



REGIONAL CONSERVATION PRIORITY: INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

The Indian River Lagoon Regional Conservation Committee's ("RCC") 2019 conservation priorities shall include efforts to increase funding for land conservation and to seek out long-term solutions for the safe and effective disposal of biosolids.

Therefore be it resolved:

The Audubon chapters in the Indian River Lagoon Region, in alignment with Audubon Florida and the Atlantic Flyway, using information derived from sound science, will mobilize volunteer leadership, members, conservation allies, community leaders, public officials, and governmental agencies to:

Support local, regional, and state initiatives to increase land conservation funding from 2017 levels, especially at the state level, which means advocating the Florida legislature to appropriate at least \$100M in annual expenditures to acquire new environmentally sensitive lands, and to manage existing and future public lands.

- IRL chapters will work regionally through city councils, county commissions, and state legislators to work towards preserving new lands while managing and restoring existing lands. Our tools will include individual and form letters, attendance at scheduled public meetings, and personal one-on-one meetings. The RCC shall allow local chapters, as well as Audubon Florida, to make their own determination regarding the appropriate use of Amendment 1 funds.

Work together to advocate for local regulation of land application of biosolids, to urge the Florida Legislature to amend the necessary laws so that local regulation of biosolids can occur, and for creation of regional and statewide strategies for sustainable use of biosolids.

- We will support Resolution #18-03 of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to increase awareness of biosolids management issues in Florida, prioritize the reduction and eventual elimination of inappropriate land application of biosolids, and the establishment of a Pilot Projects Program for funding local utilities to implement new wastewater treatment technologies to use biosolids resources more efficiently and sustainably.