

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL MEETING

October 15, 2019

The District 4 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at the Florida Solar Energy Center, 1679 Clearlake Rd., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Councilmember Koss called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. She led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Alex Goins	Councilmember (arrived 6:26pm)
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember

Other staff members present:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief; and Chris Hattaway, Patrol Officer.

II. Meeting Topics

1. Welcome/Introductions

Councilmember Koss welcomed everyone to the District 4 Town Hall meeting¹. She introduced the other members of Council as well as Colleen Kettles from the Florida Solar Energy Center. Ms. Kettles briefly shared information about the center.

¹ Exhibit A: District 4 Town Hall Presentation

It was pointed out that the Brevard County Sustainability Group will be partnering and co-hosting an event on November 8, 2019 with the Florida Solar Energy Center to discuss the importance of solar energy.

Councilmember Koss provided information about the upcoming Citizen's Academy which will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. She added that there are only two vacancies left and encouraged those who were interested to apply.

Furthermore, she discussed the importance of education and Cocoa's schools. She introduced Ms. Gina Tayge, the Principal of Cambridge Elementary. Councilmember Koss pointed out their progress as a school and noted that there has been an increase in science testing from a forty-eight percent success rate to a seventy percent success rate.

Councilmember Koss read a poem to the assembly titled "Trees".

She talked about the invitation Cocoa High School received to perform at Carnegie Hall. She mentioned that her and her husband flew to New York to see the performance in person and it received a standing ovation.

Councilmember Koss recognized Paulie Riggs for an award he received for a painting he had done. She acknowledged his talent and briefly discussed the ArtBeatz program. She also mentioned a recently completed project, the Solar Flower, which was installed on Blake Avenue. It is approximately twenty feet when fully expanded and it follows the sun to generate energy before closing up at night.

Councilmember Koss pointed out the focus points of 2020 which are being prepared for a storm, single-use plastics and Vision Zero, a campaign to end pedestrian fatalities.

Matt Fuhrer, Assistant City Manager, shared a presentation² regarding the stormwater program. He shared an overview of the responsibilities that the Stormwater Division has. He briefly discussed the ten year Capital Plan along with the implementation plan.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer reviewed the Stormwater Tiered Rate Structure and pointed out several city-wide and District 4 flood mitigation projects.

Mayor Williams inquired about the flooding on Indian River Drive that took place after the recent rain storm. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer shared that it was caused by a palm frond that was stuck in the drain.

A citizen inquired about standing water at the construction site of the train station. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer added that stormwater retention areas will be dug but for now it is an active construction zone so standing water can be expected to be seen.

² Exhibit B: Stormwater Program Presentation

City Manager Titkanich introduced all of the staff members present.

He shared several updates on various happenings taking place in the City. He explained the Urban Landscape Plan to landscape US1, which the Cocoa CRA, US1 CRA and the City partnered on to plant plants. Additionally, in March 2019 the Pedestrian Connector opened on the north side of 520. The Lee Wenner Park shoreline was also re-done with new lighting. The City will be partnering with Brevard Zoo to imbed oysters as well.

City Manager Titkanich added that the T-docks and day slips are being re-done to be more resilient with a substantial completion date to be set in April, 2020. The final design for the promenade is going out on October 29, 2019 and will go before Council in December.

The Cocoa CRA is also considering a new Civic Center although a location is yet to be decided.

St. Mark's is looking at re-routing traffic and potentially moving Church St. over and adding greenspace as well as another building.

City Manager Titkanich briefly mentioned the hotel in the village as well as the striping and paving downtown.

The Cocoa YMCA was discussed and it was shared that there are around four thousand nine hundred members, ten to fifteen percent of those being Cocoa residents. Eastern Florida State College has offered to come up with three hundred twenty-four thousand dollars and are looking to the City and/or the school district to match this amount.

City Manager Titkanich talked about the new train station and noted that it will travel to Orlando and West Palm Beach. It will run on the south side of SR 528 and over I-95. It will take anywhere from three to five years before residents to see activity here in Cocoa.

A citizen inquired if a parking garage is still being considered where the old Suntrust Bank was. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained that FDOT would not allow one at that location due to the amount of traffic that would back up.

Chief Cantaloupe reminded everyone to make sure they lock the doors to their homes and cars at all times.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned the upcoming Utilities Workshop at City Hall on Tuesday, November 5th.

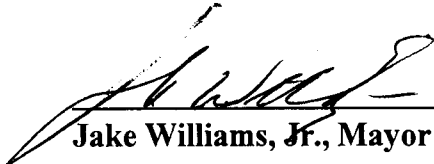
A citizen inquired about the old Winn Dixie site. In response, City Manager Titkanich shared that a developer is interested in potentially developing both residential and commercial property there.

Councilmember Goins pointed out the upcoming Marijuana Workshop at City Hall on October 29th at 6 pm.

Councilmember Koss thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall meeting.

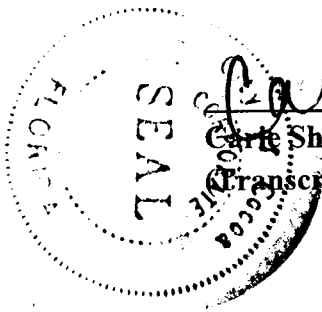
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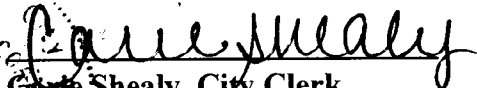
- * **The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.**



Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:





