



Board of County Commissioners

Kevin Ruane
District One

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Cecil L Pendergrass
District Two

Property owner,

Ray Sandelli
District Three

Contractors working for Lee County soon will begin a flood-mitigation project in portions of San Carlos Park, restoring drainage in canals and in roadside swales and your help is needed to prepare the areas near the street and any canals near your home.

Brian Hamman
District Four

As you may recall, San Carlos Park was particularly hard hit by flooding in 2017 when heavy rains in August were followed by Hurricane Irma in September. In June 2020, the Board accepted a \$7.1 million Community Development Block Grant from the State of Florida for repairs to the drainage infrastructure and sidewalks.

Frank Mann
District Five

Roger Desjarlais
County Manager

Richard Wm. Wesch
County Attorney

Lee County Natural Resources and the Lee County Department of Transportation are coordinating the work.

Donna Marie Collins
County Hearing Examiner

The work will take place in the easements adjacent to residential properties, including the roadside swales in the right-of-way and the along the canals behind some properties. Property owners can refer to the surveys created at the time of purchase of the property for location of the easements.

All obstructions in the easements, both along and in canals and along roadside swales, will need to be removed prior to the work. Property owners should remove items they wish to keep.

Items that need to be removed include, but are not limited, to:

- Fences
- Hedges
- Sheds
- Ornamental plants
- Fruit trees
- Pet burial sites
- Self-installed irrigation pumps
- Bridges
- Docks

Crews will place stakes indicating the work areas about one to two weeks prior to work beginning in a certain area, but property owners are encouraged to clear any obstructions they wish to keep as soon as possible.

In all, the work will include restoring more than 9 miles of drainage canals and restoring 72,014 linear feet of roadside drainage ditches and cleaning 1,450 pipes under driveways in road rights-of-way. The work will take about two years to complete, but work near each property is expected to take less than a week.

Residents will likely notice a significant reduction of vegetation in and along canals.

Once the work is complete, the easements will need to remain free of obstruction so that the drainage system may be maintained to help protect property from flooding.

For a map of the work area, updates and additional information, visit www.leegov.com/flooding/sancarlos, call 533-9400 or email flooding@leegov.com with any questions.

Thank you for your help with this important project for your community.

Sincerely,

Dave Harner
Lee County Government
Deputy County Manager