

Memorandum

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

CENTRAL DISTRICT

TO: Richard (Rick) Pribell, rickpribell@gmail.com

THROUGH: Jason Seyfert, Environmental Administrator

FROM: Hailey Ambrose, Environmental Consultant

DATE: 5/17/2022

SUBJECT: Complaint 7613_ERP410614_Port Malabar Blvd. NE, Palm Bay

On April 25, 2022, the Department received a complaint regarding unauthorized clearing and lack of Best Management Practices (BMPs). Specifically, that the parcel owner was performing unauthorized clearing on property owned by the City of Palm Bay (adjacent parcel to the N) and that turbidity fencing or erosion screens during the project activities were not being utilized. The complainant also referenced the unauthorized creation of a boat ramp. The complainant provided photo documentation (see below).

On May 5, 2022, the Department contacted the parcel owner, Rick Pribell, to discuss the complaint. Mr. Pribell indicated that he was performing clearing of Brazilian pepper, *Schinus terebinthifolius*, on the adjacent property, under the guidance of personnel associated with the local Palm Bay office of St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - as the agency maintains a conservation easement over the City owned parcel. Mr. Pribell indicated he had also hired a local consulting company to assist in the herbicide application of the Brazilian pepper trees. Based on the discussion with Mr. Pribell and discussion with personnel within SJRWMD, the Department did not pursue corrective actions regarding the land clearing as it being handled with the SJRWMD.

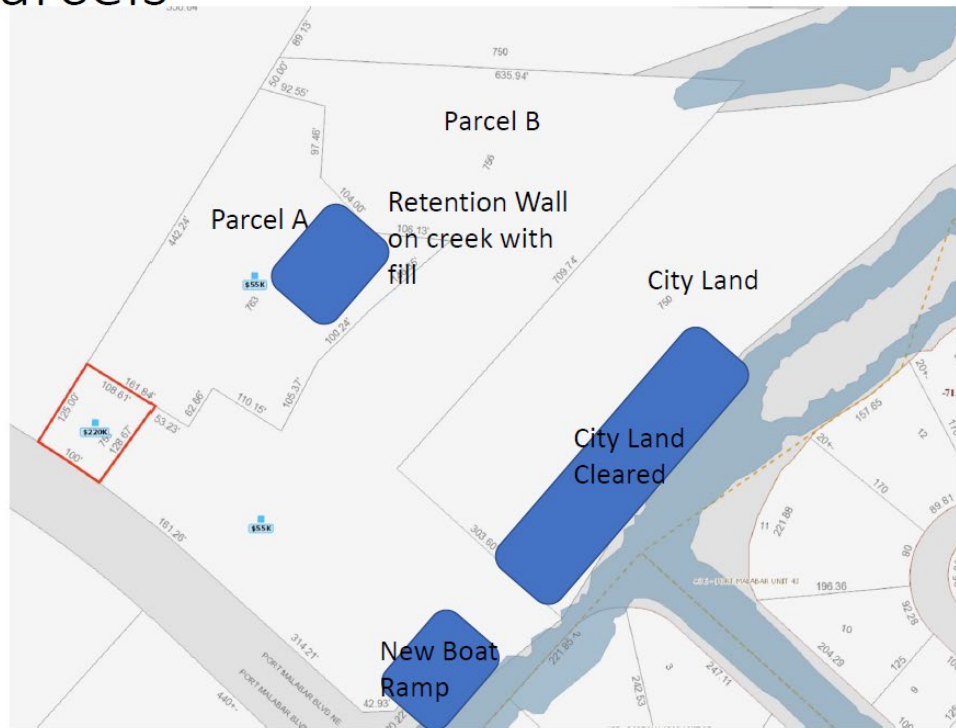
However, the Department did require the removal of material used in the creation of a boat ramp. Coquina rocks were placed in a stormwater drainage area, on property not owned by Mr. Pribell, and the area was being utilized for the loading and unloading of a personal vessel. The Department stated this was not a permissible activity and the material should be removed within 30 days, by June 9, 2022.

On May 15, 2022, Mr. Pribell sent photo documentation of the complete removal of the material he had placed within the referenced area.

The case is considered closed at this time.

Complainant provided Photo Documentation, dated April 25, 2022:

Land Parcels



During Clearing



New Boat Ramp



Barrier Ends Where City Land was Cleared



Corrective Action Photo Documentation, dated May 15, 2022:





Historic Photo Documentation, dated October 12, 2021:

