

WAC Agenda items reviewed and discussed in 2025:

- Aton repairs and navigation updates
- Restoration of Hideaways idle speed markers and enforcement
- C-Hawk dredging presentations
- AWT proposals
- Potential alternatives to lawn code mandates
- Water quality in Marco Island's surrounding waters
- Advising to change Goodland/Isle of Capri septic to sewer
- Derelict vessels
- Crowd sourced Bathymetry of canals
- Techniques and alternatives to muck sediment remediation
- Florida friendly landscaping and fertilizer
- Inlet management plan white paper
- Changing fertilizer codes to protect canal quality
- Rodent traps winding up in canals
- Making the Marco Marine Police a regular monthly agenda item for every WAC meeting

WAC Goals and Objectives for 2026:

- Addressing all 4 WAC mandates as specified by Marco Island's directives:
 - 1: Water Quality
 - 2: Safe Boating and Navigation.
 - 3: Seawall and Boat dock issues and Seawall Staging.
 - 4: Public Awareness and Education Efforts.
- Goodland and Isle of Capri water quality testing and urging sewer connections for both communities.
- Working toward a more canal friendly environmental fertilizer ordinance.
- Help direct public awareness to eliminate poison rodent boxes used by homeowners.
- Tighten up WAC discussions to be more focused and create and direct council relating to water quality solutions and public awareness. Look for low/no cost ways to get the community involved in successful problem solving.
- Landlocked residents access to canals

Remaining top water quality issues: [Already sent to Council]

1: AWT

2: Dredging and alternatives

3: Flushing/Culverts

4: Bubblers

5: Fertilizer ordinance

6: Landscapers

7: Surrounding communities' septic tanks

8: Florida friendly planting

Looking forward to another year of focusing on improving the water environment surrounding Marco Island!

A great 2025 success has been creating a regular agenda item featuring the Marco Marine Police involving public safety. And the public responding by embracing the Sea Keepers project.

Greatest challenge: The vast split of the Marco public relating to those who believe that the AWT is the answer to all our water quality problems and those who feel that it is not a solution at all. How we handle that public divide.

I look forward to another year working toward the improvement of our Marco Island water challenges.

Letter of support by the Waterways Advisory Committee to the Beach and Coastal Advisory Committee of Marco Island in its efforts to eradicate poisonous rodent boxes on all City of Marco Island and applicable properties.

The Waterways Advisory Committee of Marco Island wants to show its support in the efforts that the Beach and Coastal Advisory Committee has made in the attempt of the eradication of all poisonous rodent boxes on Marco Island city-controlled properties. In addition, the Waterways Advisory Committee wants to help eradicate all rodent boxes that contain poison on all properties, including all commercial and private properties located within the confines of Marco Island, and to encourage nonpoisonous alternatives to the current practice. Our goal is to ensure that no poisonous rodent boxes enter our Marco Island canals and surrounding area waters.

The Waterway Advisory Committee appreciates all that the Beach and Coastal Advisory Committee has done in this effort and we thank you,

Sincerely,

The Waterways Advisory Committee and Chair - Elliott Mascoop