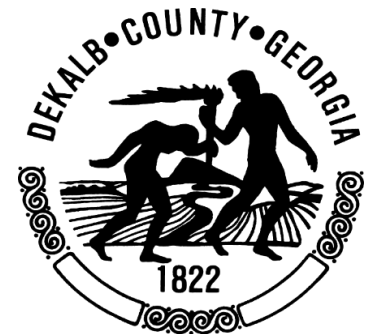




# WEST COLLEGE AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

## Virtual Community Meeting

*Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.*



# MEETING AGENDA



## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

*Mr. Kerry Williams, Deputy Director of ECMS Watershed Management*

## GREETINGS:

*Commissioner, Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Commissioner, Chakira Johnson, District 4*

*Commissioner, Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

## DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED OVERVIEW:

*Mr. Kerry Williams, Deputy Director of ECMS Watershed Management*

## THE PROBLEM AND SOLUTION:

*Ms. Cassandra Marshall, CCM, PMP, Assistant Director - CIP*

## PROJECT SCOPE:

*Mr. Danny Mathis, Construction Manager*

## CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW:

*Mr. Eric Mitchell, Inspections Supervisor*

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

*Ms. Cassandra Marshall, CCM, PMP, Assistant Director - CIP*

## COMMUNICATIONS:

*Ms. Alicia Pennie, Public Relations Manager*

## QUESTIONS



## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Kerry Williams, P.E., PMP

Deputy Director of Engineering and Construction Management Services  
(ECMS)

## GREETINGS

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears – DISTRICT 2

Commissioner Chakira Johnson – DISTRICT 4

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DeKalb County

## • WHAT WE DO...

- Serve approximately 700,000+ DeKalb County residents
- Treat up to 128 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) of safe drinking water/day
- Distribute ~70 MGD/day of safe drinking water
- Treat up to 56 MGD treated wastewater per day
- Maintain over 5,000 miles of water distribution and sanitary sewer collection piping

Intake river water from the environment

Treat and produce safe, clean drinking water

Distribute drinking water to customers

Collect wastewater from customers

Treat wastewater and return to the environment

# WHY IS DEKALB COUNTY REPLACING WATER LINES?



DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's Engineering and Construction Management Division is leading the effort to repair and replace the county's aging infrastructure. These repairs will:



# TEAM INTRODUCTIONS



DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management Engineering and Construction Management will lead a team of Engineers, Inspectors and Contractor Crews.



## THE PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

Ms. Cassandra M. Marshall, CCM, PMP  
Assistant Director – Watershed Management, CIP



