



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 2 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE MIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. MIRA VALUES YOUR ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS THAT SPEAKERS APPEARING UNDER THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION OF THE AGENDA LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS AND/OR PRESENTATION TO MATTERS UNDER THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THAT ITEM HAS BEEN CALLED. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE BOARD SHALL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO COMPLETE HIS/HER COMMENTS ON EACH AGENDA ITEM.

Welcome - Call to Order at 2 p.m.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – Announcements

I. Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of February 26, March 26, and April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes

II. Stakeholder and Development Presentations

None

III. New Business

A. Discussion Regarding the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)

IV. Ongoing/Old Business

None

V. Projects and Programs Updates and Status Report (Executive Director Verbal Report)

VI. Board Reports

Marcus Herman, Chairman

Cynthia Wall, Vice Chairman

Andy Barber, Director

Peter Black, Director

Jeff Daniels, Director

Corey Mecagni, Director

Graham Smith, Director

VII. Staff Reports

Larry Lallo, Executive Director

Lisa Nicholas, Community Redevelopment Manager

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting – June 25, 2026, 2 p.m.



MERRITT ISLAND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WELCOME
CALL TO ORDER



MERRITT ISLAND
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ROLL CALL



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**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**



MERRITT ISLAND
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**PUBLIC COMMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



MERRITT ISLAND
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ITEM I

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 26, March 26, and April 22, 2026



MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcus Herman, Chair
Cynthia Wall, Vice Chair
Andy Barber
Peter Black
Jeff Daniels
Corey Mecagni
Graham Smith

Member Wall made a motion to permit Member Barber to participate in the meeting and to vote via telephone. The motion was seconded by Member Mecagni and was approved unanimously (7-0).

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Larry Lallo, Executive Director
Lisa Nicholas, Community Redevelopment Manager
Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney
Cheryl Hurren, Executive Assistant/Clerk

AGENCY STAFF ABSENT

None

GUESTS

Donn Weaver, Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
Don Pearsall, Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
Kika Golan, District 2 Commission Office
Susan Smith, District 2 Commission Office
Trina Gilliam, Brevard County Planning & Development Department
Tania Ramos, Brevard County Planning & Development Department
Agustin "Beb" Sebastian, Brevard County Natural Resources Department, Boating and Waterways Division
Gene Verano, Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Tyler Burgett, Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
Mike Simon
Tom Kammerdener, Aging Matters in Brevard
Rose Kerr, Merritt Towers
Allison Hunt, Halff Engineering
Bruce Moia, MBV Engineering
Georganna Gillette, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization

John Hopengarten

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. At the request of Chairman Herman, Member Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hurren called the Roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Rose Kerr, representing Merritt Towers, , expressed concern regarding potential development at the Merritt Square Mall.

ITEMS

I. Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval of December 11, 2025, meeting minutes.

Member Smith made a motion to approve December 11, 2025, meeting minutes; seconded by Member Wall. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

II. Development and Stakeholder Presentations:

- A. Ms. Apples Crab Shack at Griffis Landing – Agustin “Beb” Sebastian, Coordinator with Brevard County Natural Resources Management (BCNRM) Department, Boating and Waterways Division, addressed the Board regarding the advancement of the redevelopment of Ms. Apples Crab Shack. The project was deemed to be ineligible for FEMA grant funding, and the insurance claims were unsuccessful. MIRA staff will continue to work collaboratively with Mr. Sebastian and Natural Resources, Boating and Waterways, as well as Project Liaison Board Member Peter Black, to advance the project and extend the grant from Florida Commerce. There was considerable discussion regarding the scope of work, the recommended concept, and the need for an MOU with Brevard County Natural Resources Management (NRM) to specify, authorize, and enable the coordinated tasks required to implement the project between BCNRM and MIRA. MIRA has committed \$600,000 to the project in its CIP, which can be utilized for design services, demolition, permitting, and construction.

