



New Update from Lee County

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Here is an update on Lee County's flood mitigation efforts post-Hurricane Irma

Update on Initial Flooding Assessment Projects:

Lee County Natural Resources Department anticipates receiving the Phase 2 flood assessment reports mid-month.

Countywide, potential impediments to storm flow were identified including debris, sediment and structural failures.

The county has submitted the debris removal portion of this action plan to FEMA for reimbursement consideration.

County staff will work with consultants to prioritize work efforts for these short-term mitigation projects and they will be considered for implementation this year.

The reports/ project areas cover Imperial River/ Spring Creek/ Halfway Creek/ Estero River; Ten Mile Canal/ Island Park/ Briarcliff/ Six Mile Cypress; Orange River/ Hickey Creek/ Bedman Creek; Bayshore Creek/ Popash Creek/ Stroud Creek; and, Whiskey Creek/ Villas/ Pine Lake.

Reports – when completed – will be made available to the public at www.leegov.com/Irma/flood . Or people can call the county's flood hotline at 239-533-8888.

San Carlos Park area update:

The Lee Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) committed funding to clearing horticultural debris from canals and right-of-ways in San Carlos Park. In collaboration with the East Mulloch Drainage District, the county has a contractor helping to mitigate potential future flooding by removing, hauling and properly disposing of Hurricane Irma-generated vegetation that may be blocking canals.

The contractor – with oversight from Lee County Natural Resources – recently completed about 1,800 linear feet of canal and removed 2,200 cubic yards of debris.

Work continues in the area, which encompasses about four square miles in the area south of Alico Road and between Three Oaks Parkway (on the east) and U.S. 41 (on the west). This week work is occurring along the northern section of Lee Road and the eastern section of San Carlos Road.

Additional work:

As part of the BoCC funding, the contractor – with oversight from Lee County Department of Transportation – will use specialized equipment to continue cleaning hurricane debris from Lee County drainage canals in the area south of Colonial Boulevard from I-75 west to Summerlin Road.

Additionally, contractor work – with oversight from Lee County Natural Resources – is slated to begin soon using specialized equipment to remove hurricane debris from about 3.7 miles of the Orange River between Harns Marsh and Bird Road.

More:

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You can enhance the data by uploading photos, providing observations and sharing information by visiting www.leegov.com/Irma/flood . Call the county's flood hotline at 239-533-8888. Our website is unable to accept video. If you have video to share, please contact Bruce Westberry at bwestberry@leegov.com.

Our next communication will be later this month.

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