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On December 3, 2019 the City of Fort Myers held a second public meeting about the East Water Storage Tank and Pump Station facility designed to better serve the growing community in the Treeline Avenue area. In response to residents' concerns heard last spring about the facility's location, the city presented five vacant alternate sites at the meeting. Of the five sites, two sites were deemed feasible based upon proposed designs, estimated costs, and potential delays due to acquisition and zoning changes for each site. The feasible sites listed were:

- Original site with modifications to the water tank located at 12019 Treeline Avenue on the east side of Treeline Avenue near Silver Ridge Boulevard. The original site property was acquired in 2007
- Proposed site D located just west of I-75 near Reflection Isles

Attendees to the meeting were provided a comment sheet and asked to select only one of the above sites where they preferred the facility. Two common themes emerged from analysis of citizen comments:

1. There is an urgent need for improvement of water distribution pressure; and
2. Residents continue to be split on the preferred location with citizens tending to choose the neighborhood in which they do not reside. However, the predominant trend supported the original site.

Based on the totality of citizen comments, the city is proceeding with an aesthetically modified, partially underground tank designed to blend with the existing residential roof profile at the original Treeline Avenue site. (See rendering included in this letter.)

The designer tank emerged as the best possible option, given the time constraints of land acquisition, unknown environmental/geological factors (including wetland restrictions) and access limitations of proposed Site D. The city is committed to improving water distribution through utilizing ready to build city-owned property while minimizing visual and noise disruption to neighboring residential areas.



Rendering of person walking near existing 6-foot high perimeter wall with custom tank shown

Thank you for your input in this process. The city's project team is committed to timely delivery of this aesthetically customized, state-of-the-art solution.

Respectfully,

Richard Moulton, Director of Public Works
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