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2021-2022 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

Grants Administration

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Organization Legal Name: Marine Cleanup Initiative Inc.
 Mailing Address: 7548 S US 1, Suite 138, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
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 Contact Person: Susan Howells Title: Board Secretary
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 Website Address: www.facebook.com/marinecleanupinitiativeinc

LEGAL STATUS OF ORGANIZATION:

() Incorporated, Not-for-Profit - Month and Year of incorporation/creation: May 2009
 INCLUDE COPY OF CURRENT 501(c)(3) DOCUMENTATION FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

Person Authorized to Sign on Behalf of this Organization. Signature Must Be Notarized.

Susan Howells Today's Date: Feb. 22, 2022
 Signature
 Print Name: Susan Howells Title: Board Secretary
 Telephone Number: 954-496-2817 Email Address: susan@marinecleanupinitiativeinc.org

NOTARY STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared Susan Howells, who is personally known to me or produced Driver's License, as identification, and acknowledged he/she executed the forgoing Agreement for the use and purposes mentioned in it and that the instrument is his/her act and deed.

IN WITNESS OF THE FORGOING, I have set my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid in this 22nd day of February, 2022.

NOTARY PUBLIC *Cassandra F. Talbot*

My Commission Expires: 01/03/2023

email to: grantsadministration@cityoffortpierce.com

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COMPLETE SCANNED APPLICATION via Notary Public

1. Describe your organization and list your Mission Statement.

- Our mission is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance watershed, coastal and marine habitats and ecosystems.
- Our goal is to make all of the aquatic habitats and waterways around us cleaner for our children's future. Accomplishing this with cleanup, maintenance and support of any waterways (i.e. creeks, rivers, canals, lagoons and oceans), artificial reefs, and after weather related events (hurricanes, ditches, sinkholes, natural disasters, etc.)

2. Describe your organization's history and prior experience, including a description of programs/projects similar to the one you are applying for in this application.

- Our Treasure Coast chapter, founded in 2009, is focused on South Central Florida, including the Kissimmee Basin, Lake Okeechobee, Indian River Estuary, natural and artificial near-shore and off-shore reefs and coastal hard bottom.
 - Lionfish safari - control invasive specie
 - Quarterly cleanup of Moore's Creek
 - Removal of invasive plant species along Moore's Creek
 - Sank 2 artificial reefs
 - Mentor students from Sword Mentoring & Outreach
 - We have removed 750,000 pounds of trash and debris from our local waters

3. List all previous grants awarded by the City of Fort Pierce to YOU or any organization(s) you were previously or are currently associated with. If None, write N/A below:

Program Year Amount Purpose

2020-21 N/A

2019-20 N/A

2018-19 N/A

4. If you have received funding from the City of Fort Pierce for Public Service projects in the past, please explain HOW the program/project described in this grant application is NEW OR EXPANDED: **NO**

5. What is your organization's annual budget? Describe how your organization is currently funded.

\$35,000, We are currently funded through private individual donors and in-kind donations

6. Do the City of Fort Pierce and/other local organizations in Fort Pierce provide services similar to your agency?

If you answered Yes, how do your services compliment their offerings? If yes, explain. **NO**

How are your services different?

7. Project Name (please keep it short): GROW THE CANOPY / SLOW THE FLOW Adopt - A - Tree Program

8. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Objective Activities: (check one)

- **Area benefit** activity (the activity benefits/is open to everyone in a particular low-income neighborhood or geography)
- **Limited Clientele** activity (particular individuals or households receive a benefit, and the majority of them qualify as low income)
- **Presumed Benefit** activity (the activity benefits a group of individuals presumed by HUD to qualify for a benefit: battered spouses, homeless, elderly, severely disabled adults, abused children, illiterate adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, or migrant farm workers)

9. Which National Objective(s) shown below does your project/program(s) meet?

Benefit low to moderate-income persons.

Help in the prevention of slums or blight; and/or

Meet other community needs having a particular urgency because other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

10. Beneficiaries from National Objective Activities (#8 Above)

A. Who are the intended beneficiaries of this program/project? Describe how the project will ensure that the intended beneficiaries are being served and the target population will be reached, including how beneficiaries are identified, and any outreach performed:

- This project will benefit all of Fort Pierce even though it will be started in the Lincoln Park district.
- Our installation process and individual site assessments will ensure that the intended beneficiaries are being served and the target population will be reached.
- Qualified resident beneficiaries are identified through a first come first served policy and homeowner owner waiver.

B. If the project will provide an "Area Benefit", please clearly define the geographic area to be served by the proposed activity. Include a map, if necessary.

- 15th Street to 7th Street working out in a parallel fashion from Moore's Creek

C. If the project will benefit "Limited Clientele", list the approximate number and percentage of total persons assisted through this project/program who will be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and how their income level will be determined.

