

LEMON BAY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Community Workshop 1: Minutes

June 4, 2025; 3–5 pm; Remote by Zoom

ATTENDEES (30)

Community Participants:

Abbey Tyrna (Suncoast Waterkeeper)

Arielle Taylor-Manges (Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserves)

Ava Sorabi (Jacobs Engineering)

Bob Dougherty (Meadow Run HOA, Vice President)

Eileen Chaladoff (Meadow Run HOA, President)

John Reisinger (resident, East Village Master Association)

John Ryan (Founder, Sarasota Bay Watch)

Jon Thaxton (VP, Gulf Coast Community Foundation)

Judy Johnson

Kafi Benz (Sarasota County Council of Neighborhood Associations, President)

Lynn Miller (Meadow Run)

Nicole Iadevaia (Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership)

Peyton Faulk (Suncoast Waterkeeper)

Richard Brodbeck (Foxwood Condominium Association, Planning and Infrastructure Committee)

Ricky Ly (Jacobs Engineering)

Sandy Gilbert (START, Healthy Ponds Collaborative)

Tony Babington (Englewood Water District)

Unknown (Val)

William (Bill) Bart (Condominiums at Waterside, Treasurer)

Sarasota County Staff:

Robert Bresciani (County Project Manager)

Paul Semenec

Chelsea Dinon

Heather Bryen

Noah Taylor

Robert Laura

Consultant Team:

Jon Perry (Consultant Project Manager)

Brett Cunningham, PE, ENV SP

David Shafer, PhD

Jennifer Shafer, PhD

Khan Boupaha, PE, GISP

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1. David Shafer (Engagement Team) welcomed and thanked community members for attending and Sarasota County staff for their leadership.
2. Shafer introduced Workshop goals and format.
3. Sarasota County staff introduced themselves and thanked community members for attending.
4. Shafer introduced the Consultant Team and their roles.
5. Jon Perry (Consultant Project Manager) introduced the project's goals, components, geography, tasks, and timeline.
6. Jon Perry (Water Quality Team) previewed water quality assessment and BMP development work. His presentation was followed by questions and discussion. Highlights included:
 - *Will water quality issues associated with the Venice Gardens WWTF be factored into the modeling?* Yes, total load will be modeled, but the focus of BMP development will be on stormwater management.
 - *When will you seek additional datasets?* We are seeking additional datasets now. We are already using data from Charlotte County.
 - *Will you perform a trends analysis?* Yes.
 - *Do you want data from the Woodmere Creek package plant?* Yes.
7. Khan Bouphe (Flooding Team) previewed water quantity assessment, flooding areas of concern, and flooding BMP development. His presentation was followed by questions and discussion. Highlights included:
 - *Will you consider data from an HOA?* Yes, please share.
 - *Will there be projects in the flood-prone area near Alligator Creek and Center Road?* We do not know yet.
8. David Shafer (Engagement Team) discussed the project's engagement strategy, including the Community Workshop series, neighborhood and organization outreach series, social media public outreach, and public access to project materials on the Sarasota County website: <https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/watersheds/lemon-bay-watershed-management-plan>
9. Shafer previewed that the next Workshop (July 2, 3–5 PM) would focus on flooding level of service, flooding areas of concern, prioritization of FACs, and how information will be used to develop potential project concepts to reduce flooding. He encouraged participants to invite others who may be interested in participating in the workshops.
10. Shafer thanked the community on behalf of Sarasota County and the Consultant Team for attending and contributing to the discussion.
11. Adjourn.