

NE 13th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project

Reducing flooding, improving safety, and supporting neighborhood value

Goals

- Improve drainage and reduce nuisance flooding
- Enhance safety along neighborhood streets
- Provide more accessible routes for people of all abilities
- Support nearby businesses and the local economy
- Help protect and strengthen long-term property values

Overview

This long-planned project will upgrade stormwater drainage along NE 13th Avenue and nearby streets to move water off the roadway faster after storms and improve overall neighborhood resilience. The project was first advanced through a competitive CSLIP grant application approved in 2017 and has been reaffirmed multiple times in the City's Capital Improvement Program and by City Commission actions. It is a key part of Oakland Park's broader strategy to address flooding and improve mobility. All improvements are located entirely within the existing public right-of-way. No private property is being acquired or encroached upon.

Area

NE 13th Avenue and connecting side streets between Oakland Park Boulevard and NE 40th Place

Key Improvements

The drainage and sidewalk components are engineered as a single, coordinated system:

- New swales and stormwater improvements to reduce standing water after heavy rain
- Regarding the right-of-way so water flows into swales instead of pooling along the street edge
- Sidewalks on NE 13th Avenue and select side streets that help guide stormwater, stabilize grades, and provide safer, more accessible walking routes to downtown, parks, transit, and local businesses

The drainage system was designed in conjunction with the sidewalk elevations, so removing the sidewalk would void the approved design and trigger a full redesign, new modeling, permits, and grants.

Funding & Commitments

The project is primarily funded by competitive grants, with City matching funds:

- \$1,893,476 – Resilient Florida Grant Program
- \$1,325,697 – FDOT and Broward MPO

Sidewalk installation is a required part of the approved grant scope. Funds cannot be moved to another location or used for a different design. To date, the City has invested more than \$700,000 in design and construction engineering. Canceling or changing the project now would mean forfeiting over \$3.2 million in external funding and could weaken the City's ability to obtain future grants.

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