- B. **Member Barber moved to approve project funding for the FY26 CIP MIRA/NRM Griffis Landing Crabshack project for demolition, design, and construction, contingent upon MIRA and Natural Resources (NRM) executing a Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Cost Worksheet Analysis (CWA) to permit project collaboration on all work elements, fund cost analysis and govern fund transfers, subject to Legal Counsel review and approval of the MOU agreement; and authorizing the Executive Director to approve up to \$50,000 in MIRA funds for the first phase demolition and preliminary work; and that additional project expenditures will require review and approval of project concepts by both the MIRA Board and NRM; and approval of the FDC \$890,000 grant expiration deadline being extended by FDOC for one year.**

- C. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Redevelopment District Project Updates: FDOT Project Managers Gene Verano and Tyler Burgett shared information on the State Route 528 and State Road 3 roadway projects proposed for taking place within the Redevelopment District. Project Manager Verano discussed an upcoming funded safety enhancement project on State Road (SR) 3 (North Courtenay Parkway), which would include installing raised medians and eliminating the current “center turn” lanes from Catalina Isle Drive to the SR 528 entrance and exit ramps. Project Manager Burgett informed the Board that FDOT recognizes the importance of widening SR 528. Although the project is still under consideration, it has not yet been funded.

- D. Aging Matters in Brevard: Tom Kammerdener, President and CEO of Aging Matters in Brevard, addressed the Board regarding the benefits that Aging Matters in Brevard provides to Brevard County's elderly population and commented on the numerous services that are provided by the Agency.
- E. Request for Variance: Bruce Moia, MBV Engineering, addressed the Board concerning a request for variance for the redevelopment of the former Econo Lodge located at 260 East Merritt Island Causeway. When the property was rezoned to RU-2-30, it resulted in a 10-foot deficiency in lot width; County Code requires a minimum lot width of 100 feet. Discussion ensued, and there was consensus that this project is extremely important for the Redevelopment District because it will not only eliminate blighted conditions but also provide more reasonably priced housing options for employees at the new Health First Cape Canaveral hospital and the surrounding commercial space, service, and hospitality companies. The request for variance will be heard by the Board of Adjustment on March 18, 2026.
Member Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the 10-foot variance; seconded by Member Wall. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).
- F. Preliminary Review of Fifth-Third Bank Project: Amalia Bamis, Benjamin Lewis, and additional representatives from BDG Architects LLC participated in the meeting via Teams to address questions or concerns from the Board on a preliminary review of the construction of a new Fifth-Third Bank at 1 West Merritt Island Causeway. The current structure, which housed the Fouché and Kontos law offices, would be demolished, and a new facility would be constructed. The Board concurred that this was a welcome addition for Merritt Island and expressed a desire that the large oak and ficus trees be preserved if feasible. A pre-application meeting to address additional site-planning issues is anticipated to occur in early March 2026.

At this time, Brevard County Public Works Department Director Mark Bernath joined the meeting to discuss **Agenda Item IV. C.** regarding the continuing lawn maintenance on SR 520. Because Public Works does not have adequate funding to maintain mowing and associated lawn responsibilities on SR 520, a state roadway, Director Lallo has been working to obtain an agreement with FDOT that would provide MIRA with a monthly stipend to cover the current nine-inch mowing standards FDOT employs. MIRA would enter into a contract with a lawn maintenance company that would handle the SR 520 mowing, refuse removal, and other associated tasks in the Merritt Island Redevelopment Area. The service area for the prime mowing needs would be on SR 520 from the Hubert Humphrey Bridge to the Banana River. MIRA staff created the scope of work to align with FDOT Agreement standards and work elements in the prior contract managed by Brevard County. MIRA staff obtained informal quotes per County Policy and reviewed with Board Member Liaison Peter Black, recommending the contract be awarded to BJ's Lawn Control, at a cost as proposed of approximately \$23,000 for a one-year contract, plus task orders on associated work as needed, at hourly cost rates as proposed by BJ's Lawn Control in their proposal response.

Member Black made a motion to authorize Executive Director Lallo to enter into a contract with BJ's Lawn Control, in accordance with their proposal response, upon the approval of Attorney Caron's review; seconded by Member Wall. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Member Wall departed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

III. **New Business:**

- A. Request to reschedule the MIRA Board meeting in October 2026
Because of a conflict with the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) annual conference, staff requested amending the October meeting date from October 22 to October 29, 2026.

