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Hello Neighbors,

Here is a brief update on the current status of the Septic to Sewer project:

1. On April 25, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Cambridge Greens Septic To Sewer Project. The winning bid was submitted by Commercial Industrial Corporation who specialize in projects of this nature. Also, during the meeting, Ken Cheek ( Dir. of Citrus County Water Resources) was asked by the Commissioners to look for more funding sources from the state.

2. The project is scheduled to start on August 24, 2023. Initial construction will be the four lift stations. They will be located at:

Pump Station CG-01: E. Monopoly Loop south of E. Ventnor Lane on the southwest corner.

Pump Station CG-02: E. Monopoly Loop south of N. Short Line Way on the northeast corner of Drainage Retention Area (DRA) 10.

Pump Station CG-03: E. Allegrie Drive in the northeast corner of Clearview Estates DRA.

Pump Station CG-04: N. Currier Point at the end of the cul-de-sac in DRA 11.

Completion date for the whole project is scheduled to be December of 2024. We will have 1 year from their completion date to hookup to the sewer system.

3. Cost to Property Owners: There will be an assessment of \$6,000 which can be financed on your tax bill with the county for 10 years @ 6% simple interest. It can also be paid in full at any time of your choosing with no pre-payment penalty. The \$6,000 is a firm number. If the project comes in under budget, the assessment will be amended to reflect the lower number. If you paid the \$6,000 up-front, you will receive a refund.

On April 28, 2023 Ken Cheek agreed to the committee's request to reinstitute our option to finance the hook up costs of \$2,745 at 6% simple interest for 10 years with Citrus County Utilities.

A summary of **projected** costs to Property Owners:

Assessment	\$6,000	per property (could be less)
Hook up cost	\$2,745	
Permit Fees	\$ 389	
Property restoration fees	\$4,000 to \$7,000	(A very rough est.)
Grant	<\$4,000>	
<b>Proj. Prop. Owner cost</b>	<b>\$10,634</b>	

4. The \$4,000 grant can be used to offset the cost of demolition of septic tank and restitution of lawns. Also grant money can be used to pay for hook up cost, permit fees and assessment. **It will be important to save all your receipts because they will need to be submitted as proof of payment.**

5. One last important issue relative to the lift stations: The lift stations require constant power for the sewage system to function. We have been very concerned about what will happen if the stations lose power because the current design does not include an on site auxiliary power source. The County's response to our concern is that alerts, utilizing telemetry, will notify them when power to a station is lost. At that time they will dispatch a crew with a portable generator. This is problematic because using telemetry in stormy weather is not always reliable. Also, it assumes County workers are able to reach the lift stations under storm conditions. The Sewer Committee raised this as an issue in June of last year and several times since. The County consistently dismisses our concern. If you agree with the Committee, contact Ruth Schlabach and Holly Davis at 352.341.6650 to express your thoughts.

6. The Sewer Committee and the Board continue to pursue additional funding to offset the cost of the Sewer Project.

7. Progress on the septic to sewer project can be found at

[https://citrusbocc.com/departments/water\\_resources/cambridge\\_greens\\_page.php](https://citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/cambridge_greens_page.php)

Your Cambridge Greens Sewer Committee,



Carl Puylara - Chair