

BEACH AND COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FUNDS allocated in red FY2025/2026

TOTAL COMMITTEE BUDGET \$10,000 (Not counting any donations)

By the end of the fiscal year 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 CRITICAL WILDLIFE AREAS 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. (\$6000.00 BUDGET)

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. 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.). **(\$1500.00)**

\$1000.00 UNALLOCATED

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)**