




## Interoffice Memorandum

April 15, 2024

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
–AND–  
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: May 21, 2024 – Work Session  
Lakeshore Protection Program

On January 27, 2023, the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (BCLAB) submitted a letter to District 1 Commissioner Nicole Wilson citing concerns regarding contractors clearing shoreline vegetation on the Butler Chain of Lakes without permits. The letter requested that an effort be made to penalize contractors undertaking these activities. On June 27, 2023, Commissioner Wilson requested a Commissioner's Report to discuss these concerns raised by the BCLAB.

On October 24, 2023, Commissioner Wilson presented her concerns as part of a Commissioner's Report. During the discussion, staff provided information relating to the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Lakeshore Protection Program, the enforcement process, the number of cases investigated per year, and efforts made to educate homeowners and contractors of the rules for clearance of shoreline vegetation. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Demings requested staff bring back a more comprehensive presentation at a subsequent meeting.

On May 21, 2024, staff will provide a presentation that will cover the background and scope of the issues, a comprehensive overview of the Lakeshore Protection Program and enforcement processes, comparative analysis of internal and multi-agency enforcement procedures, a summary of formal administrative and civil enforcement processes, and a summary of ongoing outreach efforts.

This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required.

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