

Port Salerno Mooring Field

Category Non-concurrency
CIP Rating Score 44
Project Number 9933A
Location Manatee Pocket
District District 2

Project Limits Within the current anchor areas in Manatee Pocket

Related Projects
Lead Dept/Division Public Works/Coastal
Year Project Initiated 2016



DESCRIPTION

The project is located in a protected embayment, located near the intersection of the Okeechobee and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterways, an area popular with boaters. The mooring field would provide a safe and secure anchorage along with amenities such as bathrooms, showers, laundry and a lounge. It would be governed by a management plan that provides a standard for boaters' activities, ensuring proper anchoring, pump out, maintenance and appearance of vessels. This project would compete well for future grant funding.

BACKGROUND

There is a problem presented by improperly maintained and anchored vessels in Manatee Pocket. The anchoring areas are covered with thick muck deposits. Setting an anchor securely in this substrate is virtually impossible and boats can drag anchor and damage private property during storms. The degraded condition of many vessels in Manatee Pocket increases the probability that sewage, fuel, other contaminants and debris might be released into the water. There is a limited amount of anchoring or mooring space in Manatee Pocket, and that is often taken up by boats that do not move for months or even years at a time. This leaves no room for cruisers who might otherwise come through the area. Current state laws limit the ability of the County to control these activities in the absence of a viable mooring alternative. The project will include design, permitting, public involvement, creating a business plan and Harbor Master facility location and operation. This project will require input from the local residents and business owners at public workshops, outreach and boater education meetings. Grant applications plan to be submitted for FY19 funding from (FWC, SFWMD and FIND)

PROJECT ORIGINATION

Commissioners

JUSTIFICATION

This area of the Indian River has no managed mooring fields, although there is one mooring field, operated by the City of Stuart, in the St. Lucie River. These are attractive amenities to boaters and "cruisers", and would provide an additional tourism draw to the County. It would provide added security to nearby residents and increase accessibility to the commercial waterfront. Properly installed moorings would provide a safe and secure option for boaters.

Expenditures	Total	To Date		Funded					Unfunded
				FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24-FY28
Design	159,000	62,000		57,000					40,000
Permit	85,000								85,000
Construction	900,000								900,000
Expenditure Total	1,144,000	62,000		57,000	0	0	0	0	1,025,000
Revenues	Total	To Date	Carryover	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24-FY28
Vessel Registration Fees	119,000	62,000	57,000						
Revenue Total	119,000	62,000	57,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Unfunded									1,025,000

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To be determined.