

## PINE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

PRESENTED BY:

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- David Arms, Chief Engineer
- Marina Toro, Engineer II
- James Montalvo, Chief Inspector
- Mark Boger, Inspector II

#### **CONTRACTOR**



- Malcolme Ray, Project Manager
- Tara Rezaei, Construction Admin
- Brandon Ozdemir, Project Engineer

#### **CONSULTING ENGINEER**



- Jason Warren, Project Manager
- Zuzanna Wasowska, Lead Engineer
- Allie Snyder, Project Engineer

## PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

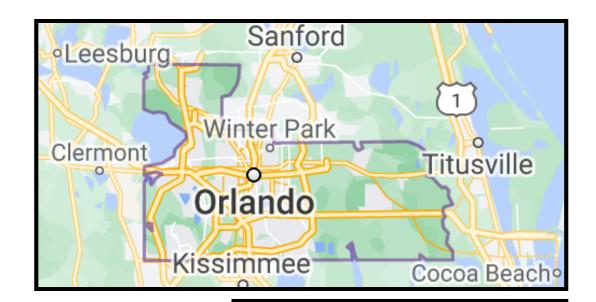


- Samantha Scarp, Program Lead
- Ashley Moore, Program Lead



# Welcome and Introductions Orange County & Orange County Utilities

- Orange County Utilities provides wastewater collection, treatment and reuse, drinking water, garbage disposal, and recycling services to more than 210,000 customers
  - Wastewater services for a population of 1,046,000
  - Four regional wastewater plants
  - 1,421 miles of gravity mains and 641 miles of force mains
  - 823 pump stations
  - Ranked #1 in Customer Satisfaction for Midsize Water Utilities in the South by J.D. Power





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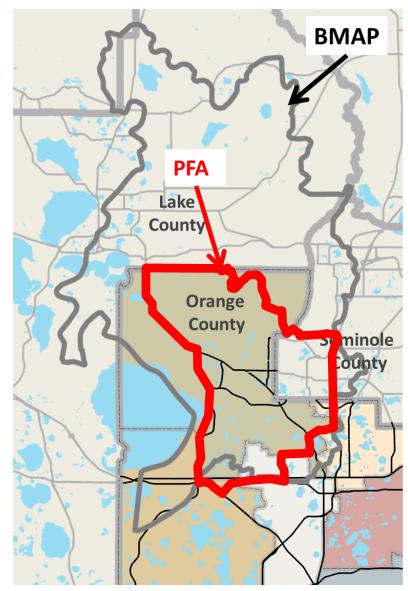
- Wekiwa Springs is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park near Apopka containing diverse plants and wildlife
- Popular for swimming, canoeing, hiking, and camping
- 42 million gallons flow from Wekiwa Springs to the Wekiwa River each day
- Wekiwa Springs and Rock Springs Run are impaired by nutrients
  - Nitrate
  - Total phosphorus
- Excess nutrients cause overabundance of algae
  - Reduce diversity of plants and animals
  - Cause fish kills







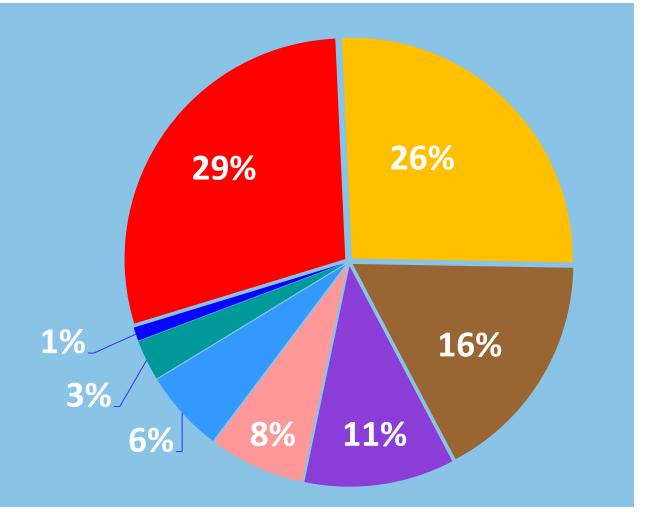
- FDEP formulated a Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) to reduce nutrient loading to the springs
  - Delineates a Priority Focus Area (PFA), which is the area where the aquifer is most vulnerable
  - 18,000 septic tanks within Orange County Utilities' service area inside the PFA
  - Identified septic tanks as the source of 29% of nitrogen in the springs
  - Includes a Septic System Remediation Plan





