



Heavy Rains Flood Bonita Springs

Fact Sheet

Event date: September 6, 1995- November 1, 1995

Summary of event: Flood waters caused by a cumulative six to eight inches of rain in less than 12 hours caused significant flooding of numerous homes, businesses and roadways from Cape Coral south to Bonita Springs. A total of 1,200 residents were evacuated from Bonita Springs. Damage estimates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicated eight homes destroyed, 51 homes with major damage and another 112 with minor damage from the floodwaters. An estimated ten to eighteen inches of intermittent heavy rain fell over a two week period over already saturated soils of flood prone areas of Lee County. Northwest to southeast sheet flow of water across Lee County into the Imperial River Watershed from the heavy rains forced evacuations of nearly 1,700 people in Bonita Springs from floodwaters that were nearly three feet deep. Estimated total damage from the floods, which included Red Cross and local government expenditures, was \$5 million.

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