



BLACKBURN CREEK CDD

STORMWATER SYSTEM INSPECTION PHASE 3

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1.0 - SUMMARY:

The Blackburn Creek CDD requested that BDI inspect the stormwater conveyance system in Phase 3 in the Grand Palms Community in preparation for stormwater conveyance system maintenance work for 2025. This includes inlets, pipes, outlets, control structures and swales to determine if the system is operating at full capacity, identify problems or issues (if any), and provide recommendations as needed to restore the functionality of the drainage system.

2.0 – EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS:

In March 2025 BDI completed a visual inspections of the Phase 3 drainage system as well as conducted a review of SWFWMD ERP permits and permitted plan sets. While our site inspection did not include a full inspections of the entire length of the storm sewer pipes, we were able to inspect inlets, manholes and end sections to determine if there was any accumulation of sand, silt or debris or anything else that may cause blockage within the system.

The findings from the inspection are presented below:

1. Stormwater curb inlets were found to be in good condition. Man hole covers were pulled to complete a visual inspection inside each structure. No significant signs of sediment or debris were observed.
2. Stormwater pipe end section were found to be in good condition. The MES/FES structures operate in a free flow condition and no significant signs of sediment, debris or vegetation were observed.
3. Control structures were found to be in good condition. Several were observed with accumulation of debris and/or overgrown vegetation in, around and on top of structures.
4. Treatment and conveyance swales and channels were found to be in good condition. There are several swales that have excessive vegetation, sediment and debris buildup that is restricting the free flow of stormwater.
5. A grated ditch bottom inlet was found to be in good condition, however, it has become overgrown with excessive vegetation and debris deposits which is restricting the free flow of stormwater into and out of the structure.
6. The weir structure on pond 12A had water flowing from the wetland tributary into the pond. Based on elevation readings in permitted plan set for permit 24192.011 sheet A-4 and the elevation reading for the opening of the weir found on sheet B-12 of the as built plan set for 24192.011 the water should be flowing out of the pond and not into the pond. This anomaly is resulting in elevated water levels in ponds 12, 12A, 13 and 13A and in the stormwater pipes and curb inlets.
7. There is an unpermitted structure crossing the conveyance swale from pond 12A to south tributary.
8. Remove fallen trees in north tributary at box culvert crossing under Observation Blvd. This is in phase 1 although the trees came down during the storms at the end of the 2024 hurricane season.

In general, the stormwater conveyance system within Phase 3 of Blackburn Creek CDD is in good condition. We have identified some minor maintenance activities in the following section which will enhance the ability of the system to convey stormwater through community more efficiently.

3.0 – RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on our findings, BDI recommends the following maintenance activities be performed with in the next year:

1. Recommend the removal of vegetation, debris and sediment from control structures, grated swale inlet(s), drainage swales and channels as identified in the following exhibits.
2. Reecommend ongoing annual inspections of the drainage conveyance system in order to identify and mitigate issues at the earliest possible stage.
3. We also recommend that the CDD have regular and ongoing communication with the residents, contractors and vendors regarding the importance of preventing vegetation, debris and sediment from entering into the stormwater system. Implementing the following activities will help maintain the drainage system's ability to convey, attenuate and treat the stormwater within the community.
 - a. Eliminate power leaf blowing vegetation and debris into the street and drainage inlets.
 - b. Eliminate the application of excess mulch that is prone to movement during storm events.
 - c. Incorporate appropriate erosion control measures such as silt fence and inlet protection at active construction sites.
4. Recommend addressing Pond 12A weir to restore outflow of water from pond 12A into the wetland tributary. In addition this structure will need the missing skimmer board replaced.
5. There are two items included in this work that are in phase 2 of the community. Due to their impact on phase 3 conveyance we have included the following; 1) Clearing out an FES that conveys water from a wetland in phase 3 to a conveyance swale in phase 2 that outflows into the south tributary and 2) Clearing out overgrown and invasive vegetation where the south tributary exits along River Rd.
6. Removal of the unpermitted structure at pond 12A

APPENDIX A

Marked Plan Set Documents for Maintenance Work

