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Re: DHR Project File No.: 2015-1268/ Received by DHR: March 17, 2015
FDEP File No.: 0333315-001-JC
Applicant: City of Sarasota
Project: *Big Sarasota Pass Dredging, Lido Key Nourishment, and Lido Key Structures*
County: Sarasota

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with the agency's obligations under 267.061 and 373.414, *Florida Statutes*, Florida Coastal Management Program, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. This addresses the responsibilities of state agencies under Chapter 267, and the potential for cumulative effects of the regulated activities in, on, or over surface waters or wetlands to adversely affect significant historical and/or archaeological resources, pursuant to 373.414(1)(a)6, *Florida Statutes*.

With regard to the nourishment activities and structures proposed on Lido Key, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed undertaking is not likely to have an effect on historic properties, provided that the agency includes the following plan in the case of fortuitous finds or unexpected discoveries during ground disturbing activities within the project area, as part of the standard permitting condition. This permit, if issued, should include the following special conditions regarding activities on the property:

- If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact this office and project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization.
- In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*.

With regard to the proposed dredging activities in Big Sarasota Pass, our office noted that a Professional Underwater Cultural Resource Assessment Survey was conducted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in 2014. The results of this survey identified twenty-three (23) anomalies and targets that have the potential to represent historic submerged cultural resources. Furthermore, these anomalies and targets were determined to be potentially significant historic resources.



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Therefore, based on the recommendations contained in the report, it is the request of this office that these twenty-three (23) anomalies and targets be avoided during construction and designated as no work zones, prohibiting dredging, placing pipeline/equipment, anchoring or spudding. When designing these no work zones the agency should also include the avoidance radii recommend in the 2014 report.

A completed copy of the 2014 USACE sponsored survey can be obtained by request from the Florida Master Site File (FMSF). The FMSF can be reach by phone at 850.245.6440, or by email at sitefile@dos.myflorida.com. When making the request, please reference FMSF manuscript no. 20880.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Christopher Hunt, RPA, Historic Sites Specialist, by electronic mail at Christopher.Hunt@dos.myflorida.com, or at 850.245.6333, or 800.847.7278

Sincerely



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Enclosures: 1.) Map of targets and anomalies
 2.) Table of targets and anomalies