

BEACH AND COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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. (\$2000.00 BUDGET)

1. The objectives for this goal will be met by providing wildlife signage, thru creating informational handouts for public distribution. **(\$1500.00)**
2. Support for a seasonal Audubon Steward (intern) that will survey migratory shorebirds and their nesting activities on Marco & along the Big Marco Pass Critical Wildlife area (report to be provided from the Steward at the conclusion of their work). **(\$500.00)**

GOAL #2: PROTECT BURROWING OWLS, GOPHER TORTOISES, AND OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES ON AND OFF BEACH AREAS ON MARCO ISLAND. (\$5500.00 BUDGET)

+ \$500 (GOAL #4) TOTAL \$6000

1. The objectives for this goal will be met by continuing funding for wildlife roadway signage, informational handouts for public distribution, and supplies for public educational meetings regarding rodenticide use on Marco Island. **(\$2500.00)**
2. Renewed financial support for the Audubon's research efforts on Marco Island in support of the gopher tortoise Comprehensive Management Plan (report to be provided by Audubon at the conclusion of their work). **(\$1000.00)**
3. Financial support for purchasing owl posting supplies for the Starter Burrow program on Marco Island. **(\$1000.00)**
4. Two scholarship awards for the Marco Island Academy students that participate in the Audubon's Conservation Leadership Program on Marco Island (report will be provided by students at the conclusion of the program). **(2, \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS=\$1000.00)**

GOAL #3: ENSURE THE CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, AND RESILIENCY OF MARCO ISLAND BEACHES. (\$2000.00 BUDGET)

1. The objectives for this goal will be met by restocking the beach clean-up stations at the public beach access points, adding new beach clean-up stations, restock supplies for monthly beach clean-up events hosted by the BchCRAC Committee. **(\$2000.00)**

GOAL #4: MANAGE NON-NATIVE INVASIVE AND NOXIOUS SPECIES. (\$500.00 BUDGET)

1. The objectives will be met by providing pamphlets to the public regarding plant identification and invasive management and thru public outreach. **(\$500.00)**