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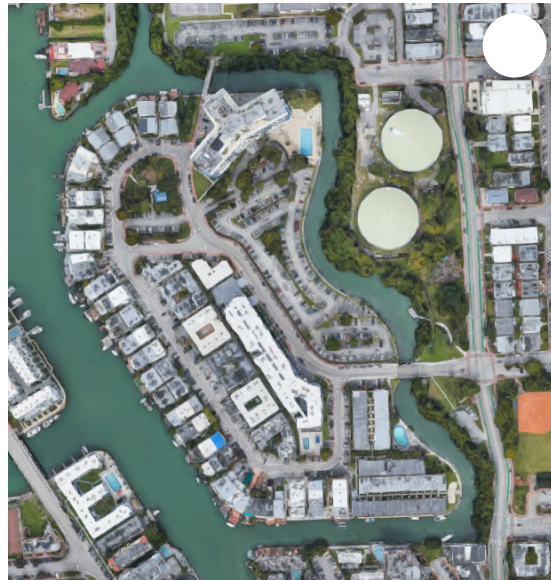


Park View Canal Water Quality Community Update

July 31, 2023

This message is to share recent progress and general updates regarding the “No Contact with Water” advisory that remains in place for Park View Canal. The city has made improvements to the infrastructure and the above-ground sanitation in the proximity of Part View Canal and is planning future upgrades. Additional funding has been allocated in the current budget and the preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 budget process.

The city partnered with water quality experts and continues to implement an action plan incorporating the recommendations of the “Final Assessment of Water Quality Report by the University of Miami.” The study was presented at the January community meeting in North Beach and at the March City Commission meeting.



Short – Mid Term Actions Include:

- **Stormwater Treatment:** \$200,000 in funding has been allotted for the design and permitting process, aimed at reducing litter from entering the waterway near the canal. This will be achieved by retrofitting the current gravity stormwater system with advanced water quality treatment devices. As part of the fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget, an estimated \$2 million has been earmarked for the construction phase of the project.
- **Dredging:** \$500,000 for dredging design and permitting has been approved within the current budget with the goal of improving flushing and removing sediment and

marine debris. Additionally, \$2 million has been allocated in the preliminary FY 2024 budget for the dredging process.

- **Sanitary Sewer System Upgrades:** The City has recently completed more than \$640,000 worth of Phase 1 Park View Sewer Trenchless Rehabilitation, which includes sewer force main air release valve replacements. For the upcoming Phase 2, more than \$2.5 million has been allocated for the North Beach and Park View Extended Area. This budget will cover several essential upgrades, such as lining 90% of the sewer lines from 73 to 75 Street, rehabilitating manholes, and planning for a force main replacement.

Further notifications of upcoming improvements will be provided prior to work commencing.

Above-Ground Cleanliness

To address above-ground cleanliness that impacts the canal, the city has increased routine inspections, Code Compliance details focusing on enforcing the cleanup of pet waste and sources of pollution, and homeless outreach initiatives. Street sweeping and hand litter collection have been increased on Park View Island, and signage has been expanded along the canal in both English and Spanish.

Additional Information on the “No Contact with Water” Advisory

The "No Contact with Water" advisory remains in place for Park View Canal. Water sampling results continue to show a fecal indicator bacteria concentration that exceeds recreational water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Health. The advisory recommends not swimming or engaging in recreational water activities (i.e. fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.) along the waterway until the advisory is lifted. The City of Miami Beach continues to work closely with water quality experts and governmental regulatory agencies to address the water quality concerns in this waterway. An action plan is underway, and current efforts are focused on infrastructure testing and improvements, and above-ground sanitation and code enhancements.

For more information about the water quality status within the Park View Canal, please visit www.mbrisingabove.com/Parkview. The city is dedicated to resolving water quality issues and ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors.

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