

Greg Oravec

From: Jack Kelly
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2012 6:31 AM
To: Greg Oravec
Subject: Re: Speak Up for St. Lucie Campaign

Greg can I get this on discussion new business for Monday ?..... It will be brief
Jack
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2012, at 6:50 PM, "Greg Oravec" <GOravec@cityofpsl.com> wrote:

> We should all rally around this effort.

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> Gregory J. Oravec

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jack Kelly

> Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 5:57 PM

> To: Greg Oravec

> Cc: Mayor Faiella; Shannon Martin; Linda Bartz; Edward Cunningham;

> MaryAnn Verillo; Reporter

> Subject: Re: Speak Up for St. Lucie Campaign

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> I have called and asked com Ciampi to share his info with PSL so that we may consider
joining in with Martin Co on this program ? Jack

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 17, 2012, at 3:33 PM, "Greg Oravec" <GOravec@cityofpsl.com> wrote:

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>> From: Bonnie Cruz

>> Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 3:33:29 PM

>> To: Al Minner; Amy Brunjes; Angela Wilkinson; Ann-Marie Basler;

>> Barbara Carr; Bob Delacruz; Brian Whitehall; Carol Hazel; Cassandra

>> Steele; Catherine McKenzie; Catherine McKenzie; Charles Falcone;

>> Cherie White; Dan Perlmutter; David Myers; Deb Branwell; Deborah

>> Krages; Denise DiPerna; Dowling Watford; Eula Clarke; Frances F.

>> Atchison; Gene A. Rauth; Greg Oravec; Gwen Carlisle; Ingrid Van

>> Hekken; Jackie Bylsma; Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch; Jacqui

>> Thurlow-Lippisch; Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch; James Christie; James

>> Christie; Jason R. Nunemaker; Jeanette Williams; Jeanine Typner; Jeff

>> Sabin; Jennifer Robinson; Jim O'Connor; Jim O'Connor; Mayor Faiella;

>> Joel Tyson; Joel Tyson; Jordan Connors; Kristi Worley; Lane Gamiotea;

>> Larry Pelton; Laura Aldrich; Levie Satisfield; Linda Bartz; Marta M.

>> Casas-Celaya; MaryAnn Verillo; Milo Zonka; Nick Blount; Nick Mimms;

>> Pamela Orr; Patricia P. Christensen; Paul Nicoletti; Paula Koester;

>> Pilar Turner; Richard Gillmor; Richard Gillmor; Richard Jefferson;

>> Robert Benton; Robert Kellogg; Robin Brock; Sally Maio; Shelly

>> Nobles; Susan Adams; Tammy Vock; Terri Wallace; Terry O'Neil; Theresa

>> Chandler; Todd Westover

>> Subject: FW: Speak Up for St. Lucie Campaign Auto forwarded by a Rule

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SPEAK UP

for the St. Lucie

Speak Up for the St. Lucie

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners asks for your support as we SPEAK UP FOR THE ST. LUCIE.

Commissioners and citizens are greatly concerned about the impact of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to release water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie Estuary. The Lagoon and Estuary have long suffered from altered water flow patterns and degraded water quality. Excessive recent rains resulted in rising water levels in Lake Okeechobee and caused Corps officials to release water to allow for additional storage for the remainder of hurricane season.

The impacts of these extreme freshwater flows, combined with large volumes of stormwater runoff, can be immediately seen and felt in our estuary by the aquatic plants and animals that provide the basis of our estuarine food chain. The poor water quality will only continue to impact our economy, much of which is dependent on a viable coastal ecosystem.



Releases from Lake Okeechobee are harmful to our community. One out of every 10 jobs in Martin County is marine related. The health of our waterways is essential to our economy and quality of life.

