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**VILLAGE OF PINECREST**

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*Annual progress report on implementation of the Village's Floodplain Management Plan and analysis of the Repetitive Loss areas*

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – The Village of Pinecrest continues to maintain a comprehensive floodplain management plan that consists of a series of interdependent ordinances, plans, and strategies designed to manage stormwater and protect the community from the health and safety hazards associated with periodic inundation. Components consist of the following:

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The Village of Pinecrest has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since October 13, 1998. The Village's Building and Planning Department is responsible for the review of site development plans and issuance of building permits and customarily reviews all new construction plans for compliance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code and the Village's Land Development Regulations and Floodplain Management ordinance.

Stormwater Management Plan

In July 2015, the Village adopted a Stormwater Management Plan. The stormwater master plan was prepared by the engineering consulting firm of A.D.A. Engineering, Inc. who are experts in the field of stormwater master planning and have developed master plans for many south Florida communities. The plan was considered by the Village Council during several scheduled public hearings. The hearings were advertised and the plan is available to the public on the Village's website.

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A priority list of 15 projects were identified in the plan and were categorized by a drainage sub-basin. The Village began implementing projects from the #1 ranked basin C100DN-1E in 2016 and continued again in 2017. Approximately 50% of the recommended improvements for this sub-basin have been implemented and were completed in 2017.

In order to complete the entire master planned projects, the Village is currently developing a funding plan for implementation.

Based on some of the repetitive loss areas, the Village is prioritizing the plan to focus on some of these properties. The Village has implemented drainage projects in the vicinity of some of the repetitive loss locations from 2013 to date.

#### Floodplain Management Ordinance

On April 15, 2015, designated staff of the State Floodplain Management Office (SFMO) conducted a Community Assistance Visit and subsequently recommended that the Village adopt a new Floodplain Management Ordinance based on the State of Florida's Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. In December 2015, the Village of Pinecrest adopted the new ordinance that incorporates new requirements designed to further protect residents and businesses for flood hazards. Notable changes include an additional one-foot increase in the minimum finished floor elevation of new structures and existing structures that are proposed to be remodeled to an extent greater than 50% of their existing value, defined as "substantial improvement".

#### Community Rating System (CRS)

On October 1, 2016, the Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) admitted the Village of Pinecrest into the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) with an initial rating of Class 8, allowing for a 10% reduction in annual flood insurance premiums. The Village is currently working toward an improved rating of Class 7 which would allow for an additional 5% reduction flood insurance premiums.

### Repetitive Loss Properties

Currently, there are 13 Repetitive Loss Properties in the Village of Pinecrest, defined as properties that have submitted flood insurance claims for more than two flood events. In order to reduce risk to these properties, the Village of Pinecrest has developed and implemented a number of stormwater management projects to help alleviate localized flooding at locations near or adjacent to the properties. An update of the projects and affected properties is provided as follows:

In 2013 and 2014, the Village developed and implemented a stormwater improvement project in the surrounding area of Pine Needle Lane including Pine Needle Lane. The properties located at 12300, 12001 and 12055 Pine Needle Lane would be positively affected by this project and localized flooding appears to have dramatically diminished after this project was implemented.

Since 2015 to date, 83 localized drainage/stormwater management projects have been implemented Village wide. The following homes fall within these projects limits and should be positively impacted by these improvement projects:

5950 N Kendall Drive  
6100 SW 88 Street

There are 3 properties that are shown on our list of repetitive loss properties that are located on rights-of-way that are outside of our jurisdiction and fall under the purview of Miami-Dade County or the Florida Department of Transportation. These 3 properties are listed below:

13180 Old Cutler Road  
9525 S. Dixie Highway  
13200 Old Cutler Road

The Village's Public Works Department is providing this data to outside agencies for follow-up.

## Conclusion

The Village's Flood Damage Prevention program is working to effectively protect residents and businesses from flood damage and property loss. Staff recommends continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System, continued implementation of the Floodplain Management Ordinance, and completion of planned and approved storm drainage improvement projects.

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