- 100 low to moderate income individual homes, estimating 3-4 people per unit (300-400) will receive direct benefits and the area benefits will grow from this initial investment

D. If a project will provide a "Presumed Benefit", please identify the group(s):

- Abused Children Illiterate Adults
- Lower Income Senior Citizens Migrant Farm Workers
- Elderly Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Homeless Severely Disabled Adults
- Lower Income Youth Severely Disabled Children/Youth
- Other _____

11. Describe the existing problems or needs to be addressed by this program/project.

Some of our Environmental Justice Issues

- Watershed penetration is inhibited by the hardscaped nature of our urban core and the absence of an adequate tree canopy and the compacted nature of the soil exacerbate storm water runoff
- Lincoln Park has six times more than the state average when you look at heat-related illnesses rate. The heat-related illnesses rate almost doubled in the mid 2000s to now, and when you look only at people who went to the hospital, it almost tripled. Too much heat can be dangerous, but when you combine it with high humidity, your body has an even harder time cooling itself off. Humidity can also affect your brain. There is no official tracking of such incidents and or emergencies.
- Our city still uses Polaris AQ along waterways that are chronically starved of oxygen by a buildup of decaying organic matter and toxic nutritional runoff, which may be the ongoing catalyst behind the death of fish and native plantlife and algae blooms in Moores Creek.
- Consumer disposable trash floats across vacant lots like tumbleweeds while residential garbage like old stained mattresses, TV's, computers, batteries and tires pile up on every other block.
- Broken glass and haphazardly discarded needles divert your path on morning and afternoon walks.
- Airborne lead dust and allergy triggering pollen go unmitigated or are even exacerbated in ironic attempts to mitigate blight.
- Soil lead contamination is endemic where children play and is taken up into plant tissues being eaten by residents trying to do the right thing by growing food at or close to home.

According to a 2017 Lincoln Park Food Assessment conducted by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany we have a lot of work to do on food sovereignty. Recent price increases have hit this neighborhood the hardest:

- Ninety-six percent of respondents reported that they couldn't afford to eat a balanced diet.
- Ninety-one percent of respondents reported that they periodically run out of food.
- Seventy percent of respondents reported that at some time over the past year they have had to reduce the size of the meals they prepare.
- Seventy-one percent of respondents reported that there is often not enough money to purchase food.
- Forty-eight percent of respondents reported that they have one or more household members who receive Federal food assistance.

12. Describe your proposed project's activities and how they will address the problems/needs you listed in #11 above.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air and store it as wood.

- ***Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere. It enters the atmosphere through burning fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and oil), solid waste, trees and wood products, and also as a result of certain chemical reactions (e.g., manufacture of cement).***

Trees remove pollutants from the air. Poor air quality is a common problem in many urban areas. It can lead to health problems, landscape damage, degraded ecosystems, and reduced visibility.

- ***Carbon monoxide (CO) interferes with oxygen delivery within the human body.***
- ***Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) contributes to ozone and fine particle pollution and is linked to adverse respiratory system effects.***
- ***Ozone (O₃) is harmful near the ground and can worsen lung diseases such as asthma, particularly in children.***
- ***Particulate matter (PM), or particle pollution, is a complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets that can cause serious health effects.***
- ***Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) can make breathing difficult. It contributes to acid rain and can react with other compounds in the atmosphere to form visibility reducing haze.***

In addition, your trees:

- ***Enhance property values***
- ***Improve health and well-being***
- ***Reduce storm water runoff***
- ***Lower summer air temperatures***
- ***Provide wildlife habitat***
- ***Provide aesthetic benefits***

Grow the Canopy / Slow the Flow Adopt - A - Tree Program

Participants from the Urban Ecology Apprenticeship Program (UEAP) @ The New Life Changing Information Resource Center on Avenue D will provide selected residents with a 30 minute environmental homestead assessment and install fruit and/or nut trees on 100 residential lots in the aforementioned zone of the Lincoln Park District. UEAP is a permaculture based design course hosted by Bcause We Love Lincoln Park, Inc. and students come from various schools (Fort Pierce Westwood High, St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy, Sword Mentoring and Outreach, & VCOYA among others) and agencies to study workforce related STEM, agricultural, and horticultural skills in an environment that promotes self reliance, business ownership and investment management.

The program will sustain itself through delivering scientific evidence of the benefits of trees to homeowners and local governments in an itree.com report, spot check routines, culling agreements, produce distribution points and access agreements. Students will learn to propagate more trees using the initial stock bought with these grant funds. Apprentices will, overtime, spread these genetics along the shoreline of Moore's Creek and other residences, and sell any surplus at the farmers market to maintain the ability for the program to sustain itself.

We would use the funds to buy:

100 Juvenile Trees 1"-2" diameter @ up to \$45 each with \$1500 in-kind donation from SLC Coastal Resources Manager Dwarf Coconut, Cashew, Macadamia, Moringa, Filberts, Mango, Citrus, Starfruit, Jackfruit, Persimmons, Guava, Yaupon Holly, Mamey Sapote, Papaya, Loquats, Kumquats, Lychee, Ylang Ylang, Ice Cream Bean, Rainbow Eucalyptus, Jaboticaba, Soapberry, Pakistani Mulberry. Selection may vary.	\$3000
100 Plants &/or Bushes @ up to \$10 each Sweet Almond Bush, Fire Bush, Pineapple, Society Garlic, Plantain, Banana, Porter's Weed, Golden Thryallis, Barbados Cherry, Giant Milkweed, Cat's Whiskers, Chaya, Pigeon Pea, Cassava / Yuca, Okinawan Spinach, Jamaican Sorrel, Florida Cranberry, Pomegranate,	\$1000
20 Bee & Butterfly Flower Seed Packets @ \$2 each	
\$100	
30 African Cultivars	
Installation @ \$12 per site, with 25% per site in-kind donation	\$900

An Adopt-A-Tree Program will provide the Lincoln Park community with high calorie highly nutritious fruits, herbs and nuts, beautify the neighborhood, and provide us with a 30 year estimate of increases in watershed penetration, reduced stormwater runoff, and carbon

capture. As well as lowering cost of living, to reduce rise in heat-related illnesses and reduce adverse effects of metabolic issues.

