



## EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

### Utilities Department

#### **FY 23/24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accomplishments (October – December):**

##### 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. The work included exploring opportunities to expand the existing wastewater plant, develop and construct a new wastewater plant or a combination of both activities for future flows within the basin.
  - b. Design continued on the NW 49<sup>th</sup> 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. Kimley Horn presented utilities plans to FDOT for review and coordination. This activity supports Project Angus at the proposed I-75/NW 49<sup>th</sup> 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, achieved 90% design plans. Plans have been reviewed and comments provided. Guaranteed Maximum Price or GMP will be negotiated in the next cycle.
    2. Phase II Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith, achieved 90% design plans. Plans have been reviewed and comments provided. Guaranteed Maximum Price or GMP will be negotiated in the next cycle.
    3. Phase III Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith, the design plans are approaching 60% complete.
    4. Phase IV Septic to Sewer Project, awarded to Wharton Smith, the design plans are approaching 60% complete.
  - 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 has been split into two (2) phases and phase I 90% design plans are in hand. Phase II 90% design plans have been submitted and are under review. Guaranteed Maximum Price or GMP for both phases will be negotiated in the next cycle.



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3. The Centers (ARPA phase) will include the installation of water and wastewater infrastructure in the area off of SW 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SR 200. Marion County awarded the project to Wharton Smith and the design phase is at 90% plan stage. The Guaranteed Maximum Price or GMP was negotiated in December and will be presented to the Board for consideration and approval in early January 2024 – construction will follow.
4. Overall, one-hundred and forty nine (149) applications for the Short Water Main Extension Projects; ninety-one (91) projects moved forward in the process; forty-seven (47) projects are complete; twenty-one (21) are ready for or under construction; and twenty-three (23) projects are in design.

### **FY 23/24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Goals (January – March):**

#### **Planning and Future Growth**

1. Analyze Current Urban Growth Boundary
  - a. Continue working with Ardurra to develop the supporting design scope and fee required for the design contract for the SW Wastewater Service Area. Begin negotiations associated with the design component for expanding the Oak Run Facility.
  - b. Continue to work with Kimley-Horn with the design and permitting tasks associated with the I-75/NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street corridor improvements while meeting the FDOT schedule.
2. Promote Infill within Marion Oaks and Silver Springs Shores
  - a. Continue to develop the Guaranteed Maximum Price or GMP associated with Marion Oaks Water Main Project (Phase I and II), and Phase I & II of the Septic to Sewer program in the Shores. Complete the design and permitting associated with Phase III & IV of the Septic to Sewer program in the Shores. Begin construction activities within the Centers Project.
  - b. Continue to complete the water main plans associated with the approved Short Water Main Extension Program Resolutions. Continue to utilize the ARPA funds that were set aside to fund water main extensions in Marion County to offset infrastructure costs associated with water main extensions.
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.