



BIG CYPRESS BASIN

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Subject: Vegetation Removal Project Update – GG1 Structure to Airport Pulling Bridge

Dear Resident,

Earlier this year we notified you of a project to remove dangerous vegetation along the canal in your community. We received feedback from many of the residents in the community and paused this important project to incorporate the community's feedback in our approach to managing this dangerous vegetation. Many residents and community members participated in this process, and we are grateful for input and involvement from the public.

Based on public feedback, we submitted an updated proposal for the vegetation removal project to the Collier Board of County Commissioners for review. They recently approved our proposal, and we are now ready to begin work to remove dangerous vegetation along the canal bank.

Big Cypress Basin will be removing all vegetation from the side slope of the canal bank and only trees that are within 5 feet from the top of bank, leaving hedges, bushes, and other low growing ornamental plants. Our team has re-marked the trees and plants to be removed.

Vegetation or other encroachments (such as fences or sheds) within the drainage easement may be allowed to remain. Collier County officials will be reaching out to individual homeowners with certain vegetation or encroachments to discuss an Easement Use Agreement. This agreement will allow homeowners to keep certain vegetation or other encroachments near the canal.

Beginning early September, Arbor Tree and Land, Inc. will begin work on behalf of Big Cypress Basin. Dangerous vegetation removal on the top of bank includes flush cutting the tree and sodding St. Augustine grass or grass that closely matches the sod in your yard within the disturbed area. Vegetation removed from the side slope may be treated to prevent re-emergence. We expect work to be completed by early October.

Thank you for your interest in this project and your input while we minimize the flood risk yet preserve the character of the neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at koehler@sfwmd.gov or 239-289-4405.

Respectfully,

Lisa Koehler
Basin Administrator



Big Cypress Basin

GOLDEN GATE MAIN VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT LIMITS

South Right of Way – GG1 Structure to Airport Road North

