



Issues affecting our treasured coastlines

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Lee County Creates Clearing House Website for Water Quality

As media continue to cover water-related issues, Lee County has created a new website designed as a clearing house to get information on all things water quality. It also is designed to provide context for the Executive Order related to blue-green algae.

The website addresses the significant funding commitments that Lee County Commissioners have made to water-related projects and infrastructure. It highlights what Lee County Natural Resources staff is doing as well as the work of the Visitor & Convention Bureau and other departments such as Parks & Recreation and the Economic Development Office, which continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly. The address is:

www.leegov.com/naturalresources/WaterQuality/WaterQualityStatus

The website contains references to:

- Florida Department of Health's *Florida Healthy Beaches Program* www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/beach-water-quality/county-detail.html where you can view the latest results of water samples taken at Blind Pass/Turner Beach, Bowman's Beach, and Lighthouse Beach, to name a few.
- Mote Marine Lab's *Beach Conditions Reporting System* [//visitbeaches.org/](http://visitbeaches.org/) where you can view beach conditions up and down the Florida Gulf Coast, including Captiva, Bowman's Beach, and Lighthouse Beach.
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection's *South Florida Algal Bloom Monitoring and Response News* [//depnewsroom.wordpress.com/south-florida-algal-bloom-monitoring-and-response/](http://depnewsroom.wordpress.com/south-florida-algal-bloom-monitoring-and-response/) where you can receive the latest news on the latest actions being taken and water sample results from all the impacted Florida counties and other critical locations.

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