

MISSION STATEMENT

To evaluate, consider, and review internal and external waterways; to consider and analyze the development of programs to improve waterways; to review and provide input on safe boating programs, classes, and special events; to solicit and evaluate waterways' input from the public; and to provide recommendations to the City Manager on the above or other applicable City Manager assigned duties.

DESCRIPTION

Marco Island is a canal community whose central theme is water-related activities. The value of our properties is dictated by their proximity to the water. The majority of our access to the water is our canal system. This system allows our residents to keep boats in their backyards with the canals providing access to the Gulf. The boating activity is paramount to our community. This activity must be fostered and supported since it is central to our property values. Marco Island must be known as a boating-friendly community in order to maintain our inherent value. It is the fundamental goal of the Waterway Committee to assure that our residents property values are protected by maintaining the integrity of our canal systems while servicing the needs of the boating activities central to our community.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

GOAL: To provide safe navigation through the Marco Island waterway system by establishing plans for Marco Island's canal depth maintenance, passes depth maintenance, bridge integrity observation, seawall integrity observation and identifying location of all navigation aids in Marco Island waters.

OBJECTIVE: To measure, record, and develop a database of canal depths, a database of Capri and Caxambas Pass depths, document bridge conditions, document seawall conditions and create a database of all navigation aids.

ACTION/STRATEGIES:

- Create a baseline for desirable canal depths using original construction depth as reference.
- Measure and record actual depths annually. (First set of canal depth measurements are complete and on file with the City.)
- Develop a long-term canal depth maintenance program.
- Create a baseline for Capri and Caxambas passes (course and direction) using latest measured depth as reference.
- Measure and record actual depths noting changes annually.
- Develop a long-term pass depth maintenance program.
- Create a baseline for all of Marco bridges and the present conditions using latest measured as reference.
- Measure and record the conditions, noting changes annually.
- Develop a long-term bridge maintenance program.
- Observe Seawalls for integrity.
- Create a manual or book documenting condition and placement of all aids to navigation and signage in Marco waters.
- Update book annually. (First draft complete)

GOAL: To provide a program to insure Marco Island canal waters meet State of Florida water quality requirements.

OBJECTIVE: To regularly review canal water laboratory test results, identify negative results or trends, and advise City Officials of potential problems.

ACTION/STRATEGIES:

- Review laboratory water test results and take action as necessary.
- Work towards getting a vessel sanitary pump out station installed at Caxambas Park.
- Review frequency, timing, and locations of water quality monitoring and recommend any changes.

GOAL: To maintain public and City Council awareness of waterway issues.

OBJECTIVE: To provide the City Clerk, City Manager, and the members of the City Council with minutes of meetings, documents created by the Waterways Advisory Committee (WAC), and letters or Executive Summaries created by the WAC regarding advice or action deemed necessary or advisable by Committee.

ACTION/STRATEGIES:

- Provide goals and objectives on issues to be addressed.
- Establish actions/strategies to achieve these goals.
- Provide the above to the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Council.
- Meet Bi-monthly to accomplish the above and provide minutes of these meetings and other documents to the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Council.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