Carrie Shealy, City Clerk

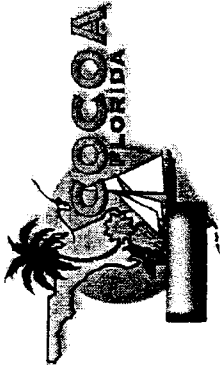
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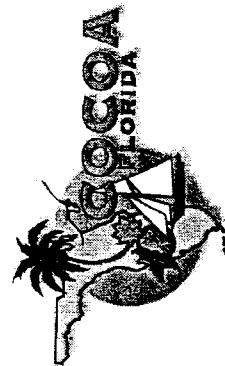
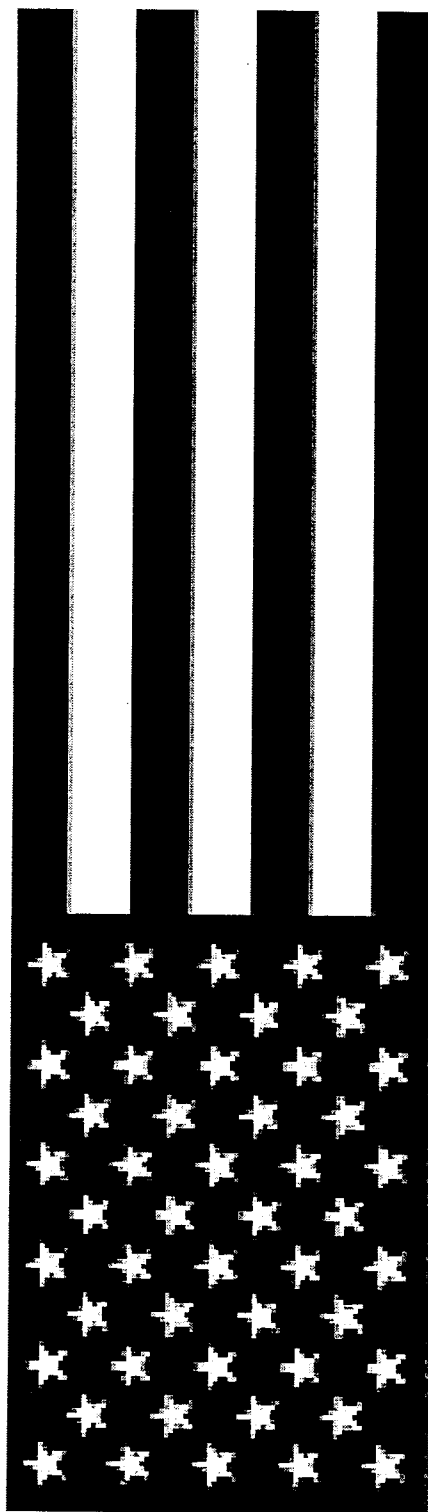


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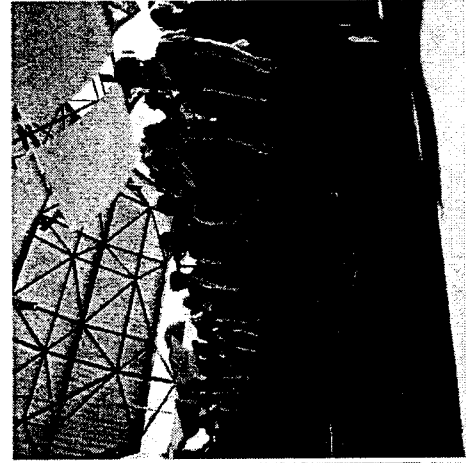
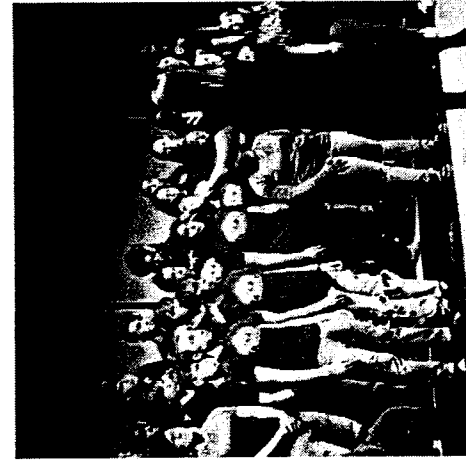
1. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
2. Board of Adjustment
3. Code Enforcement/Drug Related Public Nuisance Board
4. Brownfields Advisory Board
5. Housing Authority
6. Pension Board - Fire
7. Pension Board - General Employees
8. Pension Board - Police
9. Planning & Zoning Board
10. Police Community Relations Advisory Committee
11. Redevelopment Agency (Cocoa)
12. Redevelopment Agency (Diamond Square)
13. Redevelopment Agency (US 1)
14. Utilities Advisory Board
15. Sustainability Advisory Committee