How you can SPEAK UP

In Martin County, our estuary is central to our community's quality of life. If you are concerned over the repeated insult to our estuary caused by these releases, you can help by "speaking up" in the following ways: -- please visit our website at www.martin.fl.us for links to sample letters, campaign materials and more:

- "Speak up" for projects that will help lessen future impacts to our estuary, such as construction of the C-44 Reservoir and rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. Write a letter to our representatives in Congress and at the Corps of Engineers or call their offices to share your concerns.
- Print out the "Speaking Up for the St. Lucie" talk bubble or pick one up at the County Administrative Center (located at 2401 SE Monterey Road in Stuart, open Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm). Take a photo of you and your family or friends at your favorite places in Martin County to show you are "speaking up" and share your photos on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SpeakUpForTheStLucie>). We will share these photos with our Congressional representatives in Washington so they can see how important our estuary is to our entire community.
- Upload photos (with date stamp, if possible) that you take of any damaging conditions that you see in our estuary and share on our Facebook page.
- Join our "Speak Up for the St. Lucie" E-mail Action List. We will e-mail you updates and ways you can continue to support the effort.

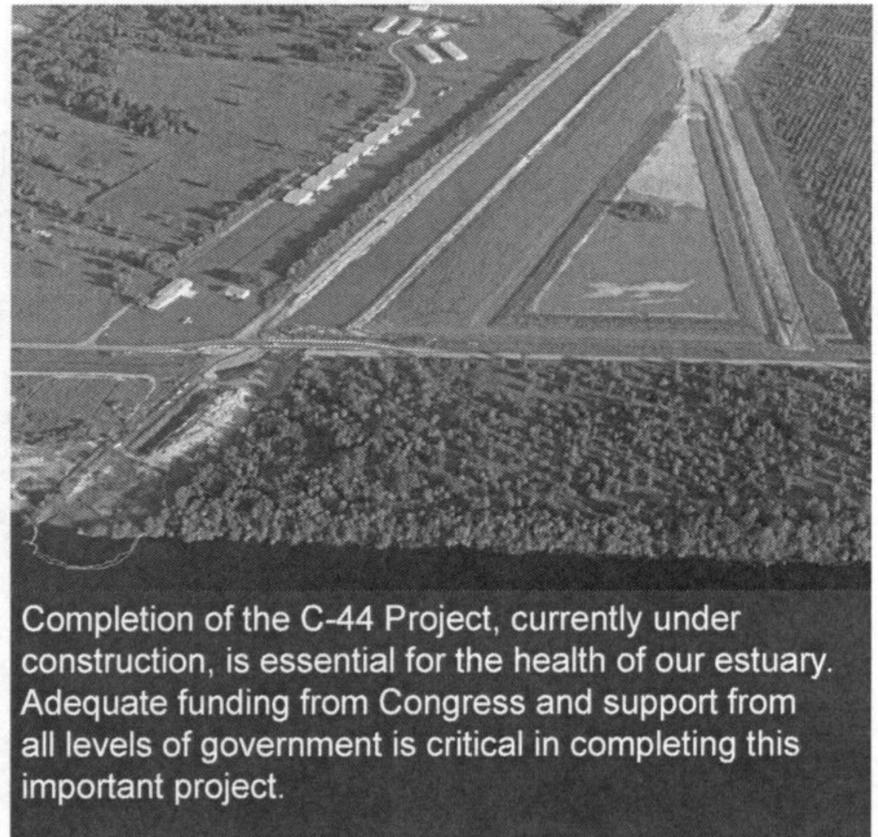
SPEAK UP FOR THE ST. LUCIE... We cannot do this important work alone. Join the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Martin County as we continue to lead the way in the protection of our estuaries.

Visit www.martin.fl.us for sample letters and links to our Facebook page, e-mail action list and more.

SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS FOR THE ST. LUCIE

Solutions for the St. Lucie: C-44 Project

The Indian River Lagoon-South (IRL-S) Restoration Project was designed to reverse the damaging effects of pollution and unnaturally large freshwater discharges into these ecologically vital water bodies. The project aims to restore the delicate balance of fresh and salt water in the Lagoon and Estuary, treat polluted water and revitalize degraded habitats. The C-44 will provide 50,600 acre-feet of new water storage and 3,600 acres of new wetlands, which will lessen peak flows to the St. Lucie Estuary and the southern portion of the Indian River Lagoon and significantly reduce nutrient loads.



