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This news brief is provided to update all of the ongoing important efforts taking place to improve, as well as address issues, at our community waterfront. A lot of work has gone into improving the waterfront and securing the river edge from erosion. Many flat slabs have been placed as platforms to support fishing along the river. Please help keep the area tidy and report any problems. Help is always needed for grass cutting and maintaining plants in the small sundial garden. If you use the Kayak ramp, please help keep the area clean of debris. Bring a rake if you can. A planned effort this fall would raise the ramp pier as it now is often under water. Help will be needed with doing that and such work should be expected to be the sole province of our reliable 70-80 yr old volunteers. We can always use fill material for our low areas, dirt, gravel, or stone. The waterfront committee needs members that can assist with planning and other actions related to dredge the creek inlet. A dredge permit has been obtained from the State (a 2 1/2 year effort) and a plan now exists for economical spoils disposal. All planning seeks lowest cost options. A request for a waterways improvement grant for 50% of costs is now at the County Commissioners. But the effort will remain challenged for needed funding. If the project to open and maintain a passable channel does not have a successful outcome Cole creek can be expected to become closed to boating. Losing boating access to the creek would reduce all property values within the community. Please Email cstool20636@gmail.com or call/text 240-298-8966 if you would like to join the committee or can assist in other areas. Monitor the website for emerging news.