

## **Lake Underhill Construction to Continue in 2026**

On Friday, July 31, 2026, 4:19 PM, Waterford Lakes Community Association <Communications@mc.fsresidential.com> wrote:

Dear WLCA Residents,

Over the course of several phone calls and an in-person meeting today at the WLCA office with three Orange County representatives and the public information officer assigned to the project by the contracting firm, Quest, we learned that the scope of this project is significantly larger than originally anticipated.

Phase 1 began under emergency conditions involving wastewater pipelines that serve the community. These pipelines are part of the wastewater system serving homes throughout Waterford Lakes, and failures or service disruptions could directly affect nearby households.

Once the pipelines were excavated, the Orange County team uncovered additional deterioration and damage that could not have been identified until the underground infrastructure was exposed. These unforeseen conditions require further repairs. Orange County advised that two, and possibly three, additional phases may be required beyond Phase 1.

With Orange County Public Schools resuming on August 11, the safety of students traveling to and from school, as well as the anticipated traffic impacts throughout the area, have been of utmost importance. WLCA has been in communication with both Orange County Utilities and Orange County Traffic regarding these concerns.

We have been advised that an Orange County Sheriff's Office deputy will be stationed at the Spring Island Way crosswalk, with a second deputy stationed at the Discovery Middle School bus entrance. The deputies will be present during both elementary and middle school arrival and dismissal periods.

Orange County representatives also personally assured WLCA that they will monitor the construction and its impacts frequently to help ensure the community's traffic, safety, and access concerns are promptly addressed.

All future inquiries should be directed to the project contact:  
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**Please see the project update below directly from Orange County:**

Due to underground conditions, including aging infrastructure and damage to existing utilities, the Lake Underhill Road Wastewater Improvement Project will be extended beyond its original August completion date. While this delay is unavoidable, these critical repairs are necessary to maintain a reliable wastewater system and help prevent future service disruptions that could adversely affect nearby homes and businesses.

The County and its contractor are working diligently to expedite construction while maintaining safety and quality.

Current estimated completion dates are:

**Phase 1 (East of Woodbury Road to Spring Island Way): End of October 2026**  
**Phase 2 (Spring Island Way to Seascapes Avenue): End of November 2026**

These dates are estimates and may change due to weather or other unforeseen construction conditions.

To help support students during construction, an off-duty law enforcement officer will be stationed at Spring Island Way to assist those students crossing Lake Underhill Road to Discovery Middle School and Waterford Elementary School. A second off-duty officer will be located at the Discovery Middle School bus loop during peak school travel times.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as these infrastructure improvements are completed.