



**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL GOALS**  
**Master List of Potential Goals**  
**As submitted by Individual City Councilmembers**  
**Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

- **Improve Water Quality – Federal/State/Regional**
  - Minimize Lake Okeechobee release including:
    - Release Schedule
    - Water Quality C-43
    - Additional Storage
    - Restore water flow south to Everglades
  - Reduce urban development nutrient releases into Caloosahatchee River
    - Accelerate establishment TMDL's for Lake Okeechobee, the Rivers, and Estuary
    - Implement programs to reduce urban nutrient pollution to our waterways
    - Fertilizer, Wastewater, Septic Systems, and Stormwater Runoff in collaboration with the six counties of SW Florida
  
- **Preventing regeneration of red drift algae that leaves deposits on beaches prior to such deposits occurring. Couple that with use of environmentally safe techniques to remove accumulations at edge of water and beach.**
  
- **Picking-up Red Drift Algae Program**
  
- **Develop plans to attack the red algae problem in the gulf and bay waters surrounding Sanibel Island**
  - The long-term plan – To stay intimately involved with all organizations and political forces so that we can be assured all groups are making maximum efforts to resolve and eliminate the problem sources that are contributing to the creation of red algae in our waters.
  - The short-term plan – Develop a plan by October 1, 2007 that will begin to remove the red algae from our waters. This will consist of mechanical/hand raking on the beaches and the use of a water-harvesting vessel. This approach should always consider the impacts to our environment.



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- **Improve Water Quality – Local**
  - Remove Red Algae nutrients from our beaches using the most environmental sensitive process in an attempt to break the drift algae growth cycle, considered by the scientific community to be an important step in the elimination of this problem.
  - Now that domestic fertilizer protection process is nearing completion, shift focus to investigation of excess nutrient releases from local golf courses.
  - Assess pollution releases from the islands package plants.
  - Assess nutrient releases from the Sanibel Sewage Treatment facility.
  
- **Determining methods to identify island (Beach, road, shared-use path, natural preserve) carrying capacity in order to develop viable methods to enable visitors and residents to enjoy the island while protecting the environment that is the base for our economy**
  
- **Redevelopment – Community Redevelopment/Town Center Planning**
  
- **Develop a redevelopment policy for all non-conforming properties**
  - We should try to develop a redevelopment policy for non-conforming properties, both residential and commercial, that will allow the owners to develop and/or become a conforming property without the loss of square footage.
  - The goal here is to permit redevelopment in order to allow the owner the opportunity to enhance their property without increasing density. It would be in the same spirit as expressed in the Charter Amendments wherein, if at all possible, owners would not lose assets/value as a result of build back.



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- **Redevelopment**
  - Plan for the commercial district of Dunlop Road to Palm Ridge Road and Tarpon Bay Road area
    - The intent being to provide more than just a plan but a vision of how the City would wish to see this central part of the island developed. This must include concepts and philosophies compatible with the unique character of the island.
    - The plan would include mixed-use architecture, pedestrian friendly area, restaurants with outside dining, local serving commercial and retail use enterprises and provision of lower cost workforce housing.
    - It would become a framework within which any future development proposals must fit.
  
- **Aggressively continue the efforts to ensure that practices outside of Sanibel do not further pollute our waters-fertilizer use, SFWMD emergency storage for excess Lake Okeechobee water, storm water run-off, septic pollution, CERP projects, Clean Water classification systems by state, etc.**
  
- **Broadcast City Council Meetings via internet**
  
- **Explore methods to secure necessary funding**
  - Explore methods to secure the necessary funding that will permit us to aggressively develop the plans that will be required to eliminate the red drift algae from our waters and beaches.
  - Adopt a Shared-use plan that will increase safety by widening paths and/or creating alternative/additional paths for residents and tourists.