

## SAJ-2020-01626 Collier County CWIP – Public Notice Newspaper Notice

The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) from the Collier County Coastal Zone Management Section for the proposed Collier County Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Plan (CWIP) project. The CWIP proposes restoration of hydrologic conditions of 9,000+ acres of the wetland forest that was historically part of a much larger Rookery Bay Watershed draining from the north and will reduce freshwater flows to Naples Bay. Water withdrawn from the Golden Gate Canal during high flow periods will be moved through a canal to the Picayune Strand State Forest and after passing through a spreader swale, will pass slowly south to Rookery Bay as sheet flow. Impacts will include approximately 35 acres of direct impacts and about 20 acres of indirect impacts to wetlands and surface waters associated with the excavation of new drainage canal systems, construction of weirs, underflow gates, culverts, spreader swales, and pump stations. The project site is a 25,000+/- acre area within the Picayune Strand State Forest and adjacent lands located immediately east of Naples, Collier County, Florida.

Please view the full Corps' public notice including a project overview and plans at: <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/> (Search for DA project# SAJ-2020-01626 (SP-KRD) and click to view the full PDF).

Additional supplemental documents regarding this project can be viewed at: <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-e/capital-project-planning-impact-fees-and-program-management/coastal-zone-management-section/collier-county-comprehensive-watershed-improvement-plan-8061/-fsiteid-1>

**COMMENTS** regarding the potential authorization of the work proposed should be submitted in writing to the attention of the District Engineer through the Fort Myers Permits Section, 1520 Royal Palm Square Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33919 or preferably by email to [Katy.R.Damico@usace.army.mil](mailto:Katy.R.Damico@usace.army.mil) within 30 days from the date of the public notice.

**QUESTIONS** concerning this application should be directed to the Corps project manager, Katy Damico by electronic mail at [Katy.R.Damico@usace.army.mil](mailto:Katy.R.Damico@usace.army.mil) or by telephone at (813) 769-7076 or (813) 467-6603.