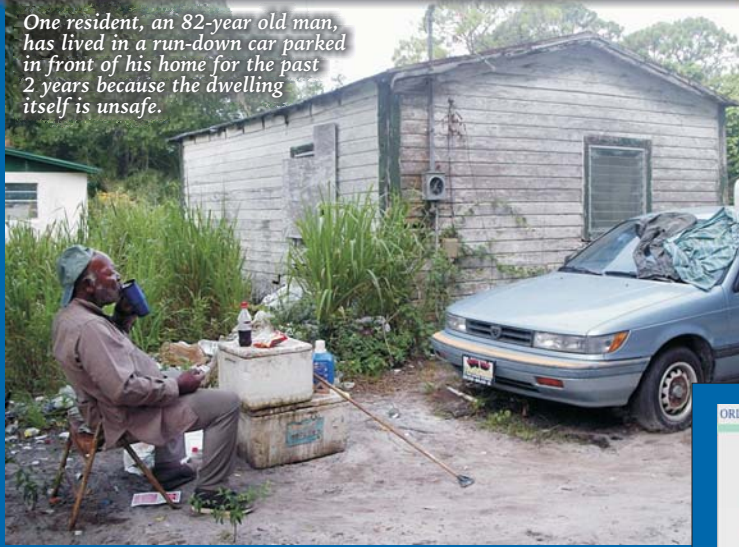




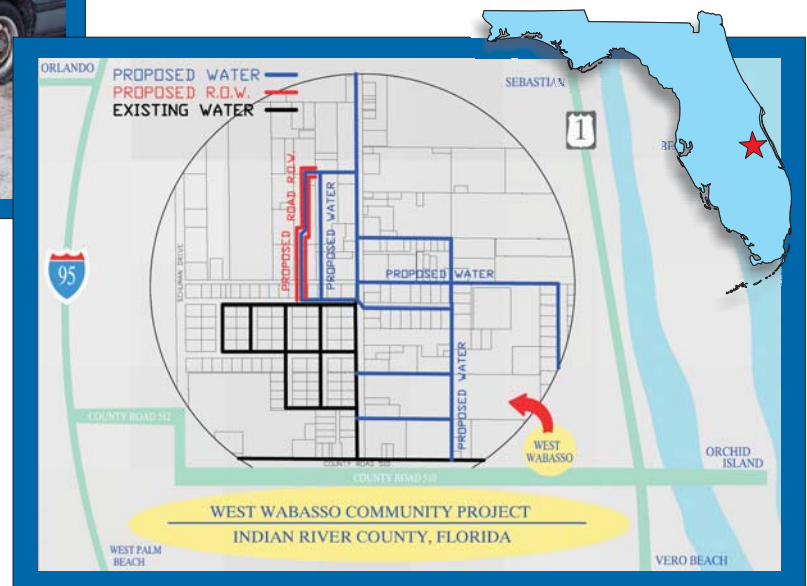
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One resident, an 82-year old man, has lived in a run-down car parked in front of his home for the past 2 years because the dwelling itself is unsafe.



WEST WABASSO COMMUNITY PROJECT



Today, West Wabasso is home to nearly 500 residents living in a tract of dilapidated houses. The homes are in such poor condition that several are unfit to live in and are literally collapsing around their occupants.

- Indian River County is requesting \$1,000,000 for legislative funding of water system, septic tank, and roadway improvements to this minority community .
- The potential for a major health problem is high.
- Shallow groundwater supply wells in the area have iron levels that are 10 times the limit set forth in State and Federal Regulations.
- West Wabasso septic tanks have a 70% rate of failure.
- No paved access to the neighborhoods.
- Approximately 120 dilapidated homes in project area.
- West Wabasso residents' median annual income is \$6,250. The average home value is less than \$30,000.
- Indian River County to provide in-kind services for design and engineering improvements.

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Indian River County is requesting \$1,000,000 from the Florida Legislature for water line installation, septic tank improvements and road right-of-way improvements for an impoverished minority community in West Wabasso, Florida.



Water Quality Issues:

- Iron levels in existing shallow groundwater wells up to 10 times state and federal limits
- Individual shallow wells are often shared by several homes
- Failing septic tanks in area
- Several homes operate without septic tanks or waste disposal systems

The combination of the poor-quality shallow groundwater wells and the failing septic tanks poses a significant threat to public health, for which Indian River County is requesting assistance from the Florida Legislature.

Funding Will be Used to:

- Install a new potable water line from Indian River County Utilities into West Wabasso
- Connect individual homes to potable water, eliminating existing individual wells with poor water quality
- Upgrade septic tanks to ensure suitable treatment of wastewater
- Implement roadway improvements and establish necessary Rights-of-Way for installation of critical water lines and emergency services

Additional Assistance:

- Indian River County has begun designing graded roads and Rights-of-Ways in the targeted area of 120 homes
- Area residents have begun to donate their own property for use as Rights-of-Way

The West Wabasso community has been left behind and has fallen victim to poverty. While conditions in the community are disheartening, the will and desire of the residents to revitalize their neighborhood and improve their living conditions is strong.