

YOU'RE INVITED

Public Information Meeting

The City of Lakeland invites you to attend and participate in a Public Information Meeting for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Phase 1 – Feasibility Study, scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**, from **6p.m. to 8p.m.** Meeting notices are being sent to all property owners, residents, and businesses located within the Study area and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project.

The purpose of the project is to restore the wetlands around the project corridor, remove excess sediments that have accumulated in the lake, and improve the conveyance system in the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin. This will prevent the risk of future flooding in the May Manor Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas. The project also seeks to enhance the overall well being of the community and the natural environment of the area.

The City of Lakeland was awarded a \$42.9 million grant from the Florida Department of Commerce (DOC). The grant is facilitated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) initiative, as part of the Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program. Grants were awarded to complete large scale infrastructure projects to mitigate and harden against natural disaster risks, including severe flooding and hurricanes, targeting HUD and state-designated impacted and distressed areas.



PROVIDE COMMENTS

Following the Public Information Meeting, comments may be submitted by mail to Project Manager Laurie Smith, CPM, CFM, Lakes and Stormwater Manager, City of Lakeland, Public Works, 407 Fairway Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801; by email to Laurie.Smith@Lakelandgov.net; and by telephone to (863) 834-6276; or to Public Information Officer Amparo Vargas, by telephone to (863) 410-0727; and by email to Amparo.Vargas@aeocom.com. For more information, please visit the project website at lakelandgov.net/LkBonnetDrainageProject. Comments received or postmarked by Friday, December 13, 2024, will be included in the official meeting record.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting, or those requiring language assistance (free of charge) should contact the City of Lakeland ADA Specialist, Kristin Meador, no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting by telephone to (863) 834-8444; or by email to ADASpecialist@Lakelandgov.net.

If hearing impaired, please contact the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) numbers: Local – (863) 834-8333; or toll-free 1-800-955-8771; or the Florida Relay Service Number 1-800-955-8770 (VOICE), for assistance.

PARTICIPATE In-Person

Attend the public meeting at **The Well, 114 East Parker Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801**. The meeting will be held in an informal open house format. People attending the meeting may review project displays; watch a project presentation that will start at 6:15 p.m. and will run on a 30-minute loop; and speak one-on-one with project team members.

Live Online via GoTo Webinar

Register at bit.ly/Lake-Bonnet-VPM-Registration to attend the public meeting virtually, view the project presentation, make comments, and ask questions to the project team live. There will be multiple opportunities to view the project presentation and interact one-on-one with the live project team for anyone who may have joined at a later time.



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the Public Meeting