

**Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board
AGENDA**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 11:00 AM
River Walk Center (Sunrise Room) - 600 N. Indian River Dr. Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of minutes from the March 21, 2023, meeting

5. **Comments from the Public**

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**
 - a. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Kaitlyn Britton to discuss Community Outreach Programs and Initiatives

 - b. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Second Vice Chairperson Selection

8. **Staff Discussion**

9. **Board Discussion**

10. **Adjournment**

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4. a.

Meeting Date: 04/18/2023

Discussion item

Approval of minutes from the March 21, 2023, meeting

Attachments

Draft Minutes

City of Fort Pierce
Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board Meeting
March 21, 2023, @ 11:00 AM Regular Meeting
Garden Club – 911 Parkway Dr. Fort Pierce, FL 34950

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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 11:13 AM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Recited by the board and guests.

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Charlene Adair, Matt Samuel, Bob Burdge, and David BuShea

Absent: Caleta Scott and Shirley Walker

Staff Present: Kaitlyn Ballard, Mike Reals, Marsha Commond, and Officer George Goz

Guests: None

4. **Approval of Minutes from the February 21, 2023, Meeting**

A motion was made by Matt Samuel, seconded by David BuShea, to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, meeting. All in Favor. Motion passed.

5. **Comments from the Public**

None at this time.

6. **Old Business**

a. Great American Cleanup – 3.4.2023

Kaitlyn Ballard gave an update that over 300 volunteers attend this year's Great American Cleanup and the projects were a big hit.

Charlene Adair stated she felt it was slightly disorganized and would like a clearer path laid out next year. She also stated she did not believe pickers and other items needed to be handed out prior to the event.

Matt Samuel stated he thought the event went very well.

The board discussed doing bigger projects next year and possibly partnering with local businesses. The board also discussed that no buses changed the dynamic of people coming back to the Recreation Center after their projects. We will investigate transportation options next year.

7. **New Business**

No new business at this time.

8. **Staff Discussion**

Kaitlyn Ballard informed the board that the Public Works Department will be attending the upcoming Earth Day event at the Oxbow Center on Saturday, April 22, 2023. We will be representing and discussing Solid Waste/Recycling, Keeping Fort Pierce Beautiful, and Recreation programs for the youth in the community.

9. **Board Discussion**

Matt Samuel – Matt provided an update on the pots and stated 30 pots would cost approximately \$150 each. Matt stated we should purchase a few pots and paint/seal them to see how they will hold up before purchasing all the pots.

Charlene Adair – Charlene stated she would like more projects for the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board to participate in to keep board members engaged. Charlene also inquired as to when the wind vane will be removed from the FPPD. Kaitlyn stated this is in the works but will take some time due to the logistics of moving such a large piece.

10. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Bob Burdge seconded by Matt Samuel, to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. Motion passed at 11:45 AM.

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Discussion item

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Kaitlyn Britton to discuss Community Outreach Programs and Initiatives

Attachments

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Presentation



INDIAN RIVER LAGOON AQUATIC PRESERVES

Kaitlyn Britton

Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves
Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

About The Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The DEP is the state's lead agency for environmental management and stewardship, protecting our air, water and land. DEP is divided into three primary areas:

- **Land and Recreation.**
- **Regulatory.**
- **Ecosystems Restoration.**

DEP's mission is to protect, conserve and manage the state's natural resources and enforce its environmental laws.

DEP's vision is to advance Florida's position as a world leader in protecting natural resources while growing the state's economy.



