



## Northwest Hillsborough Pipeline Project

### Who We Are

Tampa Bay Water is a special district of the State of Florida created by interlocal agreement to supply wholesale drinking water to Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties and the cities of New Port Richey, St. Petersburg and Tampa. The member governments, in turn, provide drinking water to more than 2.5 million people in the tri-county area.

### What We Do

On average, Tampa Bay Water delivers 171 million gallons a day of high-quality drinking water to the region through a diverse water supply network.

### Project Overview

The Northwest Hillsborough Regional Wellfield is the sole source of drinking water for nearly 100,000 people in northwest Hillsborough County. The wellfield supplies approximately 8 million gallons of water per day to Hillsborough County's Northwest Hillsborough Potable Water Treatment Facility, located at Fawn Ridge, west of Sheldon Road.

The Northwest Hillsborough Pipeline is being installed in the Citrus Park area to connect these isolated facilities to Tampa Bay Water's regional system. The new 2-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline will deliver up to 15 million gallons per day of alternative water supplies to Hillsborough County's Northwest Hillsborough Potable Water Treatment Facility, providing increased capacity, a much-needed back up water supply, and allowing the wellfield to be rested.

### Pipeline Route

The selected pipeline route is located largely within existing utility easements and public rights-of-way. The route goes east from Hillsborough County's Northwest Hillsborough Potable Water Treatment Facility, tunnels under Fawn Ridge Boulevard and Sheldon Road, then continues east under Easy Street to the Upper Tampa Bay Trail. The route then goes north along the Trail, under Citrus Park Drive, up Gunn Highway to Manhattan Drive.

### Upper Tampa Bay Trail Closure

The new pipeline is being installed under a portion of the Upper Tampa Bay Trail. For the safety of Trail users and residents, the Upper Tampa Bay Trail will be fully closed for up to 9 weeks between Gardner Road and Manhattan Drive. The Trail closure has been coordinated with Hillsborough County, which will be conducting maintenance and removing invasive, exotic Brazilian pepper-trees from the west side of the Trail. The County will be working from Gardner Road north to the pipeline construction just south of Citrus Park Drive.



### Minimizing Traffic Impacts

Construction techniques were selected to minimize traffic disruptions. The pipeline will be installed under the following roads to keep traffic moving: Fawn Ridge Boulevard, Sheldon Road, Easy Street, and Citrus Park Drive. At other road crossings, local traffic will be diverted. Any detours, road or lane closures will be clearly marked. Emergency services, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, HART and Hillsborough County public schools will be notified in advance of detours and lane closures.

We recognize that construction is an inconvenience, no matter how quickly it proceeds. Maintaining access to businesses, homes, and other properties will be a top priority.

### Restoration

Construction crews will be videotaping the area to fully document private property conditions prior to construction. Crews will take every precaution to protect your valuable property, including mailboxes, driveways and landscaping. Property will be restored to its original condition.

### Protecting Trees

The project team includes a certified arborist who will supervise tree trimming and install tree barricades to ensure trees are protected during construction. The pipeline route crosses wetland areas and special efforts have been made to minimize environmental impacts. Where cypress trees cannot be avoided, they will be removed from the pipeline route and replanted.

### Project Schedule

Construction will begin in May 2010 and is scheduled to be completed in March 2011. More detailed construction updates will be posted at [www.tampabaywater.org](http://www.tampabaywater.org).

### Estimated Cost

The project cost for design and construction is approximately \$8.26 million. Tampa Bay Water is funding the Northwest Hillsborough Pipeline Project through water rates and construction bonds. The Southwest Florida Water Management District is co-funding up to 50 percent of the project's eligible design and construction costs.

### For More Information

There are a number of ways for residents to get more information on the project.

- For up-to-date news as it happens, residents can follow the project on **Twitter (<http://twitter.com/NWPipeline>)**.
- Project information is also available at **[www.tampabaywater.org](http://www.tampabaywater.org)**.
- Residents with questions or concerns can call a dedicated construction hotline at **813-401-0132**.