Drainage Construction is Complete

Phase 4 – Tuna, Sturgeon, Perch
Construction of the final Phase is complete and all the infrastructure equipment is working well. Now, water from Tuna is pumped to the header on Corolla via Whalehead and Barracuda; Sturgeon, Perch and Sailfish have smaller pumps which direct the water to concrete dissipation boxes in existing basins where the water then infiltrates the soil. All basins are pumped to the main line along Corolla to route the water to the Timbuck II and Corolla Light ponds.

Safety Markings and Signage
All crosswalks now have road-striping, PED Xing signs, and small pedestrian STOP signs. Approval by NCDOT was needed since all items are in their right-of-way. At this time NCDOT would not allow vertical YIELD to PEDS signs to be added below the PED Xing signs, on the same post. Research from other municipalities concluded that the proposed center-street-mounted flexible vertical signs are not recommended due to the narrowness of the roadway and the very likely frequent destruction by heavy vehicles.

Trex Walkways
The current asphalt walkways on Tuna, Sturgeon, Perch, and Sailfish will be replaced with Trex boardwalks. The County has issued bids for this work. Bids are due mid-September and all work to remove the asphalt and construct the walkways is to be completed within 90 days of the contract award. This will result in ALL east-west walkways being the same by January 2015.

As before, engineering firm Moffatt & Nichol’s Johnny Martin will present their final summary of this multi-phase drainage infrastructure project. Along with County Engineer Eric Weatherly, they will be available to answer WPOA members’ questions.

--Dan Clements
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