



Lagoon Action Assembly 2014 Priority Actions

1. Develop a lagoon-wide, long term public education program such as “Be Floridian” that affects behavior change through incentives and communications.
 - ✓ Focus on topics such as:
 - Lagoon-friendly living
 - Understanding and using reuse water
 - Integrated pest management
 - Fertilizer ordinances
 - Pollution prevention and
 - Water and energy conservation.
 - ✓ Evaluate success.
2. Establish and fund a “State of the Lagoon” report similar to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Report Card that includes social and ecological indicators.
 - ✓ Define appropriate pollutant, habitat, species, socio-economic, and behavioral metrics.
 - ✓ Report monitoring results back to the community in appropriate formats.
3. Remove and reduce muck by implementing a comprehensive muck management plan.
 - ✓ Prioritize muck removal.
 - ✓ Prevent muck by addressing sources.
 - ✓ Investigate beneficial uses of muck.
 - ✓ Monitor muck accumulation and movement.
4. Reduce impacts from septic tanks.
 - ✓ Complete a lagoon-wide mapping project.
 - ✓ Prioritize septic tanks based on their likelihood to impact the Lagoon.
 - ✓ Investigate and assign corrective actions.
 - ✓ Identify sources of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), bacteria, pharmaceuticals, and toxins and calculate relative loads.
5. Improve storm water management
 - ✓ Retrofit aging storm water systems.
 - ✓ Promote retention/detention and water reuse on residential and agricultural lands.
 - ✓ Implement street sweeping programs to prevent pollutants from entering storm drains.
 - ✓ Work to implement the FDEP statewide storm water rule to reduce pollutants from new development.