

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: St. Lucie County Teague Hammock Preserve

2. Date of Submission: 01/31/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Larry Lee

Members Copied:

### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

***If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d***

b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2016-17 (If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Request</b> (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)
Input Amounts:					400,000	400,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency. Department of Environmental Protection

6. Requester:

- a. Name: NICOLE FOGARTY
- b. Organization: ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project (Please retype if same as Requester):

- a. Name: NICOLE FOGARTY
- b. Organization: ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. Name: NICOLE FOGARTY
- b. Firm: NO FIRM
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

- a. Name: ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Saint Lucie
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Saint Lucie

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Government

- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The Teague Preserve Rewatering Project is a IRL-S C23/C24 CERP buffer project that will provide an additional 300-acres of groundwater recharge that will reclaim agriculture water discharge, restore priority wetland habitat for threatened and endangered species, and reduce State and local invasive exotic management costs. This project will directly benefit the future adjacent IRL-S C23/C24 CERP reservoir project by reclaiming and holding agriculture water before it reaches the C24 drainage basin

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hire engineering consultant for hydro modeling, permitting, design, and construction. Some earthwork and	400,000

	site prep can be carried out by the County as match/cost savings.	
TOTAL		400,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- ☐ State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

N/A

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners and Delegation is committed to improving water quality in the St. Lucie River/ Indian River Lagoon watersheds by support of this application and by multiple resolutions and public hearings including multiple Board and Administrative actions.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

This project has been reviewed and supported by several entities/stakeholders including the National Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The

project ranked well, although unfunded to date, through many programs including the former Wetland Reserve Program (WRP?no longer offered to local governmental agencies) and FWC Aquatic Habitat Restoration Enhancement Program (AHRES).

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

N/A

No

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select all that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The project will restore wetlands and provide outlets for historical interest and ecotourism.	SLC will deploy trail counting equipment to monitor visitation numbers and will hold free nature programming onsite to increase awareness about the project.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	The project will provide natural area water storage and could set an example for evolving water storage techniques, such as water farming.	The property is set deep within an agriculture community and the project could spawn additional projects such as water farming on adjacent properties. During the process SLC will hold a natural area water storage workshop for local stakeholders to include water farming.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	The project will improve wetlands for threatened and endangered species including the federally endangered snail kite.	Biological surveys and monitoring will be deployed before, during, and after to monitor/document increases in use by threatened and endangered species.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	The project will improve water quality for the St. Lucie & IRL Estuaries, including areas in Stuart, FL where the 2016 algae crisis occurred.	SLC is working with several entities including ORCA to monitor water quality in the Estuaries, but will also work to monitor inflows and outflows of the project to document benefits in water quality.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Ecotourism is a billion dollar industry for Florida, with birding being one of the core activities. This project already provides exceptional birding and will bring birders even closer for a chance at that sought after photo opportunity.	SLC will host a multitude of nature and historical interest based programs onsite, including tours of the site with groups such as the Florida Audubon Society. Ecotours will be promoted by the SLC Tourism Staff and be monitored by social media tracking and feedback.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Ecotourism is a billion dollar industry for Florida, with birding being one of the core drivers. This project already provides exceptional birding and will bring birders even closer for a chance at that sought after photo opportunity.	Increases in ecotourism revenue and the success will be monitored by the SLC Tourism Staff/Board via social media.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	This is a full-scale project with immediate job opportunities for all phases including modeling, design, permitting, and construction.	Funding will used hire a firm for design, permitting, and construction. Local firms will be given preference on a point scale basis during the request for qualifications process.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		

<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	This wetland system is capable of holding more water from storm events from surrounding roadways and agriculture land.	The water storage will be increased during design/construction and will include storm water structures and elements.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	By attenuating water onsite and allowing the natural area to filter the groundwater recharge.	Water levels, inflows, outflows, and evaporation will be monitored to calculate BMAP credits.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	The property will catch and treat ag water from the C-24 basin before it reaches the canals and the estuaries.	Water quality will be monitored in effort to receive credits for BMAP/TMDLs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	400,000	28.6%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	1,000,000	71.4%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No

TOTAL	1,400,000	100%	
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20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?

ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BUDGET

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?

Yes

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

☐ a. Wastewater Revolving Loan

☐ b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan

☐ c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

☒ d. Other (Please describe): FWC Aquatic Habitat Restoration/Enhancement (AHRES) Program

☐ e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?

Yes

24a. If Yes, insert plan name and cite page numbers.

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25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community?

No

26. What is the population economic status?

☐ a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality

☐ b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

☐ c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress

☒ d. N/A

27. What is the status of planning?

☒ a. Ready



☐b. Not Ready

28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed  
70%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?  
2017, IF FUNDED

30. What is the status of design?

☒a. Ready

☐b. Not Ready

31. What percentage of design has been completed?  
10%

32. What is the estimated design completion date?  
2017, IF FUNDED

33. List all required permits.  
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34. What is the status of permitting?

☒a. Planned

☐b. Submitted

☐c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

☒a. Ready

☐b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?  
0%

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?  
FY 2018