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Public meeting to share plans for Causeway Islands Park improvements

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 13, 2021 – Lee County Parks & Recreation will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers for the Causeway Islands Park Improvement project. The county plans to improve park amenities and install erosion control structures.

During this open house, the public is invited to view preliminary project plans and renderings as well as discuss the improvements with a consultant and county staff.

Plans call for the shoring up of erosion-prone areas of Island A and Island B, which are part of the Sanibel Causeway. Beach sand also will be added along parts of these islands. In addition, enhancements will be made to upland portions of both islands, including the creation of structured parking, new restrooms (Island A), additional picnic pavilions, pathways and landscaping, and the addition of other park amenities.

In preparation for the project, Lee County crews in July removed Australian pines, which is an invasive exotic species. They will be replaced with native trees. The \$8.5 million project ultimately will enhance both Island A and Island B using Tourist Development Taxes and state funds. The county plans to keep construction impacts to a minimum and complete the project by summer 2024.

For more information on Lee County Parks & Recreation facilities, visit www.leeparks.org or call 239-533-7275.

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