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HOUSING FOR VETERANS – Affordable housing coming to Pasco County

Pasco County, June 17, 2024- Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is proud to host the groundbreaking ceremony for the first ever Veterans Housing Project by the Pasco County Housing Authority at Magnolia Oaks. Today, WREC, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Commissioner Ron Oakley, Pasco County Housing Authority, and others came to this groundbreaking ceremony to support our veterans.

The Magnolia Oaks facility will be built on a 9.8-acre property at 7338 Massachusetts Blvd. It will include 77 townhouse units designed to house low-income veterans and their families. Centrally located in Pasco County, the complex is within four miles of a newly constructed veterans' medical center. The project will include 34 one-bedroom units, 33 two-bedroom units and 10 three-bedroom units, a community building and a swimming pool. The facility will also be designed to provide on-site support services to help the vulnerable residents. This project will help Pasco County achieve functional zero when it comes to homeless veterans.

"We at Withlacoochee River Electric are incredibly excited to host and support the Veterans Housing Project," said David Lambert, General Manager of WREC and Chairman of the Pasco County Housing Authority board. "This initiative is a testament to our commitment to giving back to our community, and it is a true honor to play a part in providing housing for our veterans."

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 260,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing reliable and affordable electric services to its members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

For more information about Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative and its community initiatives, please visit <u>www.wrec.net</u>.

Pictures include groups of WREC, Pasco County Housing Authority, Pasco County Sheriff's Department, Vincent House, Commissioner Ron Oakley, and Congressman Gus Bilirakis and others.





WREC General Manager David Lambert.







Congressman Gus Bilirakis.



WREC's General Manager David Lambert, Board Trustee Desmond Little and Employees.