

June 1st, 2022

Mr. Mike Swinford
Upper Captiva Community Association

Dear Mike,

Thank you for bringing to our attention the concerns of the property owners on Upper Captiva regarding our upcoming electric infrastructure upgrade. We are committed to working closely with our member – customers.

You are correct in your assumption that most work will ideally be done in as straight a line as possible. We are required to limit our construction activities to our surveyed utility easement, so private property and LCEC facilities are in separate areas.

The majority of our activities that will be evident to the property owners and of concern to them will be where there are above ground utility facilities (e.g. transformers, connection boxes etc.). These facilities are normally located on the property line in the front corner and/or along the utility easement. They are green metal or plastic boxes.

In new construction areas, we require a 12' working space around these facilities, however we understand there is established vegetation in these areas on the island. Unfortunately, some vegetation will need to be removed and/or relocated. If the property owner wishes to relocate established vegetation (mainly flowers, etc.), they should let us know, or do so before construction begins. We can work with property owners to a certain extent to make this happen, however the responsibility to do so remains with them. Again, this disturbance will be in a limited area near our above ground facilities.

We will be using underground boring equipment to install the new electric lines. There will be no trenching during this process. The only impacts to vegetation throughout the easements will be for walking paths to follow the boring equipment. Areas outside of our above ground facilities will experience minimal impact. There should be no need to move large trees or palms. This should not affect pavers.

Another area of concern mentioned in your email is the location of private water wells. LCEC will not have a plumber on site; however, we will work with the property owner and will repair damage caused by LCEC crews. Related to this, the property owner should ensure they have a working shut off valve for any well located near our above ground utility facilities.

We are currently finalizing our permitting with Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and will begin mobilizing in the next month or so. As stated earlier, we are committed to following all established rules and regulations to ensure the habitat and natural resources are not disturbed. Please share our commitment to environmental stewardship with your members.

If after sharing this with UCCA members, you would like to have another meeting, please let us know. We will keep you updated as we get closer to construction.

Regards,

Tricia Dorn, LCEC