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## Caloosahatchee Connect Project Update

The Caloosahatchee Connect engineering team continues to move forward with design and permitting to construct a reclaimed water pipeline across the Caloosahatchee River to receive reclaimed water from the City of Fort Myers to Cape Coral's Everest Water Reclamation Facility.

### Permitting Progress

The Caloosahatchee Connect team has applied to the Lee County Department of Transportation (LDOT) for a Land Development Ordinance (LDO) for the connection of the pipeline from the City of Cape Coral to the City of Fort Myers. The LDO application is currently under review and is awaiting approval by Lee County.

### Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Progress

Final Design Plans and Specifications for the horizontal directional drill have been submitted to the City of Cape Coral's Procurement Division for processing and advertisement for bid. Four HDD contractors were prequalified to submit bid packages for the horizontal directional drill beneath the Caloosahatchee River from Horton Park on the West to Veterans Park on the East. The prequalification process was necessary to ensure only qualified HDD contractors are permitted to submit bids for this project. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the Caloosahatchee River Crossing portion of the project is expected to be advertised early summer. The expected construction start time for this portion of the project is early this fall. Residents living in the area of the horizontal directional drill staging areas will be contacted later this summer, prior to the start of construction, and will receive more information on what to expect.

### Design Progress along Everest Parkway and within the Everest Water Reclamation Facility (EWRF)

Final Design Plans and Specifications for the Everest Parkway Reclaimed Water Transmission Main and the EWRF Piping Improvements have also been submitted to the City of Cape Coral's Procurement Division for processing and advertisement for bid. The design team continues to coordinate with the City of Fort Myers to develop a start-up protocol for putting the reclaimed water transmission main system into operation once construction on both sides of the river is complete. Residents living along Everest Parkway and those using Everest Parkway as a means of ingress and egress to their residences will receive more information on what to expect prior to the start of construction.



The project public information consultant is providing media updates to bring awareness about the project to the public. Public involvement activities will increase during the construction phase.

For more information about the history of the project or to learn more about the Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) installation process, please visit the project website at [www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com](http://www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com). You can sign up to receive email updates about the project. For questions or concerns about this project, please contact the Public Information Consultant for the project at [\(239\) 337-1071](tel:239-337-1071) or via email at [info@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com](mailto:info@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com).



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