13. List the physical addresses where your proposed project activities (listed in #12 above) will take place. Use street addresses within the City limits of Fort Pierce.

- HUB @ 2305 & 2307 Avenue D

14. List this project's measurable goals and objectives, as well as the date(s) when each will be met.

- 20 students pre-enrolled by the beginning of term: Summer 2022
- 10 assessments & installations a month starting in April 2022 - June 2022
- Installations will be grouped depending on purpose of the individual site
 - Street Beautification
 - Energy Reduction
 - Shade
 - Wildlife Habitat
- Students will be taught the ability to articulate the significance of trees and forests in terms of pollution mitigation, stormwater run-off reduction, carbon sequestration and storage and more. These goals will be estimated and reported for a 30 year period.
- Students assessments of the quality of their STEM education over the 12 week period
- Monthly tracking of a sample of installations
- Tracking of observable Home Depot effects on neighboring properties
- Amount of fruit culled and delivered to local agencies and residents
- In the case of energy related installations, students will compare utility rates against historical norms.
- Raise student retention

15. How will you track the results of these goals and objectives? (This information will be required with your monthly status reports.)

- iTree.com will be used to track
 - pollution mitigation
 - stormwater run-off reduction
 - carbon sequestration and storage
 - and more.
- Project checklist will be used to keep us on an appropriate time schedule.
- New Life Changing Information Center will track enrollment
- We will periodically schedule makeup days to account for weather related delays
- Installation grouping will be tracked by students making the homestead visit
- Student surveys will be used to track program and student success
- Produce will be weighed to track productivity
- Students will track energy cost savings of energy related placements
- Track repeat students

16. Briefly describe measurements of outcomes for each of the activities listed in #12. (Examples - number of unduplicated low/moderate income youth served, number of unduplicated senior citizens served, number of unduplicated Veterans served, number of unduplicated adults served, etc.)

- 100 low to moderate income individual homes, estimating 3-4 people per unit (300-400) will receive direct benefits and the area benefits will grow from this initial investment
- Up to 20 low to moderate income youth will serve as apprentices
- 9500 residents of Lincoln Park will receive the direct area benefit
- Energy installs should save residents money on the bill
- Students will count the number of neighbors who plant new trees on properties radiating out from our plantings, the Home Depot Effect

17. Amount of Grant Funds requested in this application: \$5000

Amount of other funds secured for this program/project: _____

Amount of other funds earmarked for the program/project: \$1800

Total amount needed to complete this program/project: \$6800

18. Describe your contingency plan in the event this grant request is not fully funded, or not funded at all by the City of Fort Pierce: We would move forward on a single site and resident installs would wait til students were able to propagate more plants and trees. Less diversity of species of tree would be possible

19. If this is a multi-year project, how will you continue to implement this project if City grant funds are not available in future years?

- Students will learn to propagate more trees using the initial stock bought with these grant funds. Apprentices will, overtime, spread these genetics along the shoreline of Moore's Creek and other residences, and sell any surplus at the farmers market to maintain the ability for the program to sustain itself.
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20. Select every qualifier below that best describes your project.

Improve or enhance education opportunities

Improve or enhance job training opportunities

Improve or enhance employment opportunities

- X Promote cultural diversity
- X Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle
- X Spur interest and participation in neighborhood improvement activities
- X Encourage citizen involvement and leverage resources to revitalize low and moderate-income neighborhoods
- X Encourage partnerships between City Hall, residents and other community organizations that will result in projects and activities that benefit a community
- X Instill and foster community pride
- X Promote neighborhood beautification and revitalization
- X Promote activities that protect the environment
- X Discourage adverse activity such as crime, drug use, and vandalism
- X Inspire and support the healthy development of youth

21. Write an explanation below of how your project will perform each qualifier you selected above:

- Improve or enhance education opportunities - Provides afterschool and summer learning opportunities
- Improve or enhance job training opportunities - Provides agricultural , horticultural, & construction workforce training
- Promote cultural diversity - Foods to be highlighted originated on the African Continent, brought to America by or for African Slaves such as okra, blackeyed peas, & amaranth.
- Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle - Planting gardens and community service outreach promoting permaculture
- Spur interest and participation in neighborhood improvement activities - Tracking the Home Depot effect and the number of adults who volunteer the join the project
- Encourage citizen involvement and leverage resources to revitalize low and moderate-income neighborhoods - We will seek to leverage these funds by using the initial genetics to propagate more trees for everyone. We will leverage citizen involvement to make sure that the trees survive their first 60 day watering period. We would encourage homeowners to plant the tree in the front yard to benefit from the maximum community beautification possible
- Encourage partnerships between City Hall, residents and other community organizations that will result in projects and activities that benefit a community - We will be working closely with the Saint Lucie County's Coastal Resource Manager, Bcause We Love Lincoln Park, Sword Mentoring and Outreach Center, Vacoya, New Life Changing Information Center, and the Boys and Girls Club
- Instill and foster community pride - Tree canopy is linked to neighborhood satisfaction
- Promote neighborhood beautification and revitalization - Self evident if trees are maintained
- Promote activities that protect the environment - Tree results will provide itemized report for homeowners and local government, Once homeowners and local government see the tangible effects of a

