

WHITE PAPER ON STORM WATER MEASURES AND ENFORCEMENT OF OUR FERTILIZER ORDINANCE

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1 – We all know the seriousness of the water quality problem. The City has been receiving funds from SFWMD Funds based on current State Funding levels to augment dollars already budgeted in the City's Annual CIP Drainage Improvements Budget. The City's for swale improvement is \$25k, I am recommending that we accelerate the program and increase the budget to \$50k.

In addition we should implement the following:

- a- Increase water testing to monthly instead of quarterly. Being data driven is key to help us better tackle the problem.
- b- Enforce our fertilizer ordinance!
- c- Impose a 6-month moratorium on the use of fertilizer .
- d- Make sure that all landscapers are licensed, trained and licensed to apply fertilizer.
- e- Enforce Storm Water control ordinance 18-07.
- f- Encourage that homeowners along waterways to install Ocean habitat mini-reefs.
- g- We need to address the issue of dead fish along our beaches. Island collects about 23% of all Tourist taxes generated for Collier County, that is well over \$5 million dollars. While the county does ranking of the beaches, they only pick up dead fish they number in the thousands. I am prepared to bring this up to the TDC to try to address this issue. I recommend that we budget \$50K for us to do these cleanups with the objective of going back to the county to get reimbursed for these cost. .