

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 upgrades** including **more than 4000** systems upgraded, replaced or underway.



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

2023 data (compared to 2021) reveals promising increase in seagrasses. **In 2024**, anecdotal reports confirm continued recovery.

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

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

Your stewardship will make a difference.



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Learn more about your Lagoon
and its restoration at:
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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