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Exfiltration System

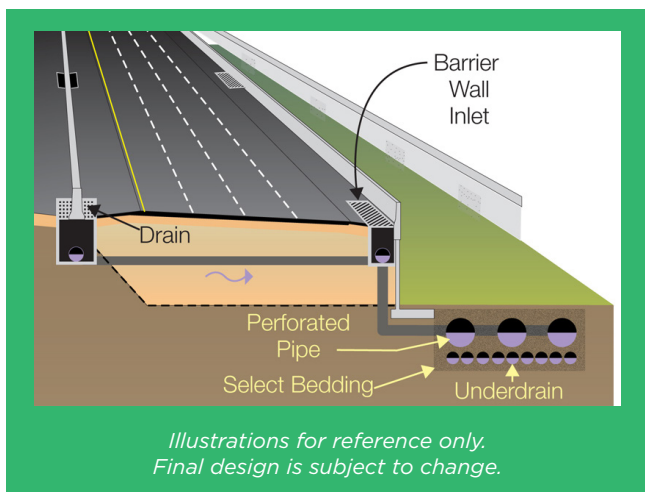
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is working to build not only a functional Interstate 4 (I-4) but also an aesthetically pleasing corridor for Central Florida. As part of the I-4 Ultimate project, FDOT is installing an exfiltration system in College Park instead of open ponds in accordance with prior project commitments specifying that stormwater ponds will not be built within College Park.

The exfiltration system protects the environment by collecting stormwater runoff and helps ensure the water is clean. The system also provides flood control storage. Required water quality treatment and storage cannot be provided without this system, and it is the only type of system that will work in College Park where available right-of-way space is limited.

Some trees must be removed to install the new exfiltration system. While an exfiltration system will be more aesthetically pleasing

than an open stormwater pond, trees cannot be replanted in the footprint of the system since tree roots would over time adversely impact its performance and design.

Throughout the 21-mile corridor, including College Park, the landscaping plan for the I-4 Ultimate project is robust as it features more than 14,500 trees and 40,000 native shrubs and grasses. More than \$34 million - 1.5 percent of the \$2.3 billion contract - will be spent on landscaping when the project is complete. The 1.5 percent landscape investment is standard on highway projects and is a requirement of Florida State Statutes. I-4 Ultimate is meeting FDOT's Bold Vision for Florida's Highway Beautification and contributing to the creation of a signature corridor.



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