

WORKSHOP ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 2021

Agenda Item:

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Estero River Report

Description:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has identified the Estero River as impaired for bacteria. This means the amount of bacteria found in the river exceed the state's water quality standard.

The Village of Estero would like to better understand the potential sources that could be leading to the bacteria impairment. To help, the Village of Estero funded a yearlong effort by FGCU to identify potential sources of bacteria in the Estero River watershed. FGCU recently completed the report, which is attached.

Professor, Dr. Donald Duke will provide Village Council a summary of their work including their findings.

Financial Impact:

There is no direct financial impact related to the completed report. However, funding will be required to remove sources that could be contributing to the Estero River's bacteria impairment.

Attachments:

1. Estero River Bacteria-Nutrient Source Identification Project Final Report