



Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative Board Meeting

Wholesale Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

September 15, 2026 – Otter Creek, Florida

Funding Status

Gateway Grant Writing & Administration

- **USDA Predevelopment Planning Grant** application submitted and currently under initial review. Letter of support requested.
 - Grant request amount: \$60,000.
 - Required local match: 25% (\$15,000) if awarded (Plans to approach the District for match).
 - USDA funding is intended for pre-planning and planning activities only, not construction.
 - Eligible activities may include engineering planning, feasibility analysis, preliminary studies, and project development activities.

Grants Continued

- **FEMA BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities)** grant application currently in development.
 - BRIC application submitted 8/12/2026 for \$300,000
 - **Requires an Engineer Probable Opinion of Cost**
 - BRIC funding supports hazard mitigation and infrastructure resilience projects designed to reduce long-term disaster risk.
 - Current BRIC guidance emphasizes:
 - Infrastructure resilience
 - Hazard mitigation
 - Project readiness
 - Measurable risk reduction outcomes
 - BRIC is not intended as a general construction funding **Eligible projects must demonstrate direct resilience and hazard mitigation benefits**

Grants Continued

- **FDEP Grants.gov Springs Grant**
 - Application submitted for \$1,000,000 for land acquisition
 - Submitted September 1, 2026
- **FDEP Grants.gov Alternative Water Supply Grant**
 - Application submitted for \$80,000,000
 - Submitted September 1, 2026

Grant Request Summary

Funding Source	Application Amount	Date Submitted
USDA Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grant	\$60,000	June 19, 2026
BRIC Grant	\$300,000	August 13, 2026
FDEP Springs Grant	\$1,000,000	September 1, 2026
FDEP Alternative Water Supply Grant	\$80,000,000	September 1, 2026
Total	\$81,360,000	

Path Forward for Water

- Submitted cost information for SAHM agreement based on existing facility plan, estimating less

Category	Project Costs	
Planning	\$667,016.86	\$490,567.98
Design	\$3,326,900	
Eligible Land	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Construction, Equipment, Materials, Demolition and Related Procurement*	\$ 25,487,592.14	
Contingency %/Amount (construction)	included in construction	
Technical Services During Construction	\$4,657,660	
	\$ 35,139,169.00	

SAHM Water Funding

- Confirmed with FDEP the W3C remains qualified for this funding because of Cedar Key and Otter Creek Hurricane Impacts
- FDEP has begun writing the agreement
- FDEP has requested more detail in SAHM Application Supporting Documents
 - Impacts on the water and sewer systems
 - Service Outage and Boil Water Notices
 - Cedar Key Water & Sewer District – Dewberry Clipping from Website
 - Otter Creek – Dewberry needs to confirm with Town if potable water service was interrupted

SAHM Water Funding

- Dewberry submitted the requested impact documents to FDEP on 9/10/2026
- This document outlines the hurricane impacts to W3C communities, and how these impacts qualified the Cooperative for the funding
 - relocates the potable water supply wells inland to eliminate saline intrusion into the drinking water supply
 - reduces flood damage risk and vulnerability through improvements of the water treatment and distribution system

Scope for W3C Water Program

- Water System Facilities Plan Document & Supporting Appendices
 - Three alternative treatment/pipeline/pumping route configurations, etc
 - 2 new sites
 - Bronson site
- Upper Floridan Aquifer production well
 - Sampling and testing
 - Geophysical logging

REFERENCE NO. 50182367

WACCASASSA WATER AND WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE FACILITIES PLAN

Water Facilities Plan

MARCH, 2026



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Water Scope

	TASK	\$ AMOUNT
Phase 1		
Task 1	Meetings and Public Outreach	\$ 10,581.02
Task 2	Public Outreach	\$ 30,048.43
Task 3	Financial Feasibility	\$ 33,811.97
Task 4	Water Feasibility Plan	\$ 61,575.44
	Phase 1 Total	\$ 136,016.86
Phase 2		
Task 1	Upper Floridan Aquifer Test/Production Well	\$ 333,551.12
Task 2	Water Quality Testing	\$ 21,000.00
	Phase 2 Total	\$ 354,551.12
	Total	\$ 490,567.98

Approved but on hold pending loan agreement

Path Forward for Wastewater

- SRF Planning Loan for \$260,000 was awarded on 8/12/2026
 - 50% Principal Forgiveness (\$130,000)
 - Application is in process. Amount being reduced to \$219,969 with \$109,984.50 based on contractor quotes
- Assessing capacity and need
- SRF amended facilities plan
 - Feasibility analysis/ SRF business plan
 - Population projections
 - Environmental

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Clean Water Planning Loan - Request for Inclusion