### Repeated Breaks

Faced with 25 water main breaks from 1989 to 2025

# THE PROBLEM (W. College Ave Project)

## Water Main Breaks

### Aged Infrastructure

Installed in 1950's and 1960's

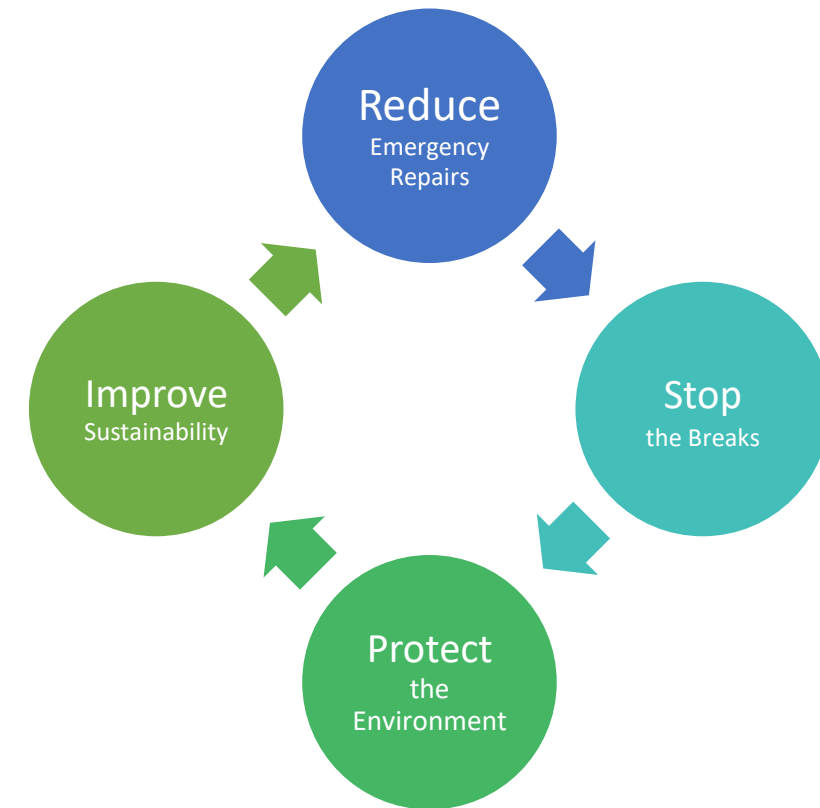
### Operational Efficiencies

Tuberculation  
Undersized  
Corrosion

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW - SOLUTION



- In 2024, the Board of Commissioners approved a new CIP for \$4.27 billion dollars for projects to be completed from 2025 to 2034.
- What is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP)?
  - A project that helps maintain or improve an asset.
  - The new construction or replacement of infrastructure.
  - W. College Ave Water Main Replacement project is a \$15 million project that is included in that plan.
- The CIP Team is responsible for executing the work done after the engineering has been completed.





# WEST COLLEGE AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SCOPE

Mr. Danny Mathis  
Construction Manager



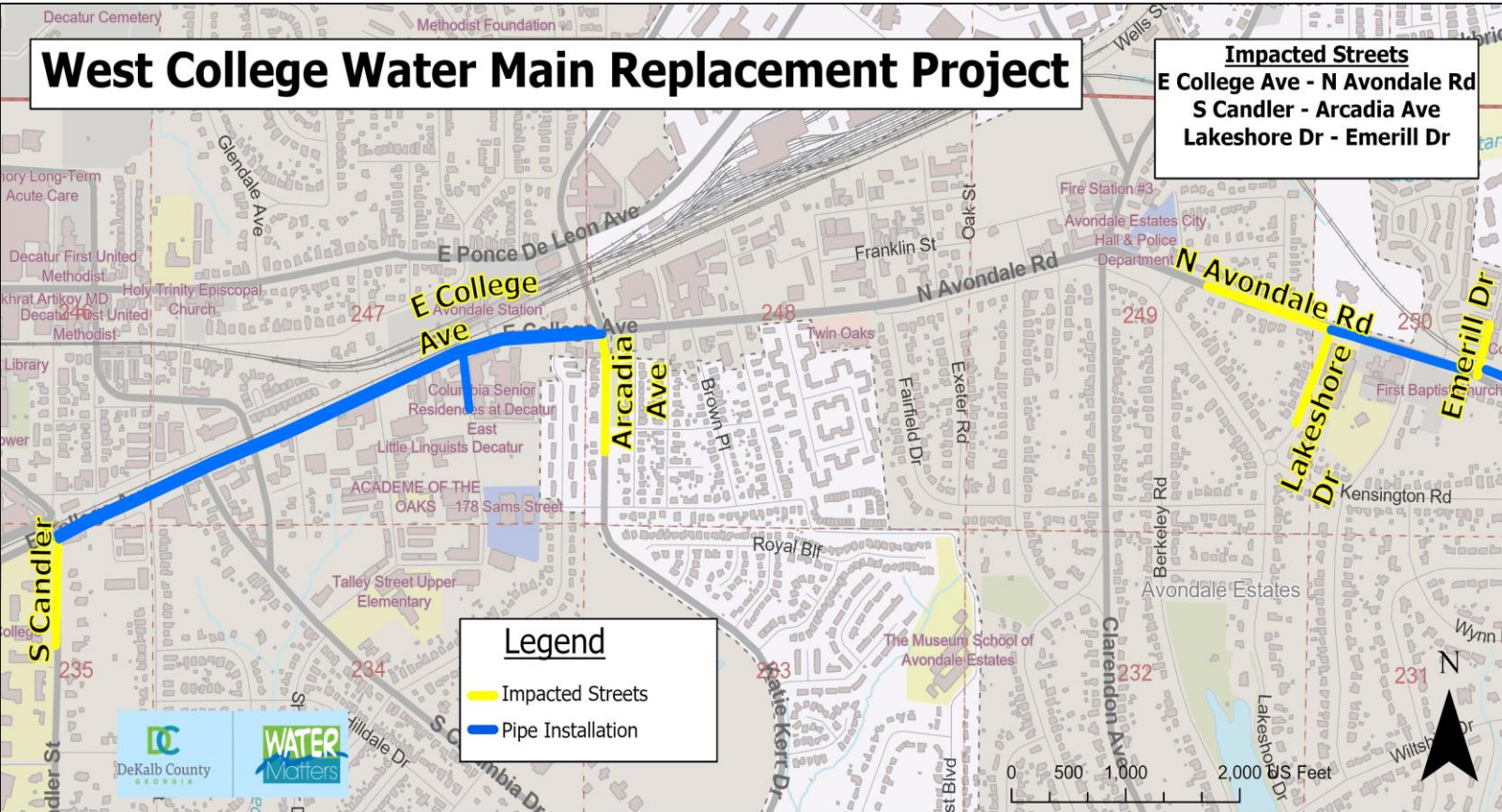
# WEST COLLEGE AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SCOPE

