

**Pine Tree Water Control District Policy Regarding
Vegetation/Plantings affecting Canals and Swales**

Vegetation and Plantings affecting the Flow of Water in Canals and Swales

The Pine Tree Water Control District (PTWCD) is responsible for drainage within the PTWCD boundaries. The minimization of impediments to the flow of water through canals and swales is a PTWCD goal. It is therefore the policy of the PTWCD to prohibit the planting of trees or other vegetation, except sod, within or adjacent to canals and swales, when such planting has or may have in the future the result of impeding the flow of waters or maintenance of the canals or swales.

When the PTWCD determines that plantings are or may be affecting either the flow of water within or maintenance of a canal or swale the PTWCD shall initiate contact with the landowner and work with the landowner to eliminate or minimize the affect of the plantings on the canal or swale. If the PTWCD Administrator or their designee is unable to resolve the issues, the Administrator shall bring the issue to the PTWCD Board of Supervisors for advice and direction.

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