



Interoffice Memorandum

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To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and Board of County Commissioners

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*for
Andres Salcedo*

Subject: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Work Session
October 13, 2020 BCC Meeting
Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Retrofit Program – Phase 1
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This work session is a follow-up to the April 21, 2020 Board presentation on the Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Retrofit Program (the "Program"), which consists of multiple construction phases to build centralized sanitary sewer collection and transmission systems within multiple subdivisions of the Wekiwa Springs Watershed Basin in northwest Orange County. The program aims to ultimately connect 2,057 homes currently on septic tanks to central sewer service over the next 12 years. Phase 1 is currently under final design and includes 213 homes within the communities of Wekiwa Highlands and Sweetwater West.

The Program seeks to implement initiatives of the Wekiwa Springs and Rock Springs Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), which has a goal to reduce nitrogen levels at the spring vents. Orange County is a primary stakeholder in this project. We have already obtained funding assistance from St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and state budget appropriations. However, we are currently seeking additional funding from FDEP and the homeowners through a Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU).

Staff will provide background information on the program, the design progress, the status of the funding, and the discussions with the residents regarding the MSBU.

Board action is not required at this time; however, staff will be seeking Board direction associated with funding options for Phase 1 of the Program.