

Council Member Lisette Kolar has been appointed by the Town Council to interface with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Brevard County regarding the construction and use of the Dredge Material Management Area (DMMA) BV-24A which is located in Grant-Valkaria off Old Dixie Highway and Atlantic Ridge Lane.

Council Member Kolar requested some information from FIND Executive Director, Mark Crosley. The items requested (**in bold**) and Mr. Crosley's responses (*in italics*) are included below.

We will continue to post information about DMMA BV-24A and its use as we obtain it. If you have questions you would like asked, please forward them to Council Member Kolar at lkolar@grantvalkaria.org.

Questions and Answers – June 25, 2018

I am contacting you in the hopes of opening a communication channel between you and the Town Council, with me acting as the "liaison". The Council appointed me as such at our last meeting. The Council was impressed by the outpouring of concern from our residents regarding the DMMA BV-24A. It is rare in our town for residents to turn out in such numbers on an issue. The Council felt that due to this reaction, the Council needed to respond. The Council feels that the best way to do that is to keep information on the DMMA flowing to the residents.

What we would like to ask of you is that you forward any information on [various topics...]

Several of the requests/questions you have forwarded will need to be answered by our engineers, but I can provide you with the following:

Construction schedule and milestones

-The construction schedule is HIGHLY variable depending upon permits and available funding etc. I was just recently notified by the USACE (who were contacted by neighbors at this site) that Scrub Jays may be foraging on the FIND property and that will require an additional survey. Staff have always understood that Scrub Jays may be utilizing this area, and you will recall that the property exchange with the County facilitated the protection of the best habitat for this species. However, the surveys and additional information will delay the permit, delaying construction and increasing costs.

-It is the desire of staff to have this site built within the next two years.

-I have no problem updating you on any of our changes, schedules or information.

Results of any further testing before, during and after construction

-All information that FIND possesses is public information and we have no problem sharing any of it. At present, the well monitoring data is in raw form, as it is not generally further evaluated unless there is an indicator that suggest something is wrong. I am working on posting it on our web site or a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site.

Results of monthly testing when DMMA is in use for navigation dredging
Results of monthly testing when DMMA is in use for muck removal
Results of quarterly testing when DMMA is not in use

In regards to several of your inquiries, FIND can establish a process to post the monitoring information as we receive it (quarterly when the site is NOT in use, monthly when it is in use).

Also note that we are obtaining a quote for water quality monitoring, which is much earlier than we usually start the quarterly sampling. However, the additional background info should provide a level of comfort to those concerned with ground water quality. [added July 3, 2018]

Notification of any entity other than FIND that will be using the DMMA for muck removal

- To date, FIND has not received a request from any other entity to utilize our site. ANY future use would need its own permit and staff will gladly notify you of any requests.

- If you recall, even after the site is constructed, it may need to sit and settle for a period of time until it is certified for use. In addition, any dredging event will need its own permits. It is unlikely that the site will experience its first dredging event within the next five years.

Any other data which you think would be of interest knowing the residents' concerns

Please note that FIND will be pleased to attend any future meetings and or events necessary to address the Council or its citizens concerns. As I stated at the public meeting, FIND is in this for the long haul. We've established positive relations with almost all of our neighbors adjacent to our other sites (with the exception of those that continue to cut our fences and trespass), and I am comfortable that time will reveal that we will be good stewards and neighbors in Grant-Valkaria as well.

Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the analysis/trade study conducted by Taylor Engineering regarding the installation of a liner in BV-24A?

I will have Jerry Scarborough [Taylor Engineering] forward the requested information on evaluation of the liner. You may recall that a liner poses several problems of which additional costs may not be the most significant. Other considerations include the maintenance of the liner and the potential for it to fail, as well as the additional handling of water due to the increase in impervious surface.