Recommendation regarding process to determine North Port's Environmental Health (EH)

The EAB feels that an objective manner to measure North Port's EH is needed. To this end we propose the following:

We recommend North Port create and publish a quarterly Environmental Health Scorecard. This scorecard should include measurable targets and results, but not be limited to:

- Air quality
- Water quality (both drinking and canals/freshwater bodies)
- Tree canopy
- Preserving and promoting wildlife and habitat protection
- Compliance with state and federal environmental regulations
- Grants and incentives applied for and received relating to the preserving and protecting the environment and wildlife habitat

This scorecard should be posted on the city's website and be constructed in such a manner that citizens can easily comprehend the data and what it means. There should also be appropriate press releases so all citizens can be aware of the scorecard and how to access them.

In addition to the quarterly scorecard the EAB recommends that an Annual Review of North Port's EH be implemented. This review would include the appropriate City Employees presenting the prior year's results to the Commissioners, EAB and the general public. Topics should include a review of results vs goals, what's going well, what needs improvement, and potential issues and solutions for the upcoming year.

Vision for North Port as an "Environmental Patient"

- Put objectivity to the question "how healthy is North Port's environment?"
- Make it easy for citizens to quickly understand North Port's EH (Environmental Health)
- Measure regularly and review
- Publicize results for maximum transparency
- Put North Port in a leadership position on Municipal EH

How to do it

- Quarterly scorecard
- Annual review
- Full court publicity around the scorecards and Annual review

Example only



Air Quality (pollutants ppm)

Goal - 32 Actual - 29



Tree canopy (% of city

covered

Goal - 62

Actual - 59