



DOOLITTLE/BLUE/SUGAR CREEKS TRUNK SEWERS UPSIZING PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the purpose of the Doolittle/Blue/Sugar Creeks Trunk Sewers Upsizing Project?

A. The purpose of the Doolittle/Blue/Sugar Creeks Trunk Sewers Upsizing Project is to reduce future sanitary sewer overflows, meet current and future sewer demands, and protect the environment.

Q. What are the benefits of the Doolittle/Blue/Sugar Creeks Trunk Sewers Upsizing Project?

A. This sewer rehabilitation project will improve the County's watershed system, provide much needed capacity to accommodate future growth, and enhance the environmental resilience of the County's infrastructure.

Q. What is a trunk sewer?

A. A trunk sewer is a sewer line that receives wastewater flow from many branches of collector sewers and conveys the wastewater to a treatment plant or intercepting sewer. These trunk sewers are located parallel to existing creeks and waterways within the 100-year floodplain.

Q. When will the project begin and end?

A. The design phase is approaching 90% design. The construction phase is expected to begin in 2029 and last approximately 2 years.

Q. What will be the work hours during construction?

A. Normal construction hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays. In some cases, extended weekday hours, weekend work, or night work may be necessary.

Q. What are the phases and activities of the project involved?

A. The project will be completed in the following phases:

- 1) Phase 1 Assessment, Survey, and Design
- 2) Phase 2 Permitting and Land Acquisition
- 3) Phase 3 Construction
- 4) Phase 4 Restoration
- 5) Phase 5 Post-Construction

B. The construction activities involved will be:

- 1) Mobilization, site clearing (if necessary).
- 2) Layout of materials.
- 3) Excavation and construction.
- 4) Installation of temporary bypass pumps to ensure that wastewater flow is rerouted around sewer mains being replaced, if necessary. The new sewer will be parallel to the existing sewer but may involve location adjustment to improve long-term stream stability and avoid existing natural features where possible.
- 5) Restoration of the overall sewer construction site.

Q. What impacts, if any, will construction have on traffic in the surrounding community?

A. Construction will take place along the Michelle Obama trail, so that trail will be closed for the duration of construction. Only loading/unloading of equipment will impact road traffic, but traffic flaggers will be in place to guide motorists safely through the construction area for the duration of the project.

Q. Will the construction require heavy lighting that may be disruptive?

A. The majority of the construction activities will be conducted during normal business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If night work is needed, crews will use portable lights positioned to face away from any neighboring residences to eliminate nuisance.

Q. Will I have to move my car if it's parked on the street during construction?

A. No. No construction work is anticipated to affect any residential streets or designated parking spaces.

Q. Will this construction project cause noise in my community?

A. For short periods of time, construction noise may be caused by:

- Heavy equipment and construction truck traffic
- Material manipulation and storage
- Compacting
- Pavement sawing
- Drilling
- Excavation and rock excavation
- Grading
- Paving
- Jackhammering

Crews will work diligently to eliminate construction-related noises before or after the scheduled construction hours.

Q. What happens during the design phase of this project?

A. Survey and geotechnical work have been conducted on your property. The design is in progress. If the design requires a sewer easement on your property, our representative agent will approach you.

Q. What will happen after the trunk sewer line has been designed?

A. After the design, the contractor will be selected through the procurement process. Construction will take place thereafter. Once the construction is completed, the area will be restored back to its original condition.

Q. How will tree removal be handled?

A. Tree removal will follow the tree ordinance under each jurisdiction. Trees on private property within the designated easements will be removed to facilitate the construction; compensation will be subject to the negotiated easement.

Q. Who can I contact if I have additional questions or need more information about the Doolittle/Blue/Sugar Creeks Trunk Sewers Upsizing Project?

A. For general project updates or information, contact the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management Project Information Hotline at 1-800-986-1108 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or email: doolittlesewer@dekalbcountyga.gov.

You can also visit the Project Website by [following this link](#)

or scanning the QR code below to access the Project Website:



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