Safeguards are built into the water purification process to ensure that public health is never compromised. Here is a look at Plant City's 3-step process:

#### Step 1 Membrane Filtration

Contaminants such as particles, sand, bacteria, viruses, and other suspended solids are caught on the outside of the tubes as the water pass through small pores purification

Membrane Canister

Water is pressurized with a pump to 5-15 pounds per square inch (psi) and sent into a canister filled with small straw-like filters Membrane

Water Water continues on for further



Membrane Filtration at Plant City's Demonstration Facility

#### Step 2 Reverse Osmosis

Uses applied pressure to send water through a semi-permeable membrane that only water and very small molecules can pass through



Reverse Osmosis is the heart of the water purification process. This process is used by bottled water companies, as well as on Navy ships and in space to provide clean water supplies.



Reverse Osmosis at Plant City's Demonstration Facility

## Step 3 Ultraviolet Disinfection and Advanced Oxidation

Injects ultraviolet light (concentrated sunlight) to react with a chemical called an "oxidant" (such as chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, or ozone) and destroys any remaining contaminants UV Lamp Oxidant Contaminants Vater The reaction between the lights and the oxidant breaks down molecules that could be potentially Safe for harmful or carry disease, drinkina making them harmless water supply



Ultraviolet Disinfection and Advanced Oxidation at Plant City's Demonstration Facility

#### **The Result: Safe Drinking Water**

Safety: Meets all federal and state drinking water standards.

Sustainability: Will benefit Plant City by supplementing our existing potable water supply and offsetting over pumping of our Florida aquifer.



## **Our Water, Our Future**

We are testing water purification technology for a potential full-scale project to create a new drinking water supply that is:



Controlled

New water supplies will allow the City of Plant City to meet population growth and current and future water demands.



## **The Purification Process**

The City of Plant City Water Reclamation Facility produces highly treated reclaimed water, which is currently used for landscape irrigation, and will be used to supplement wetland hydration as part of the McIntosh Preserve integrated suite of projects.

The One Water Demonstration Facility will

determine the appropriate advanced treatment technology to further purify the City's reclaimed water to a potable standard that can supplement the local drinking water supply. The pilot project will demonstrate that the selected treatment can safely purify the water to meet all potable water quality standards. The purification process uses the multi-barrier approach of consecutive treatment steps, which work together to remove unwanted materials. Each barrier includes frequent and continuous water quality monitoring.

## The City of Plant City **McIntosh Preserve Integrated Water Management Plan**



The technology behind the

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