



Board of County Commissioners

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District One

December 18, 2023

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District Two

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District Three

SUBJECT: EMWCD CDBG-Funded Project - San Carlos Park Canals  
ROW / Easement Encroachments  
Project Activity to Resume

Brian Hamman  
District Four

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David Harner  
County Manager

Dear Property Owner:

Richard Wm. Wesch  
County Attorney

Donna Marie Collins  
County Hearing  
Examiner

As a reminder, the federally funded project within the East Mulloch Water Control District (EMWCD) will resume **within the first quarter of 2024**. The contractor has been tasked with canal work consisting of vegetation, debris, and sediment removal on behalf of Lee County's Natural Resource Division. There is an interactive map with approximate start dates that is regularly updated at the following website: <https://www.leegov.com/flooding/sancarlos>.

As previously mentioned in a letter sent August 27, 2021 (see attached), the work removes vegetation and obstructions within the ROW / easement along canals. For your reference, that letter includes examples of items that may be considered encroachments. This work is being done to provide the ability for routine maintenance of the drainage system in the future. Following the work, please continue to accommodate equipment access by keeping these ROWs / easements free of all obstructions and encroachments. All items within the staked ROWs / easements may be removed by the contractor as part of the clearing work, if not removed by the property owner beforehand.

Additional notices will continue to be provided about two (2) weeks prior to the start of work on each canal. The noticing and work will proceed as follows:

- A surveyor will stake the limits of the ROW / easements of the next area to be cleared around 2 weeks prior to the work.
- Staff will post door hangers at each property adjacent to the upcoming work.
- Any properties with obstructions and encroachments noted during the staking process will also receive a fluorescent notice, posted on site and sent via US mail, in addition to the door hangers. This is the final notice for property owners to remove any obstruction and encroachment within the staked ROWs / easements of their own accord.

An example of these notifications has been included as an attachment. Please remove these items within the next few weeks. You may contact me at [flooding@leegov.com](mailto:flooding@leegov.com) or by leaving a message with the Request for Action line at (239) 9400.

Sincerely,

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Lee County Government  
Project Manager

Attachments:            August 27, 2021 Notice  
                                 Notification example  
                                 Project Location Map