

COMMUNITY MEETING - PHASE II: TEN MILE

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES WITH NATURE



What you love about your community:

- Scenic beauty and natural environment (Views of the marsh, wooded areas, wildlife, stars, lightning bugs, and native plants)
- Family and close-knit ties (Generational connections, neighbors helping one another, shared churches and traditions)
- Peace and safety (Quiet, peaceful community with low crime)
- Cultural heritage (Settlement community identity, farming traditions (sugar cane, small farms), and long time connections)



Challenges you face:

- Rapid development and gentrification (Developers targeting waterfront property; rising taxes and loss of open space)
- Poor infrastructure (Clogged or unmaintained ditches, limited sidewalks, lack of lighting and safe walkways, speeding concerns)
- Government responsiveness (Residents feel local and state agencies aren't addressing infrastructure or environmental concerns quickly enough)
- Access to information (Better communication about planned changes and development)



General issues we heard:

- Need for infrastructure updates (Clean ditches, improve drainage, fix roads, and provide better sewer and water systems)
- Desire to preserve community land (Slowing development and protecting heirs' property)
- Public spaces and services (Decline of local stores, meeting places, and boat landings; desire to reestablish community park & recreation facilities)
- Land and affordability (Rising taxes and development pressures make it harder for families to hold on to property)
- Health and quality of life (Standing water breeds mosquitoes; tidal flooding leaves trash in ditches and on roads)



Top Priorities / Urgent Issues (focused on Nature-Based Solutions)

- Flooding and drainage issues (Seafood Rd., Abe White Rd., Paul Swinton Ct., and Gadsdenville Rd. frequently flood during heavy rain or king tides)
- Erosion and subdivision impacts (New developments built up with topsoil worsen flooding for neighbors)
- More frequent and intense storms; flooding and erosion is clearly worsening
- Preserve forests and wildlife habitats (Maintain natural areas that support both environment and culture)
- Health and quality of life (Standing water breeds mosquitoes; tidal flooding leaves trash in ditches and on roads)



Notes / Comments:

Key Takeaways:

Ten Mile residents cherish their **family roots**, **natural beauty**, and **close knit culture**, but face growing challenges from **rapid development**, **worsening flooding**, **poor infrastructure**, and **erosion**. Protecting **heirs' property**, **forests**, **wildlife**, and **green spaces** while investing in **better drainage**, **safer roads**, and **slowing unsustainable growth**, are critical to preserving the community's heritage and resilience.