larger tree canopy we believe more resources will be earmarked for this purpose

- Discourage adverse activity such as crime, drug use, and vandalism - This project will serve as a deterrent to crime, drug use and vandalism for the Apprentice students as well as bring homeowners out into their front yard to water and care for the tree putting more eyes on the streets deterring crime by simply being outside is a simple way to deter violence
- Inspire and support the healthy development of youth - We engage youth in healthy thought provoking wholesome outdoor activities and give them exposure to a life that might be outside of their norm

22. Date project to begin: April 01, 2022

Date project to be completed: June 30, 2022 may be extended to July 30, 20322

23. Describe any participant fees that will be required as part of this project/program. Please see "New for Program Year 2021-2022" on Page 4 of the Grant Guidance. NONE

24. Applicants must demonstrate that the selection of participants is an objective process and Grant Recipient may not limit participation on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed, or disability. How will your project comply with this expectation?

Trees will be assigned to residents on a first-come first-serve basis but there will be a preference for homes where there are people over the age of 65 and or children under the age of 18

25. If this project is sponsored by a church or religious group, participation may not be limited to members of the church. What efforts will you make to ensure that the community at-large is aware of this project and the opportunity for participation? NONE

27. List the locations throughout the community, as well as online, where your program is advertised: Public signage on Avenue D and boosted community facebook posts, public service agencies

26. Provide a COMPLETE, detailed budget for **THIS** project in the budget chart below. List proposed City grant funds and other committed funds and 'in-kind contributions', donated professional services, fees and other resources that will be used to complete the project. List a detailed breakdown of individual items. Use specific descriptions, not broad categories. Remember, committed funds and/or in-kind services must equal at least 25% of your grant request.

Be sure to include verification documentation of all funds listed below as 'Committed' or 'In-Kind'. Commitments listed in the budget below that lack documentation **will not be counted as commitments**.

NOTE: Volunteer Hours may be calculated at \$12/hour.

- Please provide at least one (1) quote for each item listed that you will purchase with this grant award in the above Budget under 'Expense/Description'. Each quote should list vendor/company with contact information.

Program/Project Expense/Description	City Grant	Other Committed Funds and/or \$\$ Amount or In-Kind	Source of Other Committed Funds or In-Kind Services (Please provide written verification of <u>Every</u> in-kind service listed here from the "Source")
Fruit, nut and spice trees	3000	1500	SLC Coastal Res. Manger
Site Installation and Homestead assessment	900	300	Bcause We Love Lincoln Park
Native Shrubs & Plants	1000		
Seeds	100		
TOTALS	\$ 5000	\$1800	
(use more lines/pages as necessary)			

27. Organization Staff and Volunteers

Please complete the information listed below for **each person** in your organization who will work on **THIS** project and the percentage of time they will dedicate to the project, including **all** volunteers.

Name #1- Susan Howells
 Telephone Number - 954-496-2817
 Email Address - susan@marinecleanupinitiativeinc.org
 Organization Position - Board Secretary
 City of Residence - Ft. Pierce
 Qualifications - 2 years on the job training
 Professional Licenses - N/A
 Role in Project - Developer of Project
 % of Time Dedicated to Project - 25%

Name #2 - Christa Stone
 Telephone Number - 772-361-3614
 Email Address - christa@mytcmedia.com
 Organization Position - Public Outreach Manager
 City of Residence - Port St. Lucie
 Qualifications - 8 years on the job
 Professional Licenses - N/A
 Role in Project - Project Coordinator
 % of Time Dedicated to Project - 25%

28. Please attach **ALL** of the documents listed below to your application. Include a written explanation for EACH document not included:

- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws or Sunbiz.org copy - Document enclosed
- Federal Tax-Exempt determination letter and Employee Identification Number - Document enclosed
- List of Board of Directors with contact information - List enclosed
- Organizational Chart for your Organization - Arnold Stirzinger, Christa Stone and Susan Howells
- Board of Directors authorization to apply for this grant - Letter enclosed
- Last three month's bank statements - Statements enclosed
- Annual budgets for 2021-2022 - Due to Covid-19, budget has yet to be determined
- Most recent audit report (if this is not available, provide written explanation) - N/A
- Matching funds and In-Kind Services commitment documentation (Budget, #26) - Letter enclosed
- Three (3) Letters of Support for this project - Letters enclosed
- Copy of advertisement for program - To be determined by students
- Newspaper articles, and Thank-You letters, etc., as available, for your organization's work within the City of Fort Pierce. - Enclosed

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Contact Telephone Number:
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Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b) (1) (A) (vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 18, 2009
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c) (3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

MARINE CLEANUP INITIATIVE INC.

