



The Hammocks at River Wilderness Homeowners Association, Inc.

Dear Homeowners,

Recently, the Board of Directors received a cautionary letter from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The SFWMD is responsible for protecting the water resources and related environment for the citizens of the district. The letter was the result of their environmental scientist's inspection of the wetland areas in the Hammocks on June 20, 2022. The inspection was triggered by a homeowner complaint regarding "potential clearing of buffer and wetland vegetation."

The SFWMD environmental scientist has warned homeowners and residents of the Hammocks to "discontinue any current or future alteration/vegetation removal activities within 25 feet of the wetlands or surface waters, unless authorized in writing by the District. The upland area within 25 feet of the wetlands and surface waters should be allowed to naturally revegetate. "

The Board is asking all homeowners and residents to heed the warning of the SFWMD. Otherwise, if there is unauthorized alteration/vegetation removal, unless authorized in writing by SFWMD, the Association may incur fines from SFWMD which are then passed on to the individual homeowner/resident. Further, upon receipt of approval from SFWMD, the homeowner/resident must advise and provide the written approval obtained from SFWMD to the Grounds Committee prior to any alteration or removal of vegetation from the wetland area.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

The Hammocks at River Wilderness Board of Directors

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