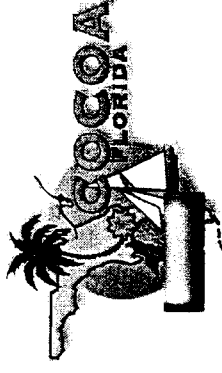
Pledge of Allegiance



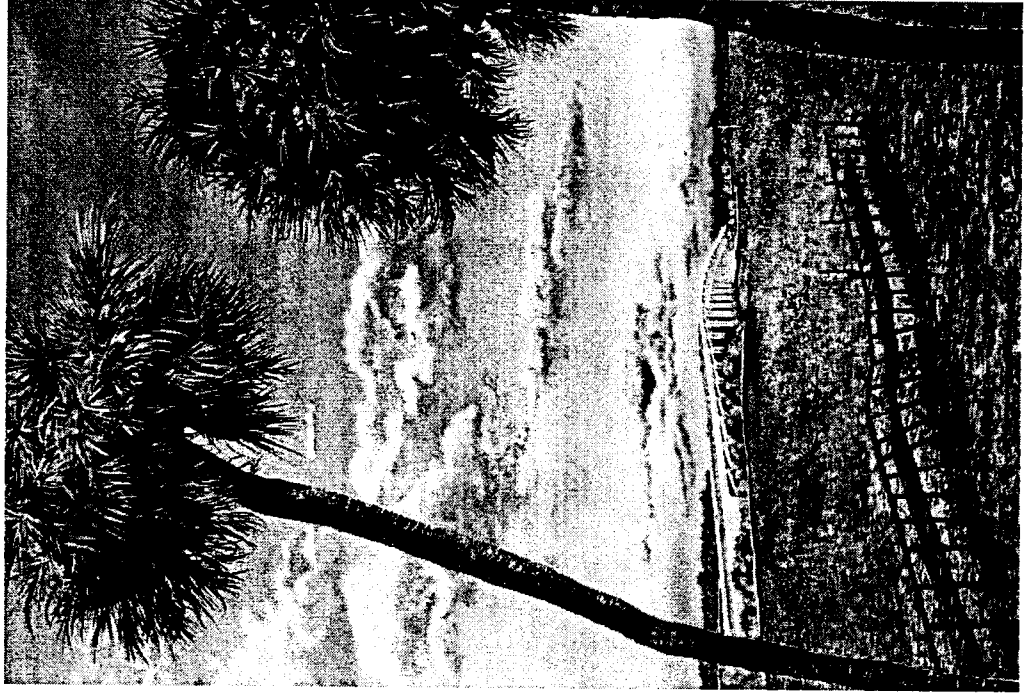
Cocoa to Carnegie Hall



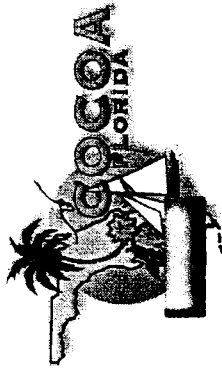
It takes a Village - and, we did it!



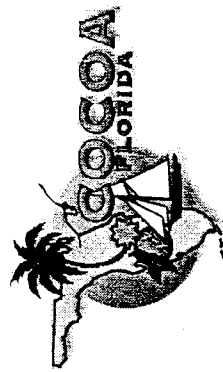
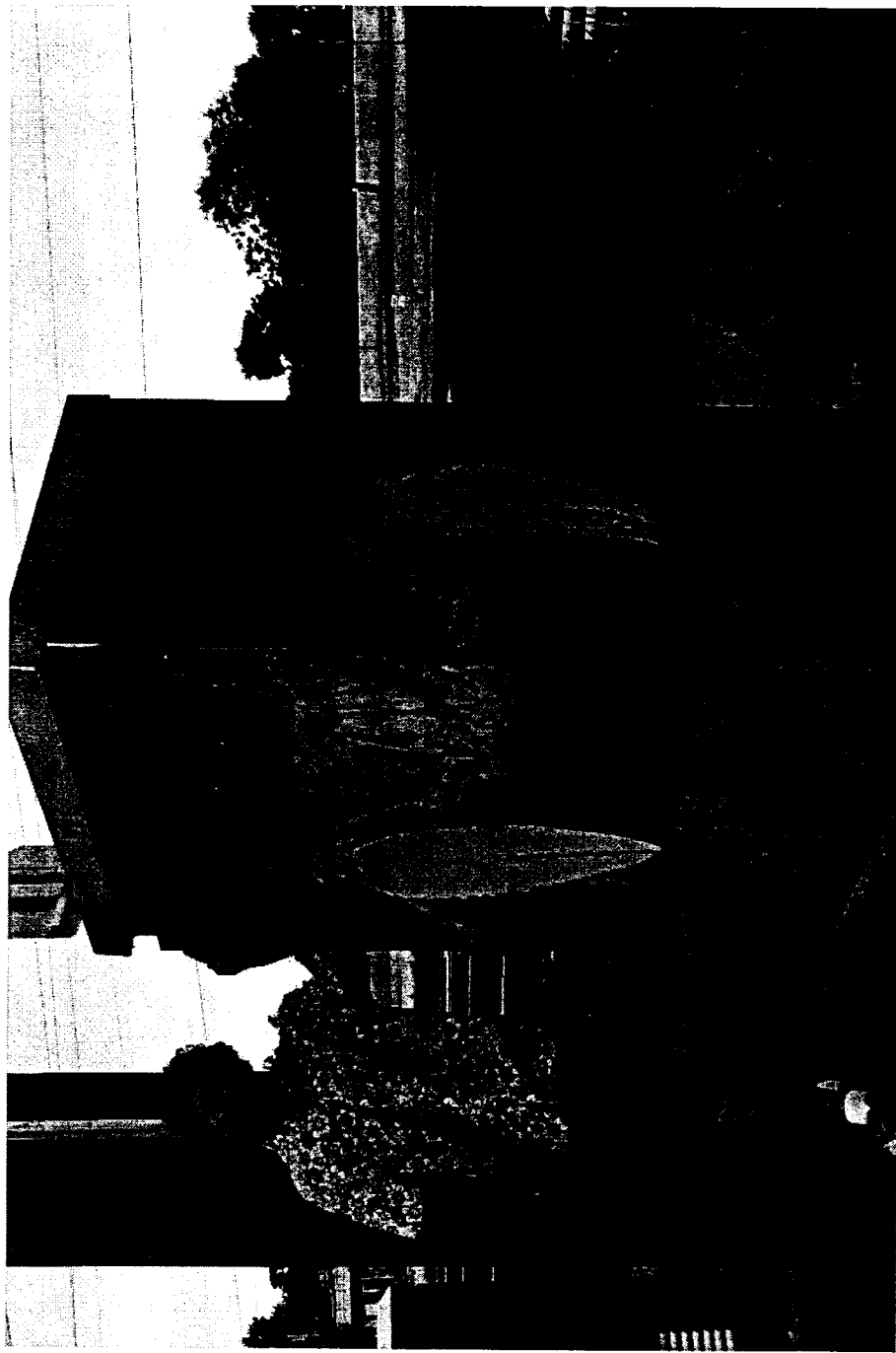
Talent is ABUNDANT in Cocoa



ArtBeatz



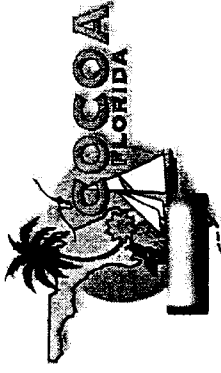
Historic Cocoa Village Main Street



Solar Flower Power



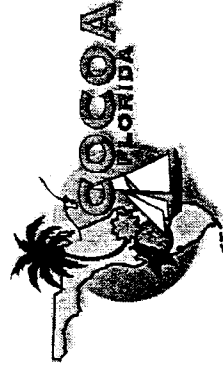
Emma Jewel Academy



2020 FOCUS POINTS



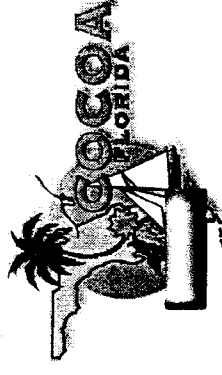
1. STORM PREPARED
2. Single Use Plastics – WASTE MANAGEMENT
3. Vision Zero Campaign – END PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES



