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City of Port St. Lucie Microbial Source Tracking Study Update

Update: The City of Port St. Lucie has undertaken a water quality testing study to research and identify the sources of microbial bacteria within the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The Microbial Source Tracking Study commenced on June 23, and includes three sampling events that will occur during each; the wet season months of June to August 2016, and in the dry season months of February to May of 2017. The second round of sampling for the wet season, of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and the City's canal outfalls is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016. At this time staff is able to review the sampling data, however, it is premature to draw conclusions and identify potential patterns of sampled items within the river and canals, until such time as the entire series of samplings are complete.

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