

East Side Utility Corridor

East Side Utility Corridor: What is it? Where is it?

The East Side Utility Corridor is a 100 foot wide open space corridor located east of and parallel to Semoran Boulevard. It extends from La Costa Urban Wetlands Park northward to the northwest corner of the Villas of Costa Del Sol neighborhood. From there, a narrower corridor runs eastward to join Stonewall Jackson Road just west of the Stonewall Jackson Middle School.



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East Side Utility Corridor: Existing Conditions

This photo shows the utility corridor looking north from La Costa Drive. La Costa Villas condominiums are at left, and the Villas of Costa Del Sol is at right.

Originally, this utility corridor contained a very large drainage canal that had become unsightly and poorly maintained. In the early 2000's the City enclosed the drainage canal in an underground pipe, and directed this storm water to La Costa Urban Wetlands for storage and treatment.

Today, the corridor is an under-utilized green corridor.



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East Side Utility Corridor: With pedestrian & bicycle improvements

The existing utility corridor could become a community amenity connecting residential neighborhoods to an improved and active La Costa Urban Wetlands Park.



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Part of a larger Engelwood pedestrian and bike path system?

This map shows how the East Side Utility Corridor could become part of a pedestrian and bicycle path system linking together all of the major parks and open spaces in the Engelwood area.

Orlando's adopted bike path plan proposes a bike path just east of the Engelwood neighborhood (shown in orange), running north-south and connecting to a regional pedestrian and bike path system.

An Engelwood bike path could split from the regional bike path at the intersection of Oxalis Drive and Lake Underhill Road, then run south through Engelwood Park to Stonewall Jackson Middle School, then west along Stonewall Jackson Road to the East Side Utility Corridor and south to La Costa Urban Wetlands Park.

From La Costa Urban Wetlands, a similar 100-foot wide utility corridor runs east to Leroy Hoequist Park. Just east of that is Chickasaw Elementary School, where the Engelwood bike path could rejoin the regional pathway system.