Completion of the C-44 Project, currently under construction, is essential for the health of our estuary. Adequate funding from Congress and support from all levels of government is critical in completing this important project.

Solutions for the St. Lucie: Herbert Hoover Dike

The Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) that surrounds Lake Okeechobee is listed as one of the nation's dams in most need of repair and is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers top priority. The proposed budget includes \$85 million for construction in FY 2012. There are currently 16 dams in the nation listed "in most need of repair" in the Corps' Dam safety program; HHD is one of them. The lake provides drinking water for communities around the lake and to the more than 6 million people living along the lower east coast and as a source of irrigation for the agricultural industry.

The health, safety, and welfare of South Florida residents are central to the need for federal funding assistance. Not only is the dike integrity crucial to the citizens of South Florida, but the inability to handle excess stormwater has become an all too frequent impact to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries. The massive amounts of stormwater released from Lake Okeechobee carry pollutants and upset the delicate salinity balance of our coastal ecosystems, resulting in a die-off of environmentally significant indigenous plants and animals, blooms of undesirable blue green algae and warnings posted by the State Health Department. Additionally, much of South Florida economy is based on a healthy viable ecosystem.

Martin County: Speaking Up for Our Estuary

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners and County citizens lead the way in the protection of our estuaries. While we face many challenges, there is much our community has to be proud of in the fight for the health of our estuaries. Here's some of what we've collectively accomplished to date:

- Martin County citizens have taxed themselves eight out of the past 11 years, generating \$75 million for land acquisition, including \$27 million for the C-44 Reservoir project, and leveraged those funds with state dollars.
- Acquired 45,000 acres for various Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects that include the restoration of upland and wetland ecosystems.
- Completed 23 local stormwater retrofits and leveraged \$15 million in local funds with state and regional grants to construct \$50 million of local projects serving 6,100 acres.
- Dredged 300,000 cubic yards of lifeless muck from the Manatee Pocket.
- With the assistance of a \$4 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other funding partners, we restored 28 acres of oyster habitat in the St. Lucie Estuary and Loxahatchee River.
- Adopted a fertilizer ordinance and championed its protection when local efforts were threatened in Tallahassee.

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>> From: Jeanette Williams [mailto:jwilliams@cityofsebastian.org]
>> Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 3:23 PM
>> To: Amy Brunjes; Bonnie Cruz; Carrie Lira; Cheri Vancura; Cherie
>> White; Chris Craft; Deborah Krages; Dick Haverland; Dowling Watford;
>> Edward Ciampi; Gardina Long; Gary Ritter; Gayle Harrell; Greg
>> Langowski; Harrison; Hazel; Holly Demers; Ingrid Van Hekken; Jacqui
>> Thurlow-Lippisch; James Christie; Jim Hill; Mayor Faiella; Joel
>> Tyson; Judy Stang; Karen Disney; Karen Sweeney; Kathryn Hensley;
>> Laura Aldrich; Levee; Linda Bartz; Margaret Helton; Maura
>> Barry-Sorenson; Michael Corbit; Michelle McGovern; Mike Ochsner;
>> Nicole Fogarty; Pam Mac'Kie; Peter O'Bryan; Rabulskyk; Richard
>> Gillmor; Robert Benton; Rose Taylor; Sherry McCorkle; Smith; Stacy
>> Ranieri; Tammy Vock; Terri Lister; Terry Burroughs; Tracy Carroll;
>> Valerie Meyer
>> Subject: Speak Up for St. Lucie Campaign

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>> Good afternoon,

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>> Commission Chairman and TCCLG Rep Commissioner Ciampi has asked that
>> information on our new "Speak Up for the St. Lucie Campaign," which
>> we are launching Friday, be shared with the membership - I have
>> attached a fact sheet and here are links to -

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>> Web page:
>> http://ap3server.martin.fl.us:7778/portal/page?_pageid=73,4444933&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL
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>> Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakUpForTheStLucie>

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>> Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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>> Best regards,

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