



EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

Utilities Department

FY 23/24 – 4th Quarter Accomplishments (July – September):

Planning and Future Growth

1. Analyze Current Urban Growth Boundary
 - a. With regards to the SW Wastewater Service Area, the engineer (Ardurra) completed the preliminary design report (PDR) which evaluated the capacity needs of the existing Oak Run Wastewater Reclamation Facility and future build-out conditions in the sewer basin. Staff negotiated with Ardurra for the design and permitting task associated with the Oak Run WRF expansion and awarded the design contract in August 2024.
 - b. Design continued on the NW 49th Street corridor and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) I-75 improvement project to include both water and wastewater infrastructure within the corridor and across I-75. FDOT has revised the project delivery method to include a Design Build approach which was scheduled to bid in 2024. This activity supports Project Angus at the proposed I-75/NW 49th Street interchange.
2. Promote Infill within Marion Oaks and Silver Springs Shores
 - a. Utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, developed four (4) phases within the program to offer approximately 2,000 water and sewer connections in Silver Springs Shores area.
 1. Phase I Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Quality Enterprises; awarded the construction contract associated with the project and construction is underway.
 2. Phase II Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith; awarded the construction contract associated with the project and construction is underway.
 3. Phase III Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith, the design plans are 100% complete. Funding will dictate if construction will proceed in the next cycle. Staff continues to seek additional funding opportunities to support the construction of the project.
 4. Phase IV Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith, the design plans will be considered 100% complete this quarter. Funding will dictate if construction will proceed in the next cycle. Staff continues to seek additional funding opportunities to support the construction of the project.
 - b. Marion Oaks Water Main (ARPA phase) will include the installation of approximately nineteen (19) miles of water mains in the Marion Oaks Subdivision, awarded to Quality Enterprises. The project is under construction and is on schedule.



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3. The Centers (ARPA phase) will include the installation of water and wastewater infrastructure in the area off of SW 60th Avenue and SR 200. Marion County awarded the project to Wharton Smith; the project is under construction and will be complete in this quarter.

FY 24/25 – 1st Quarter Goals (October – December):

Planning and Future Growth

1. Analyze Current Urban Growth Boundary
 - a. Manage the design contract by reaching the defined goals in the contract associated with the expansion of the Oak Run WRF Facility.
 - b. Continue to work with Kimley-Horn with the design and permitting tasks associated with the I-75/NW 49th Street corridor improvements while meeting the FDOT overall schedule associated with the new improvements.
2. Promote Infill within Marion Oaks and Silver Springs Shores
 - a. Monitor the construction of the Marion Oaks Water Main Project.
 - b. Phase I Septic to Sewer – Monitor the construction of Phase I & II Projects.
 - c. Continue to seek funding for the construction of Phase III & IV of the Septic to Sewer program in the Shores.
3. Provide for Existing Needs and Future Growth
 - a. Continue to schedule and hold meetings between the defined teams/departments and report to Administration the information developed from the internal meeting(s).
 - b. Continue to work with Community Services to support the affordable housing initiative.