

SARASOTA BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Description

The Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program (SBNEP) began in June 1989 and continues to receive annual contributions from participating organizations. In 1993, the program completed the most comprehensive technical assessment conducted on any estuarine system in the State of Florida with resources provided by US EPA, local governments, Water Management District and other federal and state agencies. Effective July 1, 1995, the City became the sponsoring agency for the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program. Also in 1995, a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) was approved by the Governor and EPA Administrator with specific actions supported by the technical work. The CCMP contains six Action Plans: wastewater treatment and reclamation, stormwater treatment and prevention, freshwater and saltwater wetlands, fisheries and other living resources, recreational use, and governance. Since 1995, the mission of the program has been to financially support implementation of the CCMP and report on progress which has been achieved in implementing the plan and in restoring the Bay.

Today, Sarasota Bay is much different than it was a decade ago due to actions taken by the agencies and governments participating in restoration. Nitrogen pollution has been reduced primarily as a result of improved wastewater treatment and reuse of wastewater, and seagrass coverage has improved as a result of reduced pollution. Wetlands and artificial reef projects have been initiated to increase fish and wildlife habitat, and the Bay is estimated to support millions more fish, crabs and shrimp than it had in 1988. The Sarasota Bay Program continues to support community efforts to improve the Bay through research, environmental education and action projects. A Citizens Action Plan has been implemented to promote Bay stewardship and to increase community awareness of actions taken to restore Sarasota Bay.

Effective October 1, 2004, the SBNEP will separate from the City of Sarasota and will become an independent legal/functioning entity. This 2004/05 budget is being adopted only to appropriate the transfer of the remaining fund balance to the new agency in accordance with the established transition agreement.

Beginning Fund Balance \$306,713

Department Expenditure Summary

Title	Continuation	Issues	Total
Transfer to new entity	306,713	0	306,713
Totals	\$306,713	\$0	\$306,713

Ending Fund Balance 0

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	Actual 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Amended Budget 2003-04	Estimated 2003-04	Budget 2004-05
Available Fund Balance	\$ 571,755	\$ 489,614	\$ 586,420	\$ 586,420	\$ 306,713
<u>Revenues</u>					
EPA Grant	472,069	506,685	506,685	540,696	-
Other Grants	10,000	-	70,000	35,000	-
SWFWMD Contribution	238,173	133,000	528,029	428,029	-
Manatee County Contribution	57,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Sarasota County Contribution	50,499	50,000	138,755	138,755	-
City of Sarasota Contribution	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	-
City of Bradenton	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Interest Income	8,308	10,000	10,000	8,570	-
Other Income	7,286	1,200	6,200	5,095	-
Total Revenues	876,335	798,885	1,357,669	1,254,145	-
Estimated Funds Available	1,448,090	1,288,499	1,944,089	1,840,565	306,713
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Administration					
Personnel Services	308,390	321,857	321,857	322,784	-
Other Operating Costs	99,948	101,746	102,668	88,942	-
Local Funding					
Projects	453,332	410,000	1,264,146	1,122,126	-
Transfer to New Agency	-	-	-	-	306,713
Total Expenditures	861,670	833,603	1,688,671	1,533,852	306,713
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 586,420	\$ 454,896	\$ 255,418	\$ 306,713	\$ -