

Pasco County Thousand Oaks/Trinity Oaks Problem Solving Task Force Meeting

January 27, 2014 – County Board Room, Pasco County

The following is a summary of the Pasco County Thousand Oaks/Trinity Oaks Problem Solving Task Force (Task Force) meeting held on January 27, 2014. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation utilized during this meeting was provided to attendees via e-mail following the meeting and prior to this meeting summary. Copies of documents referenced during the meeting, agenda and attendees list will accompany these minutes.

Arrival, Sign-In, Greetings, and Introductions

Cindy Jolly (Pasco County Project Manager) welcomed the group and brief introduction was provided by all attendees. Please refer to the attached attendance sheet for a list of the attendees.

Questions and Discussions

A summary of discussions, including questions and responses, are provided in this meeting summary. Specific questions are presented in italics. The contents of this summary do not represent direct quotes and may or may not represent the group's view as a whole.

Recap of Previous Meeting

The meeting summary for the previous meeting, held on December 2, 2013, was distributed to previous attendees via e-mail prior to this meeting for review. There were no comments received.

Recap of Previous Activities

For the benefit of new attendees, a brief project overview and background was provided.

The Duck Slough is a large watershed that includes approximately 10.1 square miles of stormwater flows through the neighborhoods of Thousand Oaks, Trinity Oaks, Wyndtree, Wyndgate, The Villages at Fox Hollow, Heritage Springs, and Chelsea Place. Flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Debby resulted in creation of this flood task force and the subsequent development of potential projects known as best management practices (BMPs) to alleviate flooding within this watershed. A total of 11 BMPs were developed and those BMPs that were identified as readily permittable and constructible were further developed.

Two of the BMPs identified, BMP #1A and BMP #5A, have been submitted for permitting. The objective of BMP #1A is to create additional storage upstream of areas experiencing flooding while BMP #5A was developed to help pond recovery.

In parallel with permitting efforts for BMPs #1A and #5A (renamed from BMP #1 & #5); additional evaluations for BMPs #6 and #7 have been completed. BMP #8 will be further

evaluated in the long-term.

The County provided a project status update, which included the project history, for BMPs #1A and #5A to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on January 14, 2014. A very abbreviated version, due to time constraints at the meeting, was also presented at the Town Hall Meeting hosted by Commissioner Starkey on January 23rd.

Action Items Update

Water Level Monitoring Overview (Atkins)

The following update was provided by Mr. Ed Cronyn with Atkins Engineering:

The County conducted stormwater level monitoring in designated areas. The monitoring took place from May 24, 2013 through October 15, 2013 and used level sensors which were housed in PVC poles. A total of twelve sites were monitored.

The three greatest water level fluctuations were noted to occur at Maple Pond Court, East Kinsmere, and Little Road. The most stable water levels were noted at the Seven Springs control structure, the southern end of Thousand Oaks, and the Trinity Oaks Elementary school pond. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) gauges were used in the Trinity Oaks and Thousand Oaks area.

Permit Application Status for BMP #1A and #5A (Stormwater Management) The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

Permit applications were submitted to the SWFWMD and US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on March 15, 2013. The County received the SWFWMD permit on December 13, 2013.

Correction – It was noted during the meeting that the ACOE permit had been received on January 9, 2014. This is actually the date that the permit was proffered. The permit requires the signatures of the applicants and the ACOE before it is deemed complete. The County has returned the signed permit (February 3, 2014) to the ACOE for their countersignature. The ACOE signed and returned the permit the same day. Pasco County then recorded a Notice of Department of the Army Permit in the Pasco County Public Records (OR BK 8992, PG 3946)

Permit conditions require that an archeologist be on-site during excavation in case any historic relics are uncovered.

The mitigation area has been identified as a parcel of property the County currently owns, Tierra del Sol Preserve which has Five Mile Creek traversing from east to west.

Construction Bid Procurement for BMP #1A and #5A (Stormwater Management)

The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

The construction documents were placed out to Bid and the Bid opening is scheduled to occur on February 4, 2014. An addendum was issued to let potential bidders know that the permits were received/proffered. The Bid divides the project into individual project parts which will allow the County to select the best contractor for each portion and to expedite the work.

BMP #6 (weir modification) Update (Stormwater Management)

The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

A structural evaluation for BMP #6 weir has indicated that there may be insufficient rebar in the existing structure making any modification to the existing structure a high risk for complete structural failure. In lieu of cutting down the weir bays, alternate options include to pump around the existing weir at BMP #6 or the use of temporary riser boards.

A pre-application meeting was held with the SWFWMD but the permit application has not been submitted. The estimated cost for design and permitting of BMP #6 is \$50,000.

Would the riser boards be adjusted manually?

