

# BEACH AND COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

By the end of the fiscal year 2024-2025, the Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee will:

### **GOAL #1: PROTECT MARCO ISLAND'S BEACH AREA WILDLIFE AND THEIR NESTING AREAS IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING THE BIG MARCO PASS CRITICAL WILDLIFE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF MARCO ISLAND.**

OBJECTIVE: Standardize public education/informational programs for properties within the sea turtle lighting zone which include but are not limited to; condominium boards and associations, hotels, local service clubs and organizations, and schools. With the help of Audubon Western Everglades, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Rookery Bay, and the Conservancy, identify other critical wildlife areas on Marco Island.

### **GOAL #2: PROTECT BURROWING OWLS, GOPHER TORTOISES, AND OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES ON AND OFF BEACH AREAS ON MARCO ISLAND.**

OBJECTIVE: Conduct bi-annual public education/information programs on listed species identified in the City of Marco Island's Protected Species Ordinance.

OBJECTIVE: Consult with code enforcement to understand current violations relevant to committee scope and tailoring committee actions to reduce / prevent such violations. Also, highlight issues for code enforcement to monitor in the future.

OBJECTIVE: Request funding from the City Council to continue the Audubon of the Western Everglades Gopher Tortoise study.

OBJECTIVE: Request funding to continue implementing road signs and in-road markers alerting motorized vehicles/scooters/bikes of gopher tortoises and burrowing owl.

OBJECTIVE: Support the continuance of the burrowing owl starter burrow program.

OBJECTIVE: Develop and implement an educational program on rodenticide and its impact on wildlife. Work with outside experts and local rodent control providers to implement alternatives to rodenticides.

### **GOAL #3: ENSURE THE CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, AND RESILIENCY OF MARCO ISLAND BEACHES.**

OBJECTIVE: Organize monthly beach clean-up programs with community partners.

OBJECTIVE: Request funding from the City of Marco Island to help restart the Beach Stewardship Program.

OBJECTIVE: Install and maintain beach bucket clean-up stations.

OBJECTIVE: Advocate for maintenance on all Marco Island beaches.

### **GOAL #4: MANAGE NON-NATIVE INVASIVE AND NOXIOUS SPECIES.**

OBJECTIVE: Help to identify invasive/noxious plants on Marco Island

OBJECTIVE: Develop methodology to remove invasive plant species.

OBJECTIVE: Develop methods for property owners to comply with ordinance.