#### **BITHLO COMMUNITY WATER**

#### **Utilities Department**

Orange County Board of County Commissioners

January 8, 2013

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# Background

- Community meeting December 1, 2011
- Committed to:
  - Free water quality sampling & analysis
  - Further analysis and discussion of a potential water supply project
  - Subsequent community meeting



### Background

- Community meeting May 2, 2012
  - Update on WQ testing results
  - Maintenance of private water treatment systems
  - More information on potential water supply project

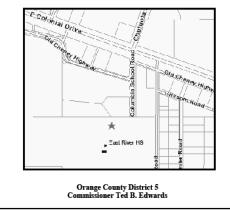


Bithlo Community Meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2012 - 6:00pm East River High School 654 Columbia School Road Orlando, FL 32833

Please join District 5 Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, various Orange County departments, and YOUR neighbors at an important community meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform you of a number of projects occurring in your community, provide a report on water sampling results, present an education program on how to maintain your well and to follow up the discussion about bringing public water to the Bithlo area. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Office at 407-836-5606.

> BUSQUE ALGUIEN QUE LE TRADUZCA. PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN FAVOR DE LLAMAR A NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION DIVISION AL (407) 836-5606.



If any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this meeting, then not later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division at (407) 836-5606.

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#### A to Z Recycling and Salvage Facility

Location



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#### A to Z Recycling and Salvage Facility

Aerial Photo Mid – 1990s Operational

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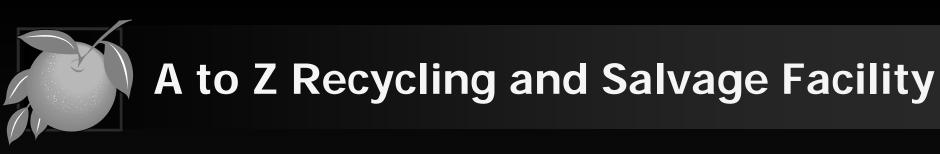
#### A to Z Recycling and Salvage Facility

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Aerial





Next Steps

 <u>November 2012 to February 2013</u> - current owner to negotiate Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Initiation
 Agreement with FDEP. Makes them eligible to obtain the financial incentives for Brownfield redevelopment.

 <u>February 2013</u> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for Brownfield Designation.

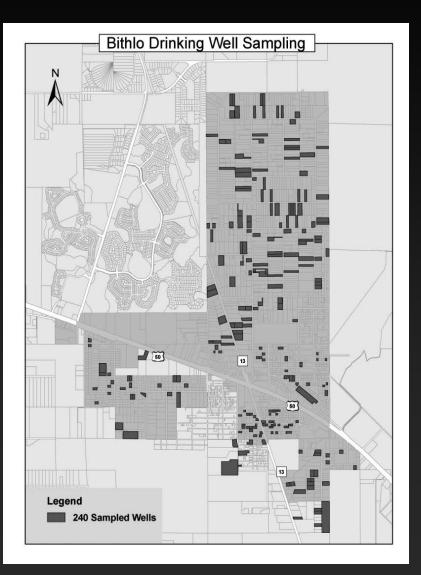


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# Water Quality Update

- 240 wells were sampled representing 269 homes
- Measured results using EPA standards for public drinking water systems





# Water Quality Update

- Primary Standards

   Benzene, TCE
   Sodium, Lead
   Trihalomethanes
- Secondary Standards Al, Iron, Mg, Zn



Next Step: Well Education Program - 49 well owners



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# Water Supply Analysis

2000 Bithlo Water
 System Study

Updated study for
 2012 costs and
 connection
 information



# Water Supply Analysis

- Parcels
  - 1,895 residential
  - ➤ 115 commercial
- 38 miles of new pipe
- Estimated cost \$20.5M
- Cost per residential parcel is approximately \$10K





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- Opportunities for Project Cost Reduction
  - Owner-occupied low-income CDBG funding
  - State and federal grant funding
  - County contribution
- Project Financing Option
  - MSBU



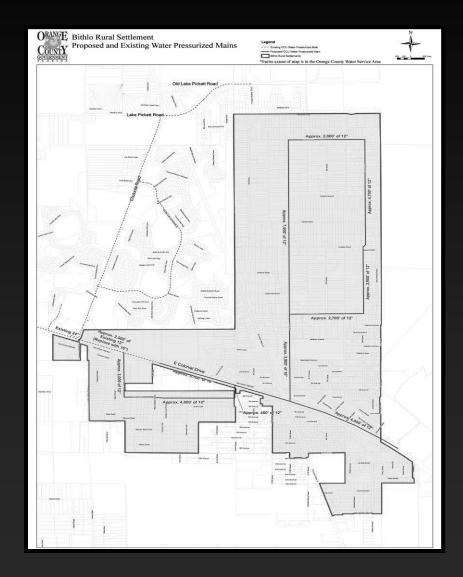
- Owner-occupied Low-income CDBG Funding
  - Capital charges & connection fees
  - \$3,500 reduction per parcel
  - 650 potential qualifying parcels

- State and Federal Grant Funding
  - Area-wide
  - Distribution system





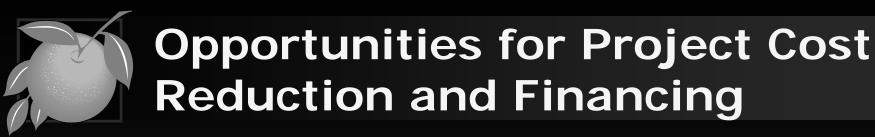
- Potential County contribution
- \$4.5M
- \$2,240 reduction per parcel





- Financing Option
  - Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)
  - Costs could be paid for over a 10-year period with their annual tax bill





#### Full Project Cost

- Transmission
   \$ 2,240
- Distribution \$ 4,260
- Connection Fees/Capital Charges
   \$ <u>3,500</u>
- Total \$10,000
- Estimated 10-Year MSBU \$ 1,195/yr

Residents would also be responsible for a monthly water bill.

- Full Project Cost w/ County Contribution\*
- Transmission \$2,240
  Distribution \$4,260
  Connection Fees/Capital Charges \$3,500
  Total \$7,760
  Estimated 10-Year MSBU \$935/yr

Residents would also be responsible for a monthly water bill. \*Affects all parcels

- Full Project Cost w/ County Contribution & CDBG\*
- Transmission \$2,240
   Distribution \$4,260
   Connection Fees/Capital Charges \$3,500
   Total \$4,260
   Estimated 10-Year MSBU \$555/yr

Residents would also be responsible for a monthly water bill. \*Affects only low-income owner-occupied parcels



#### Cost Summary

- Full Project Cost \$1,195/yr ullet
- With County Contribution 935/yr \$ ullet
- With County Contribution and CDBG 555/yr \$  $\bullet$

 State and federal grants would reduce these costs for all property owners.



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## **Ballot Process**

- Balloting Process
  - Community meeting
  - Mail official ballot
  - Tally votes





# **Ballot Process**

- Project will only move forward if the required percentage return "yes" votes
- Current Retrofit Policy requires 67%
  - Residents responsible for cost
- Recommend higher threshold
  - Potential County contribution
  - Significant cost to property owners
  - Lack of support in previous balloting





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- Work with Central Florida delegates to obtain state grant funding
- Work with Congressman Mica's office to obtain federal grant funding
- Update Board with revised cost estimate and request Board direction
  - Initiation of ballot process
  - County contribution
  - Percentage of "yes" votes required

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