Yes, for this interim solution, someone would need to go out and adjust the boards manually.

What diameter and flow is this equivalent to?

It is equivalent to current 72 hour performance.

Who will replace weir?

It has not yet been determined who will replace the existing weir.

Can the current contractor be held liable for the undermining caused to the existing weir?

The qualifications of contractors should be considered.

Will the \$1 million dollars of funding be used in time so the funds are not lost?

Yes, the SWFWMD is already showing the funds as encumbered so the funds are considered as fully utilized.

Are any additional funds available?

Yes, the SWFWMD has current funding for BMPs #1A, #5A and possibly #6. The PACE project (L738), which is also funded, is looking at potential long-term flooding solutions. When working with the SWFWMD for cooperative funding, the County considered potential costs by using the worst case scenario with the greatest potential cost. The designated funding sources run over a multi-year funding cycle. The \$1 million dollars in state funding is not part of the SWFWMD cooperative matching fund program.

Representative Corcoran's office may also be able to obtain additional funding and will pursue this possibility.

Pithlachascotee- Anclote Conservation Effort (PACE) Update (SWFWMD)

The following update was provided by Ms. Diana Koontz with the SWFWMD:

The PACE project (L738) is a multi-year, large watershed study that will look at impacts over a large study area. The study includes multiple counties and watersheds to evaluate "big picture" solutions. The study will look for opportunities to impound stormwater using various methodologies (i.e. ditch blocks, ponds, etc.) over multiple sites. This study will look for the best solutions that can be provided at the best cost and currently has \$2.5 million dollars of funding available.

This project includes watershed model updates with the Bear Cotee model currently

being completed. Duck Slough has a working model but additional areas and stormwater structures (approximately 1,200) still need to be added into the model. The updated models will be combined with the Anclote West model and models will be verified. The SWFWMD has streamlined review processes to expedite the combined model evaluations.

Does a portion of stormwater flow into Pasco County from Hillsborough County?
Yes, a portion does flow to the north.

How is the upstream impoundment of water going to help?

As the models are merged and updated a better view for where flows are coming from and the overall impacts will be available. Some areas may need more hydration and additional water may not have adverse impacts in these areas, whereas other properties have restrictions. This project will look at the overall impact and will look at all potential solutions.

Perhaps there is a way to use some of the Gulf Oil Spill funding to look at a multi-county study.

If a tropical storm or hurricane comes will the stormwater gates at BMP #1A be closed?

Yes, the current permit requires the gates be closed to allow the Anclote River to recover. The control structures are required to allow for the historic flow at all times.

BMP #1A was designed to alleviate flooding caused by multiple back to back storms.

What happens during a hurricane event if the gate at BMP #1A is closed?

Historic flows will be mimicked and there may be flooding impacts. The existing permit requires the Anclote River to recede before any gates can be opened to flows to proceed downstream.

Are the control structures at Seven Springs tidally impacted?

Yes, the downstream water levels will need to recede but these control structures are required to allow for the historic flow at all times.

Maintenance Activities Update (SWFWMD)

The following update was provided by Mr. John Powanda with the SWFWMD:

1. Trinity Oaks has submitted their maintenance report to the SWFWMD.
2. Heritage Springs applied for a permit modification to alleviate street flooding.
3. Maintenance activities are needed at Chelsea Place.

Response Plan Development (Stormwater Management) The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

The County and the SWFWMD are working together to develop a stormwater emergency response plan which will include pumping activities if needed.

Pumping Activity (Stormwater Management)

The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

There are currently no pumps operating, however; the County continues to monitor water levels and can redeploy pumps if needed.

Discussion of Concerns during Construction Activity (Stormwater Management and Project Management)

The following update was provided by Ms. Cindy Jolly with Pasco County:

The construction staging areas have been determined for BMP #1A. The staging area for BMP #5A still needs to be finalized. Access for BMP #5A will be through Trinity Oaks.

When will the project work start?

Bids will be opened on February 4th and assuming that responsive bids are received, work may begin soon after.

For BMP #5A, where will the construction equipment be stored?

The County will need to see how much equipment the contractor will use before finalizing a storage plan.

There is a large empty lot by the north entrance that could possibly be used. The contractor may also identify potential storage areas.

Will the entire area behind the weir be cleared?

No, only selected areas are indicated for clearing.

Will the trees still be visible from the road?

Yes, the trees will still be visible from the road due to the limited clearing behind the weir.

Can you tell us who bid?

No, not until the bids are opened on February 4th. The Bids will need to be evaluated and the contractor will be required to provide a bond.

Milestones and Next Steps

The next meeting will be scheduled after the contractor(s) has/have been selected.



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PROBLEM SOLVING TASK FORCE MEETING
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4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
West Pasco Government Center, Board Room
8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey**

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