

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENTAL

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director
THROUGH: Eric Charest, Natural Resource Manager
FROM: Alexis Peralta, Stormwater Educator
SUBJECT: **Stormwater Summer Camp 2022 Recap**
DATE: October 31, 2022

DESCRIPTION

Indian River County's Stormwater Summer Camp 2022 was a great success. Partnering with the Pelican Island Audubon Society, the 2022 Camp was hosted at the Audubon House on Oslo Road in Vero Beach. Over both week-long camp sessions, 13 campers participated in the educationally fun platform. Staff produced a video highlighting the camp and the many activities involved.

Success of camp is not only determined by the enjoyment levels of the campers, but also their educational improvement. Stormwater staff gave campers a pre-test that included questions about stormwater, the Lagoon, pollutants, recycling, and more. The pre-test average score from all campers was 65%. At the end of camp they were given the same questions in a post-test with an average score of 82%! This is a significant increase in the awareness of our local environment and sustainable ways these kids can make a difference in protecting our Lagoon, County, and World.

Staff is grateful to Pelican Island Audubon Society for their partnership. The Audubon House offered a great location for camp, the Audubon van offered exclusive transportation for camp field visits that is otherwise difficult and expensive to secure, and their executive director, Donna Halleran, provided wonderful co-leadership in facilitating the campers.

FUNDING

For the Summer 2022 Stormwater Camp, staff kept expenses under the \$700.00 budgeted amount.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no Board action required on this item as this is a highlight of the Stormwater Summer 2022 Camp's success.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022