



City of Fort Myers, Florida

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Dear Property Owner or Resident,

The City of Fort Myers is committed to providing a safe place for our residents and visitors to live and work. That is why we are reaching out to inform you of the steps the City is proposing to take in its ongoing soil and groundwater testing at 3348 South St.

The City, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), plans to conduct an environmental site assessment of 3348 South St. The scope of work in the test plan meets or exceeds DEP requirements for an environmental site assessment. You are receiving this mailing because you live within a quarter-mile of the testing site.

Public Information Workshop:

The City is hosting a public information meeting to provide information about the proposed sampling and testing plan at the South Street site. The meeting will allow the community to ask questions and provide public input about the site and proposed work plan. The informational open house meeting will be held:

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(Open house—Come any time)
Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center
2990 Edison Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33916

The City welcomes your input prior to the meeting as well as at the workshop. If you have questions or would like to comment on the testing plans, you are invited to submit your feedback at the project website www.3348SouthStreet.com. You may also submit your questions or comments in writing on the enclosed form and mail it to the address on the back of the form by August 15, 2017. All City residents are welcome to participate online, via mail, or at the informational workshop, not just those receiving this notice in the mail.

Past to Present

The South Street site includes an area where the City placed lime softening sludge, a by-product of the City's former drinking water treatment plant, in borrow pits on the site before the neighborhood was established. The City recently fenced the site for security purposes. In 2007, the sludge was determined to contain an environmental contaminant, arsenic. Since then, the City and the DEP have been monitoring and assessing the groundwater. According to the testing, conducted most recently in October 2016, the groundwater is not a risk to human health and the environment. The City and the DEP are planning an additional environmental site assessment. The City will move forward with the plan after reviewing all public comments.

In August, GFA International will begin conducting a study of the soil and groundwater on this site and some surrounding properties. GFA International is an engineering and geological consulting company that provides environmental consulting services, including site testing. The overall objectives of the Site Assessment are to assess the nature and extent (size and depth) of waste and contamination and to evaluate potential risks associated with the disposal of lime sludge at the site. The assessment will also estimate aquifer properties, direction, and rate of groundwater movement and evaluate potential past, present, and future risks (including leachability). You may view the entire site assessment work plan online, including a listing of priority pollutants and drinking water testing standards, at www.3348SouthStreet.com, or in person at the following locations through August 15:

Fort Myers City Hall

2200 Second St., Fort Myers, FL 33901
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Dr. Ann Murphy Knight S.T.A.R.S Complex

2980 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916
Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Off-site Well Testing:

In addition to testing at the 3348 South Street site, the City would like to test wells in the surrounding area. Lee County Public Utilities has provided drinking water to this neighborhood since 1975. However, some residents have private irrigation wells. Others may still be using wells for drinking water despite the availability of a public water supply.

If you utilize a well and live within a quarter-mile of the site, GFA International seeks permission to test your well. GFA International will schedule a convenient time to collect a sample from your well.

To request testing of your well or for more information about the testing procedure, please contact Richard Thompson at (239) 321-7630 or email rthompson@cityftmyers.com, or visit www.3348SouthStreet.com.

Looking to the Future:

Once environmental testing of this site is complete, the City will move on to the next step which is to determine a future use for the location and environmental remediation of the site. The City remains confident that this process will help us to build a stronger Fort Myers, and we look forward to a future use for this property that will benefit the community for decades to come.

Sincerely,



Richard Moulton, Director of Public Works
City of Fort Myers