

PROJECT TO REMOVE FINAL WASTEWATER LINES FROM BRIDGES COMPLETED

The directional drilling project to remove aging wastewater lines from Bridges 1, 2 and 3, and place them underground beneath the waterways has been successfully completed. A generous “RIVER Grant” from the Suwannee River Water Management District aided the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District in getting this work done by funding half of the \$180,000 project. The work was ably performed by General Underground LLC out of Chiefland.

The Water and Sewer District’s wastewater collection and treatment system was installed in 1981, and wastewater collection pipes were attached to the sides of Bridges 1, 2, and 3 on State Road 24, as well as on other bridges in Cedar Key. These aging PVC pipes were exposed to the elements, and there were various threats to their integrity, including collision by boats, damage by storms, and brittleness due to age. A substantial spill of wastewater into Cedar Key’s Class II shellfish waters could have a devastating impact on the environment and economy of Cedar Key. With the completion of this project, wastewater lines on all bridges in Cedar Key have been removed and buried underground, and the threat of a wastewater spill into Cedar Key’s waters has been greatly reduced.



Pipe Removal From Bridge 3