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**SFWMD, Bonita Springs Partner to Improve Stormwater Management**  
*Work to help alleviate flooding for city residents, improve regional water quality*

**West Palm Beach, FL** – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board recently approved cooperative agreements with the City of Bonita Springs to reduce flooding and to improve water quality in the Estero River Basin on Florida’s southwest coast.

“In partnership with the City of Bonita Springs, the District is taking a proactive approach in developing a series of stormwater improvement projects to reduce localized flooding and enhance the quality of life for residents,” said SFWMD Governing Board member Charles Dauray. “This type of project partnership represents our continued commitment to the residents and environment of Southwest Florida while also helping deliver benefits to the greater region by improving water quality.”

Since 2004, the District has invested more than \$3.7 million for projects to improve stormwater quality and protect residents from flooding in the Estero River Basin, which includes Bonita Springs. The agreements approved by the Governing Board build on this effort, providing an additional \$296,500 investment to help implement water quality and flood protection projects.

The District investment will help the City of Bonita Springs complete 10 projects that offer immediate flood relief, including:

- Restoring tens of thousands of feet of the Rosemary Canal and its related infrastructure near I-75 by removing debris and vegetation, along with cleaning outfall pipes.
- Restoring ditches leading to Leitner Creek, located east of I-75, by removing exotic vegetation.
- Recreating swales and removing sediment buildup in outfall pipes leading to the San Carlos Canal off Cockleshell Road.
- Removing sediment downstream of the box culvert near the Hawthorn Canal outfall.

- Restoring the connection to Spring Creek from San Carlos Estates.
- Restoring a portion of the Morian Canal from San Carlos Estates to Spring Lake Estates.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*