JUNE 2026

Scope for W3C Wastewater Program

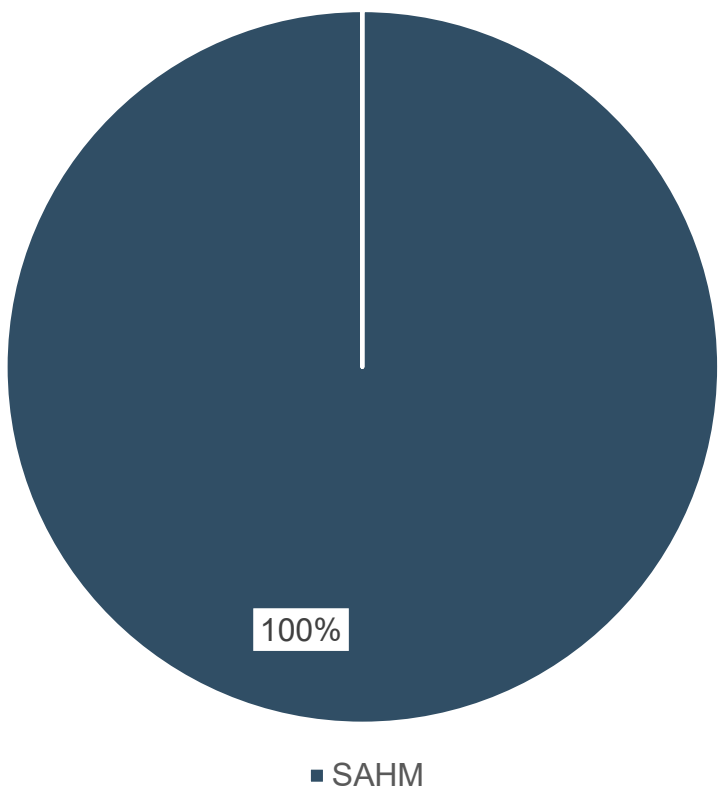
- Wastewater System Facilities Plan Document & Supporting Appendices
 - Three alternative treatment/pipeline/pumping route configurations
 - Identification of necessary land acquisition
 - Identification of right-of-way width availability and associated and preliminary pipeline right-of-way acquisition
 - Identification of major utilities in selected corridor
 - Outline of potential parties for operation and maintenance of water supply and wastewater treatment and pipeline facilities
 - Hydraulic and water age analysis of opening day and planning period flows for selected alternative
 - Land acquisition and infrastructure cost estimates.
 - Environmental Assessment Results
 - Implementation Schedule
 - SRF Request for Inclusion Forms

Wastewater Scope

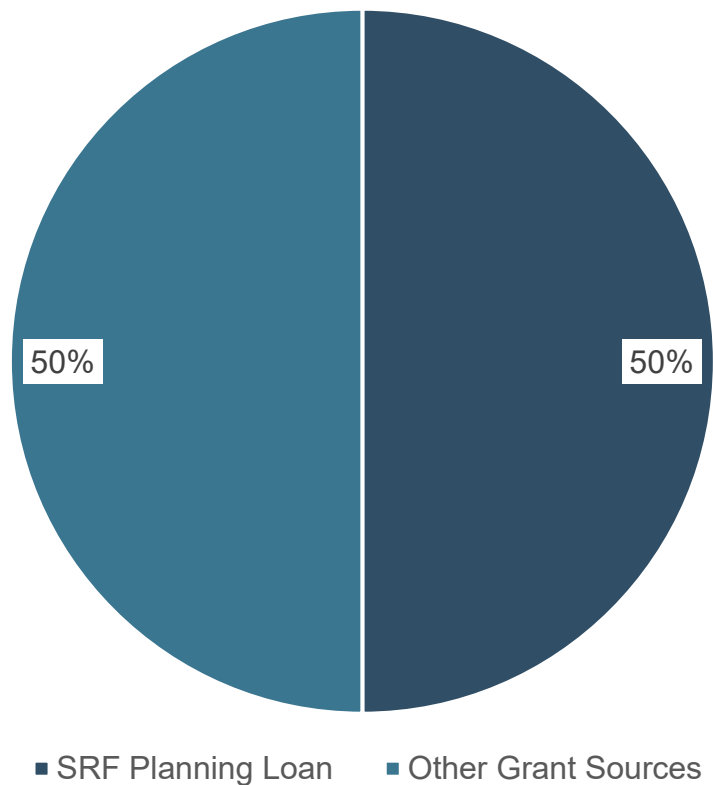
Task	Est. Amount
Engineering and Project Management	\$ 26,093.56
Public Outreach	\$ 35,560.76
Business Plan	\$ 33,093.00
Final Report	\$ 125,221.68
	\$ 219,969.00

