

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Michael Zito, Interim County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to St. Johns River Water Management District Grant Agreement 36528 for the Moorhen Marsh Low Energy Aquatic Plants System (LEAPS™) Stormwater Treatment Facility

DATE: January 10, 2023

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

In March of 2021, the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) awarded Indian River County a \$1,250,000.00 grant to assist the County with costs associated with the construction of a Regional Pollutant Removal Facility that will use naturally occurring aquatic plants to absorb and remove dissolved nutrients from stormwater pumped on to the site from the North Relief Canal. The Moorhen Marsh Low Energy Aquatic Plants System (LEAPS™) Stormwater Treatment Facility was designed, permitted, bid and is currently under construction utilizing funds made available under this grant.

Amendment No. 1 to SJRWMD Grant Agreement 36528 was executed on August 22, 2022 extending the terms of the original agreement for project completion from September 30, 2022 through to January 31, 2023. This extension came as a request from the County to allow more time to complete the project due to supply chain issues and delays experienced in construction.

Amendment No. 2 to SJRWMD Grant Agreement 36528 is now being offered to the County as an extension to the amended terms of the agreement, extending the timeframe for project completion from January 31, 2023 through to March 29, 2023. This extension offered by SJRWMD came as a request from the County to allow more time to complete the project due to delays encountered from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole impacts to our area.

FUNDING

There is no additional funding required to accept Amendment No. 2 to SJRWMD Grant Agreement 36528.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment No. 2 to Grant Agreement 36528 extending the terms of the grant from January 31, 2023 to March 29, 2023 in order to allow for completion of construction for the Moorhen Marsh LEAPS™, and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 2.

Amendment No. 2 to SJRWMD Grant Agreement 36528
January 17, 2023 BCC Meeting

ATTACHMENTS

SJRWMD Grant Agreement 36528 Amendment No. 2

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: January 17, 2023