# **Connect To Protect Grinder System Installation**

Category Non-Concurrency

**Project Number** 3616

Systemwide Location **District** Systemwide

**Project Limits** Systemwide

**Related Projects** 



#### DESCRIPTION

Provides funding for the on site infrastructure associated with the "Connect to Protect" Program. Funding for on site work includes but is not limited to a small diameter force main, grinder system, electrical work, site restoration, and capital facility charges.



The "Connect to Protect" Program was approved by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners and allows for small communities (less than 300 parcels) to be served with an economical and efficient grinder type sanitary sewer system.

### **PROJECT ORIGINATION**

Infrastructure Needs

#### JUSTIFICATION

The "Connect to Protect" Program is one program that assists with the overall goal of eliminating septic tanks and drain fields in the Martin County Utilities Service Area and is used in communities smaller than 300 parcels where a vacuum or gravity system is cost prohibitive.

|                   |           |           |           | Funded  |         |         |         |         | Unfunded  |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Expenditures      | Total     | To Date   |           | FY22    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25    | FY26    | FY27-FY31 |
| Construction      | 5,447,386 | 1,447,386 |           | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Expenditure Total | 5,447,386 | 1,447,386 |           | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 2,000,000 |
|                   |           |           |           |         |         |         |         |         |           |
| Revenues          | Total     | To Date   | Carryover | FY22    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25    | FY26    | FY27-FY31 |
| Utilities Fees    | 5,447,386 | 1,447,386 |           | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Revenue Total     | 5,447,386 | 1,447,386 |           | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 2,000,000 |

**Total Unfunded** 

## **OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

The annual maintenance costs for each grinder unit is estimated at \$77 per year. The maintenance expenses will be recovered from the monthly utility bills. The power for each grinder station is fed from a homes electrical panel and the electrical costs of running each station will be paid for directly by each individual parcel owner. An additional maintenance mechanic will be required for maintenance of the vacuum systems and the grinder systems. The timing of when this additional mechanic is needed will depend on how many customers connect to the force main system and the timing of the vacuum sewer systems, however the tentative schedule is when the Golden Gate Vacuum System comes online.