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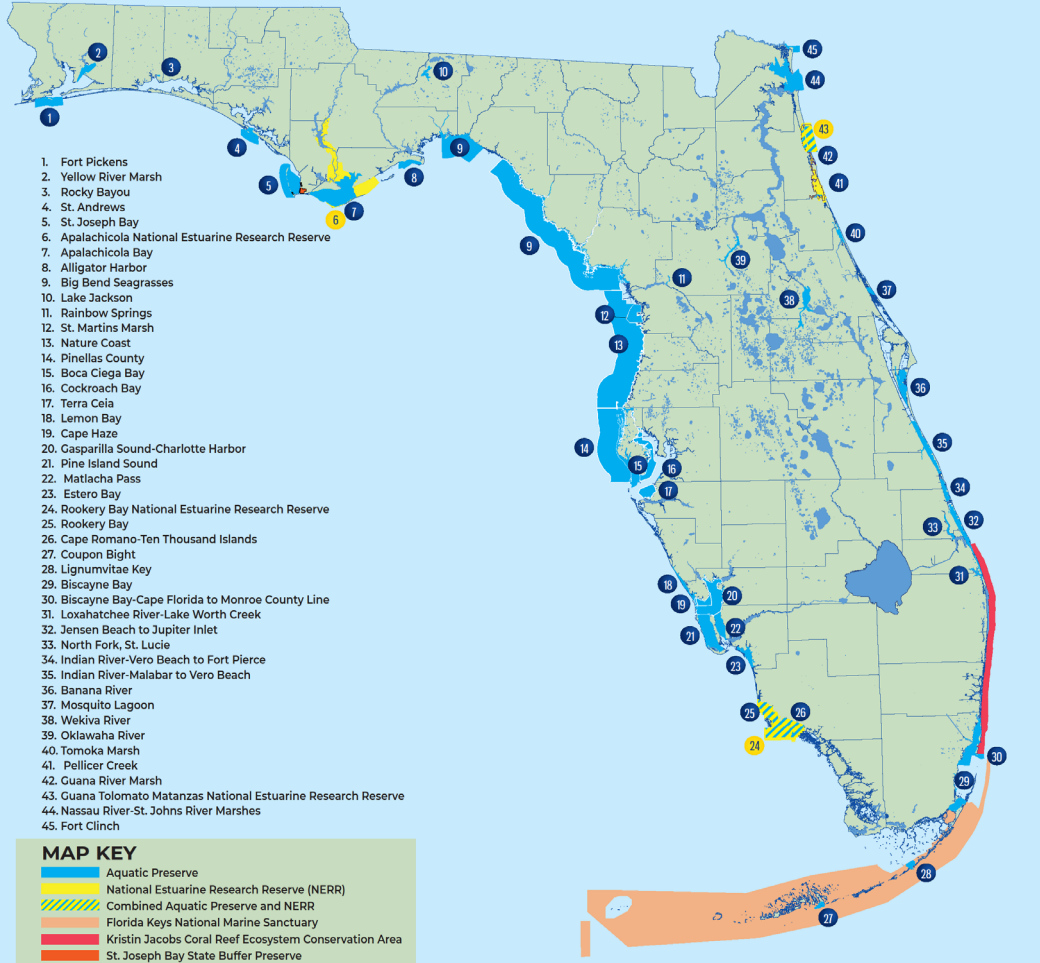
Mission Statement:

To conserve and restore Florida's coastal and aquatic resources for the benefit of people and the environment.





OFFICE OF RESILIENCE AND COASTAL PROTECTION



Manages more than 4.9 million acres of submerged lands and coastal uplands in Florida, including 42 Aquatic Preserves and 3 National Estuarine Research Reserves.



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IRLAP IN ACTION: RESEARCH

Seagrass

Microplastics

Oysters

Horseshoe
crabs

Coastal birds

Diamondback
terrapins





IRLAP IN ACTION: CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION



Maintaining spoil islands
within the IRL Aquatic
Preserves

Creating and restoring
habitat for estuarine
fauna and flora

Monitoring in-house
and collaborative
restoration projects



IRLAP IN ACTION: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Presentations

School groups

Community groups

Volunteer events

Citizen science



RECREATION IN COASTAL FLORIDA



Photos: <https://visitindianrivercounty.com/sleep-under-the-stars/> ; <https://www.visitspacecoast.com/blog-post/top-5-ways-to-enjoy-the-indian-river-lagoon> ; <https://www.paddlesbythesea.com/seasonal-things-to-do-in-vero-beach/>



LOCAL IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL USE



Photo: Iain Cartwright



Photo: Ryan Anderson



Photo: von Arx Wildlife Hospital



Photo: Greg McGrath-Gouldie



LOCAL IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL USE

Animal health

Water quality

Habitat damage

Invasive species





APPLYING LEAVE NO TRACE LOCALLY

INDIAN RIVER LAGOON AQUATIC PRESERVES SPOIL ISLANDS



- Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves named a 2017 and 2018 Leave No Trace Hot Spot.
- Leave No Trace incorporated into management and education programs.
- Goal: Make Leave No Trace a consistent outdoor ethics program throughout the IRL Aquatic Preserve System.



UNDERSTANDING LEAVE NO TRACE



The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.



WHAT DOES LEAVE NO TRACE LOOK LIKE?



Photo: Malcolm Denmark, Florida Today



B.A.R.K. RANGER PROGRAM

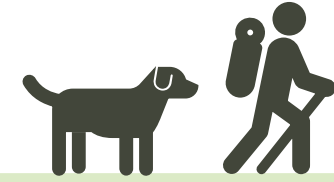


A fun way to protect wildlife and public lands while having a “pawsitive” experience with your pet in the outdoors.

B.A.R.K. Rangers and their owners must follow the principles of B.A.R.K. at all times while enjoying the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves and other surrounding pet-friendly preserves.



PRINCIPLES OF B.A.R.K.



Bag your pet's waste.

Always leash your pet.

Respect wildlife.

Know where you can go.



SPOIL ISLAND PROJECT



The “Adopt-a-Spoil Island” Program

- One-year commitment.
- One island cleanup per quarter (minimum 4 each year).
- Island cleanup reports.
- Adopters receive an Island Adoption Kit after their first logged clean up.

SLC Islands open for adoption as of April 2023:

- SL5, SL6, SL12B, SL13A, SL13B, SL14B.



ISLAND ADOPTERS AND VOLUNTEERS





THANK YOU!

Kaitlyn Britton

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