

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SENIORS WORKING TOGETHER (SWT)

TO: ALL OAK RUN PROPERTY OWNERS

On June 24, 2026, the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (**SERCAP, Inc.**) has graciously agreed to conduct a comprehensive Geographic Information System (**GIS**) mapping initiative of portions of the Oak Run wastewater infrastructure system. This important project is being provided at **no cost to Oak Run residents, property owners, Marion County Utilities, or taxpayers.**

The project is **fully funded through a grant** administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**) and secured through the efforts of the Seniors Working Together (**SWT**) Committee.

This GIS mapping initiative represents a significant milestone in SWT's ongoing efforts to better understand, document, and communicate information regarding the wastewater infrastructure serving Oak Run. The information collected will provide valuable infrastructure reference data that can assist SWT in its continued work with Marion County Utilities concerning long-standing wastewater system concerns and sewer gas releases affecting portions of our community.

The GIS mapping initiative will help establish a more organized and accurate understanding of the existing wastewater infrastructure throughout Oak Run. This information is expected to enhance communication, improve infrastructure identification, support disturbance tracking, and provide a valuable reference tool for future discussions involving sewer gas releases, maintenance activities, operational concerns, infrastructure improvements, and regional wastewater expansion planning—areas in which SWT is actively engaged in on behalf of the community.

****THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INITIATIVE CANNOT BE OVERSTATED.****

As Southwest Marion County continues to experience significant growth and development, increasing volumes of wastewater generated from expanding residential, commercial, and regional service areas are expected to be processed through the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility located adjacent to Oak Run.

Depending upon future connection points, infrastructure design, system routing, and county utility planning, portions of this wastewater may ultimately be conveyed through wastewater collection systems located within, adjacent to, or connected to infrastructure serving the Oak Run community before being processed at the wastewater facility near Oak Run.

For this reason, it is critically important that Oak Run residents remain informed, proactive, and equipped with accurate, current, and reliable infrastructure information. As regional growth and wastewater development continue to expand throughout Southwest Marion County, knowledge, documentation, and community awareness become essential tools for protecting the long-term

interests of our residents, preserving quality of life, protecting public health and safety, safeguarding property values, and promoting the overall welfare of the Oak Run community for generations to come.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER AND BETTER-INFORMED FUTURE FOR OAK RUN.

SWT believes this project represents a major step forward in strengthening community awareness, improving infrastructure documentation capabilities, and supporting informed, fact-based discussions regarding the future of wastewater management affecting Oak Run and the surrounding region.

A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement provided by SERCAP, Inc. outlining this project has been attached for resident review.

Residents with questions or concerns regarding this initiative are encouraged to contact the SWT Disturbance Line at **352-783-2185**. Please leave your name and telephone number, and a representative will return your call as soon as possible.

As always, Seniors Working Together (SWT) sincerely appreciates the continued support, involvement, and cooperation of Oak Run residents, the Decca Corporation, Marion County Utilities, and all those who contribute to the betterment of our community. Through collaboration, communication, and a shared commitment to Oak Run, we can help ensure that residents remain informed, engaged, and prepared for the future.

Together, we continue working toward solutions that protect and enhance the quality of life, health, safety, welfare, and property interests of all who call Oak Run home.

Respectfully,

Ana Ortiz-Warga and Neal Rehse, Chairs
On behalf of the entire Seniors Working
Together Committee Members

"SWT working for you"

Our moto: Unity in Community.

