

Treasure Coast Tri-County Legislative Priorities

1. Home Rule Authority of Local Governments

- a. Oppose legislation to preempt a local government's ability to respond to local concerns.
- b. Oppose legislation to preempt a local government's ability to regulate vacation rentals.
- c. Oppose legislation that would interfere with a local government's ability to impose a business or occupational tax.
- d. Oppose legislation that would interfere with a local government's ability to raise or lower its millage rate.

2. Indian River Lagoon

- a. Support the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Legislative Budget Request for \$50 million granted to septic to sewer conversion projects near Florida's estuaries.

3. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act

- a. Support the creation of a new dedicated and recurring statutory funding source to fully fund School Resources Officers (SRO) positions in all public schools.

4. Dedicated Annual Funding for Beach Renourishment Projects

- a. Support the creation of a new dedicated and recurring statutory funding source for beach renourishment projects which accurately reflects the increase in participating programs and future beach and inlet project funding needs.

5. Affordable Housing

- a. Support allocating the full amount of dedicated documentary tax revenues for state and local affordable housing programs.
- b. Support investing in affordable housing to create jobs in home repair, hardening homes, retrofitting and constructing affordable rental units, and lowering the energy costs to make housing more affordable.
- c. Support exempting the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund, etc.

6. Biosolids

- a. Support establishing a pilot program for funding new state of the art wastewater technologies to improve, recover and afford more efficient use of human wastewater biosolids.
- b. Support restricting or eliminating land application of Class B biosolids within the following watersheds that impact the St. Johns River, the Upper Basin, the Middle Basin, and the Lower Basin.

7. Recycling Goal

- a. Support future recycling goals that are based on energy efficiency rather than weight.
- b. Oppose any fines or consequences associated with contamination or not meeting the recycling goal.

8. Foreign Trade Zones

- a. Support the expansion of the Treasure Coast Foreign Trade Zone #218 to include the geographic area of St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River Counties.

9. Short Term Rentals

- a. Oppose policies that would preempt a local government's ability to have local ordinances related to short term rentals.

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