



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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Re: Drainage Canal Cleaning in East

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Eastern N.O Canal Cleaning Crucial for Better Drainage

Important work to clean and improve drainage canals in eastern New Orleans will be detailed by the Sewerage & Water Board during an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church, 7300 Crowder Blvd.

The work, to be done in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), will greatly improve the flow of water in canals to area pumping stations.

The meeting will provide information on the nature of the work, the duration of the project and some requirements for residents, businesses and property owners.

S&WB officials said access to Board right-of-ways and /or service alleys is critical to this maintenance work. Residents, business owners and property owners along the canals will be responsible for removing any structures or obstacles that impede the Board's access to canals before the work begins.

They will be notified in advance and any that remain once the work commences will be removed and discarded.

The project cost is \$5.5 million is funded by the NRCS. Work includes debris and settlement removal and canal side slope repair for nine canals.

The work will be completed by September 30th.

The residents and business owners in the area are being notified of the meeting by letters, media notices and Board website.