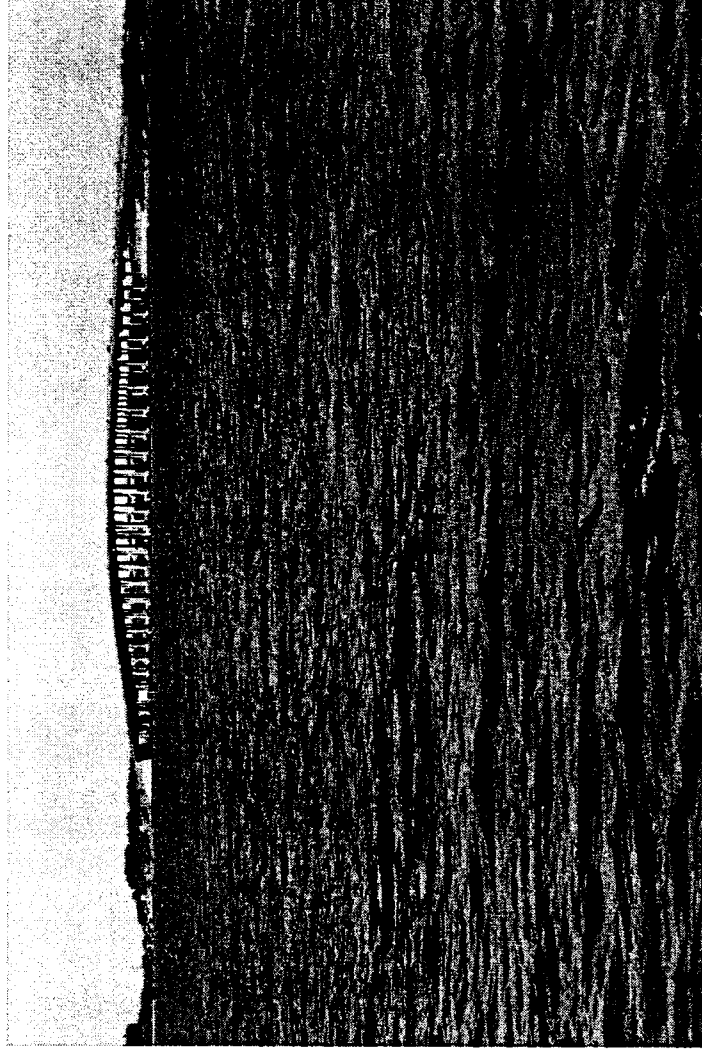
Storm Prepared



- Green Infrastructure complementing the Grey
- 10 year SW Plan; Comprehensive Modeling;
- Parks Master Plan
- Tree City USA – Right Tree, Right Place
- THIRA, Resiliency, Sustainability Plans

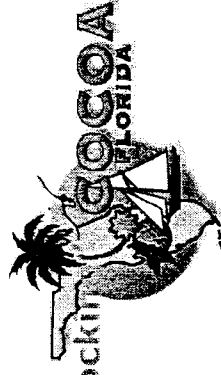


Single Use Plastics

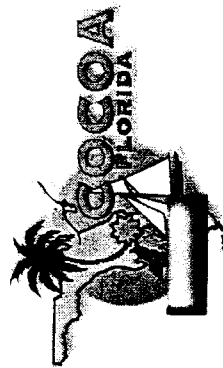


UGH! Indian River Lagoon shellfish have the highest-known numbers of microplastics in the world..

12/26/2018 UCF Biologist Linda Walters says the "study results were shockin



End Pedestrian Fatalities



Questions, Comments, Suggestions

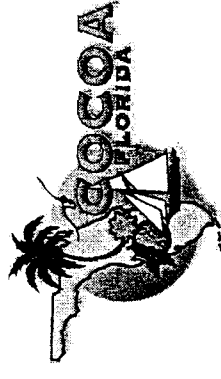
Lorraine Koss

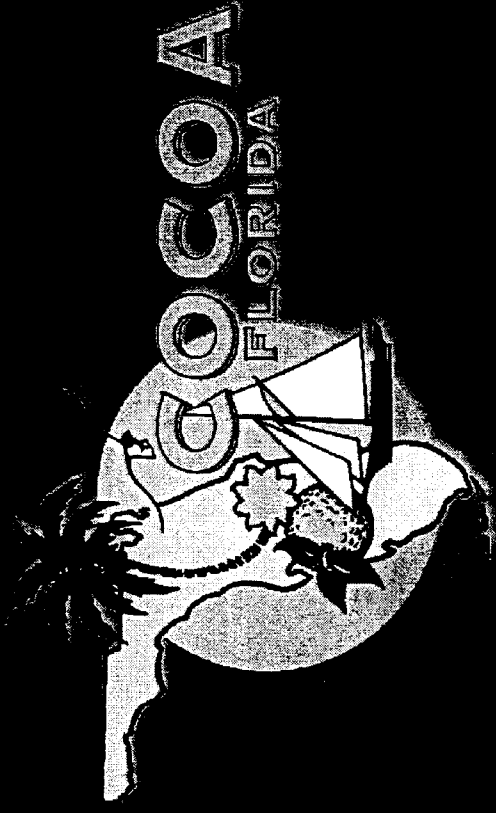
Councilwoman District 4

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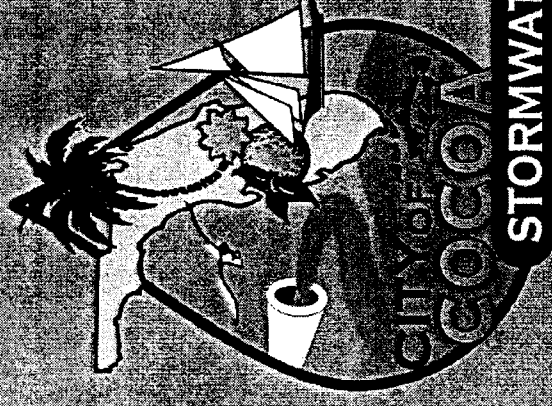
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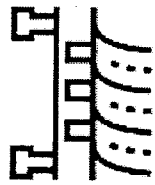
Stormwater Program



