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Indiantown Begins Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project in Booker Park

State of Florida Appropriated \$2M Towards Neighborhood Improvement Project

Indiantown, FL – The Village of Indiantown recently began a \$2.18 million project to improve stormwater drainage and roads in the Booker Park neighborhood. Construction activity will begin over the next two weeks, starting at Palm Beach Street and 173 Avenue.

The contractor received the notice to proceed on January 17, 2022. During the work, there may be limited and temporary access to some streets and homes' driveways; however, local access for residents will always be maintained. All work will be conducted on the public right of way.

"Since we incorporated, our priority has always been to make improvements to our neighborhoods," said Mayor Jacqueline Gary Clarke, Village of Indiantown. "Flooding is a major issue in Booker Park, and we are thrilled to finally have obtained the funding to move forward for this much-needed project."

In August 2020, the Village received a \$50,000 grant to complete an improvement study. The study examined existing stormwater control systems and analyzed vulnerabilities to develop plans to correct deficiencies. Based on the study results, the improvements project provides stormwater drainage and road improvements to Booker Park, including creating swales and driveway culverts to alleviate flooding in the area. The program also calls for road resurfacing and placing new sod in the work area.

"Utility relocates are possible in this project as some water lines were placed underground many years ago and may interfere with the stormwater lines. All parties are anticipating this to occur and have made provisions to address," said Bill Archebelle, public works director and consulting engineer from Bowman Engineering.

Funding sources for the \$2.18M neighborhood improvement project include \$2M from the Florida State General Appropriation Act HB500 with the remaining \$180K from the Village of Indiantown FY21 budget.

The project manager and civil engineer of record is CAPTEC Engineering, Inc., and the certified general contractor is PRP Construction Group, both based in Martin County. During construction, residents can contact 772-597-6923 for information, concerns, or questions.

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, it is Florida's youngest municipality with a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary, and its potential for community building and new business opportunities is enormous. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance. www.indiantownfl.gov

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