Member Barber made a motion to change the date of the MIRA meeting from October 22 to October 29, 2026. Seconded by Member Mecagni. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

IV. Ongoing/Old Business:

- A. **Storm Water Lakes at Veterans Memorial Park:** Halff Associates Senior Project Manager for Water Resources Allyson Hunt attended the meeting representing Halff, an engineering firm, to discuss a task order agreement with a scope of work that would evaluate the system capacity, recommend systemic improvements, and recommend extension of piping alternatives for the Stormwater Lakes at Veterans Memorial Park regional storm water system. The project would cost \$124,204.00 and would be managed in collaboration with Brevard County Natural Resources. The Scope of Work was prepared by Executive Director Lallo, with final review and comments from Bach McClure, P.E., Brevard County Natural Resources Stormwater Program Administrator. The scope of work would include certifying the existing system's capacity in accordance with revised St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulations, as well as providing recommendations and opinions of probable cost for any required modifications to the current system. Construction and engineering design documents are not included in this phase of work. Project completion is anticipated to be 290 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Member Herman made a motion to authorize Executive Director Lallo to enter into a Contract and task order scope of work, with MIRA for the work as proposed in the Halff Engineering proposal for environmental engineering services regarding the Storm Water Lakes at Veterans Memorial Park regional retention and treatment system, in the amount of \$124,204.00, subject to legal counsel review; and utilizing the existing Halff Contract with Brevard County as the Master Contract; seconded by Member Mecagni. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Member Mecagni departed the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

- B. **Little Star Tiny Home Enclave:** Michael Simon addressed the Board regarding the potential of implementing a tiny-home community on the south side of Fortenberry Road in a former mobile home park. There was a discussion with those Board members present. There was discussion about what the current zoning allows and what Tiny Home zoning allows. Staff will conduct research on the various mechanisms used in the construction and securing of tiny homes, the specifications that differentiate mobile homes from tiny homes, and the existing and proposed zoning requirements, and will share the findings with the MIRA Board. The Board will then make recommendations to Michael Simon. When initially proposed to MIRA, the MIRA Board recommended constructing permanent residential structures, such as tiny single-family homes, versus an RV Park.

V. Projects and Programs Updates and Status Reports: No Reports

Chairman Herman departed the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

VI. Board Reports and Presentations: There were no Board member reports.

VII. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026, at 2 p.m.



MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT

Marcus Herman, Chair
Cynthia Wall, Vice Chair
Andy Barber

MEMBERS ABSENT

Corey Mecagni
Graham Smith
Peter Black
Jeff Daniels

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Larry Lallo, Executive Director
Lisa Nicholas, Community Redevelopment Manager
Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney
Cheryl Hurren, Executive Assistant/Clerk

AGENCY STAFF ABSENT

None

GUESTS

Donn Weaver, Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
Ekaterina Volkova

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) Board meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Because a quorum was not present, voting was not permitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Lallo presented Executive Assistant Cheryl Hurren with a 20-Year Service Plaque from Brevard County. Ms. Hurren expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Board.

Donn Weaver expressed his appreciation for the collaboration with MIRA that resulted in the completion of the Amphitheatre project. All the inspections have been approved, and the Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) is very close to being issued. Board Members present agreed they would like to move forward with coordination of a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Parks and Recreation and the Veterans on behalf of a request from D2 Commissioner Goodson.

ITEMS

I. Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval of December 11, 2025, meeting minutes: Due to lack of a quorum, the approval of February 26, 2026, meeting minutes were rescheduled for the April 2026 Board meeting.

II. **Development and Stakeholder Presentations:** None

III. **New Business:** Director Lallo reported that MIRA's required Independent Audit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and MIRA's Annual Report for FY 2025 as provided, are expected to be completed and submitted to the State Auditor and Brevard County Board of Commissioners by March 31, 2026. Director Lallo added that he is working with the County Budget Office to develop the FY 2026-2027 budget and capital improvement projects (CIP) and will bring additional information to the Board for discussion and approval.

IV. **Ongoing/Old Business:**

A. Griffis Landing: Staff are working with legal counsel to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Brevard County Natural Resources Department, Boating and Waterways Division, regarding the coordination of duties and responsibilities for the upcoming Griffis Landing demolition, design, and construction project for Ms. Apples Crab Shack. Previous concepts will be reviewed; new ideas are welcomed.

