



**Authorization to Utilize  
ConnectFree Funds for SE 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ave Septic To Sewer Project**

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# Targeted Septic to Sewer

- Potential for impacts to creeks
  - Dept of Health (DOH) &/or Alachua County Environmental Protection Dept identified properties
  - Proximity to creeks
  - Failing systems w/ poor soils
- ConnectFree applicants
- Ability to connect & cost
- Low income
- Ability to leverage grants

# Existing Grants

- 2020 Legislative Appropriation
  - 50% cost share up to \$100,000
- St. Johns River Water Management District
  - Up to \$47,279 targeted to SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave neighborhood

# Proposed SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Septic to Sewer Project

- Neighborhood of 6 homes (7 lots)
- DOH Identified 1 home w/ confirmed impacts & 5 homes w/ high potential for impacts to creek
- ConnectFree Applicants
  - Issues w/ backups during wet weather
- At least 1 low income (but not all)
- Ability to leverage grants







# Proposed SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Septic to Sewer Project

- Must use Low Pressure “Grinder” pump system
  - Cannot serve w/ conventional gravity sewer
  - GRU must develop new standards
  - Project will also serve as pilot
- Estimated cost ~ \$200,000 - \$300,000
- City Commission approval required for ConnectFree projects over \$50,000

# Recommendation

- Authorize expenditure of up to \$200,000 from the ConnectFree program funds for the proposed SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave septic to sewer project