



## Town of Lake Park Town Commission

### Agenda Request Form

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**Meeting Date:** July 16, 2025

**Originating Department:** Communications and Grants

**Agenda Title:** Resolution 42-07-25 - Support 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan - Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant Program - \$1,000,000 (Septic-to-Sewer Project)

**Approved by Town Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cost of Item:** \$0.00 **Funding Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Finance Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertised:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspaper:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:** Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan 2021

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**Please initial one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I have notified everyone

MA \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable in this case

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

As part of the Town's application for grant funding under the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant Program the Town is required to provide support of the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan.

The Town is currently pursuing grant funding in the amount of \$1 Million under this grant program to support the construction of the Town's Septic-To-Sewer Project.

Note: If awarded, this funding would be combined with the \$1 Million received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and \$1 Million from the Lake Park CRA. Additionally, \$4 Million in federal funding is being requested, on behalf of the Town, by Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick.

The grant application's submittal deadline is Thursday, July 31, 2025 and, if awarded, funding would be

available on July 1, 2026.

As part of the grant application process, the Town is requested to provide formal support of the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan, which represents the third update since the original plan's adoption in 1998; previous revisions were published in 2008 and 2013. The 2013 version was supported by the Lake Park Town Commission via Resolution 61-08-17.

As information, the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan strategically embraces watershed management as a central theme, acknowledging that the health of the Lagoon is inextricably connected to the activities and inputs occurring across a voluminous watershed that is 42 times the size of the Lagoon itself. Thus, the Town's Final Septic-To-Sewer Project, when completed, is expected to contribute to improving the water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Various amendments have been incorporated into the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan, including:

- Incorporates a watershed-focused management approach.
- Designed exclusively on a digital platform.
- New and existing action plans were updated and reorganized with three new categories added: Fish and
- Wildlife Monitoring and Protection, Climate Change and Sea Level Rise, and Public Uses of the Lagoon.
- Several actions from the 2013 Plan were consolidated, renamed or moved to different Action Plans to more accurately reflect updated implementation strategies.
- Thirteen new actions have been added
- New or revised Goals and Priorities were adopted to address each major Action Plan focus: Water and Sediment Quality; Habitat Enhancement and Protection; Fish and Wildlife Monitoring and Protection, Public Uses of the Lagoon, Public Outreach and Engagement; and Climate Change and Sea Level Rise.
- Cost estimates are provided

**Recommended Motion:**

I move to approve Resolution 42-07-25 - Support 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan as part of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant Program – Town is requesting \$1,000,000 to support the Septic-to-Sewer Project.