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Dogwood Mountain Reserve Reconstruction Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mount Dora, Fla (February 15, 2019) – The City of Mount Dora will have a ribbon cutting for a residential area known as Dogwood Mountain Reserve, that was repaired following catastrophic damage done to the area during Hurricane Irma on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

After hurricane Irma in 2017, the Mount Dora Public Works Department discovered the landslide on a routine field inspection. Flooding from an overwhelmed storm water system was the initial cause of the disaster. The landslide undermined an 8-inch water main, which furthered the catastrophe.

In November 2017, the Public Works Department met with Pegasus Engineering, GeoStabilization International, Southeastern Surveying, Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. and Foshee Construction Co. on the reconstruction project. The project engineer broke down the job into two phases: Phase 1 was the immediate stabilization and backfill of the collapsed area. Phase 2 involved the street and right-of-way improvements, utilities improvements and a review of the retention pond.

During the process of stabilization and reconstruction throughout the year, the City held several public meetings for the residents and continuously kept in contact through email, video updates and direct contact with Councilmember Marc Crail.

"We have had outstanding cooperation from the residents on Magnolia Ending and our Mount Dora city staff. Excellent communications and cooperation have made this rebuilding process go as smoothly as possible," said Councilmember Marc Crail. "I think we can all be proud of the finished product."

After 16 months of reconstruction, the project has been completed.



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“I am extremely pleased to see this project has come around full circle with the repairs. I am proud of our Public Works Department and their diligence in getting this area fixed and making sure our residents were a part of the process,” said Mayor Nick Girone. “We should never take for granted the power of a hurricane and the kind of damage that it can do in any given area of Central Florida.”

Congressman Michael Waltz, R-6th District of Florida, along with a representative from Sen. Marco Rubio’s office, Mayor Nick Girone, City Manager Robin Hayes, Mount Dora City Councilmembers and City Officials will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the full reconstruction of the area.

What: Dogwood Mountain Reserve Reconstruction Ribbon Cutting

When: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Magnolia Ending, in the Dogwood Mountain Reserve, Mount Dora

Media is welcome to attend this event. For more information, please contact Public Information Officer Lisa McDonald at mcdonaldl@cityofmoundora.com or cell (352)-459-3065.



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