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Dunnellon Wastewater Projects approved by the Springs Coast Steering Committee

During their meeting yesterday, the Springs Coast Steering Committee for Southwest Florida Water Management District approved and recommended all four of Dunnellon's grant applications to be considered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for springshed funding.

The projects include a \$2,742,000 Rainbow Springs Wastewater Facility Decommissioning Project that will rerate the City's wastewater facility and provide for consolidation of the current wastewater system by decommissioning the Rainbow Springs facility and creating a connection to the City's main wastewater facility. This eliminates a large expense that would be incurred in order to comply with new FDEP environmental regulations to bring the Rainbow Springs facility into compliance by the year 2020. The removal of this facility will result in a substantial and measurable reduction in the identified pollutant sources.

The remaining three applications are septic removal projects as the City recognizes the vital ecological and economic importance that Rainbow Springs and the Rainbow River has in the community. These projects will help improve the water quality of these impaired water bodies and are dependent on the rerating of the City's wastewater facility to 0.50 million gallons per day.

They are as follows:

\$10,000,000 Rainbow River and Rio Vista Septic-to-Sewer project where the primary objective of the project is to design and construct a sanitary sewer system removing from service approximately 329 septic tanks from the associated single family residential lots.

\$3,700,000 Chatmire Septic-to- Sewer project removing from service approximately 210 septic tanks from the associated single family residential lots.

\$350,000 Burkett Road Septic-to-Sewer project removing 11 septic tanks from the associated single family residential lots.

FDEP is expected to render a decision during summer 2018 regarding those applications submitted from all four Water Management Districts throughout the State of Florida to be funded.

For further information on the Springs Coast Steering, Management and Technical Committees please defer to <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/springs/springs-coast/>.