

# Jensen Beach West Kayak/Standup Paddleboard(SUP) Access

**Category** Non-Concurrency  
**Project Number** 2155K  
**Location** Hutchinson Island  
**District** 1

**Project Limits** Located within Jensen Beach West, Martin County Conservation Lands

**Related Projects** Lagoon Access  
**Lead Dept/Division** Public Works/Ecosystems  
**Year Project Initiated** 2021



**Project Life Cycle** \_\_\_\_\_ Years

**Resilience Requirements**  2040 Vulnerability  2070 Vulnerability  2100 Vulnerability



**DESCRIPTION**

The Ecosystem Restoration and Management division has identified an existing channel that leads directly into the Indian River Lagoon from NE Ocean Boulevard. This location provides an opportunity to promote public access to the lagoon with the construction of a pull off/parking area and access dock/launching area for non-motorized vessels (i.e. canoe/kayak/SUP). The project will also include the restoration of approximately 6 acres of rare coastal vegetative communities with the implementation of exotic control and replanting.

The Jensen Beach West property consists of 26 acres of primarily mangrove tidal swamp and 6 acres of maritime hammock with disturbed uplands. This area provides for significant and rare habitat for many of our wildlife and fishery species. The parcel lies between the Indian River Lagoon to the west and Jensen Beach Park directly to the east. Exotic management within this area has not been addressed and remains the last parcel on Hutchinson Island within Martin County to be restored. Currently there is no public access to the Indian River Lagoon from this parcel for recreational activities.

**PROJECT ORIGATION**

Commissioners

**JUSTIFICATION**

The project will increase recreational opportunities while promoting public access for Jensen Beach Park, private residences, hotels and businesses within the surrounding area. Restoration activities will improve habitat, therefore strengthening the overall ecology while improving visual aesthetics. The location of the proposed new launch would be the least impactful to the existing habitat through the use of the existing man-made channel.

Expenditures	Total	To Date		Funded					Unfunded
				FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28-FY32
Design	57,000	57,000							
Construction	600,000			600,000					
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>657,000</b>	<b>57,000</b>		<b>600,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Revenues	Total	To Date	Carryover	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28-FY32
Ad Valorem	57,000	57,000							
Impact Fees	300,000		295,000	5,000					
Grants	300,000			300,000					
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>657,000</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Unfunded</b>									<b>0</b>

**OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

Annual maintenance costs for routine repairs is estimated at \$10,000.