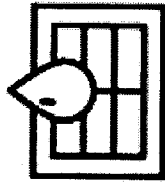
Stormwater Division Responsibilities



77 acres of pond



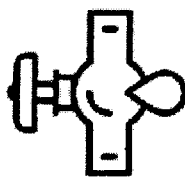
2,328 stormwater infrastructures such as inlets, culverts, head walls and weirs



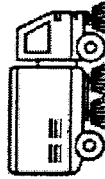
565 manholes



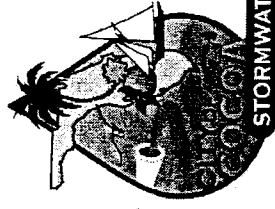
5 miles of ditches



65 miles of stormwater pipes



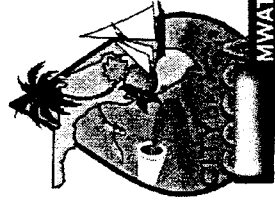
2,000 miles per year of streets swept



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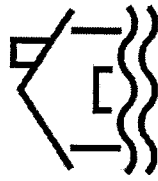
Review of Stormwater Assessment

- In Fiscal Year 2019, the enterprise fund for stormwater management generated approximately \$1.5M to cover existing operation/maintenance and minor capital improvements and has not been materially changed since the 90's.
 - \$1.5M Revenue - \$1.2M O&M = Approximately \$300K to fund capital projects.
- Additional revenue was needed to reduce flooding and comply with mandated water quality regulations.
- A financial model was used to review scenarios and develop a sustainable financial plan for the stormwater utility moving forward.



10 Year Capital Plan

- In order to plan and budget for the City of Cocoa's future stormwater needs, a 10 year Capital Improvement Plan was created to ensure a judicious investment of finite resources.



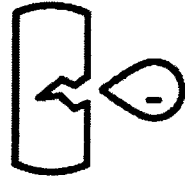
\$6,403,760 Flood Mitigation Projects



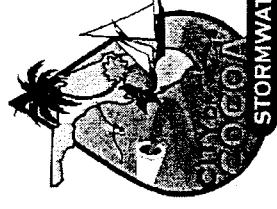
\$11,470,882 Water Quality Projects



\$1,013,984 Equipment Replacement

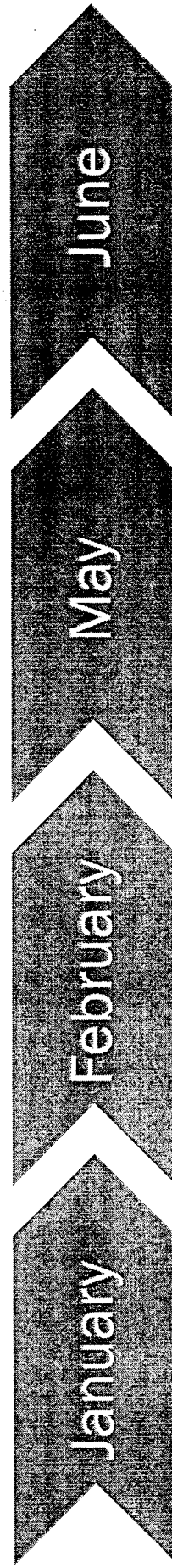


\$1,511,500 Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement/Repair and Maintenance



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Implementation Plan



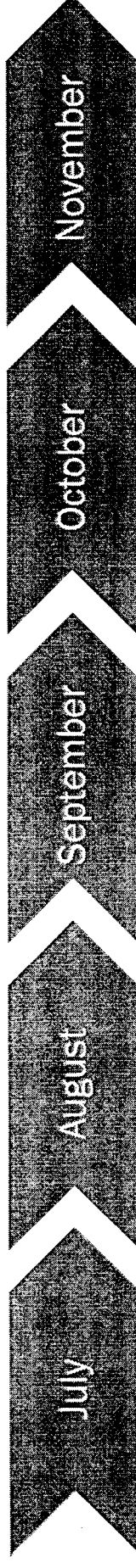
Newspaper advertisement for Public Hearing on Resolution of Intent

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Public Stormwater Utility Workshop at City Council Meeting

- Agreement approved with Tax Collector and Property Appraiser

- Newspaper advertisement for First Reading and Final Reading of Assessment Ordinance
- First Reading of Assessment Ordinance



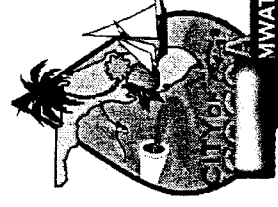
Final reading of Assessment Ordinance

- Notice Letters
- 1st Public Hearing for Initial Assessment Resolution

- 2nd Public Hearing
- Adopt Assessment Resolution
- Certify Assessment Roll
- Last Utility Billing

Fiscal Year Begins

Tax Collector sends out bill for Stormwater Assessment due Jan 1st



Stormwater Tiered Rate Structure

Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) Assessment Rates for Single Family Parcels (residential)*a

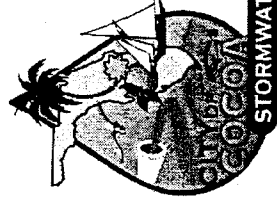
<u>Tier 1:</u> 400 – 2,300 sq.ft. of impervious area	<u>Tier 2:</u> 2,400 – 4,400 sq.ft. of impervious area	<u>Tier 3:</u> Greater than 4,400 sq.ft. of impervious area
\$71.96	\$110.71	\$192.64

