



Singer Island Civic Association

SICA Point of View on Lagoon Development:

SICA has a long history of concern for the preservation of our island's habitat and natural assets. As important as the ocean is to our Singer Island culture, ecology and economy, so too is that portion of the Intracoastal Waterway bordering western Singer Island known as the Lake Worth Lagoon. Indeed SICA owns property today along Ocean Drive that was purchased in 1999 to assist in preserving the lagoon environment.

SICA supports economic development that preserves the character of our island as well as our priceless natural assets. It is this principle that drives our desire to urge extreme caution in proceeding with any development or activity in the lagoon that could disrupt the fragile ecosystem and unique character of our surrounding waters. The Lagoon is home to several endangered and protected species including green turtles and manatees. In particular, researchers have found that endangered green turtles feed on grasses in the shallow waters along the lagoon coastline southeast of Little Munyon Island.

While other portions of the Lake Worth Lagoon serve as active waterways for power boating and commercial use, the crystalline waters along Singer Island are uniquely suited as a safe habitat for endangered species and for low-impact sports such as kayaking and paddle boarding. We want to preserve this pristine and ecologically important environment for generations to come. SICA believes that further residential and non-recreational development of submerged lands could substantially harm protected and endangered species, compromise water quality and alter the quiet beauty of our clear, mangrove-fringed waters.

We urge citizens to be informed about any proposed developments that could affect our Intracoastal waters and to make your questions and views known to our local elected officials and regulatory authorities such as the Department of Environmental Protection.

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Working together, we can continue to shape a positive future for Singer Island.