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Title: Reduce and regulate fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, and pesticides and promote best management practices to reduce nutrient and pollutant loading to improve water quality and provide protection to the reefs and promote the use of Florida friendly herbicides and pesticides to eliminate adverse impacts to the coastal environment and its watershed.

Objective: The intended outcome of this action is to: (1) reduce nutrient and pollutant loading to improve water quality; (2) formulate and articulate “best management practices” for the purchase, usage and application of household fertilizers within watersheds; and (3) expand fertilizer ordinances that fit each county within the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative region.

Background: This recommended management action is being proposed to reduce the overuse of fertilizers and pesticides which eventually make their way to waterways and diminish water quality.

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