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1,000-plus miles of roadway cleared of debris in first pass of cleanup operations

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 25, 2022 – Less than a month after Hurricane Ian made landfall in Lee County, 1,020 miles of roadway have been cleared in the first-pass collection of storm debris. This includes vegetative and structural debris removed from county-maintained roads.

This represents distance from Fort Myers to Washington, D.C.

Hurricane Ian left Lee County residents with such great amounts of debris that often neighborhoods that receive a first-pass collection quickly fill curbsides back up with additional debris. Collection trucks will be back for additional passes but are currently working to provide each area of unincorporated Lee County with a first pass.

"Our job is not complete until there is no more hurricane debris at curbsides," said Doug Whitehead, director of Lee County Solid Waste.

More debris removal information is available on the county's website, along with a Debris Removal Information Dashboard. The dashboard provides an up-to-date debris removal map.

For more information, visit <u>leegov.com/hurricane/storm/debris</u>, follow @Lee County Government on Facebook, <u>www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc</u>.