FPUA Customer Connections

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Earth Day April 22, 2023

FPUA Investing In Fort Pierce

The theme of Earth Day 2023 is "Invest in Our Planet." It calls on people in communities, businesses and governments worldwide to work together on behalf of the environment and increase protections for ecosystems. In the spirit of Earth Day, FPUA wants to share the ways we are creating a resilient and sustainable future for our community:

We're Investing in 18 MW of solar energy, and counting, to reduce our carbon footprint.

We're investing in four acres of seagrass restoration in the Indian River Lagoon.

We're lining and sealing aging sewer pipes city-wide to prevent contamination in our waterways.

We're leading a community-wide Septic-to-Sewer initiative to eliminate pollution in our waterways.

One of FPUA's most significant investments in the future of Fort Pierce is moving the wastewater treatment plant off South Hutchinson Island, far from residences and the Indian River Lagoon. A new wastewater treatment plant is being built next to the Treasure Coast Energy Center (TCEC) natural gas power plant. The new plant will provide water for TCEC cooling towers reducing the draw from our Floridan aquifer by an average of two million gallons per day. The new plant is projected to be fully operational in 2025.

#Community Proud

Fort Pierce residents are getting a new, state-of-the-art sewer treatment plant

The new plant will shield the Indian River Lagoon from any potential catastrophe by reversing the wastewater conveyance toward the west and removing the plant from our shores.

The upgraded facility will save Fort Pierce residents money, be more energy efficient and cost less to operate.

Learn more at www.sustainablesewer.net

Manatee Observation & Education Center

The Manatee Observation and Education Center (MOEC) was adopted by FPUA in 1996 and represents FPUA's long-time commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship.

Did You Know:

MOEC Reaches over 55,000 people each year, with over 35,000 visitors, and more than 4,000 students.

2.5-acres of seagrass meadows supports nearly 100,000 fish and 100 million invertebrates providing habitat and foraging for marine organisms.

FPUA supports innovative methods restoring seagrass and enhancing meadows.

FPUA conducts environmental awareness with Naturefest, and volunteers help keep Fort Pierce beautiful during the Great American Cleanup.

Sustainable Septic-to-Sewer Program

FPUA is making conversion to sewer affordable for the health of our community and environment.

Go Green With Sewer

Malfunctioning septic systems release bacteria, viruses and chemicals toxic to local waterways. These pollutants enter streams, rivers, lakes, and more, harming local ecosystems by killing native plants, fish, and shellfish and causing eutrophication, which can cause harmful algal blooms. Further, heavy rains flooding, and increased water usage can cause sludge to clog the drain field pipes. The clogged pipes can then cause raw sewage to back up into the home and onto the lawn. Once the wastewater reaches the surface lawn area, it can cause further harm as the contaminated runoff enters into the Indian River Lagoon.

Call 772-466-1600 ext. 3900
to connect today

Switch & Save

If you're located near a sewer service and you're currently relying on a septic system, you can save money by switching to sewer:

1. Switching to sewer is less expensive than replacing your aging, failing septic system.

2. Since FPUA maintains the sewer system, you also eliminate those costly repairs and expenses for maintaining your private septic system.

3. PLUS, thanks to grants from environmental agencies, your cost of hooking up to sewer is partially paid for, meaning significant discounts for you!

Typically, the residential cost of converting from septic to sewer is around $10,000. This includes installation of the sewer infrastructure in your yard and connection to the sewer pipes in the roadway and mandatory capital improvement charges which are re-invested back into the public-side sewer infrastructure.

Today, you can connect to sewer for as low as $4,000, and you can set up Special Payment Arrangements to help spread the expense out over time instead of paying the full $4,000 at once. Please note that these rates are subject to available funds and other conditions.

Contact FPUA Customer Service at 772-466-1600 ext. 3900 to learn more and sign up today.

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Our hometown mission is to provide our customers with economical, reliable, and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in our community.

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