

# OUR INDIAN RIVER *Lagoon*



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## HOPE. PROGRESS. WORKING TOGETHER.

Your Lagoon is a **priceless natural resource**, enhancing our quality of life and our economy. **And it needs your help.**

People like you, local governments and businesses, are uniting to heal our piece of paradise.

Extensive, **science-based projects** are underway, and **improvement is happening:**

- **Pollutants from stormwater runoff** significantly reduced by giant baffle boxes, upgraded stormwater ponds & the application of new technologies

- **Septic systems being upgraded or replaced**

including 510 septic systems REMOVED & connected to sewer, 188 UNDERWAY and more coming



- **Seagrass is returning to the Lagoon!**

In 2023, Brevard Zoo successfully planted seagrass at 14 sites in Brevard.

5 organizations are funded by the IRLNEP to expand seagrass nursery capacity.

Source: Save Our Indian River Lagoon program (SOIRL)  
See more progress at [www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon/ProjectPlan](http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon/ProjectPlan)

## Progress takes time. Change *for the better* is underway.

*Your stewardship will make a difference.*



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INDIAN RIVER LAGOON  
COALITION**

Learn more about the scope  
and value of your Lagoon at  
**[HelpTheLagoon.org](http://HelpTheLagoon.org)**

# HEALING OUR *Lagoon*

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Photo by Karen Flgy

### Spread the word:

Only clean water down your streets to sewers & drains – no trash, grass, grease, oil, soap or pet waste.

### Plant a Lagoon-friendly yard:

Use Florida native plants that thrive here, requiring less irrigation & Remember: **NO PESTICIDES.**

### Maintain your septic system:

Inspect tanks & drain fields annually, consider an upgrade to new technology.

### Use as little plastic as possible & **RECYCLE:**

Keep our Lagoon free of trash.

And:

- Practice proper boat-fueling techniques.
- Support leaders & candidates working for a clean Lagoon.
- Volunteer with nonprofits to create oyster reefs, plant living shorelines & mangroves, join Lagoon cleanups.



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***Do your part.***

**It takes** *each of us.*  
**It takes** *all of us.*  
**It takes** *You.*



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