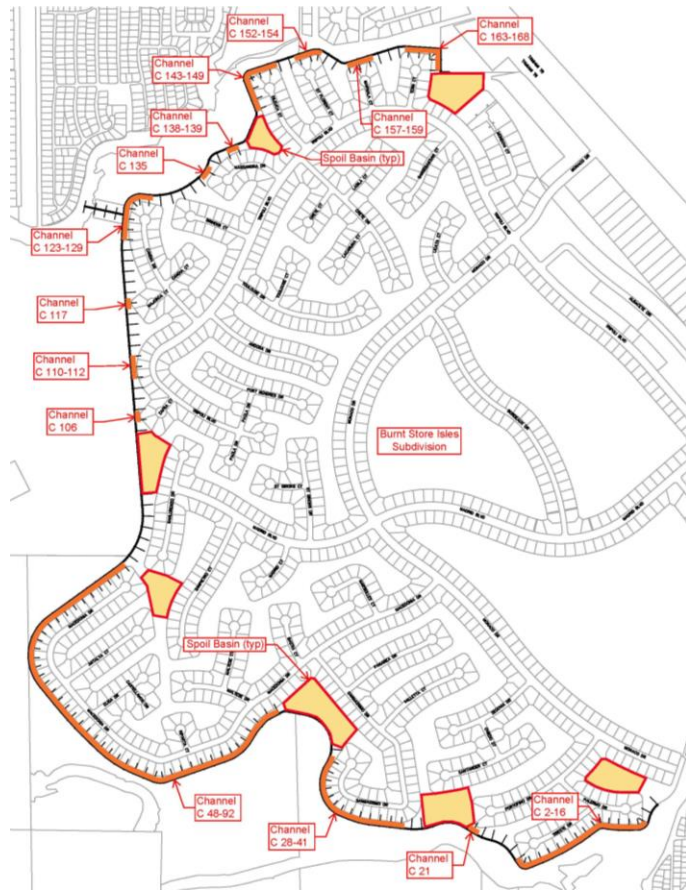


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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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- **Burnt Store Isles Perimeter Channel Dredge Project:** The City of Punta Gorda contractor, Brance Diversified, continues the maintenance dredging of the perimeter channel in the Burnt Store Isles subdivision (work will occur seven days a week as weather and equipment operation permit). The hydraulic dredge is in the vicinity of 705 Macedonia Drive and will progress north along the perimeter channel. The second dredge is in the vicinity of 3707 Candia Drive and will progress south to the completion point at Zafra Court. Boaters should expect navigational delays and need to exercise caution in the vicinity of the work and may contact the company workers through channel 78 on the VHF radio. The hydraulic dredge adjacent to Macedonia Drive is located in the perimeter channel and will have up to 5,000 feet of 10 inch discharge pipe leading to the spoil locations. The second barge is a mechanical dredge (barge mounted excavator) that will be relocating the spoil material from the sides of the channel to the deeper center or to areas deeper than 6 feet below mean low water. The spoil will be discharged directly into the canal system as required by the State/Federal permits.



The current spoil location is the basin between Macedonia Drive and San Massimo Drive which is surrounded by turbidity screens. Boaters should contact Joost Derijk (952-999-3122) or Bryant Smith (352-283-5882) to schedule their exit and reentry through the work area.

Short Range Schedule of dredge areas:

July 15 through August 10, 2017; 513-739 Macedonia Drive

August 3-7, 2017; 3700-3721 Candia Drive

August 8, 2017; 606 Majorca Court

August 8-9, 2017; 3300- 3310 Tripoli Boulevard

August 10, 2017; 600-606 Zafra Court

August 10-18, 2017; the mechanical dredge will be in various locations along the entire perimeter channel for spot cleanup.

Residents shall not direct the dredge work in any way. For additional information on this project, please contact City Project Manager, Gary Disher, Punta Gorda Public Works Department at (941) 575-5021 between the business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.