B. Mowing/Lawn Maintenance Contract: Director Lallo indicated that the State Route 520 Mowing/Lawn Maintenance contract is currently under legal review.

C. Stormwater Lakes: The proposed contract, which would provide for the review and analysis for extending the stormwater pipe at the Lakes at Veterans Memorial Park, is under legal review. The contractor is prepared to begin the work when the legal review is completed. The contract amount is \$124,000.00.

D. Amphitheatre: The Amphitheatre at Veterans Memorial Park is close to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.). All construction crews have completed their work and departed from the construction site.

Redevelopment Manager Lisa Nicholas presented MIRA's commitments and responsibilities for the Amphitheatre under its grant agreements with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Florida Commerce.

Key points:

- MIRA must submit a project close-out report within 60 days of completion.
- Under Section 4(b) of the TDC agreement, MIRA (as Grantee) must advertise and market the Amphitheatre and its programming.
- Per Section 5(b)(iii), within 60 days of project completion the close-out report must include a summary of how the Venue will be marketed; the agreement also requires acknowledgment of TDC's sponsorship contribution.
- Marketing, programming, and scheduling of the Venue must be closely coordinated with Parks and Recreation. In a recent meeting, on the topic of the Amphitheatre, this was briefly discussed. MIRA is required also to provide the TDC with estimated attendance and projected annual room nights for five years; the TDC will assist by providing cell-phone or similar data to support those estimates.
- Redevelopment Manager Nicholas made a draft presentation as to how MIRA could contribute with marketing via a web site with minimal expenses and staff time and still be a productive effort.

Additional Key points:

Statutory authority: Chapter 163, Part III (Community Redevelopment Act) provides guidance for CRAs to contract, disseminate information, and fund activities incidental to carrying out the redevelopment plan — which can include promotional/marketing efforts and events that demonstrably further redevelopment

objectives. An AGO opinion (2010) concluded promotional activities may be permissible when they have a clear nexus to the CRA's redevelopment purposes. Veterans Memorial Park and Amphitheatre are drivers in part to our redevelopment efforts, already witnessed with the large amount of usage to the park, and creation of the Woodfield Development adjacent to the Park on Fortenberry.

V. **Projects and Programs Updates and Status Reports:** No Reports

VI. **Board Reports and Presentations:**

- Marcus Herman – No report.
- Andy Barber – Member Barber inquired about the status of the SIMME bus shelter seats and the Merritt Park Place parking lot.
- Cynthia Wall – April 11 is Keep Brevard Beautiful Day. As part of that, CAMI is coordinating Trash Bash for Merritt Island with Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB).
- Corey Mecagni – Absent.
- Peter Black – Absent.
- Jeff Daniels – Absent.
- Graham Smith – Absent.

VII. **Staff Reports:**

- Larry Lallo, Executive Director– No report.
- Lisa Nicholas, Community Redevelopment Manager – No report.
- Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney –No report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026, at 2 p.m.

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MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcus Herman, Chair
Cynthia Wall, Vice Chair
Peter Black
Jeff Daniels
Corey Mecagni
Graham Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andy Barber

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Larry Lallo, Executive Director
Lisa Nicholas, Community Redevelopment Manager
Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney

AGENCY STAFF ABSENT

Cheryl Hurren, Executive Assistant/Clerk

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) Board meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. At the request of Chairman Herman, Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Lallo called the Roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ITEMS

I. Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval of February 2026 and March 2026 Meeting Minutes
Approval of the February 2026 and March 2026 meeting minutes was deferred until the May 28, 2026, Board meeting.

II. Development and Stakeholder Presentations:

Director Lallo reminded the Board of the upcoming Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the Amphitheatre at Veterans Memorial Park on April 23, 2026. With regard to Griffis Landing and Ms. Apples Crab Shack, Director Lallo noted that, through an informal request-for-quote process, a contractor has been selected to begin demolition and removal of the structures. The

contract with JB's Lawn Control for lawn maintenance and mowing has been finalized, and the Halff contract for the evaluation of the Stormwater Lakes and Fortenberry stormwater pipe extension has been completed by Attorney Caron and is now under legal review by Halff.

