

#### **Phase 4 construction is underway and ALL Walkways will be Trex**

In December, the County bid out the work for Phase 4 of the Drainage Master Plan (at Tuna, Sturgeon, and Perch). Construction began the end of January and is still on schedule for completion by Memorial Day 2014. Because of “sharp” bids, the County was able to accept the additional alternates for hot-spot lift stations on Perch and Sturgeon so that all three streets will have pumps.

#### **Phase 4 Scope (under construction):**

***Tuna, Sturgeon and Perch:*** street removal, infiltration basin and lift station, asphalt pathway, driveway relocations, walkway bollards and lift station panels;

***Connections to outfalls*** – for Tuna via extended force main line on Corolla; for Sturgeon via Whalehead to Barracuda basin; for Perch via Whalehead to Mackerel basin.

Preferred additional work not included was the construction of Trex-surfaced walkways on these three streets and Sailfish. Since the winning bid was significantly below the preliminary cost estimate, County Engineer Eric Weatherly worked with the Fiscal Affairs staff to determine the up-to-date funding available to the Drainage Service District. With no increase in assessment rates, funding is currently available for converting these four walkways from asphalt to Trex surface. However, the winning bidder could not complete this additional work before the Memorial Day deadline and the Advisory Board would not support extending construction well into the summer season -- renters' beach access would be impaired. To avoid delaying Trex installation into the unspecified future, Eric has agreed to solicit bids separately this summer. Construction is expected October through December 2014, when all walkways then will appear uniform and consistent.

#### **Trex Walkway Scope:**

***Tuna, Sturgeon, Perch, and Sailfish:*** asphalt pathway removal, construct Trex walkways (identical to all others walkways).

As before, engineering firm Moffat & Nichol's Johnny Martin will present a 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

*Whalehead Drainage Service District Advisory Board, Chair  
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