

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

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

FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement LPA0018 for Moorhen Marsh**

DATE: April 1, 2022

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

In February of 2020, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) had awarded Indian River County a \$650,000.00 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 FDEP Grant Agreement LPA0018 is being offered to the County as an extension to the original terms of the agreement, extending the timeframe for project completion from June 30, 2022 through to June 30, 2023. This extension came as a request from the County to allow more time to complete the project due to current supply chain issues and delays experienced in receiving some materials necessary for construction.

FUNDING

There is no additional funding required to accept Amendment No. 1 to FDEP Grant Agreement LPA0018.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement LPA0018 extending the terms of the grant to June 30, 2023 in order to allow for completion of construction for the Moorhen Marsh LEAPS™, and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1.

ATTACHMENTS

LPA0018 Amendment No. 1

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: April 12, 2022