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Additional Funding for Canal Restoration

Margate, FL, January 8, 2007 – The Margate City Commission voted on December 13, 2006 to approve an Amendment to a project agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that will provide financial assistance to perform canal restoration.

The City was successful in securing an additional \$525,000 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in order to continue canal restoration due to damages sustained from Hurricane Wilma. This work will restore the volume of the canal to ensure proper water flow.

Canal work began in Margate several months after Hurricane Wilma hit; however, once funding from NRCS was depleted, the work was forced to come to a halt.

“Good communication with our governmental agencies,” is credited for having secured the additional funding, said Public Works Director Ray Brenner.

Canal work will come to an end by April 28, 2007, when NRCS has set the deadline for the funds to be exhausted.

Margate canals currently undergoing restoration were those that sustained the most damage after Hurricane Wilma. They include: Bamboo Canals (south of NW Medical Center), and the Evergreen Canals (just west of St. Rd 7 and south of Atlantic Boulevard).

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