

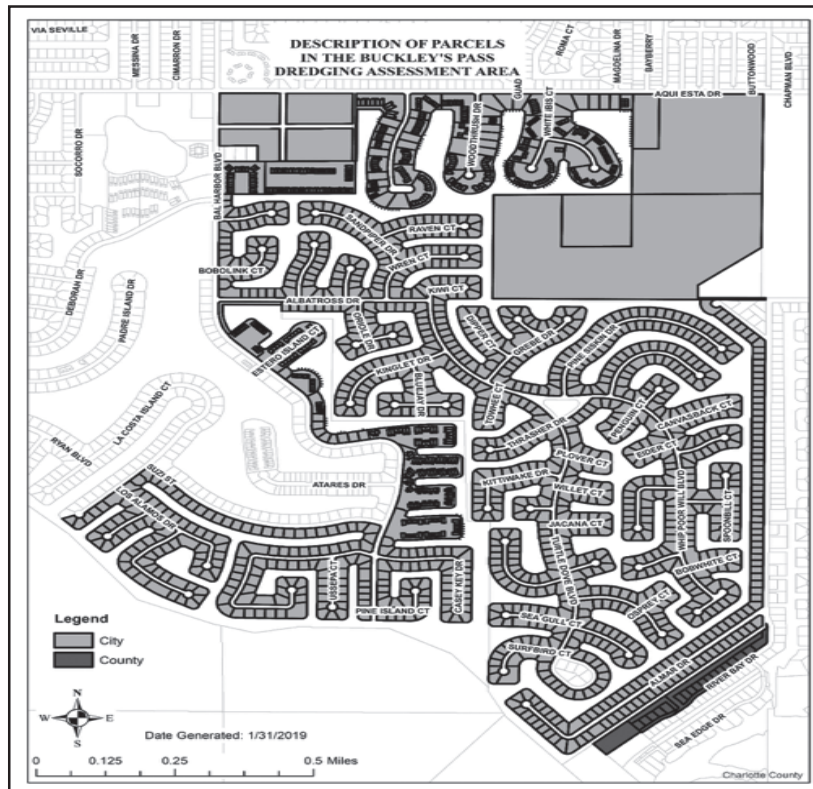
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE BUCKLEY'S PASS DREDGING ASSESSMENT AREA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda will conduct a public hearing to consider creation of the Buckley's Pass Dredging Assessment Area, as shown above, and imposition of special assessments to fund the Buckley's Pass Dredging Project to improve water access to Alligator Creek and Charlotte Harbor. The hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on April 3, 2019, in the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed Buckley's Pass Dredging Assessment Area, the imposition of assessments, and collection of the assessments on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected real property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Clerk any time prior to the public hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Human Resources Manager/Non-Discrimination Coordinator whose address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950, whose telephone number is (941) 575-3308, and whose email address is humres@CityofPuntaGordaFL.com at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of real property will be based upon the total number of water access units (docks, ramps, slips, lifts, etc.) assigned in accordance with Sections 6-6(c) and 6-6(j) of the City Code on the date the assessment is imposed. A more specific description of the Dredging Project and the method of computing the assessment for each parcel of real property are set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution adopted by the City Council on February 6, 2019. Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk located at 326 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida.

The proposed maximum annual assessment is \$399.95 per Water Access Unit. If not otherwise prepaid, the assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The City Council intends to collect the assessments in three (3) annual installments, the first of which will be included on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2019. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the City's Assessment Coordinator at (941) 575-3302 or citymgr@CityofPuntaGordaFL.com.



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