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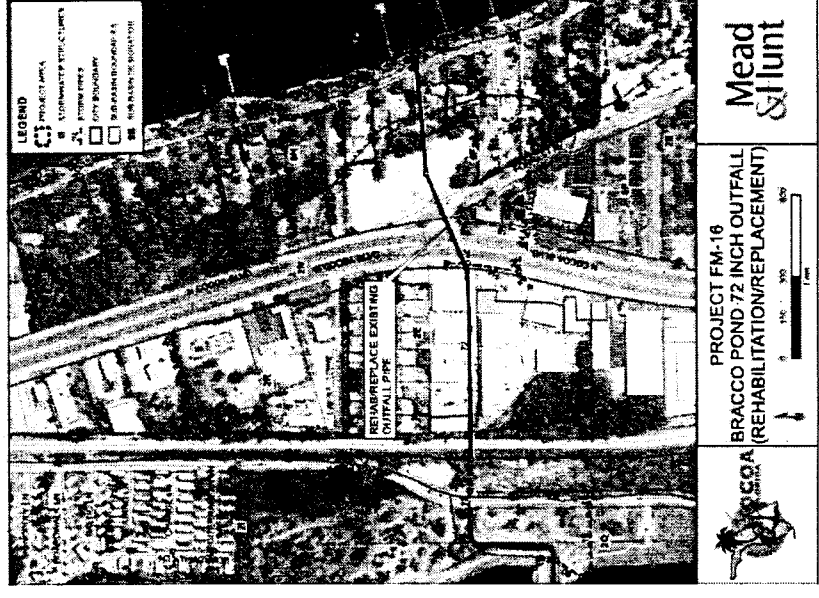
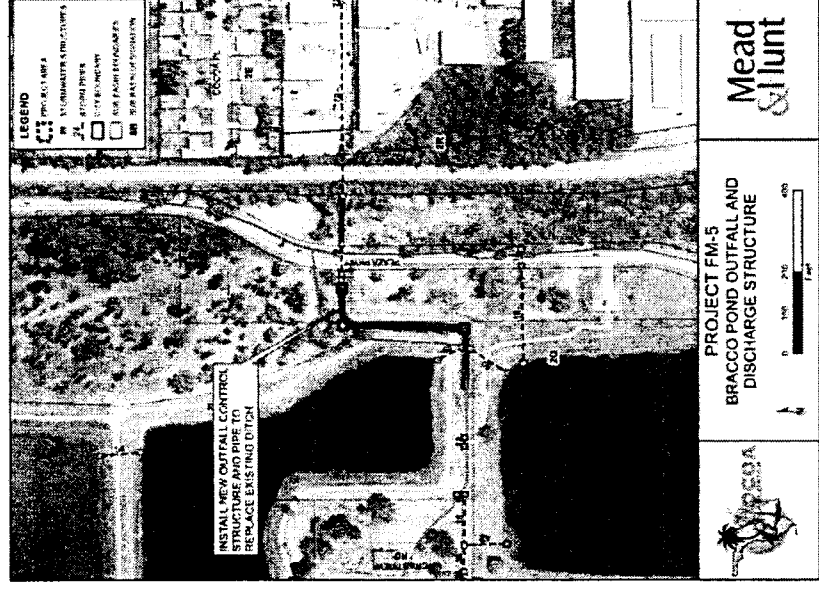
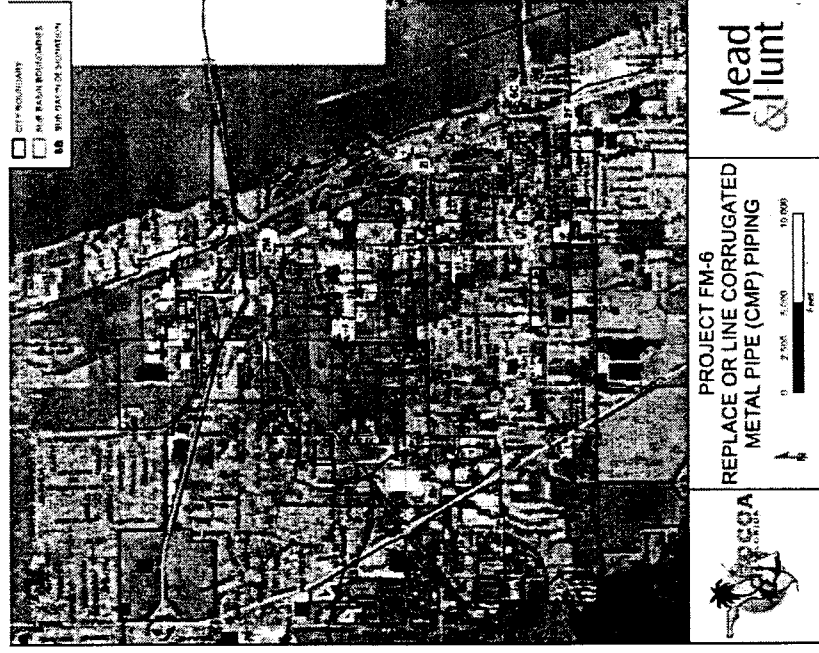
\$110.71 per ERU (3,100 sq.ft. equivalent residential unit)

*Equivalent Residential Unit reflects the median impervious area on a tier two single family residential parcel.

The anticipated Fiscal Year revenue generation is approximately
\$1.7M.

