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Heritage Heights Sanitary Sewer Repair/Replacement Project

Project Overview

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management is planning to begin the "Heritage Heights Sanitary Sewer Repair/Replacement Project" in the next few weeks. This is considered a maintenance project under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide permit for removing and replacing an existing sanitary sewer line. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will issue a permit for the buffer variance of the South Fork Peachtree Creek sub-basin. This project is located at the South Fork Peachtree Creek within the Heritage Heights subdivision.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

This project includes replacement of the existing 42-inch sanitary sewer pipe with two 30-inch ductile iron pipes. During the replacement process, flow from the existing pipes will be diverted using temporary bypass pumping. The project will also include joint replacement of a 27-inch pipe. This project will prevent future sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) into the South Fork Peachtree Creek.

Where will the work take place?

The work will take place at the South Fork Peachtree Creek between Heritage Heights' subdivision and Willivee Place Road. Access to the project site will be from Willivee Place Road. 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 were prior to construction.

When will DeKalb County begin work on the Heritage Heights Sanitary Sewer Repair/Replacement project and how long will the work last?

The work will begin as soon as all permits have been attained. The project's duration will be approximately 120 days.

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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Have other creek crossings been reviewed?

The Dept. has a program that inspects all creek crossings after a two inch rain event within a 24 hour period.

Will there be any additional manholes installed within the project site?

Yes, there will be one.

What are the hours of operations for the construction?

The constructions hours will be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekdays, unless there is an emergency.

What are the hours of operation for the by-pass pumps?

Once the pumps are turned on, they will be on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until the completion of the construction.

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 reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) into the South Fork Peachtree Creek?

The Heritage Heights Sanitary Sewer Repair/Replacement Project will better protect the South Fork Peachtree Creek from future sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) by replacing aging pipes. This project will increase the overall safety, reliability, and environmental integrity of the County's sewer system on a long-term basis.

Has the Georgia Environmental Protection Division been notified? Are they involved in this 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 EPD has been contacted about the sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that have occurred in the past and have investigated the situation. The EPD is not directly involved with the repair work, but actively monitors the South Fork Peachtree Creek.

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

Please 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.