



## Interoffice Memorandum

October 11, 2021

**TO:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
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County Commissioners

**FROM:** Ed Torres, M.S., P.E., LEED AP, Director  
Utilities Department

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**SUBJECT: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Discussion**  
**October 26, 2021 BCC Meeting**  
**Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Retrofit Program – Phase 2**  
**Contact Person: Andres Salcedo, P.E., Deputy Director**  
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This is a follow-up to the March 9, 2021 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 2,077 homes currently on septic tanks to central sewer service. The program duration has been significantly reduced since our last presentation thanks to the recent 50% funding announcement by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for phases 2 through 8 totaling \$36,875,000. Phase 2 is currently under final design and includes 154 homes within the communities of Palms 1 & 2.

We continue implementing the 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 BMAP and has obtained funding assistance for Phase 2 of the Program from St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and state budget appropriations. We are currently seeking additional funding for Phase 2 from the homeowners through a Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU).

Staff will provide background information on the Program, the Phase 2 design progress, the status of the funding, and the discussions with the residents regarding the upcoming MSBU.

This item is for informational purposes only. Board action is not required at this time.

District 2.