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**DEKALB COUNTY TO BEGIN SEWER MAIN UPGRADE NEAR
SCOTT BOULEVARD**

Community Meeting Scheduled for October 9, 2007

Decatur – Beginning October 10, 2007, the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management will begin work to upgrade the sewer main and pipes along Peavine Creek near Scott Boulevard.

A community meeting will be held, prior to the start of the work, on **Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at Fernbank Elementary School Cafeteria, 157 Heaton Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307.**

The project will increase the capacity of the sewer main to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) issues, better protecting the environment and residents. The increased capacity will result from replacing the existing ten inch sewer pipes with pipes up to twenty inches in diameter.

The County has contracted with Portland Utilities, which has worked on similar County projects in the past, to replace the existing pipes through a process called "pipe bursting," a standard and safe procedure that requires little excavation.

Community members who live in the vicinity of the project's footprint have been contacted by DeKalb County and Portland Utilities about the upgrades. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon, in conjunction with the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management, are hosting the October 9th community meeting during which the department and the contractor will answer questions, address concerns, and provide follow-up information.

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Contact the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management Compliance Division Supervisor, Claude E. Cole, 770-724-1490; email: cecole@co.dekalb.ga.us, or the Construction Inspector Jim Marks, 770-621-7233; email: jmarks@co.dekalb.ga.us or visit the County website: <http://www.dekalbwatershed.com>