

SANIBEL RELEASES WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

In an effort to assist the Lee County Health Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in identifying the specific sources that may be contributing to water quality issues in the waters surrounding and near Sanibel, the City has expanded the water testing program. The City of Sanibel has shared the results of the test for enterococci taken at 10 locations. The results of the samples taken on October 11, 2007, as well as the historical data are attached in the recent news section. The criteria established by the Florida Healthy Beaches is 0 - 35 Good; 36 - 104 Moderate; 105 > Poor.

The overall positive trend in water quality appears to correlate with decreasing rainfall. However, we at the City of Sanibel remain totally committed to eliminating all contributing sources, stated Sanibel Mayor Mick Denham. The City of Sanibel contracted with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to collect the samples and the state-certified Lee County Environmental Lab for analysis.