

Subject: RE: Canal clean-up program
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2025 18:11:42 +0000
From: Randy Cross
To: Chuck Harvey
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Good day to all.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Randy E. Cross, and I serve as the Operations Manager for the Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District, where I have been employed since September 2nd, 1986, shortly after receiving an Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps. My responsibilities encompass the management of six contracts, overseeing 23 units and 157 bodies of water related to Aquatics Maintenance, 18 units and 102 sections pertaining to Right of Ways Maintenance, Exotic Tree and Brush Maintenance Management, 13 units and 33 sites for Landscape Maintenance concerning RTUs and Operational Storm Water Conveyance Gates, 18 storm water pump stations, 24 preserve catch basins cleaning, 9 units and 29 sites for Vegetation Boom Cleaning contracts, along with various other duties within the engineering and Operations Department.

The primary reason for my outreach to the Board of Horseshoe Acres Community and the homeowners residing along the canal and right of way east of Kelso Dr. and west of Nashua Dr. is to inform you that I am initiating my budget preparations early for the upcoming fiscal year, which will commence on October 1st, 2026, and conclude on September 30th, 2027. To avoid any adverse effects on the community, Northern would like to ascertain whether the residents are interested in the eradication, removal, and hauling away of nuisance exotic trees and brush from behind their properties. This action would result in the preservation of only native plants, trees, and landscaped areas that homeowners have cultivated. It will also involve trimming all native trees above the water for safety and to ensure clear access for the monthly Right of Way mowing maintenance schedule.

I understand that privacy is a significant concern; however, I would prefer to remove any exotic species. Additionally, starting October 1st, 2025, we have implemented a monthly maintenance schedule that will persist for the next five years for the right of ways, which will include hand mowing (please refer to attachments No. 1 and No. 2).

I kindly request that you email me a list of residents, including their addresses, indicating those who would agree and those who would disagree.

Best regards, Randy

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