



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1488

1. **Title of Project:** St. Lucie River North Fork Floodplain Restoration

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Gayle Harrell

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/25/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

St. Lucie River North Fork Floodplain Restoration - The project will restore the North Fork St. Lucie River, including improving living shorelines, reconnecting oxbows and historic river floways, and enhancing the floodplain wetlands. The project will benefit the recovery of both the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon Estuaries. The project scope and methodology is modeled from similar restoration projects underway on the Kissimmee River where efforts are focused repairing ecological damage associated with dredging and channelizing. The project also increases storage capacity of the 100-year floodplain.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection
State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	9.1%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	20,000,000	90.9%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	22,000,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Hydro modeling, permitting, design and construction. Earthwork and site preparation will be carried out by County staff.	650,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Creation of berm breaches, culverts, and dredging of the historic floodplain and oxbow channels impacted by the straightening/channelization of the North Fork St. Lucie River in the early 1900s. Construction will focus on the removal of spoil material blocking flow to isolated floodplain areas. Goals include increasing floodplain storage, improving water quality and flushing, and increasing nursery habitat for listed species.	1,350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The specific goal of the project will improve living shorelines, reconnect oxbows and historic river flowways, and enhance the floodplain wetlands. The project will benefit the recovery of both the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon Estuaries. The project scope and methodology is modeled from similar restoration projects underway on the Kissimmee River where efforts are focused repairing ecological damage associated with dredging and channelizing.

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

Biological assessments surveys and monitoring will be deployed before, during and after to monitor and document increases in use by threatened and endangered species. SLC is working with several entities including ORCA to monitor water quality in the Estuaries, but will also work to monitor inflows and outflows of the project to document benefits in water quality.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

N/A

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

N/A

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



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The project will benefit the recovery of both the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon Estuaries.

- 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?**

N/A

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Saint Lucie
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

Wastewater Revolving Loan



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- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): Florida Inland Navigational District
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

18. What is the status of construction? Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 4/1/2020