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ENGINEERING DIVISION

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

June 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Big and Little Econlockhatchee (Econ) Basin Study

Overview – Seminole County has initiated the development of Watershed Management Plans (Drainage Basin Studies) for the Big and Little Econlockhatchee (Econ) River Basins. The plans are being developed by an engineering consulting team hired by the County. This notice aims to inform you of an upcoming public meeting to describe the scope of work, present the ongoing analysis, and request input from residents and stakeholders.

The Big and Little Econ Basins encompass approximately 56 square miles in eastern Seminole County. Some major water features in the Big Econ Basin are Lake Mills, Horseshoe Lake, the Big Econ River,



and its tributaries, including Mills Branch, Mills Creek, and Silcox Branch, Cranes Strand Canal, and the Little Econ River are the major water features within the Little Econ Basin. Both the Big and Little Econ basins extend further south into Orange County and include an upstream contributing area of approximately 209 square miles. The basins ultimately drain north, eventually discharging into the St. Johns River just south of the confluence with Lake Harney. Approximately 7,900 acres are within State-managed lands such as the Little Big Econ State Forest.

These basins have received significant growth since the last study was completed. The update will:

- Incorporate developments and infrastructure improvements built since the previous study
- Identify flood-prone areas within the basins
- Estimate flood impacts to roadways and buildings
- Update the 100-year flood maps
- Evaluate and rank up to fifteen (15) conceptual Capital Improvement Projects that will serve to alleviate flooding

This public meeting is intended to share the status of the ongoing analysis, present the results of the Existing Conditions and Level of Service phases of the study, identify potential improvement areas, and provide residents and stakeholders an opportunity to provide additional information and comments.

Public Meeting – For your convenience, the County will be holding an in-person meeting as well as a virtual public meeting using a GoToMeeting[®] platform. Persons interested in attending the virtual meeting can join online by visiting and registering at the project website. Additionally, the pre-recorded video presentation and any other pertinent information will be available online from June 2, 2023 to June 20, 2023 at the project website.

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Both the virtual meeting platform and in-person meetings will occur at the same time on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 beginning at 6 pm. See below for additional information on viewing options:

<u>In-Person Live Meeting</u>: Those who wish to participate can attend the meeting starting at 6 p.m. at **Covenant Presbyterian Church** (<u>1925 County Road 419</u>, <u>Oviedo</u>, <u>FL 32766</u>). Attendees will have an opportunity to come anytime between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to view an informational presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and provide comments.

<u>GoTo Meeting Registration Link (for home viewing)</u>: Please register in advance for this event. Once registered, GoToWebinar will send you an email from customercare@gotowebinar.com with your login information. If you have any issues registering in advance, please contact Amanda Ashby at aashby@inwoodinc.com for assistance. <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/62513164212311135</u>

Project Website - A webpage has been prepared to allow residents and project stakeholders to view project information virtually, after which they can provide feedback during the public comment period from June 6, 2023 to June 20, 2023. Informational exhibits are available on the project website and are located under project documents. The webpage can be accessed at: <u>Seminole County (seminolecountyfl.gov</u>). Please provide your feedback via the comment form on the website or by email to <u>jsloman@seminolecountyfl.gov</u> on or before June 20, 2023. *Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status*.

ADA Accommodation – Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in these proceedings should contact the Human Resources ADA Coordinator 48 hours in advance of the meeting at (407) 665-7940.

Contact Us - Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact the Seminole County Public Works Engineering Division Project Manager Jeff Sloman, P.E., by email at <u>isloman@seminolecountyfl.gov</u> or by phone at (407) 665-5572. Cite your questions and comments under the "Big and Little Econ Basin Study".