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February 21, 2022

To the community wide counsel and city commission,

This is a letter to submit in support of our Marine Cleanup Initiative, Grow The Canopy, Slow The Flow Adopt A Tree Program. The benefits of creating such a program are beyond immeasurable. We have worked diligently in Lincoln Park and surrounding areas for such a dream. Combining opportunities of multiple resources within our communities to be given the foundation to begin new and innovative ideas to help restore, protect and preserve Moore's Creek and the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Arnold Stirzinger

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Statement Ending 01/31/2022

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In Free Online Banking
 Go to the Accounts tab and
 select View / Edit Accounts.

In the Mobile App
 Tap the Profile cogwheel
 and select My Information.

Full account numbers are not available within Premier Online Banking.

Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Savings	XXXXXXXXX8101	\$12.00
Non-Profit Checking	XXXXXXXXX8198	\$260.05
Total		\$272.05

Non-Profit Savings-XXXXXXXXX8101

Account Summary			Interest Summary		
Date	Description	Amount	Description	Amount	
01/01/2022	Beginning Balance	\$2.00	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%	
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$10.00	Interest Days	31	
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00	Interest Earned	\$0.00	
01/31/2022	Ending Balance	\$12.00	Interest Paid This Period	\$0.00	
			Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.00	
			Average Ledger Balance	\$5.55	

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
01/01/2022	Beginning Balance			\$2.00
01/21/2022	Deposit Transfer from 131073090 SAV		\$10.00	\$12.00
01/31/2022	Ending Balance			\$12.00

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

Non-Profit Checking-XXXXXXXX8198

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
01/01/2022	Beginning Balance	\$2.30
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$800.00
	3 Debit(s) This Period	\$542.25
01/31/2022	Ending Balance	\$260.05

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
01/01/2022	Beginning Balance			\$2.30
01/21/2022	Deposit Transfer from 131073207 CK		\$800.00	\$802.30
01/21/2022	Withdrawal Transfer To 131073090 SAV	\$10.00		\$792.30
01/21/2022	Descriptive Withdrawal PAY A PERSON - 111 ORANGE AVE	\$529.25		\$263.05
01/22/2022	Monthly Service Charge For ACCT XXXXX8198	\$3.00		\$260.05
01/31/2022	Ending Balance			\$260.05

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00



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 7548 S US HIGHWAY 1 STE 138
 PORT SAINT LUCIE FL 34952-1450

Contact Information

- Direct Touch (863) 904-4896
(844) 868-2424 toll free
- Website midflorida.com
- Email helpdesk@midflorida.com

Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Savings	XXXXXXXXX8101	\$2.00
Non-Profit Checking	XXXXXXXXX8198	\$2.30
Total		\$4.30

Non-Profit Savings-XXXXXXXXX8101

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
12/01/2021	Beginning Balance	\$5.00
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$3.00
12/31/2021	Ending Balance	\$2.00

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	31
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.00
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.00
Average Ledger Balance	\$2.00

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
12/01/2021	Beginning Balance			\$5.00
12/01/2021	Monthly Service Charge For ACCT XXXXX8198	\$3.00		\$2.00
12/31/2021	Ending Balance			\$2.00

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

Non-Profit Checking-XXXXXXXXX8198

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
12/01/2021	Beginning Balance	-\$127.70
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$130.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
12/31/2021	Ending Balance	\$2.30

Non-Profit Checking-XXXXXXXX8198 (continued)

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
12/01/2021	Beginning Balance			-\$127.70
12/24/2021	Deposit Transfer from 131073207 CK		\$130.00	\$2.30
12/31/2021	Ending Balance			\$2.30

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$65.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Savings	XXXXXXXX8101	\$5.00
Non-Profit Checking	XXXXXXXX8198	-\$127.70
Total		-\$122.70

Non-Profit Savings-XXXXXXXX8101

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2021	Beginning Balance	\$5.00
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
11/30/2021	Ending Balance	\$5.00

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	30
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.00
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.00
Average Ledger Balance	\$5.00

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
11/01/2021	Beginning Balance			\$5.00
	No activity this statement period			
11/30/2021	Ending Balance			\$5.00

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

Non-Profit Checking-XXXXXXXX8198

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2021	Beginning Balance	-\$25.20
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	11 Debit(s) This Period	\$102.50
11/30/2021	Ending Balance	-\$127.70

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
11/01/2021	Beginning Balance			-\$25.20
11/09/2021	Point Of Sale Withdrawal INTUIT * QUICKBOOKS ONLICL.INTUIT.COMCAUS	\$47.50		-\$72.70
11/09/2021	ATM/Debit NSF (Overdraft) Fee	\$10.00		-\$82.70
11/16/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$87.70
11/17/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$92.70
11/18/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$97.70
11/19/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$102.70
11/20/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$107.70
11/22/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$112.70
11/23/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$117.70
11/24/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$122.70
11/26/2021	Negative Balance Fee	\$5.00		-\$127.70
11/30/2021	Ending Balance			-\$127.70

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$55.00	\$65.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

