

March 18, 2024

Dear River Place on the St Lucie Member,

The natural beauty of our preserves and wetlands contributes significantly to the charm and value of our community. It has come to our attention that there have been multiple instances of residents altering the preserve buffer zone behind their homes, placing yard waste on CDD property and in the canal, trash on the walking trails, unauthorized fencing, and more. The CDD uses money collected from your non-ad valorem taxes to maintain these areas. Damage and destruction to the buffer zone, common areas and wetlands costs us money that could be put to better use.

This letter is a reminder of the rules regarding conservation easements in our Declaration of Protective Covenants, Article VII, Section 21:

Section 21. Conservation Easements. THE WETLANDS AND UPLAND BUFFER ZONES OVER WHICH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED ARE HEREBY DECLARED CONSERVATION AND COMMON AREAS. THEY SHALL BE THE PERPETUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CDD AND THE ASSOCIATION. IN NO WAY MAY THE SAME BE ALTERED FROM THEIR NATURAL STATE. ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREAS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: CONSTRUCTION OR PLACING SOIL OR OTHER SUBSTANCES SUCH AS TRASH; REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF TREES, SHRUBS OR OTHER VEGETATION – WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EXOTIC/NUISANCE VEGETATION REMOVAL; EXCAVATION, DREDGING OR REMOVAL OF SOIL MATERIALS; DIKING OR FENCING; AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO DRAINAGE, FLOOD CONTROL, WATER CONSERVATION, EROSION CONTROL OR FISH AND OTHER WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION OR PRESERVATION.

If you have any questions concerning the buffer zone, preserves, wetlands, common areas, or exotic/nuisance vegetation, please contact Matt Hans, CDD Property Manager, at MHans@gmssf.com, (954)721-8681, x225.

Let's work together to preserve the natural beauty of River Place.

Sincerely,

River Place on the St Lucie C.D.D.