

LFIR # 1688

- 1. **Project Title** Fort Myers final phase restoration of Billy Creek
- 2. Senate Sponsor Lizbeth Benacquisto
- 3. **Date of Request** 12/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

\$1.575M for final phase of dredging and restoration of Billy Creek, a waterway within the city that flows directly into the Caloosahatchee. The first phase of the project was completed in 2019, removing in excess of 12,000 cubic yards of sediments and restoring natural wildlife habitat and reducing flooding in the City of Fort Myers, ultimately enhancing water quality of the Caloosahatchee. The final phase of the project would extend the dredging to complete creek areas not originally included due to previously existing permitting constraints. The project will remove an additional 12,000 cubic yards of sediment, extending from the Shady Oaks Park boardwalk west towards Seaboard Avenue, and from Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard east to Van Buren Street. The project is within the boundaries of the Caloosahatchee Estuary Basin Management Action Plan. It is anticipated that approximately 11,000 lbs of Total Phosphorous and 18,000 lbs of Total Nitrogen will be removed from the waterway system.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? O Yes

No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Type of Funding	Amount	
Operations	1,575,000	
Fixed Capital Outlay	000	
Total State Funds Requested	1,575,000	

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1575000	75.0 %	
Matching Funds			
Federal	00	0 %	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %	
Local	525,000	25 %	
Other	00	0 %	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2,100,000	100 %	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? • Yes O No If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amo	Specific		
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	Vetoed
2018-19	00	775,000	HB5001	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? O Yes • No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount			
Administrative Costs:					
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits					
Other Salary and Benefits					
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other					
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study					
Operational Costs: Oth					
Salary and Benefits					
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other					
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Dredging services and shoreline protection	1,575,000			
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:					
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering					
Total State Funds Re	1,575,000				



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11. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The goal is to reduce sediments and enhance the creek flow, water quality and natural habitat of Billy Creek and ultimately the Caloosahatchee River.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Removal of an additional 12,000 cubic yards of material from Billy Creek.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Reduction of sediments and enhancement of creek flow, water quality and natural habitat of Billy Creek will promote additional wildlife viewing and recreational opportunities for citizens. Project will increase creek capacity, reduce nutrients into the Caloosahatchee and reduce potential flooding impacts to residents.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

City of Fort Myers residents, especially those along the Palm Beach Avenue corridor of the city in close proximity to the creek.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Previous restoration allowed wildlife to flourish after a period of decline.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

City would forfeit the funds and repay the state.

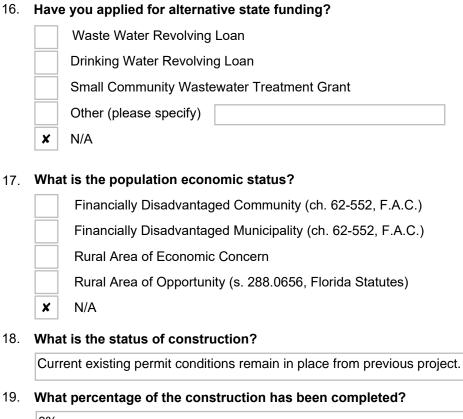


12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

	City of Fort Myers					
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.



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- 20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2021

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