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February 21, 2022

To: **Linda Hudson**
Mayor
City of Fort Pierce
100 North U.S. Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Re: Grant City of Fort Pierce for Public Service Grant Application: Letter of Support for Marine Cleanup Initiative

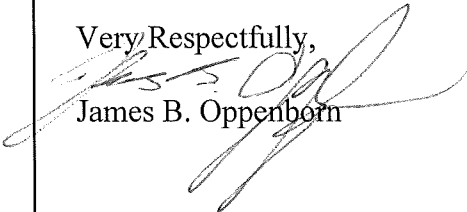
Dear Mayor Hudson:

The St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Program supports the Marine Cleanup Initiative's Grow The Canopy, Slow The Flow, Adopt A Tree Program. Planting native trees around Moore's Creek will help reduce flooding in neighborhoods surrounding Moore's Creek, resulting in reduction of stormwater discharges into the Indian River Lagoon.

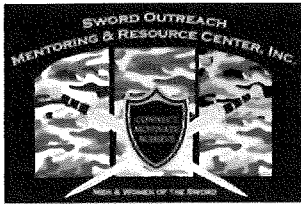
Urban tree canopy has been shown to reduce flooding by increased evapotranspiration. Moore's Creek and the neighborhoods surrounding the creek lie in a flood plain. Planting trees in said neighborhoods (developed decades ago) will help to ameliorate flooding while reducing pollutants entering Moore's Creek and the Indian River Lagoon. Planting trees will also create a cooling tree canopy, an urban wildlife corridor, and increase property values.

The St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Program has been working to improve the Moore's Creek Ecosystem functions and values since 2007. The proposed program will help restore the ecosystem while teaching residents about ecological stewardship and introducing them into meaningful ways to profit from preserving the environment. Be advised that my average annual time for working on Moore's Creek is conservatively valued at \$1,500, which can be considered as in-kind services for this grant application

Very Respectfully,


James B. Oppenborn

MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SWORD

**Mailing Address:**

P O Box 2876
Fort Pierce FL 34954

Location:

1 211 Ave Q
Fort Pierce FL 34950

Office: (772)409-4873

Fax: (772)448-4047

Cell: (772)204-5015

To the selection committee and the city commission,

This is a letter in support of Marine Cleanup Initiative's Grow The Canopy, Slow The Flow, Adopt A Tree Program, as it aligns with our commitment and dedication to see Lincoln park become a productive and life enhancing environment filled with multifaced opportunities.

The benefits of trees and the tree canopy to an urban area are significant and too many to name in the short letter; suffice it to say this project aligns with our permaculture motto of earth care, people care, and fair share.

The details of our involvement:

Sword Outreach Mentoring and Resource Center which is 501 C 3 Non-Profit holistic mentoring organization focused on at-risk young men and young women who are influenced by gangs, poverty or a lack of role models. We help them build the self-esteem, character and initiative to conquer life challenges.

- We have been associated with Marine Clean-Up Initiative since 2015, with its founders Capt. Don & Dyana Voss.
- Marine Clean-up efforts included exposing our urban youth and families to water quality and environmental appreciation through multiple clean-up details on Moore's Creek
- Marine Clean-up Initiative has since provided multiple opportunities to our program in becoming educated and exposed to artificial reefs and many other scientific environmental experiences

Thank you for your time, we look forward to working on this vital environmental regeneration project.

Sincerely,

Terrance A. Beauford

Terrance Beauford
Sword Outreach Mentoring and Resource Center, Inc
CEO/Founder
772-204-5015



Enhancing opportunities in our community



because we love lincoln park, inc

411 N 9th Street, Unit C
Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950
786-389-48911
2/21/2022

To the selection committee and the city commission,

This is a letter in support of Marine Cleanup Initiative's Grow The Canopy, Slow The Flow, Adopt A Tree Program, as it aligns with our wish to see Lincoln park become a neighborhood wide botanical garden.

The benefits of trees and the tree canopy to an urban area are significant and too many to name in the short letter; suffice it to say this project aligns with our permaculture motto of earth care, people care, and fair share.

The details of our involvement:

Bcause We Love Lincoln Park's Urban Ecology Apprenticeship Program will perform the following tasks:

- Provide selected homeowners with a half hour homestead assessment to align residents with Permaculture design methods and ethics.
- Consult residents on the placement of trees and or flowers to either provide community and neighborhood beautification, energy savings, and or shading backyard areas for families.
- Install trees and give instructions for the first 60 days of a watering in period.
- Perform periodic spot checks to ensure that trees thrive.
- Use the genetics purchased with this grant to propagate new plants and trees to perpetuate the program for as long as possible.
- Install propagated trees in public places pursuant to the direction of the public works department.

Payment will be made to the Urban Ecology Apprenticeship Program with the following terms:

- The apprenticeship program will charge \$12 per install.
- The apprenticeship program will offer a 25% or \$3 per install in in-kind donations.
- The apprenticeship program will collect \$9 per install.

Thank you for your time, we look forward to working on this vital environmental regeneration project.

