



Board of County Commissioners

Item Title: Florida Department of Emergency Management Watershed Planning Program Grant Application for Nassau River Basin Watershed Master Plan
Date: January 27, 2025
Department: Stormwater and Drainage Management

Background:

Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) is offering funding for its Watershed Planning Initiative to produce a Watershed Master Plan (WMP) for credit under the Community Rating System (“CRS”) up to an award of \$400,000.

The County, under the Watershed Planning Initiative, will use the guidance materials to produce an updated Watershed Master Plan for credit under CRS. The County’s current Stormwater Master Plan is from 2012 and included a vulnerability study, which while critical for resiliency planning, has not provided the depth of information needed for CRS credit and stormwater data to be useful in regulatory changes. This mapping will include special flood hazard areas, depth of flooding on critical infrastructure, and inundation maps to see the effects of overland flow into wetlands.

Request:

Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Florida Department of Emergency Management Watershed Planning Program Grant Application for the Nassau River Basin Watershed Master Plan.

Financial/Economic Impact to Future Years Budgeting Process or Effect on Citizens:

This grant is needed to fund an updated Stormwater Master Plan. Without this grant, the County’s Stormwater Master Plan would continue to be outdated and would not provide the depth of information needed for CRS credit and stormwater data for regulatory changes. The award is up to \$400,000 with 75% in grant funding and a 25% required grant match.

Note: The County plans to use its Resilient Florida Program - Vulnerability Assessment Update Including Callahan grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as the County’s 25% match for this grant.

Action Requested and Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Florida Department of Emergency Management Watershed Planning Program Grant Application for the Nassau River Basin Watershed Master Plan and authorize staff to submit electronically.

Is this action consistent with the Nassau County Comprehensive Land Use Plan?

Yes

Funding Source:

TBD

Additional Information Needed for Contracts/Agreements (If Applicable)

Contract Number assigned by Contracts Management:

N/A

For non-governmental agencies, has the document been sent to the vendor for signature?

Yes

Does the document need to be recorded? If so, who will pay the recordation fee?

No

Are there any special mailing instructions? (Include contact name, address, deadline for submittal, how to mail such as express mail, FedEx, etc.):

Please email a copy of the executed application to Katie Peay (kpeay@nassaucountyfl.com) and Brittany Contardi (bcontardi@nassaucountyfl.com) no later than January 29, 2025.

How many originals are needed?

One