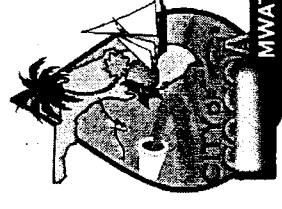


City-wide Flood Mitigation Projects

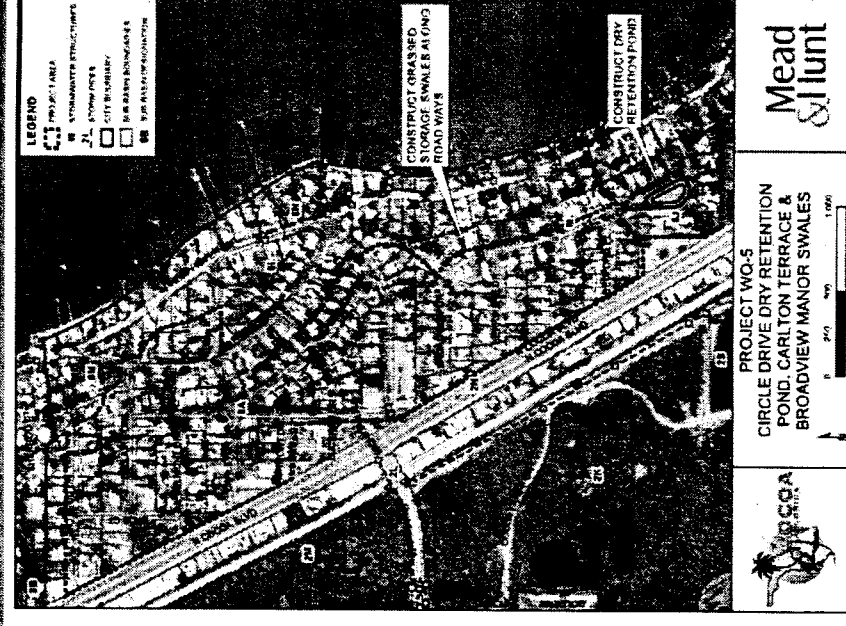
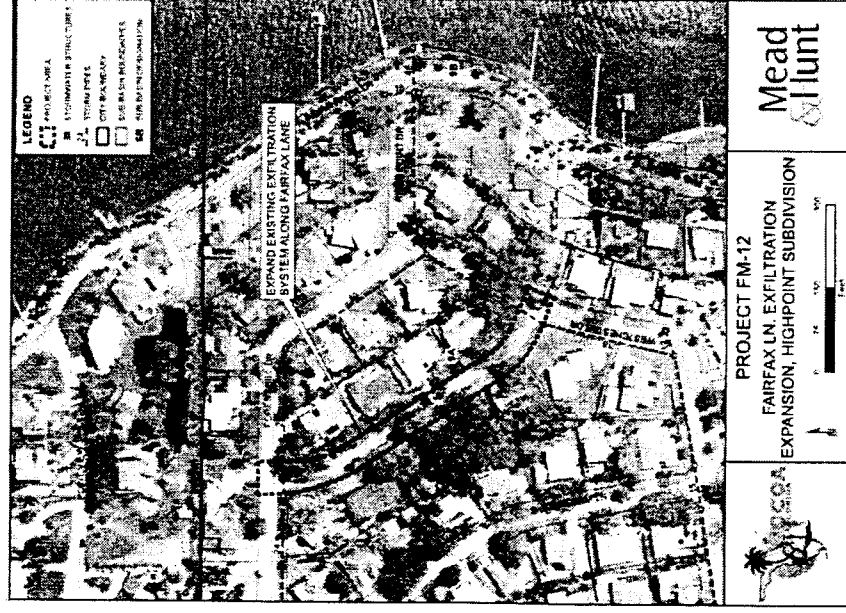


City-wide Projects:

- Annually Replace or Line Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Piping (\$200,000)
- Annual Curb & Gutter Repair & Maintenance Program (\$50,000)
- Bracco Pond Discharge and Outfall Structure
- Comprehensive System Model
- **Bracco Pond 72" Outfall Rehabilitation/Replacement**



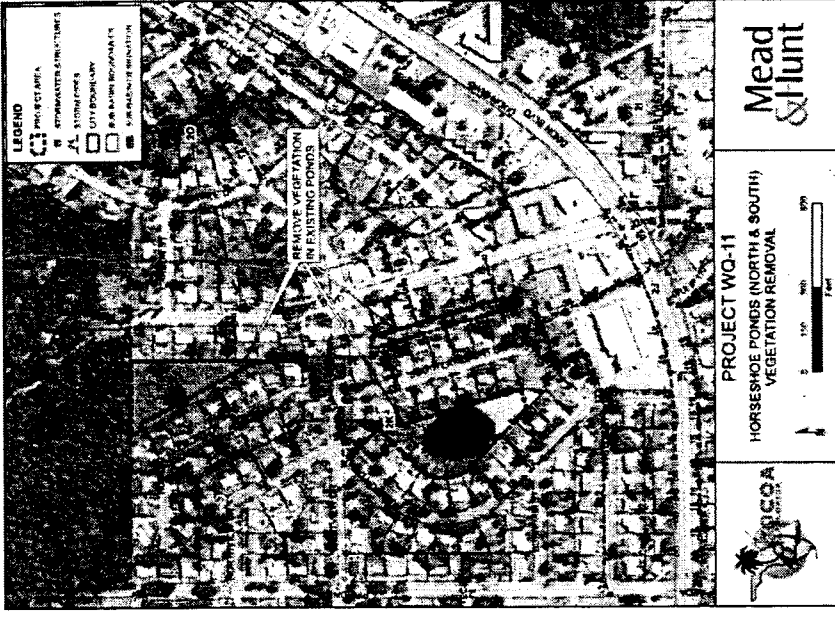
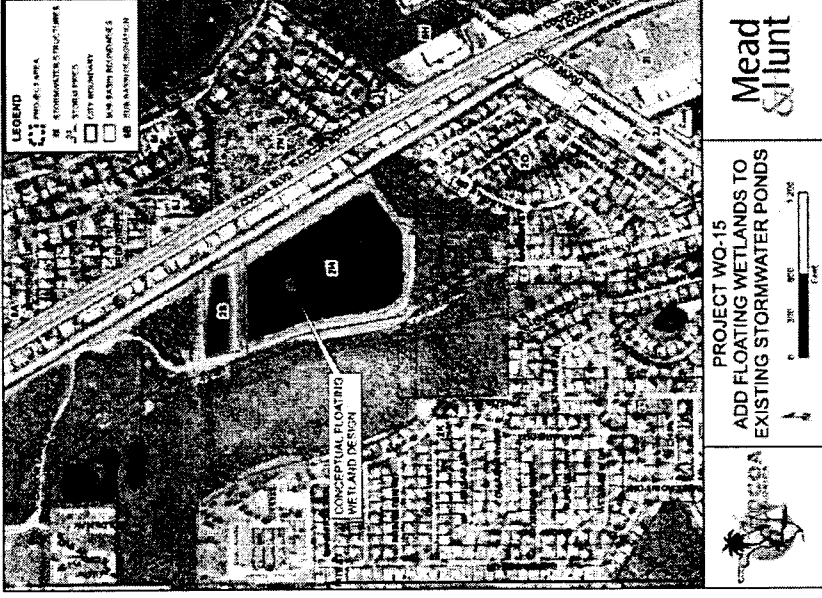
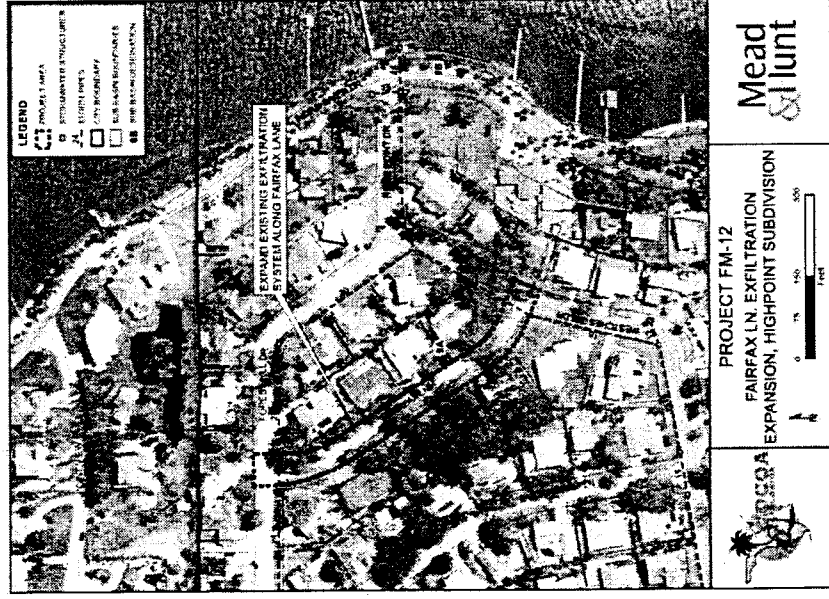
District 4 Flood Mitigation Projects