Sincerely,
Jermaine Chad Ingram
Bcause WeLove Lincoln Park
786-389-4891

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INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

12 Days of Christmas: Help St. Lucie County Reef Builders with oyster restoration



Max Chesnes

Treasure Coast Newspapers

Published 6:01 a.m. ET Dec. 30, 2021 | Updated 2:46 p.m. ET Jan. 7, 2022

Jim Oppenborn's holiday wish is to bring plastic-free oyster restoration to St. Lucie County.

As the county's coastal resources coordinator and head of the nonprofit St. Lucie County Reef Builders, Oppenborn is always looking for more sustainable ways to revitalize the coastal habitat that's disappearing across Florida.

For its "12 Days of Christmas" wish, the Reef Builders and nonprofit Marine Cleanup Initiative, Inc. wants funding to purchase 10 galvanized steel gabion baskets to hold oysters, Oppenborn said. Volunteers can fill the baskets with shells and deploy them at the Indian Hills oyster reef to form a tidal creek at the mouth of a stormwater outfall.

"The baskets filled with oysters will be to form the banks of tidal creeks, which are a habitat that is greatly diminished in coastal Florida," Oppenborn said. "By creating tidal creeks, the ability of oysters to help filter stormwater effluents will be tested."

The non-plastic baskets will be sturdy enough to soften incoming boat wakes while also forming the banks of a tidal creek, Oppenborn said. It will give volunteers the chance to experiment with their process while building out oyster reefs.

Oyster reefs are typically built with plastic mesh bags filled with oyster shells because newborn oysters, known as spat, like to attach themselves to the shells.

Some microplastics in waterways, including the Indian River Lagoon, are small enough to be ingested by plankton, the tiny critters at the bottom of the aquatic food chain.

Microplastics can contain toxic chemicals, including polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly called PCBs. The toxins can accumulate as they go up the food chain, with smaller fish being eaten by bigger fish.

Eventually, creatures at the top of the food chain, including people, eat the bigger fish and ingest the accumulated toxins.

How to help

Who: St. Lucie County Reef Builders

Wish: 10 galvanized gabion baskets for oyster reef restoration

Cost: \$156.30 per basket or \$1,500 total

How to donate: Contact Jim Oppenborn at 772-462-1713 or

oppenbornj@stlucieco.org. You can also contact Susan Howells with Marine Cleanup Initiative, Inc. at susan@marinecleanupinitiativeinc.org.

About this series

Treasure Coast nonprofits that research, protect, restore and advocate for clean water, especially the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon, need more than holiday cheer to continue their mission. Find out what they need — and how you can help them — to continue their work, as TCPalm.com highlights a different organization each day from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5, the traditional 12 Days of Christmas. Read the previous stories:

Dec. 25: Florida Oceanographic Society

Dec. 26: Indian Riverkeeper

Dec. 27: Manatee Observation and Education Center

Dec. 28: Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce

Dec. 29: Environmental Studies Center

Dec. 30: St. Lucie County Reef Builders

Dec. 31: Pelican Island Audubon Society

Jan. 1: Friends of the Everglades

Jan. 2: Ocean Research & Conservation Association

Jan. 3: Environmental Learning Center

Jan. 4: Coastal Conservation Association-Florida

Jan. 5: River Kidz

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Max Chesnes is a TCPalm environment reporter focusing on issues facing the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie River and Lake Okeechobee. You can keep up with Max on Twitter @MaxChesnes, email him at max.chesnes@tcpalm.com and give him a call at 772-978-2224.

Read more of Max's stories.

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ST LUCIE COUNTY

Marine Cleanup Initiative continues 4-year effort to keep Fort Pierce creek beautiful

Capt. Dyana Boyd Voss For Luminaries

Published 12:37 a.m. ET Feb. 20, 2018

Marine Cleanup Initiative is known for its dedication to cleaning up marine debris the public generally doesn't see when looking out over Treasure Coast waterways.

For more than 15 years, volunteer scuba divers and their captains have stopped over 750,000 pounds of trash and debris from working its way out of area inlets and into the ocean.

What most people don't know is that four years ago Marine Cleanup Initiative turned its attention to a 2-mile section of Moore's Creek that Fort Pierce has restored to a more naturalized creek meandering through an urban landscape before emptying into the Indian River Lagoon beside the Manatee Center downtown.

Edged with green space, the banks of Moore's Creek are host to wide walks through park land, planted with native grasses, trees and wildflowers that not only help filter nutrients from the water, but also snag cans, plastic bottles, Styrofoam cups, carry out containers and food wrappers.

Keeping Moore's Creek free of this unsightly blight of litter and detritus, Marine Cleanup partnered with the Lincoln Park community group, Sword Outreach and Mentoring Center.

Volunteers come together four times a year to clean up the adjacent parks and banks from the shore, as well as the waterway aboard kayaks, before enjoying a lunch and camaraderie garnered from a job well done.

The Feb. 17 cleanup yielded more than 935 pounds of trash, including tires, shopping

carts and a flat screen TV. The Fort Pierce Parks and Recreation Department provided help and support. The children who volunteered were fun and energetic, the day was perfect and the food was good.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at one of the remaining cleanups, put these 2018 dates on your calendar: May 19, Aug. 18, and Nov. 17. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at the 10th Street Linear Park, between Avenue C and D. Work ends around noon.

