

Marshall Labadie

From: GossettSeidman, Peggy <Peggy.GossettSeidman@myfloridahouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Marshall Labadie; Craig Hartmann; Douglas Hillman; Natasha Moore; John Shoemaker; Evalyn David; David Stern
Subject: Fwd: Unsafe State Road Stormwater Sewers.
Attachments: BestMaintPracticesSWRunoff.pdf.pdf

Hello All, please be advised of my response to Mr. Kleiman and CSHB's recent columns. Please note per his storm drain issues that these currently are covered under DEP regulations. Now an update defining further and stricter regulations was just heard in my Water Quality Legislative Committee by DEP this morning. As can happen between government agencies, discussions between FDOT and DEP may be needed to facilitate management of these drains in Highland Beach per the RRR and in general to improve drainage. I will be reporting this to Mr. Kleiman this week and will copy you. Any assistance with the agencies may be facilitated through my office as needed per request from Mr. Labadie.

I hope all is well with you all.
Sincerely,
Peggy Gossett-Seidman
State Representative District 91

Sent from my i-Phone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "GossettSeidman, Peggy" <Peggy.GossettSeidman@myfloridahouse.gov>
Date: March 6, 2023 at 1:45:10 AM EST
To: Jeffrey <jeffreyfl@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Unsafe State Road Stormwater Sewers.

Jeff, I will followup on this Tuesday and Wednesday and will present when I may in my state legislative water committees. While you are focused on Highland Beach, I am carrying those local issues and applying them statewide. I am filing bills and helping move forward other legislation that will assist ALL municipalities and ALL of Florida throughout 825 miles of beaches, for 900 freshwater springs, 1,104 swamps, 1,700 rivers covering 25,949 miles of which 50 miles are designated wild and scenic and another 12,000 fishable year-round, 1.5 million acres of Everglades, 80 estuaries, 19 inlets, 7,000 caves, 8,500 lakes, and 2.8 million acres including Arbuckle Creek of Lake Okeechobee. Further, it is all Interconnected via the three major aquifers.

Please allow me and other committees and legislators to do our jobs under a Governor who has done more for the beaches, Everglades and waters than anyone since Gov. Jeb Bush first canoed the wild rivers. Please help me so that CSHB does not present any more false, misleading or malicious language, or any possibly nebulous language, or even any grey-area "facts" that portrays our Town in a torn and divisive manner, on any topic. I cannot fight effectively for these major issues coming from and working for a town with an appearance of a feuding citizenry who act more like 2017 times when residents argued and shouted wild rants meetings, inciting police escorts from Chambers. We need to be united and working together. If these CSHB people really care, why don't they write their legislators, or attend meetings in town, county or state? They don't they even all sign their letters. Really do your think if

CSHB did not exist that our voters are too lazy or unintelligent to make the correct choices in voting? I think more highly of their smarts and research capability than that.

If anyone is going to save Highland Beach, they are these two state water committees, current and immediate-past elected officials, and dedicated staff of the Town, county and state. I am certain all those persons would welcome residents' input presented in congenial and factual terms at meetings or in correspondence.

We must make change together, with current facts in an educated, civil and substantiated manner. Maybe over time you will see more of what I mean.

In the meantime, I am relying on your proven accurate information you provided over the years on beach, sand and water issues and will be presenting your information on the sand dredging, first flush, and more, and photos over the next two months to state legislative committees. I am putting in unbelievable long hours at great personal expense and am happy to do so. Except: Imagine how I feel doing that and then reading these columns detailing malicious statements and inaccurate facts. This while I am coordinating on similar issues with local, county and state officials in a productive fashion. We are working together, bipartisan people, on committees dedicated to improving the environment, toward the same goals for our waters and state. That is how you make change for the better. And that is how we save Highland Beach.

Peggy Gossett-Seidman
District 91 State Representative

Sent from my i-Phone

On Mar 5, 2023, at 11:49 PM, Jeffrey <jeffreyfl@gmail.com> wrote:

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Peggy, seems like FDOT wrote the book on stormwater management, but they don't practice what they preach.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 5, 2023, at 8:20 PM, GossettSeidman, Peggy
<Peggy.GossettSeidman@myfloridahouse.gov> wrote:

Thank you.

Peggy Gossett-Seidman

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On Mar 4, 2023, at 11:54 PM, Jeffrey
<jeffreyfl@gmail.com> wrote:

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Florida representatives Caruso, and Gossett-
Seidman, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners,

There are numerous stormwater sewers along State
Road A1A in the town of Highland Beach. These sewer
intakes are on publicly owned land.

FDOT claims that these stormwater sewers are not
owned or maintain by FDOT.
Our town staff says that these State Road A1A
stormwater sewers are owned and should be
maintained by nearby private land owners.

Why is FDOT and our town relying on private land
owners to maintain State Road A1A stormwater runoff
sewers?
This is bizarre, and unsafe.

Shouldn't FDOT be responsible for the environmental
safe disposal of every drop of stormwater runoff from
the State Road?

Currently, these stormwater sewers in Highland Beach
are polluting our canals, the ICW, and subsequently the
Atlantic Ocean with First Flush Polluted stormwater.
The stormwater sewers need to be raised up so that
First Flush polluted stormwater soaks into the ground.
When the ground becomes saturated, then the
remaining cleaner stormwater will flow into the
elevated stormwater sewers.

Below are images of a couple of the stormwater
sewers.

Jeffrey Kleiman
3907 South Ocean Blvd.
Highland Beach Florida

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<Storm_Drain.JPG>

First flush
[wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_flush)