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Citrus County Awarded \$4.14 Million for Cambridge Greens Septic-to-Sewer Project

CITRUS COUNTY, Fla. (May 7, 2026) — Citrus County has been awarded \$4.14 million in springs initiative funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The funding will cover homeowner special assessment costs for the Cambridge Greens Septic-to-Sewer project in Lecanto.

“When I learned septic-to-sewer projects could cost property owners upwards of \$14,000, with assessments being the largest share of the costs, I knew we had to find another way,” said Citrus County Commission Chair Diana Finegan. “I worked with our Water Resources Director and partners in Tallahassee to pursue funding, and I’m proud of our success through collaboration.”

“This is the model I want to continue across Citrus County, and we’re not stopping here. We’re already working to secure additional funding for all of the upcoming projects in Homosassa so we can bring those assessments down as close to zero as possible,” she added.

Citrus County Water Resources completed the Cambridge Greens septic-to-sewer project last year. They connected more than 320 single-family residences to central sewer service, ensuring wastewater is properly routed to the Meadowcrest Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This project supports the goals of the Crystal River/Kings Bay Basin Management Action Plan adopted in 2018 to restore and protect Florida’s water quality.

“The Cambridge Greens Subdivision was identified as a source of nutrient loading to groundwater and surface waters within the Kings Bay springshed,” said Citrus County Water Resources Director Ken Cheek. “This project helps improve and protect water quality. I am grateful to FDEP and staff for helping us accomplish it.”

Approval of the funding agreement will be brought to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners at its meeting on May 26, 2026.

“I’m especially grateful to the Water Resources Department staff, Director Ken Cheek, the Florida DEP, and Governor Ron Desantis for sharing this vision and commitment to protect our environment while also reducing costs for residents,” said Commission Chair Diana Finegan.

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