For more information go to www.MarineCleanupInitiativeInc.org or see our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/MarineCleanupInitiativeInc/.

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HEALTH

'Capt. Don' Voss dies at 70; started volunteer dive group that cleans Indian River Lagoon



Tyler Treadway

Treasure Coast Newspapers

Published 4:29 p.m. ET Sept. 13, 2017 | Updated 12:02 a.m. ET Sept. 14, 2017

The Indian River Lagoon is a cleaner place thanks to Donald "Capt. Don" Voss.

A founder of the Marine Cleanup Initiative, a volunteer group of divers who clean litter and debris out of the lagoon and its inlets, Voss died early Sunday at his home in Fort Pierce.

He also was head of the One Florida Foundation, which has had run-ins with other environmental organizations on the Treasure Coast.

Voss was 70. The cause of death was heart failure, said his wife, Dyana Voss. He also had been battling intestinal cancer. His death was not related to Hurricane Irma, she said.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, where he ran a recycling plant, the decorated Vietnam War veteran and his wife moved to Fort Pierce in 1998 after six years on Big Pine Key.

"We sailed into the Fort Pierce Inlet for some boat repairs," Dyana Voss said. "We fell in love with Fort Pierce and decided to stay."

Avid divers, the Vosses were shocked by the amount of litter and debris they found in the inlet and lagoon. Voss joined with several other certified divers to start the Marine Cleanup Initiative Inc. in 2001.

One day that year, the group dove in the Sebastian Inlet to see if there was a need to remove debris.

“We picked up 1,900 pounds that day, and the rest is history,” Voss said in a 2015 interview with TCPalm.

Since then, the nonprofit has pulled more than 750,000 pounds of trash from Treasure Coast waterways from Sebastian to Jupiter. It cleans the Sebastian and Fort Pierce inlets by hand several times a year.

Cleaning up the lagoon, the inlets connecting it to the ocean and the creeks and canals leading to it doesn't just make them prettier; debris entraps and kills marine animals and inhibits sea grass growth.

One Florida

In November 2013, Voss and Nyla Pipes of Port St. Lucie formed the One Florida Foundation.

"Don and I were part of the River Warriors organization after the Lake Okeechobee discharges in 2013," Pipes said. "There seemed to be a lot of finger-pointing between the environmental groups and agriculture. We realized the need to bring the different stakeholders together as opposed to each group pushing against the other."

One Florida's ties to agriculture, particularly the sugar industry, caused friction with other environmental groups on the Treasure Coast, including the Rivers Coalition and Bullsugar.org.

"Don did talk to U.S. Sugar (Corp.)," Dyana Voss said. "He thought it was important to talk to everybody."

One Florida also sponsors the annual Treasure Coast Lionfish Safari at Fort Pierce City Marina to help remove the invasive fish from Treasure Coast waters and helped organized cleanups at Moore's Creek in Fort Pierce four times a year to keep trash from entering the Indian River Lagoon.

"Don was a very brilliant, giving man," Dyana Voss said. "He was an advocate for this planet his entire life."

Farewell party

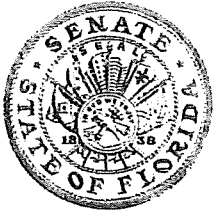
WHAT: Farewell party for "Capt. Don" Voss

WHERE: Causeway Cove, 601 Seaway Drive, Hutchinson Island, Fort Pierce

WHEN: 4-7 p.m. Sept. 24

Invited: Open to the public

Donations: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to One Florida Foundation, 323 Leeward Lane, Unit 202, Fort Pierce, FL 34949 or onefloridafoundation.org



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September 24, 2013

Captain Don Voss
Marine Cleanup Initiative, Inc.
323 Leeward Lane, #202
Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Re: Town of Sewall's Point Recognition

Dear Captain Don:

Congratulations on your recent recognition by the Town of Sewall's Point in acknowledgement of your positive contributions to our environmental community.

This achievement will follow you as a mark of distinction. I commend your dedication to and passion for our marine ecosystem and thank you for your efforts to clean up our precious waterways.

Congratulations again and please keep up the great work.

Sincerely yours,

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Joe Negron
State Senator
District 32

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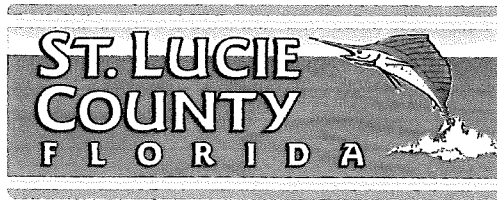
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September 6, 2013

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don", is written above the typed name of Captain Donald Voss.

Captain Donald Voss
323 Leeward Lane #202
Ft. Pierce, FL 34949

Dear Captain Voss:

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you, on behalf of St. Lucie County, for your generous support to the reforestation project in Raccoon Island, Fort Pierce, which took place this past Saturday, August 31st.

With your help, we were able to plant approximately 700 native plants which will help improve the quality and vegetation of the island, improve quality of life, and add a tourist destination for boaters and their families.

I thank you again and look forward to your support in future events.

Best Regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Dzadovsky", is written over the typed name and title of Chris Dzadovsky.

Chris Dzadovsky
Commissioner
St. Lucie County, District 1