



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#22-0074

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2022

TITLE: Waterway Quality Update - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

As a 2020 and 2021 Commission Top Priority, waterway quality has been a focus of a great deal of activity. The presentation will provide an update on the results of weekly waterway quality monitoring, the benefits of monthly canal cleaning, dredging in response to the 2019-2020 wastewater spills, waterway quality improvement efforts, and new initiatives.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety
- Goal 1: Protect and improve coastal resources important to ecologically based economic drivers and environmental balance.
- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Urban Design

- Goal 4. Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels and other traversable features. and
- Conservation
- Goal 3. Conserve, protect, and appropriately utilize the City's terrestrial and marine habitats.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Waterway Quality Update Presentation

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