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Scott Boulevard-Peavine Creek Watershed Improvement Project

Project Overview

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management is planning to begin the "Scott Boulevard-Peavine Creek Watershed Improvement Project" in the very near future. The project will increase the capacity of the sewer main to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). DeKalb County residents and the environment will be better protected after completion of this project as these upgrades will boost the long term reliability, safety, and environmental integrity of the County's sewer and water system.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is involved in the repair and upgrade of the sewer main pipes?

To protect our environment and our residents from Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) in an identified area along Peavine Creek, an upgrade of the existing ten (10") inch sewer line up to a sixteen (16") inch sewer line is needed. Through traditional open trench construction, the line will be upgraded to increase its sewer capacity and prevent further SSOs in the region.

Where will the work take place? What areas and homes will be affected?

The work will take place near Scott Boulevard and Peavine Creek. Any home in the proximity of this area may be affected. After the start of the project, updates will be posted to the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's website, including a map of the project's estimated footprint. Log on to www.dekalbwatershed.com.

Will there be disturbance to landscaping?

Yes, however, after construction is completed, all landscaping will be restored to equal or better conditions than they originally were prior to construction.

When will DeKalb County begin work on the Scott Boulevard-Peavine Creek project and how long will the work last?

Not all of the easements have been acquired, but as soon as this process is completed, the target dates will be set for the project. The project's duration will be approximately six months.

Who will be responsible for any damage to landscaping, irrigation systems, fencing and natural areas caused by this repair?

Portland Utilities, the contractor for this project, will be responsible for repairing any landscaping, irrigation systems, fences and natural areas that are damaged during this project. Concerns or claims for damage should be directed to Lyonel François or Jim Marks at the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management:

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For community members who are directly impacted by this work, how long will it take the contractor to address damage to properties? (i.e. plants, grass, fencing, etc.)

The repair work to each property will take place at the completion of the project. For questions or concerns, with regard to this process, contact Lyonel François or Jim Marks at the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management:

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Will there be water outages in the community as a result of this work being done?

No, there will be no service disruptions related to the construction of this project.

How will this project impact Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) related to Peavine Creek?

The Scott Boulevard-Peavine Creek Watershed Improvement Project will better protect Peavine Creek from SSOs by expanding the system's capacity. This will increase the overall safety, reliability, and environmental integrity of the County's sewer and water system on a long-term basis.

Has the Georgia Environmental Protection Division been notified? Are they involved in the project?

As a part of the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's standard operating procedures and as a requirement by the State of Georgia, the Environmental Protection Division has been contacted about the SSOs problem that occurred in the past and they have investigated the situation. They are not directly involved with the repair work, but they are involved with monitoring Peavine Creek.

In case of an emergency, who should community members call?

Citizens can contact Lyonel François, Planning & Asset Management at the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management at 770-414-2398 (work) or 678-614-7096 (cell).

Additional Information and Updates

Please visit www.dekalbwatershed.com for a list of these questions, news releases, and community updates regarding this project.