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Dear Mr. Stonehill,

Commissioner Kiker asked staff to communicate more details about the County's flood mitigation work in the Island Park area since last fall.

Since October 2017, the Board has approved numerous projects throughout Lee County. The primary focus of this work has been those areas most affected by the storm events in August and September of last year. Work done in the Island Park Road area specifically includes:

- Regraded the roadside stormwater drainage swales along Island Park Road.
- Cleaned out the stormwater culverts along Island Park Road.
- Installed one new basin and one new culvert to prevent erosion to the canal maintenance road leading to the Forest South Canal.
- Regraded and cleaned out debris from the Forest North Canal (aka the now-defunct Iona Drainage District Canal K), which runs along the north boundary of The Forest Community.
- Regraded and cleaned out debris from the Forest South Canal (aka the now-defunct Iona Drainage District Canal T), which runs along the south boundary of The Forest Community.
- Cleared an additional 500 feet of maintenance road at the west end of the Forest South Canal.
- Inspected and had The Forest community make several repairs to the Forest Central Canal (aka the now-defunct Iona Drainage District Canal S), which runs through the center of The Forest Community. This canal is not maintained by Lee County DOT, rather it is maintained by The Forest Community.
- Inspected the three canal weirs that are maintained by the Forest community. These are the weirs at the west ends of the Forest North Canal, the Forest Central Canal, and the Forest South Canal.
- Inspected the Estero Bay Circle Canal (aka the now-defunct Iona Drainage District Canal U). This runs along Estero Bay Circle and passes the new KB Homes Community. KB Homes will be starting a canal maintenance project within the next few weeks. This canal is not maintained by Lee County DOT, rather it is maintained by KB Homes/Coves of Estero Bay.
- Cleared 2,000 feet of canal maintenance road along the west bank of the Ten Mile Canal (aka the now-defunct Iona Drainage District Canal A). This is the portion of Ten Mile Canal east of 41. This will allow Lee County DOT to maintain this portion of the canal with less difficulty.

Lee County is currently seeking bids for sediment removal in Ten Mile Canal. Bid documents will be opened on August 27, 2018 and a contractor will be selected shortly thereafter.

Finally, the County will be working with AIM/Johnson Engineering to undertake a feasibility analysis of additional flood attenuation measures. This work will include opportunities for public participation.

Lee County's considerable mitigation efforts helped during the tropical storm in May and this year's earlier-than-normal start of rainy season. We will continue to address flooding issues in Island Park and around Lee County, and invite you to sign up to receive periodic updates at www.leegov.com/irma/flood.

Thank you for contacting us about this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen V. Salyer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Glen V. Salyer
Assistant County Manager

cc: Commissioner Kiker, District 3
Roger Desjarlais, County Manager
Dave Harner, Assistant County Manager