Current Funding Outlook

Current Water Funding

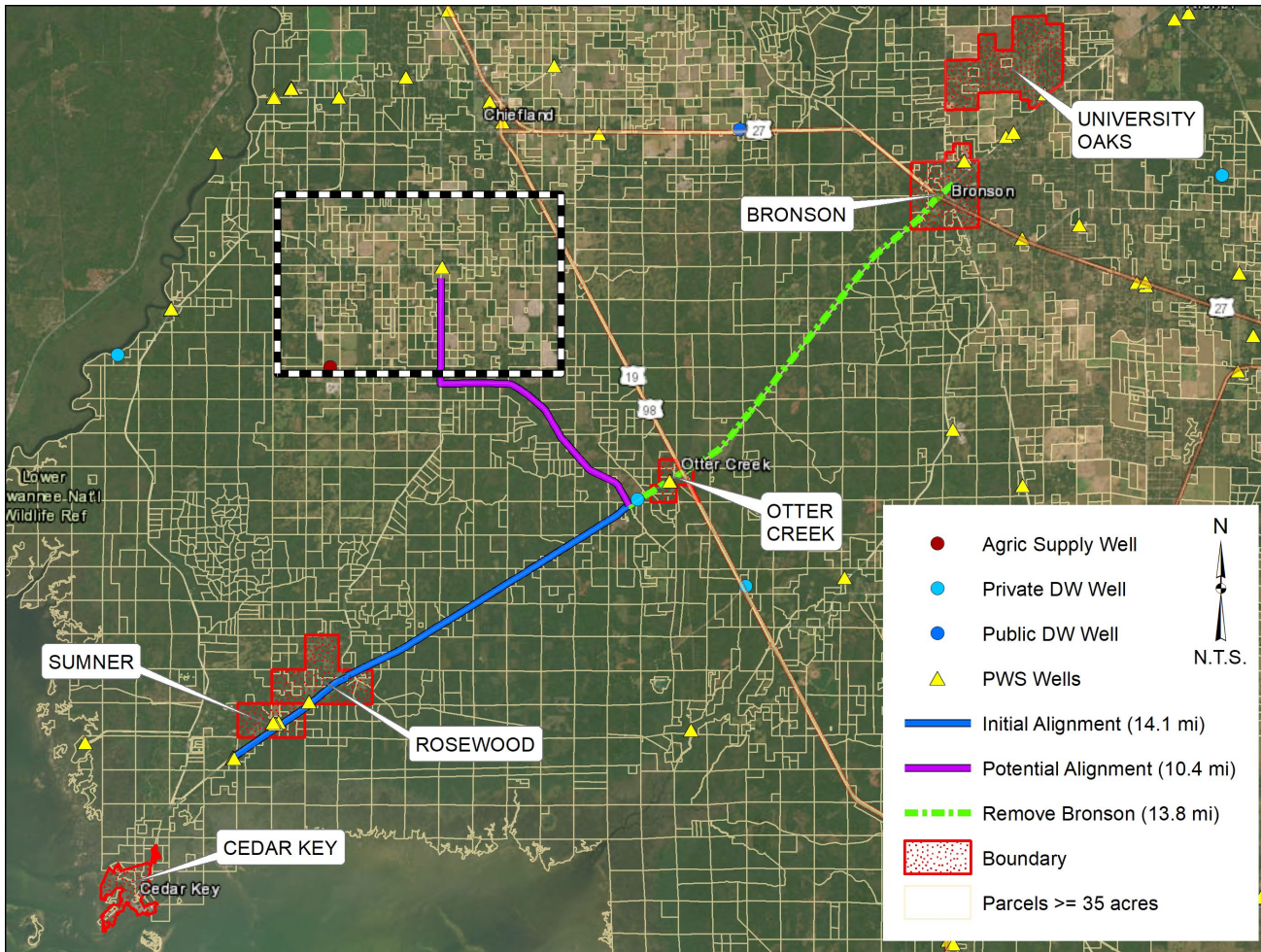


Current Wastewater Funding



Next Steps

Investigating W3C Facility Alternatives



- Real estate representative has been acquired
- Potential locations large enough to co-locate WTP and WWTF are under evaluation
- This alternative reduces 3.4 miles of conveyance pipeline
- Pipeline corridor appears to be simplified with fewer utility conflicts and smaller wetland footprint, could offer cost savings

Looking Ahead



Complete loan Agreement from FDEP for SAHM Water Funding



Determine feasibility of alternative location(s)
for water and wastewater treatment facility

Working with third party representative to identify locations



Interlocal agreement and SRWMD Discussion Regarding Potable Test Well



Cedar Key to confirm water and wastewater capacity needs for planning purposes.



Continue to determine future of Bronson site