

Authorization to Utilize ConnectFree Funds for SE 13th 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 13th Ave neighborhood

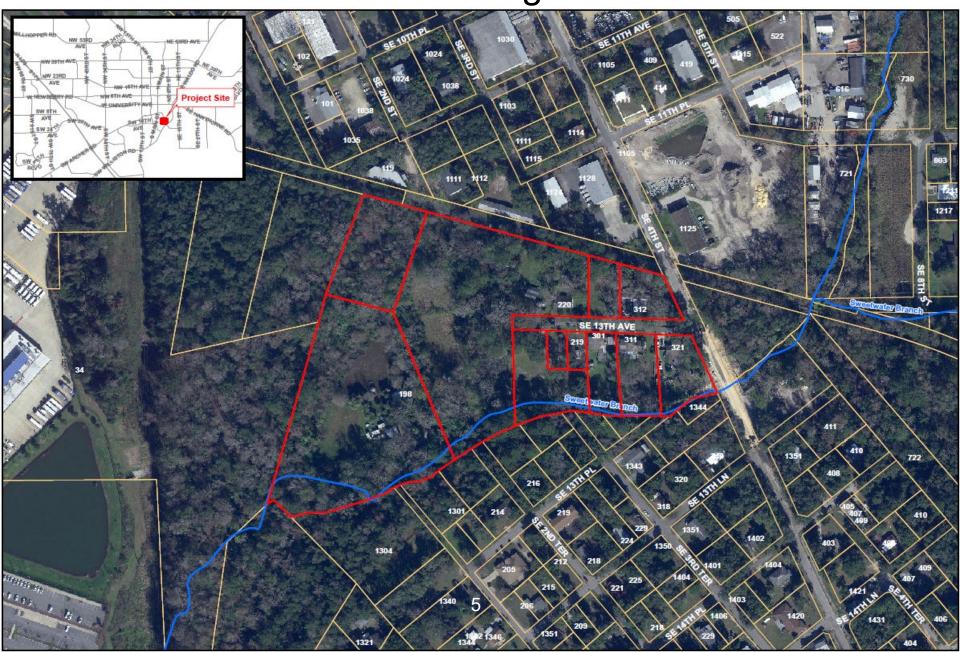


Proposed SE 13th Ave Septic to Sewer Project

- 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



SE 13th Ave Neighborhood



Proposed SE 13th 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 13th Ave septic to sewer project

