

CITRUS COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS COUNTY ROAD 486 WIDENING: Gopher Tortoise Surveys, Permitting and Relocation

Project Description: MGC has conducted several gopher tortoise burrow surveys, obtained relocation permits, and relocated gopher tortoises over multiple years / project phases of the County Road 486 Widening and Improvements project. MGC has worked as the principal gopher tortoise contractor and as a subcontractor to other firms during different phases of the project. MGC has been responsible for the capture / relocation of 38 tortoises from 64 potentially occupied burrows during Phases I, II and III of the construction project. In addition, MGC recently performed a cursory biological assessment of the Phase IV project area, which included a 100% cover gopher tortoise burrow survey.



Location: Citrus County, Florida

Project Period: 2004 - Present

Client: Citrus County
 Dept. of Public Works
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Project Size: 11 miles (MOL).

Tortoises Relocated:
 A total of 38 tortoises relocated from 64 potentially occupied burrows to date.

- Services Provided:**
- Conducted several gopher tortoise burrow surveys of multi-phase project area
 - Obtained relocation permits from the FFWCC.
 - Worked as primary contractor and as an assistant to other firms during different phases of gopher tortoise relocation activities.