III. New Business:

A. Budget Review and Discussion

Director Lallo provided an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency budget. Foremost capital improvement projects include the extension of the Fortenberry stormwater pipe; the South Courtenay Parkway road-widening project; architecture, engineering, and construction at Griffis Landing/Ms. Apples Crab Shack; new transit shelters on SR 520; and a security system and signage, along with related finishing improvements, for the Amphitheatre at Veterans Memorial Park. A line item for potential Merritt Square Mall redevelopment will not be included in the FY 2026-2027 budget, as there are numerous unknowns.

Member Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2026-2027 budget to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Member Wall and carried unanimously (6-0).

Discussion ensued regarding concepts and next steps for Ms. Apples Crab Shack and Griffis Landing.

IV. Ongoing/Old Business:

None

V. Projects and Programs Updates and Status Reports

No report.

VI. Board Reports and Presentations

Vice Chair Wall indicated that Community Advocacy for Merritt Island (CAMI) has sold more than 100 tickets for the upcoming Sip & Stroll event in Merritt Park Place, and 15 merchants will be participating. Proceeds from the event will be utilized for new Merritt Park Place signage. Several sidewalks and pavers are in disrepair in this area.

VII. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at 2 p.m.



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ITEM II

DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

None



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ITEM III

NEW BUSINESS



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ITEM III.A
DISCUSSION

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)



MERRITT ISLAND

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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ITEM III.A

AGENDA REPORT ITEM New Business
RE Discussion Regarding the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)
REQUESTED ACTION None requested
ITEM SUMMARY – EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND Recently, MIRA staff met with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Commissioner representing Brevard County, Mr. Tom Morgan. Commissioner Morgan outlined the mission of FIND and the services and programs provided by the organization, including grants such as the Waterway Assistance Program and the Cooperative Assistance Program. Commissioner Morgan indicated that there could be several opportunities for MIRA to partner with FIND on projects that will enhance public access to the waterway and improve waterway management and maintenance. Applying for grants to address these issues was encouraged.
FISCAL IMPACT n/a
EXHIBITS ATTACHED FIND economic benefits, information, and infographics
REFERENCE Community Redevelopment Plan: Economic Development Goal – establish an identifiable character for the Redevelopment Area; Land Use Goal – promote diversified interests and harmonious land-use relationships; Administrative Goal – eliminate blighted conditions within the Redevelopment District

HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?

- 1 District staff reviews applications for compliance.
Compliant applications are presented by the local government agency to FIND's Board of Commissioners in June for evaluation and ranking.
- 2 Projects that score the required points are eligible for funding (subject to statutory and budget limitations).
- 3

The Waterways Assistance Program is a competitive grant process, so bring forward your best waterway access projects!

WHAT LEVEL OF FUNDING CAN THE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

FIND is authorized to provide up to 75% for some public navigation projects and up to 50% for all other project categories. The approximate annual allocation for the program is \$15-20 million.

WHEN IS FUNDING AVAILABLE?

The grant budget is finalized in September and funds become available October 1st.

WHAT CAN BE USED AS LOCAL MATCH?

Cash and other grant funds are acceptable for local match. In-kind services and in-house project administration are not eligible grant items.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Contact FIND at:

☎ 561-627-3386

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🌐 www.aicw.org



F.I.N.D.
Florida Inland
Navigation District
**Waterways
Assistance Program**

FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHAT IS THE WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

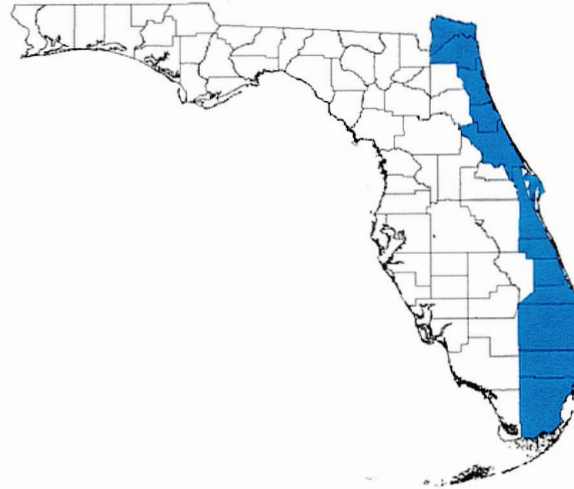
The Waterways Assistance Program (WAP) is a grant program established by the Florida Legislature and FIND to assist local governments in fostering access and alleviating issues associated with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and other associated waterways within the District's boundaries.

