



## **HURRICANE IRMA IMPACTS - MARINE DEBRIS RECOVERY**

MONROE COUNTY IS SURROUNDED BY THE **FEDERALLY PROTECTED WATERS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**, AND STEWARD TO ONE OF THE UNIQUE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE WORLD.

THE QUALITY OF OUR WATERS IS CRITICAL FOR THE **CORAL REEF, MASSIVE SEAGRASS MEADOWS**, DOZENS OF **FEDERALLY PROTECTED SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA**, AND OUR **\$4B TOURISM-BASED LOCAL ECONOMY**.



- ABOUT 500 CANALS IMPACTED WITH APPROX. 100,000 CUBIC YARDS OF C&D AND VEGETATIVE DEBRIS.
- POSES SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, WATER QUALITY, SEA LIFE.
- ESTIMATED COST \$52M.
- MONROE COUNTY'S RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED. WE EXPENDED \$45M IN EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND LAND DEBRIS REMOVAL COSTS; NO REIMBURSEMENT YET. RECENTLY TOOK OUT LINE OF CREDIT.

**PLEASE SUPPORT NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED AND NOAA DISASTER MARINE DEBRIS FUNDING FOR MONROE COUNTY'S CANAL AND NEARSHORE WATER CLEAN UP.**

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