



Clean Water Coalition

CWC

of Indian River County, Inc.

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Dear Senator Mayfield:

Over the last year, two environmental organizations in Indian River County, the Clean Water Coalition and the Indian River Neighborhood Association, have engaged with staff from FL DEP in following the BMAP recommendations for the various stakeholders in our area. We have come to realize that the department is a revolving door for staffers and definitely underfunded for the task of administering and monitoring the BMAP program. The plan itself needs overhauling if it is to reach its goal of reducing pollution in our waterways.

With the additional responsibilities now assigned to DEP for wetland permitting and overseeing the State's septic systems, we see an urgent need to increase funding for that department if it is to function effectively. Please consider supporting additional funding for this important agency in the upcoming budget negotiations now occurring in Tallahassee.

Thank you for your attention.

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