

September 25, 2017

Property Owner Name  
Property Owner Mailing Street Address  
Property Owner Mailing City, State and Zip Code

**DELIVERED VIA REGULAR MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

**Subject: INITIAL NOTIFICATION - Rehabilitation of L-34W Canal from Approx. 3400 Feet West of State Road 7 to Approx. 1200 Feet West of State Road 7 (Project No. 16-9988P.01)(Job No. 126)**

Site Address, City, State and Zip Code:

Dear **Property Owner Name**:

The Lake Worth Drainage District (District) is planning necessary rehabilitation work on the L-34W Canal adjacent to your property. This work is necessary to facilitate effective flood control for public safety and provide unobstructed access for emergency flood control response and routine canal maintenance. Rehabilitation efforts may include removal of vegetative encroachments, removal of structural and non-structural encroachments, dredging of the canal channel, and reshaping or reconstruction of the canal bank(s). Encroachments located on the District's canal rights-of-way can create obstructions to water flow during a heavy rainfall event or hinder the District's ability to properly maintain the canal, both of which can cause serious flooding issues for surrounding neighborhoods.

In order to identify the boundaries of the District's L-34W Canal right-of-way, both the north and south canal right-of-way lines within the limits of the project are scheduled to be field-staked by the District's Florida Licensed Surveyors beginning the week of September 25, 2017. Any plantings or vegetation, structures, fences or personal property located and identified within this right-of-way are considered to be encroachments and should be removed by the property owner prior to the commencement of this project. Please be advised that any encroachments remaining in the right-of-way at the commencement of the project may be removed and disposed of by the District.

If you have any prior written approvals, agreements, permits, or any other written authorization from the District for any existing encroachments, or any other information relative to any existing encroachment within the canal right-of-way please contact the District as soon as you can so that this information can be reviewed.

Also, if you have constructed or installed any fencing, plantings or vegetation, or any other items within the canal right-of-way of which you are relying on for security purposes, please be advised these are considered encroachments and they will be removed with this rehabilitation project. If any of these existing encroachments have previously been permitted by the District, you may apply for a permit to replace them; however, all current and applicable permit criteria must be met. If you wish to secure your private property, you must do so outside the limits of the canal right-of-way.

Based on the District's current canal rehabilitation schedule, we estimate the project will begin in late November 2017. The project schedule is subject to change at any time due to weather conditions, labor or equipment allocations, project site conditions, etc.

For additional information regarding this canal rehabilitation project, please visit our website at [www.lwdd.net](http://www.lwdd.net) and click on 'In Your Neighborhood' or email us at [info@lwdd.net](mailto:info@lwdd.net). If you would like to speak with a representative regarding this specific project, please contact Joseph Walsh, Right-of-Way Compliance Coordinator, at 561-498-5363, extension 5588.

Sincerely,

James W. Fandrey, P.E.  
Assistant Director of Right-of-Way

C: Robert Brown, Executive Director

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