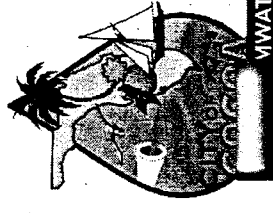
- Fairfax Lane Exfiltration Expansion, Highpoint Subdivision
- West Dixon Blvd. Stormwater Facility
- Circle Drive Dry Retention Pond, Carleton Terrace & Broadview Manor Swales



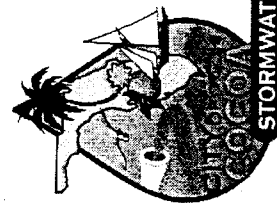
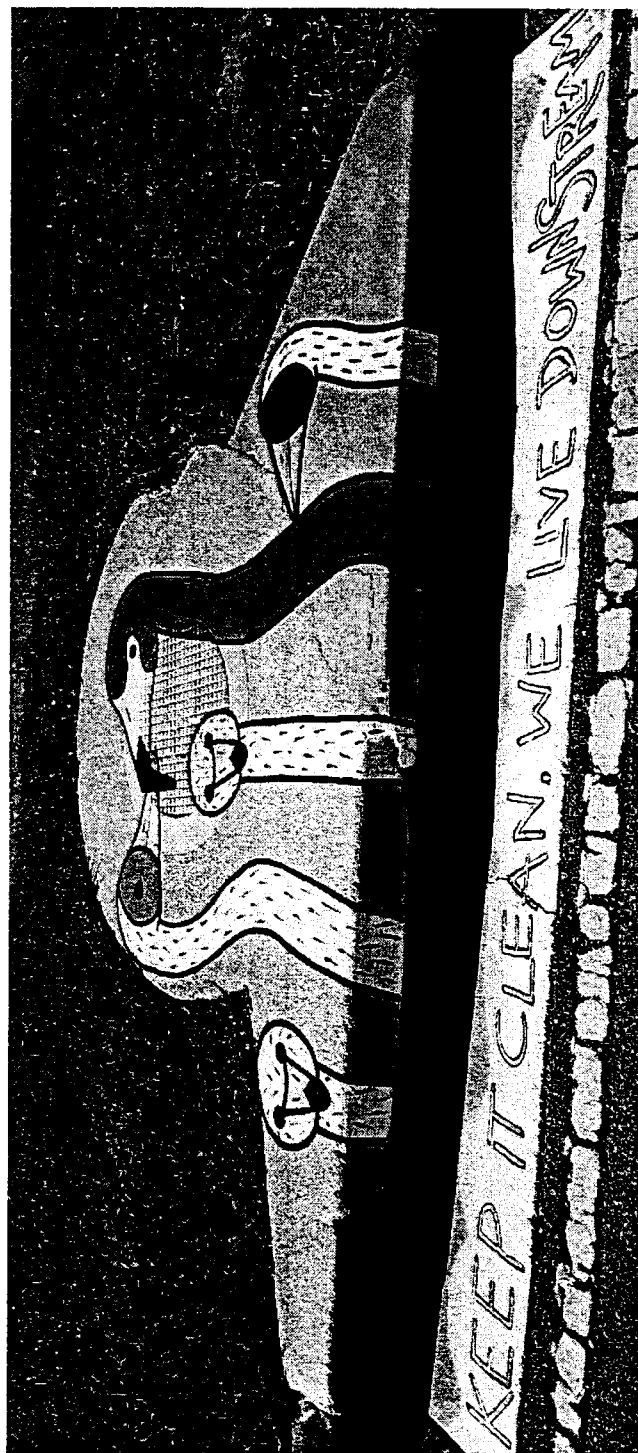
District 4 Water Quality Projects



- Fairfax Lane Exfiltration Expansion, Highpoint Subdivision
- Add Floating Wetlands to Existing Stormwater Ponds
- Horseshoe Ponds (North & South) Vegetation Removal



Questions?



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