

# Selection of Progressive Design-Build Firm for the Groundwater Recharge Wetland Project Water & Wastewater Systems





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**Gainesville Regional  
Utilities, Groundwater  
Recharge Wetland Park**

**Project site**

Diamond Sports Park  
ACPS Property

Oakmont  
Elementary

OAKMONT

Wilds  
Plantation

Haile  
Plantation

Garrison  
Way

KANAPAHA  
WRF

KANAPAHA  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS

KANAPAHA  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

Haile  
Plantation

SW 24TH AVE

SW 91ST ST

SW 75TH ST

SW 44TH AVE

SW 104TH TER

SW 46TH BLVD

SW 63RD  
BLVD

SW 75TH  
ST

SW ARCHER RD



**GRAPHIC LEGEND**

- Project Site
- RCW Main
- RCW Areas



0 0.25 0.5 Miles



# Project Background

- North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan
  - Created to protect and restore springs and rivers flows
- Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville 2018-2028 Water Supply Facilities Work Plan
- Supports Santa Fe & Ichetucknee River Flows
- Cost Share Partnership Created
  - Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - Suwannee River Water Management District
- 3 MGD of Aquifer Recharge
- Future buildout 5 MGD



# Project Benefits

- Recharges the Floridan aquifer
- Supports Santa Fe & Ichetucknee River flows
- Creates wetland habitat
- Alachua County plans to manage public access:
  - Passive recreation
  - Wildlife viewing
  - Photo opportunities
  - Environmental education

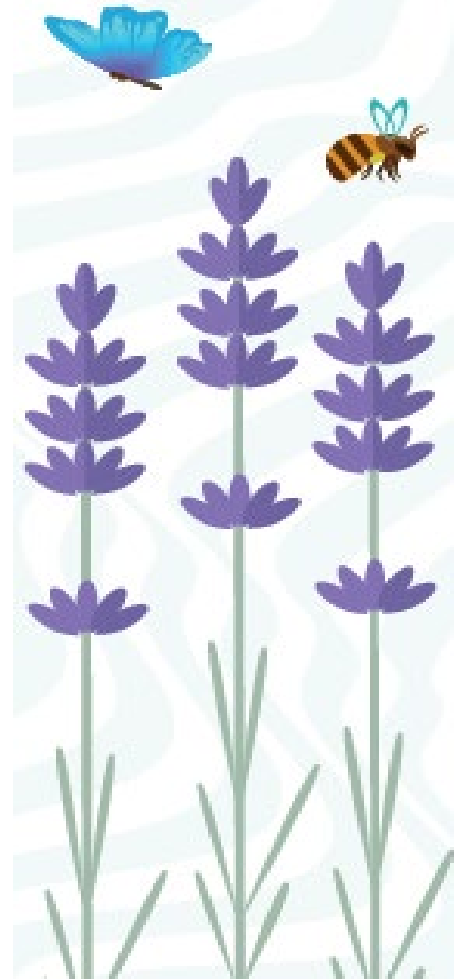


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# Proposed Schedule

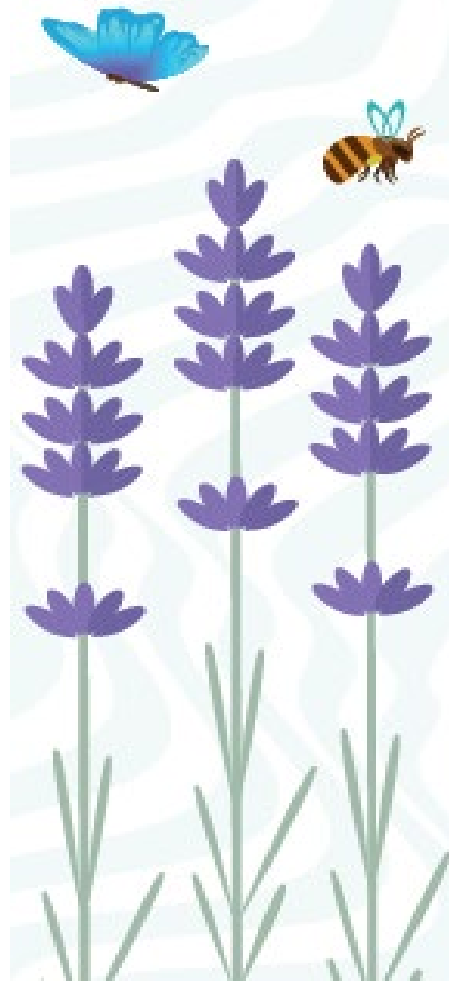
Schedule	Calendar Year*
Purchase Property	2021 (complete)
Select Design-Build Team	2022
Design & Permitting	2022/2023
Wetland Construction	2023/2025
Start-up	2025-2026

\* Schedule contingent upon funding



# Fiscal Impact

- Property acquisition completed in January 2021
  - \$2M with 50 percent cost-share from FDEP / SRWMD
- Estimated project cost including permitting, design and construction is \$8 to \$10 million
- FDEP/SRWMD funding 50 percent of design & permitting
- GRU expects FDEP/SRWMD will cost share construction and wetland start-up
- GRU will apply for additional funding opportunities



# Request for Statement of Qualifications

- Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Progressive Design-Builders was posted on September 28, 2021
- Four Design-Build firms responded
- Phase 1: Four Statement of Qualifications were evaluated, three firms were selected to move to Phase 2
- Phase 2: Presentations and interviews were completed by the top three firms



# Request for Statement of Qualifications

In accordance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA) F.S. 287.055 and City of Gainesville/GRU Procurement Policies, the firms were ranked in the following order:

1. Wharton-Smith, Inc.
2. Jacobs Project Management Company
3. Phillips & Jordan, Inc.

# Recommendations

The City Commission:

- 1) approve the ranking of design-build firms for the progressive design build for the Ground- Water Recharge Wetland Project;
- 2) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to initiate contract negotiations with the design-build firms in order of rank in accordance with the CCNA; and
- 3) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a contract, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for the total project cost not to exceed \$10 million in accordance with the annually approved budget.



*Thank you*