



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

April 20, 2018

Subject: THIRD NOTICE on C-15 Canal Tree Removal Project

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).

In addition to tree removal, the District will be clearing all improvements lying on its fee owned property along the south side of the C-15 Canal between the rear property lines of homes in Boca Raton to the top of bank. This clearing will restore drivable access for operational and maintenance activities along the south side of the C-15 Canal. The project will not impact any existing lawfully authorized docks lying within the canal.

If your property is adjacent to the south side of the C-15 Canal in Boca Raton, the District requires the removal of all fences, structures, lighting and/or other improvements situated between your rear property line and the top of bank. If you have planted trees on this public right-of-way, you will need to relocate any trees you wish to keep to your own property. You will have approximately two weeks from the date of this letter to complete this removal and/or relocation. Any improvements or trees that remain in the right-of-way will be removed by the District's contractor at no expense to you. You may view the District's survey adjacent to your property on the project website at 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 reinstated 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. Only docks authorized by a Right of Way Occupancy Permit will be allowed in the District's right-of-way. The application for a Right of Way Occupancy Permit for existing docks without permits or proposed new docks can be found at www.sfwmd.gov/rowpermits.

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 1st. 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.

Sincerely,



Laura R.H. Corry
Regional Representative

Attachments