

Advisory Committee Conclusion

Introduction

A. Goal:

As defined at our first meeting, the goal of this committee is to work with the Coral Springs Improvement District (CSID) to formulate a plan to mitigate the risk of flooding and minimize erosion, while considering the impact to existing trees and wildlife habitats.

B. Scope of work:

The committee members agreed that to provide a comprehensive plan to CSID, the following items were needed for consideration:

1. Existing documentation to identify the main causes of flooding.
2. Copies of any city ordinance regarding tree removal, impact of erosion by removing trees and the effect that tree removal will have on wildlife habitats.
3. Copies of any city ordinance regarding tree removal to determine CSID's legal authority over the right of way.
4. Engineering experts to identify high risk areas that may require tree removal and in what circumstances that would be necessary.
5. A copy of the original RFP that indicated the reason why the decision was made to removal all the trees along the canals.

Recommendations:

Based on information provided by CSID; it is the final decision of the landowner committee that trees removal should be limited to the conclusions outlined in the recommendation. There is no evidence to support the original proposal that all the trees should be removed.

The landowner committee has determined that the following measures should be put in place to mitigate the risk of flooding, minimize erosion, and prevent the impact to existing trees and wildlife:

1. Contract with third parties to identify and remove all trash, construction debris and excessive vegetation currently located in the canals that cannot be removed by CSID.
2. Develop a mutually agreed upon voluntary program, based on risk, to have CSID remove any mutually agreed upon trees in their right of way that homeowners voluntarily would like removed.
3. Work with the City of Coral Springs to determine if mitigation would be required if targeted diseased or high-risk trees are removed for voluntary tree removal.
4. Make preliminary plan with corresponding budget estimates for a multi-year program of infrastructure improvements including dredging canals, replacing equipment, and increasing ongoing maintenance programs. The recently passed trillion-dollar federal infrastructure bill has billions of dollars of unallocated funds. Working especially with

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- the Florida congressional delegation and the Governor's office, CSID management should attempt to obtain federal funding for these improvements.
5. The suggestion of the landowner committee is for CSID to focus on education for homeowners regarding:
 - a. Keeping the canals and drains clean of debris.
 - b. Remove or prune tree canopy's that hang over the canals.
 - c. The impact of the homeowners' use of fertilizers and other chemicals on vegetation which reduces the ability to move water.

Conclusion

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