

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber located at 555 South Washington Avenue on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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Chairman Myjak called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were, Vice Chairwoman Laurilee Thompson, Member John Nico, Member Beth Ann Tucker, Member Hector Delgado, Member Jason Miller and Member Jonathan Burdette. Alternate Member Kevin Rosa and Alternate Member William Young were absent. Staff present were Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo, Assistant City Manager Kevin Cook, Public Works Director Sandra Reller, Assistant Public Works Director Ashleigh Smith, Assistant City Attorney David Melito and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Member Delgado made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes with corrections. Member Miller seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came and made comments regarding his family history in serving in the military. Mr. Johnston spoke about his concerns with the sewage spray.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to move New Business before Old Business. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in person.

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New Business

Alternative Water Supply

Public Works Director Sandra Reller stated that City Council gave direction to staff to look into alternative water supplies. City Council also asked that this be brought before the Titusville

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Environmental Commission for their comments in regard to supporting this study on using brackish water as an alternative water supply.

Member Miller said he would definitely be in support of having a study done on how to use brackish water as an alternative water supply.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had questions regarding the importance of water recharge, water injection, maintaining and recharge of the city's wellfields, the water capacity for consumption with regards to growth, and the need for studies on Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR).

Assistant City Manager Kevin Cook, Public Works Director Sandra Reller, and Assistant Public Works Director Ashleigh Smith answered questions.

Ms. Smith said staff can ask the consultant to provide feedback from studies that they have already done for other municipalities regarding ASR.

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Member Miller made a motion to recommend to City Council to move forward with the brackish water study and to consider looking into a study on the Aquifer Storage and Recovery as well as wellfield recharge. Member Delgado seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Burdette	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Nico	Yes
Member Tucker	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Miller	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

Motion passed.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked Public Works Director Sandra Reller if she would be able to attend the Environmentally Endangered Lands selection and management committee tour of the

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MAR 405 property. Vice Chairwoman Thompson said they will be meeting at 9:30am at Dixie Crossroads.

Member Miller said they will be looking at this wetland as endangered land and not so much as redirection of stormwater at this time. They will be looking for endangered species and focusing on the wetland itself being an endangered land to get Selection and Management Committee (SMC) support. Ms. Reller asked if there is permission to go on private property. Member Miller said SMC has permission through a willing seller application for the 405 MAR property.

Public Works Director Sandra Reller said she will plan to attend as requested by the Titusville Environmental Commission.

Member Nico asked Ms. Reller if she can request to get feedback from the consultant on the results for projects that have been done for other municipalities. Ms. Reller said she would ask for that information.

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Old Business

Wetland Conservation

Mary Sphar of Cocoa, Florida came to continue the in-depth review of the wetlands policies and strategies.

Ms. Sphar provided a handout “Note to TEC; Before Deciding What to do on the Following Strategy” Strategy 1.16.2.2. Ms. Sphar went over the strategy.

Ms. Sphar said that the city needs to think about where appropriate sites are in the city for scrub jays.

Member Miller said he will reach out to Mike, his contact with Environmentally Endangered Lands (EELS) to ask him about appropriate areas in the city for scrub jay habitats and protection.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said the wellfields off of Barna Avenue are ideal for scrub jay habitats.

Ms. Sphar provided a handout “Objective 1.1 Natural Resources”. Ms. Sphar went over each section of this handout.

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The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion regarding Policy 1.1.1, specifically on critical habitats, partnering with Brevard County to get assessments, required environmental surveys and getting the data that is needed to protect and find habitats.

Ms. Sphar talked about Policy 1.1.1, Policy 1.1.3, and Strategy 1.1.3.1 from the handout.

The Titusville Environmental Commission suggested adding “and respective watershed to Strategy 1.1.3.1; #2.

Chairman Myjak said that the underground waterflow should not be disrupted.

Ms. Sphar suggested that the Titusville Environmental Commission members look this over in depth and bring back their feedback at the next meeting.

Chairman Myjak said the Habitat Corridors on #7 has a name which is East Central Florida Greenway.

Ms. Sphar went over Policy 1.1.6. The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion regarding land donations.

Member Tucker suggested adding “mitigation” to the last sentence of Policy 1.1.6.

Assistant City Attorney Melito stated that the purpose of this Policy 1.1.6 as written is for the purchase of property, therefore the discussion of land donations and mitigation may need to go in their own stand-alone section or strategy. Mr. Melito stated the city can accept land donations without this in the Comprehensive Plan. This Policy is more about guiding the City where economically feasible to make purchases.

Ms. Sphar went over Policy 1.1.8.

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Reports

Member Delgado said there is a Blue Origin launch next week.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson brought copies of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program annual report to all TEC members and staff.

Member Miller mentioned the SMC tour of the MAR 405 at 9:30am tomorrow, meeting at Dixie Crossroads.

Member Miller said that EELS is moving forward on two property acquisitions.

Chairman Myjak reminded the Titusville Environmental Commission of the Earth Day event at Enchanted Forest on Saturday April 18, 2026.

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo asked the Commission to think about how they want to do community outreach programs to get the community involved in environmental issues.

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said the consultant will be attending the April 30, 2026 meeting to give the presentation on the Urban Forestry Action Plan.

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Future Agenda Items

1. Wetland Conservation
2. Outreach efforts
3. Flooding
4. Sustainability Action Plan
5. Stormwater

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said it would be nice to have a list of the Titusville Environmental Commission's priorities and projects etc. to help with conversations during the event. Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if maps can also be provided to be displayed at the Earth Day event.

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Adjournment 7:42p.m.