



## Southeast Advanced Water Reclamation Facility

**Please come join Lee County on January 31, 2023**

Learn about the project and provide your input. Details about the meeting are shown on the back of this newsletter.

Water quality is a top priority of the Lee Board of County Commissioners and water-quality initiatives occur year-round. Water quality affects residents and visitors alike, and everyone has an opportunity to be a part of the solution. Responsible management of wastewater is key to maintaining the county's water quality overall.

Lee County Utilities is beginning the design phase for the Southeast Advanced Water Reclamation Facility (SEAWRF) Project. The SEAWRF project will provide the county with a 6 million gallons per day advanced water reclamation facility that can be expanded to 10 million gallons per day or greater, if needed. The project is needed to support existing and future population in the area.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners is strategically planning and preparing for a fulltime population of 1 million residents. Residential growth is anticipated in the southeast region of the county. The SEAWRF will ensure advanced wastewater treatment infrastructure is available to support the increasing population in this area. Lee County has expanded the wastewater treatment capacity of other existing treatment facilities and a new facility is now necessary.

As service demands increase and existing assets age, the county must plan for and comply with regulatory treatment and discharge requirements that become stricter each year. Lee County remains committed to implementing measures that protect the local waterbodies, which are vital to the state's overall quality of life, health, and economy.

This is a modern-technology plant with measures in place to minimally impact surrounding flora and fauna and to ensure our site doesn't affect neighbors. Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) is a standard of treatment that exceeds required treatment levels, meaning cleaner water is being produced. AWT processes remove nutrients in addition to the normal components removed in biological wastewater treatment.

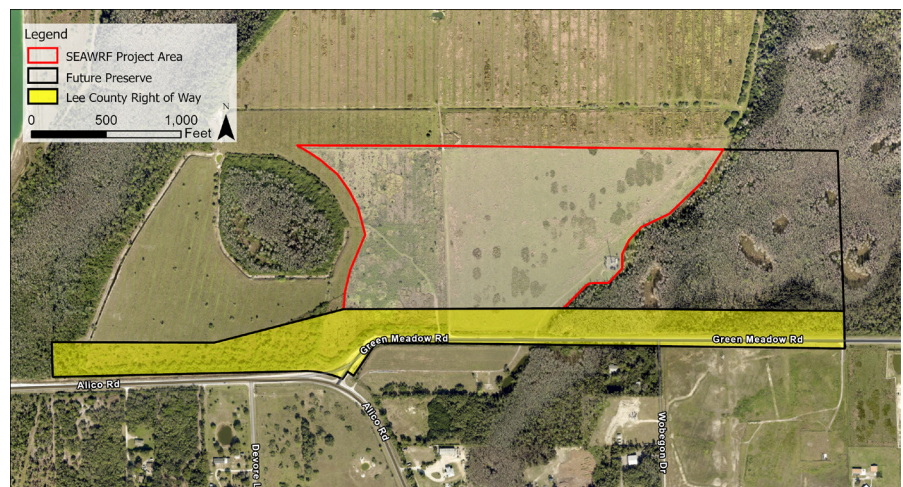
### Wastewater treated to AWT standards:

Is beneficial to the Lee County community as well as our waterways, bays and the Gulf of Mexico

Preserves potable drinking water

Can provide high-quality reuse water for irrigation

Promotes economic benefits by maintaining healthy waterways, bays and the Gulf of Mexico



The SEAWRF Project is proposed to be located at 14201 Alico Road in Fort Myers, Florida.



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## Southeast Advanced Water Reclamation Facility

January 2023

Please join us for a Public Meeting about the Southeast Advanced Water Reclamation Facility Project.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Open House)  
**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn  
Fort Myers Airport/FGCU  
16410 Corporate Commerce Way  
Fort Myers, FL 33913



**Lee County values community input on this project and invites you to:**

- Learn the purpose and need for the project
- Provide input on the project
- Discuss specific aspects of the project one-on-one with the experts
- Meet the project team to get your ideas heard and your questions answered

Please visit the project website at [www.LCUSEwater.com](http://www.LCUSEwater.com) to sign up for periodic updates.

Questions may be submitted to [info@LCUSEwater.com](mailto:info@LCUSEwater.com).