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Example of flooding along County Road 300 in Lafayette County.

DISTRICT MOVES FORWARD WITH LAFAYETTE COUNTY STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LIVE OAK, FLA., July 11, 2017 –The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board recently authorized additional funding for Lafayette County to implement a stormwater improvement project under the District’s Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Program. The RIVER Program is a cost-share program that assists government entities in implementing projects that align with the District’s mission to protect

Florida’s water supply, improve water quality, restore natural systems, and provide flood protection.

In March 2016, Lafayette County was awarded \$125,000 for the appraisal and purchase of properties needed to provide stormwater storage to alleviate flooding along County Road 300 in the Roosevelt Circle area. The District Governing Board recently awarded the project an additional \$17,550 due to a slight increase in funds needed to obtain the necessary parcels.

This project will consist of a stormwater collection and conveyance system that will discharge into two detention ponds. A piped connection between the two ponds will provide increased stormwater storage and conveyance. Land clearing and construction on this project is expected to begin this month and last until November 2017.

For more information on the District’s RIVER Program, visit mysuwanneeriver.com and search “RIVER” or contact the District at 386.362.1001.

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

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