



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

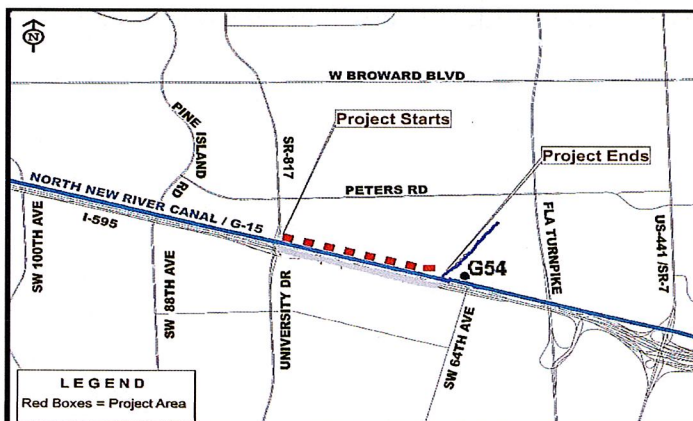
May 1, 2017

Dear Resident:

Subject: Notification of the G-15 Right of Way Vegetation Removal

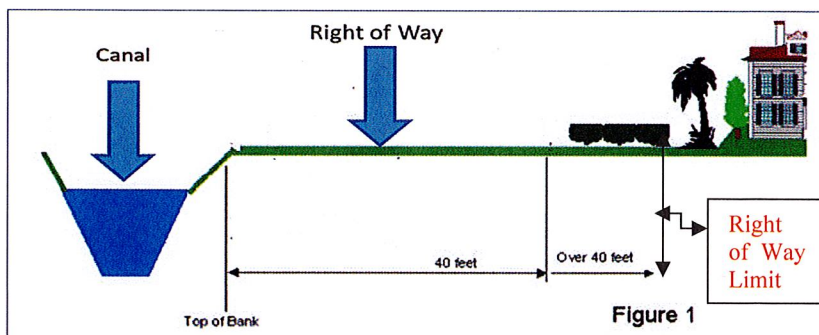
The South Florida Water Management District (District) is a regional governmental entity that is responsible for the water resources in the southern part of the state. Our mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, and natural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

The District conducts regular inspections of the regional water management system which, includes more than 2,100 miles of canals, to prioritize projects necessary for the flood control system's continued operation and protection of South Florida's 8.1 million residents. In order to protect the integrity of the conveyance capacity of the canal for flood control purposes, the District will be performing work along the G-15 (New River) canal bank and right of way depicted below, which is adjacent to your property. 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.



The project area begins east of University Drive and continues east to the East Holloway Canal (also known as the Old Plantation Water Control District canal) west of the G-54 structure which provides flood protection for much of the City of Plantation and surrounding communities. During rain events, this structure releases water to ocean outfalls to prevent flooding. If any of the existing vegetation along the canal bank should fall into the canal, there will be a reduction in the ability to convey water. According to District standards, an

unobstructed 40-foot wide strip of right of way measured from the top of bank landward is required for emergency operations and routine maintenance necessary to ensure flood protection to the entire community. This area is depicted in the below diagram:



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The intended scope of this project is to remove all hazardous and exotic vegetation within the District's right-of-way. The project is scheduled to begin in mid-June 2017 and work is anticipated to continue for approximately 90 days.

Any **unpermitted encroachment/facilities must be brought under permit pursuant to Chapter 40E-6, Florida Administrative Code**. District staff will be contacting you to notify you of specific work and encroachments within the right of way behind your property.

Please note that existing irrigation facilities, including pipes and sprinklers, that are located within the District's right of way and in the project area may be damaged and may not be salvageable. **You may remove/salvage your irrigation facilities within the District's right of way before the project starts. In addition, it is your responsibility to disconnect any pump facilities or associated facilities and/or provide for alternate irrigation needs.** Upon completion of the project, you will be able to reinstall your irrigation facilities within the District's right of way.

Should you have questions regarding the project and/or would like a personal inspection of your property, you may contact me or Lorraine Mayers, Regional Representative, at lmayers@sfwmd.gov or (954) 452-4814 ext. 4989 to schedule an appointment. If you have questions regarding right of way permitting, please contact Jose Varon, Right of Way Technician, by June 1st at jvaron@sfwmd.gov or (954) 452-4814 ext. 4822. If you have not started the permitting process and applied for a permit, encroachments identified will be removed as part of this project.

Sincerely,



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