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Serenity Walk Park Maintenance Project Scheduled

Serenity Walk Park located on the west side of Collier Boulevard approximately one mile north of Rattlesnake-Hammock Road in Collier County (8962 Collier Boulevard, Naples, FL 34114) will be closed for maintenance beginning on Monday, Aug. 15 and continuing for approximately one month. The approximately 99-acre site is an existing mitigation area for the overall Lely Area Stormwater Improvement Project (LASIP). The site consists of upland pine flatwoods, palmetto prairie, hydric pine flatwoods and cypress wetlands. The park includes a one-mile nature trail, and an observation area with a picnic table, interpretive/educational signage as well as a small parking area. The approximately 79 acres of wetlands were enhanced by removal of exotic plants and hydrologic improvements when it was constructed about ten years ago. The improvements are required to be maintained in perpetuity. To best maintain the park, removal of exotic and nuisance vegetation is scheduled every few years.

While the park is undergoing the required maintenance, residents and visitors may want to visit other nearby parks such as:

- East Naples Community Park 3500 Thomasson Drive, Naples, FL 34112
- Golden Gate Community Park
 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34116
- Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park 11565 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34113
- Palm Springs Neighborhood Park
 921 Palm Springs Blvd., Naples, FL 34104

The Lely Area Stormwater Improvement Project is a stormwater facilities improvement project that is working to address a multitude of stormwater issues within an 11,000-acre area composed of two drainage basins in the Lely area. Prior to the project's development, neighborhoods throughout the Lely area had experienced flooding during high rainfall events.

For more information on the maintenance project, contact Project Manager Pawel Brzeski at <u>pawel.brzeski@colliercountyfl.gov</u> or 239-252-2927. For additional information regarding Collier County Parks and Recreation visit <u>collierparks.com</u> or call 239-252-4000.