Protection

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

No payment will be made for unsatisfactory deliverables.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty,
- b. Organization: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)708-3954

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty,
- b. Organization: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)708-3954

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty
- b. Firm: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)708-3954

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): St. Lucie
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The County is requesting funding to assist in the dredging of Taylor Creek located north of the Port of Fort Pierce to eliminate muck sediments within the estuary in an effort to enhance the water quality in the Indian River Lagoon. This project will not only provide restoration to our environment, it will also support the County's efforts to enhance economic development utilizing various tools and incentives to induce business expansion, targeted industry retention and economic revitalization

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Mobilization of dredge infrastructure	400,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hydraulic system installation and execution of muck removal from the Taylor Creek inlet basin.	2,764,790
TOTAL		3,164,790

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category "h. Fixed Capital Outlay" was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

St. Lucie County 2019 and 2020 State Legislative Priorities Program, and has been presented to the St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Meeting.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

In 2018, the County conducted a depth and sediment survey for Taylor Creek, the survey is attached for reference.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	The restoration dredge of Taylor Creek will remove muck sediment which is negatively impacting the outfall into the Indian River Lagoon.	After completion of dredge, the County will be conducting annual monitoring of the depth and floor sediment to provide analysis to FDEP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	The restoration dredge of Taylor Creek will remove muck sediment which is negatively impacting the outfall into the Indian River Lagoon, a nationally protected estuary along the east coast of Florida.	After completion of dredge, the County will be conducting annual monitoring of the depth and floor sediment to provide analysis to FDEP.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Taylor Creek acts as a trap for these detrimental muck, which at this time has filled the creek to elevations that are not only a concern for muck getting into the ICW and affect navigation, is impacting two marinas that abut the Creek to the north and south, thus impacting the two Marina businesses that employ a large labor force and is used by recreational boaters that bring additional revenue to the area.	The method used to measure the impact of economic activity from the removal of muck will be by observing boat activities, through visits and lease fee to the surrounding marinas, increase of patrons to the restaurants and the increase in use of boat docking stations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	According to the IRL report, the IRL is	The method used to measure the

	a \$7 Billion is economic engine in the region. The impacts of the muck in Taylor Creek have a significant impact to the local businesses, employments, Port of Fort Pierce and recreational users as well the long lasting negative impacts to the resources and wildlife that depends and is present in the most diverse IRL estuary in North America.	impact of economic activity from the removal of muck will be by observing boat activities, through visits and lease fee to the surrounding marinas, increase of patrons to the restaurants and the increase in use of boat docking stations.
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	The fine-grained organic-bearing sediment referred to as "muck" in Taylor Creek is a contaminant that is transported and deposited into the Creek via a series of upland canals that drains uplands and discharges stormwater into Taylor creek through the S-50 and Belcher Canal Weir structures.	18. Surveys will be conducted on a biannual schedule to confirm depth and navigational ability to ensure canal spillways are at operational capacity.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	3,164,790	27.8%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	8,204,000	72.2%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	11,368,790	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?

County General Fund provided to the Public Works Department

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?

Yes

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- a. Wastewater Revolving Loan
- b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- d. Other (Please describe)

e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?

Yes

24a. If Yes, insert plan name and cite page numbers.

St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan and Port of Fort Pierce Master Plan

25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community? (as defined in Chapter 62-552, F.A.C.)

No

26. What is the population economic status?

a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality

b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress

d. N/A

27. What is the status of planning?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed?

100

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

12/30/2019

30. What is the status of design?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

31. What percentage of design has been completed?

50

32. What is the estimated design completion date?

2/15/2021

33. List all required permits.

We currently have all the permits in hand, however the FDEP permit expires on November 28, 2022, and the US Army Corps of Engineers permit recently expired and will need to be renewed. The process of re-permitting requires starting all investigations, and State and Federal permitting can take as long as a year, so it is imperative that dredging commence prior to expiration. A few minor modifications may be required to the permits, but this is attainable in short duration.

34. What is the status of permitting?

- a. Planned
- b. Submitted
- c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

- a. Ready
- b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/30/2021