



FROM TOWN HALL

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In the spring of 2016, the Town Council approved the Seabrook Island Gateway Improvement Program. The program was estimated to take approximated 2-3 years to address storm water maintenance and upgrades and to improve landscaping, signage, and curbside appeal along Seabrook Island Road from the Town Hall to the traffic circle.

The first phase of upgrading the existing storm drainage system is nearly complete and has overcome several major issues;

1. The approval of easements for drainage outfalls across adjacent properties and along the property lines on both sides of Seabrook Island

Road which has take between 18-24 months to complete.

2. Development of contractual documents, advertisement and selection of TRIAD to perform the contract.
3. Approval by OCRM for the installation of additional flapper gate valves in critical outfalls nearly a year after the issue of the basic contracts to TRIAD Engineering.

TRIAD Engineering has submitted their last payment on upgrading the existing storm water system for a total contract of \$561,773.00 . Final walk through has been completed.

Lets examine what we know about the continued flooding at the marina entrance:

1. Haulover Creek is overflowing at the bridge on the Marina road (which belongs to the Marina) on a tide level above seven feet on the right side entrance of the roadway. The high tide water cascades down the roadway and fills up the storm water pipes along Seabrook Island Road while the flood control valves are closed during high tides. This problem is exacer-

bated with any 3-4 inch rainfall, which also adds water to the storm drainage system. We will address this problem with the Marina.

2. Additional tidal waters enter the storm water drainage system at the area from the old LuLu's to the traffic circle on high tides over 7.25 feet due to low elevation of the berm in front of the storm water box. This issue has been brought to the attention of TRIAD Engineering for correction prior to final payment.

With the arrival of Joe Cronin as our City Manager came a volume of experience in land development that he has had with ESP Corporation. The Town recently approved a contract with ESP to begin looking at completing the Seabrook Island Gateway Program by assessing the remaining storm water work, signage, and landscaping. I am sad that in all of this work for the past two and a half years, we have not been able address the problem of water ponding along Seabrook Island Road after heavy rainfalls. However, we look forward to resolving this problem this year with the guidance of ESP. ▲