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While problems never seem to end due to agricultural discharges into our St. Lucie Estuary, one arm of government is getting it right and deserves our praise and thanks.

That's the city of Stuart; whose projects and monitoring have kept our home-grown pollution to a minimum.

Board Member Kevin Henderson noted: "The City of Stuart has the most comprehensive watershed improvement program within the St. Lucie Estuary Watershed. Every location in which stormwater leaves the city and enters the St. Lucie has been identified and programs to improve stormwater quality implemented upstream of each. To the extent stormwater quality data are available for city watersheds, the city's stormwater is within both FDEP TMDL nutrient limits and the draft EPA nutrient limits."

Rivers Coalition Chair Leon Abood presented its first time ever River Guardian Award to the City of Stuart for "Outstanding support of the Rivers Coalition mission: To foster a safe, healthy and ecologically balanced St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River Lagoon, natural treasures vital to the quality of life and economy of the Treasure Coast."

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