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CEO Thurmond to Give Second Consent Decree Update April 10

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond will provide a consent decree update at the **Tuesday, April 10**, Board of Commissioners meeting. This is the second public update on the progress toward fulfilling the requirements of the consent decree. The meeting begins at **9 a.m.**, at the **Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030**.

In December 2011, DeKalb County reached a Clean Water Act settlement in the form of a consent decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The 8½-year consent decree calls for reducing sanitary sewer overflows through significant levels of sanitary sewer system inspection, assessment, rehabilitation and repair.

In 2017, DeKalb invested nearly \$30 million for maintenance, repair and upgrades of the sewer system. The county also cleaned 220 miles of sewers, removed 5.1 tons of debris, completed 1,821 stream crossing inspections, replaced 3,000 manhole covers, held the first consent decree public update and hosted 280 other public events. The county has inspected nearly 100 percent of all the priority sewer lines and is on target to invest an additional \$79 million in improvements during the next two years.

The update will be broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 23 for residents living in DeKalb County and livestreamed at www.dekalbcountyga.gov/dctv.

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