This program is authorized by Section 374.976, Florida Statutes, and administered under the provisions of Chapter 66B-2 Florida Administrative Code.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Local governmental agencies including municipalities, counties, port authorities and special taxing districts within FIND's boundaries.

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Grant applications are posted to FIND's website in January.

Applications are due to FIND toward the end of March. The official deadline will be listed on the application packet at AICW.org.

Permits for construction must be submitted to FIND by the third Monday of September.

WHAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

- Public Navigation Projects
 - Navigation Channel Dredging
 - Channel Markers, Navigation Signs or Buoys
 - Derelict Vessel Removal
- Waterway Related Recreation
 - Boat Ramps
 - Docking Facilities
 - Fishing and viewing piers
 - Waterfront Parks and Boardwalks
 - Intracoastal Shoreline Stabilization
- Dredged Material Management
- New Inlet Management Related to Reducing Impacts on the Intracoastal Waterway
- Maritime Management Plans
- Boating Safety Programs
- Law Enforcement Vessels
- Environmental Education
- Land Acquisition for Waterway Access
- And other waterway related projects

Economic Benefits of the District Waterways, 2022



The Florida Inland Navigation District (District) is the state sponsor for Federal navigation projects along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) and the Okeechobee Waterway (OWW), or collectively 'Waterways'. Nearly \$168 million has been invested in the past 10 years. These investments and the Waterways itself generate significant economic impact throughout the twelve-county region and beyond.

Economic modeling techniques were used to estimate the value created by District Waterways. To find the share of property value that is attributable solely to the proximity to the AIWW, IWW, and OWW, hedonic modeling was used. Hedonic modeling across the twelve-county region showed that proximity to the Intracoastal Waterway adds value to homes within 1500m of District Waterways. In total, the proximity to District Waterways makes up about \$92.9 Billion, or 5%, of the \$1.9 trillion in property values across the twelve-county region. Annualized, the AIWW, IWW, and OWW makes up about \$5.6 billion in actual sales value yearly.

Portion of Property Value Attributable to IWW & OWW Proximity

Property Type	Premium % of Sales Price	Total Waterway Amenity Value
Waterfront	39%	\$34.0B
Canal/river access to Waterways	33%	\$19.8B
Non-waterfront to 500m	18% - 30%	\$18.0B
500m - 1500m from Waterway	3% - 15%	\$21.1B
Total		\$92.9B



ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE DISTRICT WATERWAYS

Districtwide, 2022

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT **\$21.6B**

TOURISM SPENDING **\$16 Billion**

generated annually from 5 million visitors



BOATER SPENDING **\$2.6 Billion**

local boater spending from Registered Vessels



PROPERTY SALES VALUE **\$5.6 Billion**

portion of property sales values attributed to ICW proximity



The Intracoastal and Okeechobee Waterways are critical to commerce throughout the state of Florida, supporting the mega-yacht industries, boat building, and shipping activities via Ports



The District's Waterways currently supports 236,576 jobs districtwide



FIND INVESTMENT in the ICW of **\$15.8 Million** avoids lost revenue of **\$1.2 Billion** and **7,300 jobs**



ANNUAL TAX BENEFITS

\$2.3B



FEDERAL TAX REVENUE

\$1.6B



STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVENUES



Registered vessels utilizing the ICW **216,072**



Pleasure boating	115,853	
Fishing	65,561	
Sailing & other activities	18,481	
Watersports	16,177	



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ITEM IV

ONGOING / OLD BUSINESS

None



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ITEM V

**PROJECTS & PROGRAMS UPDATES &
STATUS REORT**

Executive Director Verbal Report



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ITEM VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS



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ITEM VII

STAFF REPORTS



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ADJOURN

Next Board Meeting - June 25, 2026