Hollywood is a vibrant coastal city offering a wide variety of waterfront and marine amenities including nearly 7 miles of beach, the Intracoastal Waterway, neighborhood lakes and miles of canals. Increasingly, cities along the coast in Florida are at risk of flooding due to sea level rise. For several years, a coalition of coastal cities and counties, including Hollywood, have been working together to develop strategies to protect property and combat sea level rise. One of the strategies is raising the height of tidal flood barriers such as sea walls and earthen berms. This is essential to preserving property values and ensuring Hollywood and all of South Florida remains a desirable place to live now and into the future.
Hollywood is Investing Now

Thanks to Hollywood voters who approved a General Obligation Bond in March of 2019, the City of Hollywood is working on a project to raise publicly owned sea walls and build effective barriers against flooding around Holland Park, the Intracoastal Waterway, and North and South Lakes. This work will be done in phases due to overall cost and available funding. The first phase of this project is currently being designed by Cummins Cederberg. An assessment of where the sea walls are old, structurally unsound, lacking tie-ins or are below the new minimum elevations is underway.

HOLLYWOOD IS INVESTING NOW

WHAT THE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS WILL MEAN:

- All new and substantially improved sea walls and shoreline protection structures must be built to 4 feet NAVD88* if constructed before Jan 1, 2035 and 5 feet NAVD88 by 2050.
- Private waterfront property owners need to plan ahead for improving tidal flooding barriers along their waterfront. Violations and fines can be issued to property owners who allow tidal flooding or storm surge to flow onto neighboring properties or streets.
- Once adopted, the new ordinance will require any private property owner who is cited, to demonstrate repair progress within 60 days and complete construction within 1 year.
- Installation of a seawall is not required, but all shoreline protections must prevent flooding and be constructed to adjoin to adjacent properties and prevent gaps.
- Automated barriers are allowed, but must not require manual intervention to operate.
- Existing public sea walls will be raised in a phased approach to meet the new requirements.
- Existing private boat docks, pilings and ramps on public property leased from the City may need to be removed during construction of public sea walls. Replacement and modifications will be at the owner’s expense.
- New sea walls may be higher than adjacent sea walls or berms on abutting property due to differences in the timing of improvement projects among property owners.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Regional and local efforts to address flood risks through infrastructure improvements will help to create a more sustainable and resilient waterfront both now and in the future. For more information, please check out the “In the Spotlight” section on the City’s website, www.hollywoodfl.org.

A PROACTIVE APPROACH

New regulations on the required height of sea walls and other types of tidal flood barriers have now been adopted by Broward County. These regulations require property owners along tidally influenced waterways (except those along oceanfront beaches) to take steps to prevent tidal waters from breaching existing seawalls or other flood barriers and spilling onto neighboring properties or streets. The new regulations require all cities to adopt a local ordinance implementing the regional standard by February of 2022.

New sea walls or other shoreline protection structures that are being installed or existing structures that are being substantially improved, by more than 50% in length or cost, will have to meet the new elevation standard and be raised by as much as 2-3 feet.
Tidal Flooding Mitigation

Priority Rank

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Disclaimer: This map is conceptual and not to be used for any legal determination.
Phase IV Resiliency and Hardening

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PHASE IV UNDERGROUNDING

Welcome to the interactive presentation for the Phase IV Undergrounding of Overhead Hills and Streetcape Beautification - East-West streets between SR 101 and the Broadwalk, from Harrison Street to Magnolia Terrace.

The introductory video below provides a detailed description of the project vision.

On the left is a list of the streets in the project. Please click on your street to view the customized design, then kindly click here to complete the feedback form. Your feedback is very important to the success of this project, we want to hear from you!

Watch the introductory video: