



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DATE: December 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Cooper City Water-Smart Community Designation – **Morgan Flynn, Broward County Health Department**

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

Water Smart Broward is a local county initiative designed to promote water safety and drowning prevention for Broward County Residents. It is operated in partnership with the Children’s Services Council of Broward County, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and the Florida Department of Health. The mission of Water Smart Broward is to protect children from drowning fatalities and aquatic-related disabilities and injuries by promoting safer behaviors and strategic community-wide education within Broward County. One of the projects the program has been working on is the Water Smart Communities Initiative, which works with employees of municipalities to promote water safety and drowning prevention concepts and best practices at their respective local levels. Staff in Cooper City Parks and Recreation Department have worked to implement these best practices and strategies for the community.

ANALYSIS:

With the City making strides to promote more water-smart practices to the residents of Cooper City, The Florida Department of Health has designated Cooper City as a Water-Smart Community.