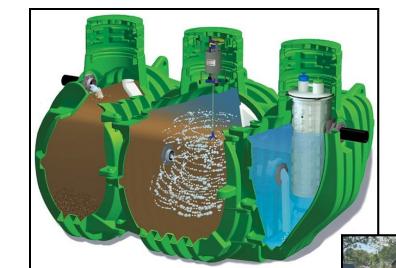


- Urban Fertilizer
- **■** Wastewater Trt Facility
- **Farm Fertilizer**
- Sports Turf
- Atmospheric Deposition
- Nurseries
- **Livestock Waste**





- All parcels in the PFA that are less than one acre are affected
- In accordance with Florida legislation, in the next
   20 years property owners will have two choices
  - Connect to sanitary sewer
  - Upgrade to enhanced OSTDS that reduces nutrient loads
    - Estimated costs range from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per system
- Property owners cannot keep conventional septic systems





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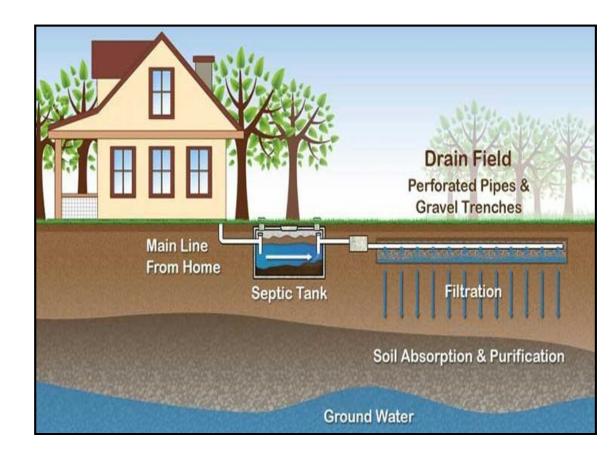


- Engineering design services provided by Burgess & Niple
  - Convert 93 parcels from septic to County sewer along Pine Hills Road from SR 50 to Golf Club Parkway
  - Approximately 70% commercial, 30% residential parcels within project area
  - Installation of approximately 4,000 LF of sanitary sewer, 4,000 LF of service laterals and 22 manholes in the right-of-way
  - Connect existing properties to new service laterals <u>at</u> no cost to property owners.
  - Abandon existing septic tanks in accordance with state regulations
- Utilize and connect to existing sanitary sewer in area wherever possible



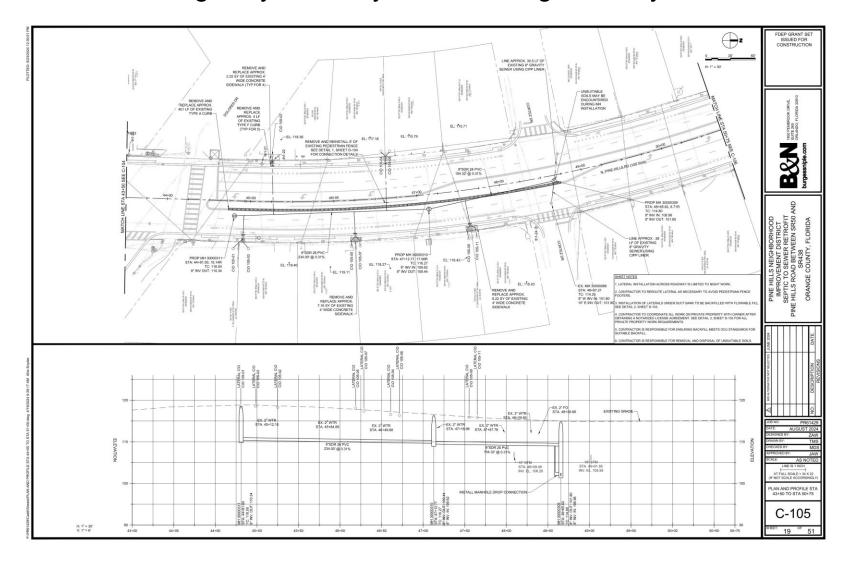


- Onsite Sewage Treatment & Disposal System (OSTDS)
  - Collect wastewater in a watertight tank
  - Solids settle to the bottom
  - Liquid (effluent) exits the tank to a drain field
- Drain field
  - Spreads effluent into unsaturated soil, where it is filtered and treated
  - Water is discharged into the groundwater
  - Some nutrients remain in the treated water





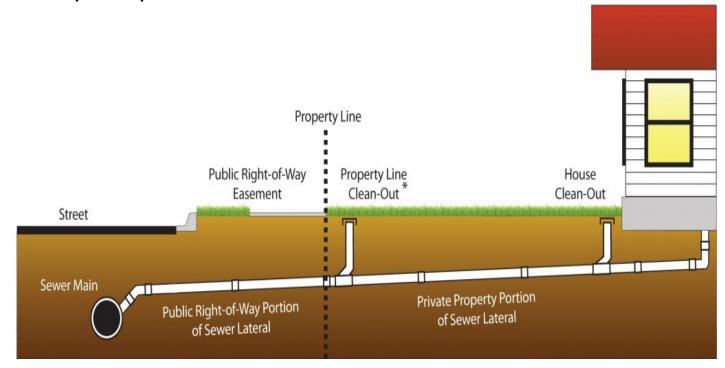
Construction of new gravity sewer system in the right-of-way





