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SJRWMD Awards Another REDI Grant to Bunnell

Bunnell, FL (April 15, 2020) The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Governing Board met yesterday and approved the project rankings for the Rural Economic Development Initiative / Innovative Cost Share Program (REDI). Bunnell ranked 23rd of the 37 projects funded.

Contingent on approval of the SJRWMD fiscal year 20-21 budget, the City of Bunnell will receive \$500,000 for the Westside Stormwater Improvements Phase 2 project. The project is aimed towards 2 of the SJRWMD core objectives, Flood protection and Water Quality. This will be accomplished by installing trench drains along both sides of Deen Rd from Hardy St to Boundry St. and portions of Franz, and Fourth. This system is designed to have underground trench drains encased in stone, and a minor swale with pipe inlets 6" above ground. The purpose is to allow normal rainfalls to percolate through the grass and stone into the trench pipe, allowing the cleaning of storm water prior to entering receiving water bodies. During heavy rain events the water level will rise in the swales to the 6" inlets allowing faster conveyance of storm water. The project also looks into the possibility of a second MS-4 outfall for the West Side community, further reducing flooding risks.

"We are very thankful for SJRWMD's continued support. With this project we will be able to reduce flooding by increasing storage capacity with the trench drains, clean the storm water before it enters receiving water bodies, and set the example for future storm water projects. We are very excited to be able to bring these benefits to our residents." said Infrastructure Director Dustin Vost.

For more information on this project, please contact the Infrastructure Department at (386) 437-7515.

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