

Chapter 14

Drainage Structures

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14.1 General

Drainage structure sheets show the drainage structures, their location, cross section, flow line elevations of all weirs or slots, top of grates, culverts and top of manhole elevations, and similar data. Drainage structure sheets also show the vertical relationships of the entire drainage system. During the process of design/placement of the drainage structures, potential conflicts with existing or proposed utilities shall be identified and resolved early, thereby avoiding costly time delays during the construction phases.

All projects require the plotting of drainage structures. When only cross drains are to be constructed or modified, drainage structures may be plotted on the cross section sheets. Otherwise drainage structures should be plotted on separate drainage structure sheets, utilizing the cross section sheet cell available in the FDOT Engineering/CADD Systems Software (see *Exhibit DS-2*). See *Chapter 22* for additional requirements for box and three-sided culverts utilized as drainage structures.

14.2 Required Information

The existing ground line for rural projects shall be shown at the location of the structure, with the existing elevation placed immediately below the ground line at the survey baseline. No existing structures shall be shown except those to be incorporated into the proposed drainage system or otherwise modified. These shall be shown and their flow line elevations noted. Where storm drains run laterally or diagonally across the project, the drawing should show the pipe cover.

The roadway template and proposed structures shall be shown, with the proposed profile grade elevation placed above the grade point. The structure shall be located by station and offset to the centerline of construction. Flow line information shall be provided at each structure and at each culvert end. Structures are to be plotted in detail according to the applicable index of the *Design Standards*, with walls, grates, tops, pipes, etc. shown.

Cross drain sections shall include the size and length for each proposed structure.

Sections for skewed cross drains shall be depicted along the centerline of the structure. Clear zone distances are to be measured at right angles to the traffic lane for all structures.

All structure locations should be checked and R/W shown where the R/W may have potential impact on construction of a structure.

For each drainage structure, all necessary information shall be shown by note, including, as appropriate: size, end treatment and flow lines, as well as structure, index and station number. The note shall be placed as close to the structure as possible, preferably below the plotted structure. Elevations shall be given for manhole tops, and ditch bottom inlet grates and slots. Grate elevations for gutter inlets and edge of pavement elevations for curb and gutter inlets shall be shown.

Alternate "G" or other special grate treatment shall be included with the inlet note. Additional details, such as special bedding, 36" manhole rings, etc., shall be indicated. Flow direction arrows shall be shown.

Material options shall be shown on the Optional Materials Tabulation Sheet. (See **Exhibits SDS-2a** and **SDS-3a** at the back of **Chapter 8** of this volume).

If existing structures are to be filled and/or plugged and are to remain in place, they should be shown in the plans with an appropriate note.

Applicable notes to be shown on the first drainage structure sheet are given in **Exhibit 14-1**.

14.3 Utility Conflicts

All major underground utilities, as defined in **Chapter 5** of **Volume 1**, shall be plotted in conjunction with the structures so that conflicts may be detected during design, and to alert construction forces of potential conflicts.

In the case of longitudinal pipes, a section should be plotted for each location of a crossing of any major underground line.

Utilities that have been verified (Quality Level "A" locate) shall be noted and plotted to scale in the appropriate locations on the Drainage Structure Sheets, Cross Section Sheets and bridge foundation plans. These utilities should be labeled with the following symbol:

V_{vh} = Verified Vertical Elevation and Horizontal Location

14.4 Sheet Setup

Structures should be plotted as sections along the centerline of the structure. They should be shown on a standard cross section format with the sections spaced sufficiently apart to avoid overlapping of structures or notes. Offsets shall be referenced from the appropriate baseline or centerline to the location reference point, which may vary by Index, as indicated in the **Design Standards**. Beginning at the bottom of the sheet, the sections should be shown successively by stations and should be numbered sequentially, from the beginning to the end of the project. The structure number and location station should be shown near the right border of the sheet.

If a structure must be shown out of order, a note shall be placed in the correct sequence, referring to the sheet where the structure is shown. The scale shall be the same as that used for roadway cross sections, with the centerline of construction placed near the center of the sheet.

Exhibit 14-1 Drainage Structure Notes

These notes, when required, are to be placed on the first drainage structure sheet.

1. Special attention is directed to the fact that portions of some drainage structures extend into the stabilized portion of the roadbed and extreme caution will be necessary in stabilization operations at these locations.
2. All drainage pipes have optional materials. The Optional Materials Tabulation Sheet(s) shows all materials allowed and indicates which material is plotted in the plans and used as the basis for pay quantities.