- Construction of new gravity sewer system in the right-of-way
- Ensure reasonable efforts to maintain access to each parcel at the end of the day/during business hours
- Install service lateral from property line
- Abandon existing septic tank and drain field

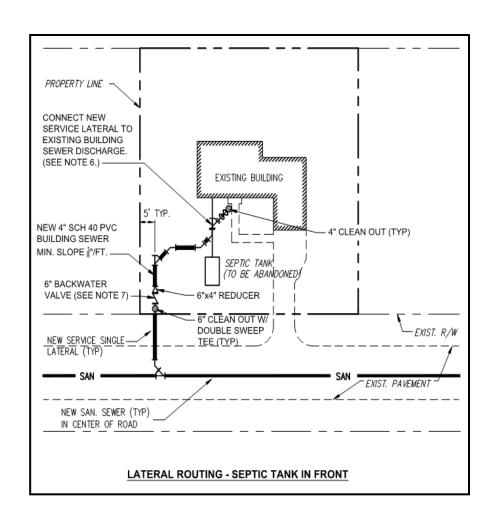
Replacement of asphalt pavement from curb-to-curb





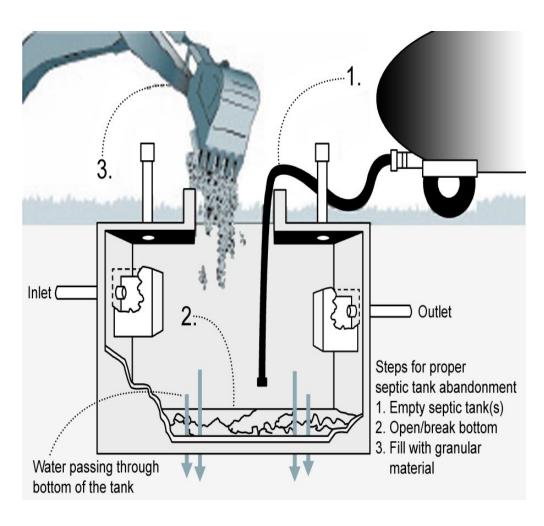
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- Includes connection of each building to central sewer by the OCU contractor upon receiving authorization from the property owner via license agreement
- Install new 4-inch sewer lateral and connect at existing discharge point
- Septic tanks will be abandoned in place in accordance with law: remove liquids and sludge, break up the bottom and sides to 12 inches below grade, backfill, and restore with sod
- Any impacts to existing driveways, sidewalks, sod, irrigation, etc. will be fixed by the OCU contractor
- All of this work is included in the project; there will be no additional costs to the property owner

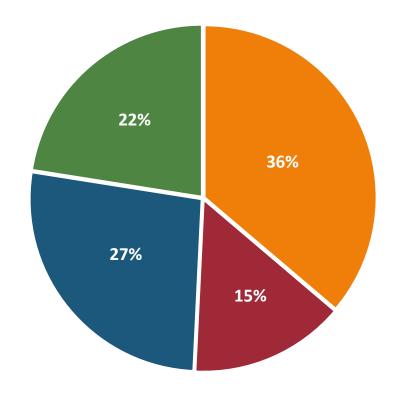




Septic Tank Abandonment

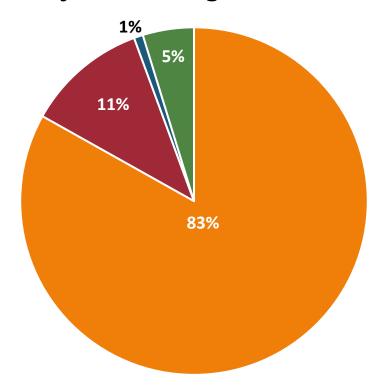






- FDEP Wastewater Grant (Awarded) \$4,290,000
- ARPA Grant (Awarded) \$1,725,814.62
- SJRWMD Cost Share Grant (Pending) \$3,167,000
- OCU Contribution (up to 25% per Ordinance) \$2,666,428.42

#### **Project Funding Allocations**



- RMS Construction Costs \$9,849,999.52
- B&N Consultant Fees \$1,335,183.52
- Materials Testing \$100,000
- Capital Charges \$564,060



- Septic to Sewer Project Potential Schedule
  - Design Complete April 19, 2024
  - Proposal from Contractor July 19, 2024
  - BCC Approval August 27, 2024
  - Construction Commencement September 3, 2024
  - Construction Completion November 13, 2025



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#### **Questions and Answers**



