

BEACH AND COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Revised 02/19/25

By the end of the fiscal year 2024-2025, the Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee will:

GOAL #1: PROTECT MARCO ISLAND'S BEACH AREA WILDLIFE AND THEIR NESTING AREAS IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING THE BIG MARCO PASS CRITICAL WILDLIFE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF MARCO ISLAND.

OBJECTIVE: Standardize public education/informational programs for properties within the sea turtle lighting zone which include but are not limited to; condominium boards and associations, hotels, local service clubs and organizations, and schools. With the help of Audubon Western Everglades, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Rookery Bay, and the Conservancy, identify other critical wildlife areas on Marco Island.

Leader:
Maria Lamb

GOAL #2: PROTECT BURROWING OWLS, GOPHER TORTOISES, AND OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES ON AND OFF BEACH AREAS ON MARCO ISLAND.

OBJECTIVE: Conduct bi-annual public education/information programs on listed species identified in the City of Marco Island's Protected Species Ordinance.

Leader:
TBD

OBJECTIVE: Consult with code enforcement to understand current violations relevant to committee scope and tailoring committee actions to reduce/prevent such violations. Also, highlight issues for code enforcement to monitor in the future.

Agenda
updates

OBJECTIVE: Request funding from the City Council to continue the Audubon of the Western Everglades Gopher Tortoise study.

Budgeted

OBJECTIVE: Request funding to continue implementing road signs and in-road markers alerting motorized vehicles/scooters/bikes of gopher tortoises and burrowing owl.

Budgeted

OBJECTIVE: Support the continuance of the burrowing owl starter burrow program.

Budgeted

OBJECTIVE: Develop and implement an educational program on rodenticide and its impact on wildlife. Work with outside experts and local rodent control providers to implement alternatives to rodenticides.

Leaders:
Jim Scarpa &
Linda Ryan /
Workgroup

GOAL #3: ENSURE THE CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, AND RESILIENCY OF MARCO ISLAND BEACHES.

OBJECTIVE: Organize monthly beach clean-up programs with community partners.

Chris Ricci &
Dustin Nesmith

OBJECTIVE: Request funding from the City of Marco Island to help restart the Beach Stewardship Program.

To be
reevaluated

OBJECTIVE: Install and maintain beach bucket clean-up stations.

City lead

OBJECTIVE: Advocate for maintenance on all Marco Island beaches.

Committee

GOAL #4: MANAGE NON-NATIVE INVASIVE AND NOXIOUS SPECIES.

OBJECTIVE: Help to identify invasive/noxious plants on Marco Island

Leader:

OBJECTIVE: Develop methodology to remove invasive plant species.

Lindsay Beehner

OBJECTIVE: Develop methods for property owners to comply with the ordinance.

NOTES: