

Proposed Martin County Mooring Fields Status Update

- Jensen Beach Mooring Field
 - All permitting is complete for a maximum 56 buoy mooring field and a dinghy dock south of the causeway in Jensen Beach. The mooring field will be opened with a minimum number of moorings and expand to match demand.
 - Funding is in place for the construction of the mooring field.
 - Plans and funding are also in place to provide an upland support facility that would contain a restroom with showers and a laundry facility with washers, dryers, and a folding table. The building will replace a picnic shelter that currently stands just to the east of the launching ramp on the south side of the Jensen Beach Causeway. This building is meant to service the mooring field as it expands. If annual occupancy rates dictate, a second support building may be added.
 - The County is interested in contracting with the private sector for the management of the mooring facility as it becomes established and is interested in hearing from folks who may have an interest in providing the services for a reasonable management fee. Land-based facility maintenance will be handled by Martin County; however, some inspection services may be requested. Long-term maintenance for the moorings may be contracted under a separate agreement; however, day-to-day upkeep and monitoring will be a part of the management agreement.
 - A recent Request for Proposals advertised by Martin County is available for review.

- Manatee Pocket Mooring Field
 - A meeting was held in November 2017 with the Port Salerno Community to discuss different mooring field options for the Manatee Pocket basin.
 - The meeting was attended by local homeowners, local business owners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Office of Boating and Waterways, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Martin County Coastal Engineering Division.
 - The concept of a mooring field in the Manatee Pocket basin generated a lot of excitement, and there seems to be no shortage of private sector entities that would like to provide the operations management for a facility should the County choose to move forward with the permitting and engineering of the project.

- What next?
 - The Jensen Beach Mooring Field will be completed prior to moving forward with the Manatee Pocket facility.

- Permitting for the Manatee Pocket Mooring Field will hinge not only on finding an acceptable management option, but also identifying a partner or partners who can furnish the required upland facilities. A request for proposals, similar to the Jensen Beach Mooring Field solicitation, but including upland support facilities, will be advertised as a first step to this process. Permitting for the Manatee Pocket project cannot move forward without defined upland facility options.
- Do you have questions, suggestions, or ideas?
 - Please feel free to contact **Mark Leslie** with **Applied Technology & Management Inc.** for further information or to submit input at mleslie@appliedtm.com