



## **Sewer Project – Phase III Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. Why is the City doing this project?**

This project aims to improve the City's sewer infrastructure and protect our natural resources by removing septic tanks along the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers.
- 2. Will the project be supervised on site?**

Yes, the City's engineering firm will oversee the work of the contractor on a daily basis.
- 3. What areas of the City will be affected by Phase III?**

The wastewater treatment plant, Short Tower Way and portions of the east side of US 41
- 4. How will I know when my property is affected by the construction?**

You will be notified via a written notice left on your door when your property is scheduled for construction improvements.
- 5. What is the total cost of this construction?**

Construction will cost \$3,558,636.
- 6. Is there any cost borne by the property owner?**

Yes, the fee is \$2,005. (\$1,805 impact fee, house to sewer, and \$200 connect fee, bore into the sewer line)
- 7. When is the \$2,005 fee due to the City?**

When construction is completed in the property owner's area and sewer service is available.
- 8. Can the property owner make installment payments over a period of time?**

Yes, Brannen Bank (Dunnellon Branch) offers financing available to the City's property owners wanting to finance the sewer fees. The property owner should speak with Matt Brannen for the terms and conditions.
- 9. What if a property owner does not want to connect right away?**

The City's ordinance states that connection to the water and sewer system is mandatory. If the property owner postpones connecting when service becomes available, the cost of construction (currently covered by a grant from FDEP) from the right of way to the house or business, plus the total standard connection and impact fee of \$2,305 will be borne by the property owner.
- 10. How does the property owner know if they have to have a grinder pump?**

The property owner is provided a construction drawing. If they see a GP-and a #, it means there is a grinder pump being installed.
- 11. How long before the project is finished?**

The contractor, Brandes Design-Build, Inc. has 330 days from the start of the project.