



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### **THIRD NOTICE OF TREE AND VEGETATION REMOVAL ALONG THE C-15 CANAL FROM SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY TO INTERSTATE 95**

April 20, 2018

Dear Resident,

The South Florida Water Management District (District) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state. Our mission is to manage and protect the water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply.

As part of its flood control mission, the District will be removing all trees within its right-of-way along both the north and south sides of the C-15 Canal between South Dixie Highway and Interstate 95. Tree removal will include stump grinding and sodding of disturbed areas, where necessary. Vegetation will also be removed from the canal banks and the areas treated with herbicide to prevent re-emergence. These activities are part of the District's normal cycle of maintenance of its rights-of-way to ensure that canals function optimally during a storm or hurricane event. Trees and vegetation that fall within and block canals can cause flooding in your neighborhood and other areas served by the C-15 Canal. Tree removal minimizes this risk to public safety. The District's action plan is consistent with the legal authority granted to it by the legislature, which provides for the District's exclusive responsibility for its rights-of-way (see attachment).

The District will be clearing all trees and vegetation lying on its fee owned property along the north side of the C-15 Canal between the rear property line of your condominium property to the top of bank. The project will not impact the existing paved path or any existing lawfully authorized docks lying within the canal. Those improvements will be allowed to remain.

If the Point at Delray Association has planted trees on this public right-of-way, it will need to relocate any trees it wishes to keep to the condominium property. The association will have approximately two weeks from the date of this letter to complete this removal and/or relocation. Any trees or vegetation that remain in the right-of-way will be removed by the District's contractor at no expense to the association. To gain a better understanding of the proposed clearing, a copy of the District's survey is attached to this letter. In addition, residents may learn more about the project and its schedule by viewing the project website at [www.sfwmd.gov/c15canal](http://www.sfwmd.gov/c15canal).

Following completion of the tree removal project and clearing of the right-of-way, no improvements will be allowed to be reinstalled within the District's right-of-way. This area will need to remain free and clear of any obstructions to allow for canal maintenance and access by District vehicles.

The project will be completed in two phases as shown on the attached map. Phase 1 from South Dixie Highway to Brant Drive is planned to begin on May 7, 2018 or soon after. Phase 2 will proceed after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Each phase will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks to complete. District staff will continue to update residents impacted by the project until all work is complete.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact me directly at (561) 682-6012 or by email at [lcorry@sfwmd.gov](mailto:lcorry@sfwmd.gov).

Sincerely,



Laura R. H. Corry  
Regional Representative

Attachments