

City of Port St Lucie 121 SW Port St Lucie Blvd. Port St Lucie, FL 34984-5099

RE: Support request 18th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup

Dear Council Members,

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast in conjunction with the Florida Inland Navigation District will conduct the 18th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup. We will be cleaning up the waterways of Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River Counties. We have 25 designated sites throughout the three counties that will serve as registration and disposal sites for the volunteers to work from. Also, we have recruited numerous waterfront homeowner associations to cleanup up their own waterfront.

We are once again requesting additional support from the city to enhance the efforts. Since 2009, the city has proclaimed the 4th week in July as Waterway Cleanup Week. Beginning in 2018, we've worked closely with Keep Port Saint Lucie Beautiful, who's coordinated assistance with Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and the Marine Unit of the Port Saint Lucie Police Department. These efforts have been beneficial to the residents and businesses of Pt. St. Lucie.

Our volunteers have removed nearly 105 tons of trash from our waterways since 2008. In 2024, we collected 2.16 tons of trash from approximately 125 miles of waterways. In Port Saint Lucie, 103 volunteers removed .22 tons of trash. We know that our collaboration is making a difference, because throughout the Treasure Coast and in Port Saint Lucie we continue to have more volunteers and less trash.

We hope that you continue to support this cleanup effort and are requesting official sponsorship. Included, you will find the 2025 sponsorship opportunities. Cash sponsors are needed and appreciated. Here are a few areas that would be valuable to the event:

• Banners at the City banner locations

• Promote through the City Parks and Recreation via calendars, newsletters, electronic signage, etc.

PSA's on PSL TV

Encourage employees to participate either on cleanup day (Sat., July 26th) or during our weeklong effort that begins on Saturday, July 19 and ends on Sunday, July 27^{th.}
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We welcome any ideas that your team has and look forward to another successful cleanup year. Please call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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