Planned work includes:

- Installing nearly 420 linear feet (LF) of new 6-inch and 550 linear feet (LF) of new 8-inch DIP water main, 5,800 linear feet (LF) of new 12-inch of DIP, and 2,250 linear feet of 16-inch DIP, including service lines, hydrants, valves, pavement restoration, water meter boxes to grade.
- The trench will be milled and resurfaced once the new water main installation is complete.
- The site conditions will not be altered from the existing. All disturbed pavement and landscaping will be replaced in kind. Erosion control BMPS will be installed throughout the entire water main alignment.
- No more than 1,000 LF of trench will be open at one time and must be filled and covered daily.



# WEST COLLEGE AVENUE PROJECT OVERVIEW



## Roads affected on this project:

There will be about 500 residents impacted by this project. The project area is in DeKalb County along the following streets:

- Arcadia Avenue
- Derrydown Way
- Sam's St
- New Street
- Weeks St
- Commerce Dr
- S. Columbia Dr
- Avery St
- S. Candler Rd
- Lakeshore Dr
- Emeril Dr



# WEST COLLEGE AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Mr. Eric Mitchell  
Inspections Supervisor



# West College Avenue Construction Overview



- Boots on the ground
- Responsible for construction activities
  - Ensuring that erosion and sedimentation controls are in place
  - Ensuring proper installation of pipe
  - Handle customer complaints
  - Coordination with other municipalities
  - Traffic control is maintained
  - Ensuring safety measures are followed





# METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION



## Open Cut Method



- Consists of cutting the asphalt, digging the trench and installing the new waterline.
- Backfilling the trench and replacing the asphalt.

## Trenchless Method



- Least invasive method of pipe installation.
- Consists of inverting liner through the existing pipes from identified open cut entry pits.
- Other open cut entries may include tie-in connection points.



# PROJECT DURATION: 11 Months



## Schedule Activities

- Community Notices - Jan 16<sup>th</sup>
- Community Meeting – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Mobilization - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Construction Start - February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Final Restoration – Paving
  - Starts October 2026
- Construction End - Dec. 2026



*\*All dates are weather and site condition dependent.*



# BEFORE

# AFTER



- Depends on age of pavement

- 1 Lane



- Trench Patch



2798 Miriam Lane  
Decatur  
DeKalb County  
Georgia

## THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Cassandra M. Marshall, CCM, PMP  
Assistant Director – Watershed Management, CIP



# COMMUNITY AWARENESS


- What to Expect
  - Construction Traffic (Both Foot Traffic And Vehicles)
    - Construction Deliveries
    - Construction Parking
    - Heavy Construction Equipment
  - Safety and Security
    - Increased Noise
      - Back Up Alarms (Safety Mechanism)
      - Asphalt Saw-cutting
    - Delineating Construction Zones
    - County contractors and employees will have a County issued badge
  - Work Hours
    - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (typical work hours for open cut installation).
    - Coordination throughout on specific streets affected during construction
    - Residents will have access to driveways during construction
    - Prior notifications of water service shutoffs
  - Environmental Protection
    - Minimize dust control and dirt on streets



# COMMUNITY AWARENESS



- Construction yard signage or large project signs that will be clearly and carefully placed to alert community of streets affected by construction
- Contractor will also have vehicles on site marked with either a company logo or a DeKalb County contractor sign



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**DEKALB COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

**WEST COLLEGE AVENUE**  
**WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**  
**PROJECT**

The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) will be improving the capacity and service of the wastewater systems in your community.

**FEBRUARY 2026 – DECEMBER 2026**

Contractor:  
**GS Construction**

[www.dekalbwatershed.com](http://www.dekalbwatershed.com) \* 1.800.986.1108 \* [projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov)

## DEKALB COUNTY WATERSHED



## CONTRACTOR

# COMMUNITY AWARENESS



- Contractor will provide traffic control to guide residents through the construction zones
- 1<sup>st</sup> crew will start S Candler heading East
- 2<sup>nd</sup> crew will start at Arcadia heading west toward South Candler
- Laydown area – 601 East College
- Planned outages – service line transfer to the meter – 30 mins.





# Public Communications Update

Ms. Alicia Pennie  
Public Relations Manager

# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



## LETTERS



770.414.2355 (x)  
404.298.4446 (t)  
DeKalbCountyga.gov

Watershed Management  
4572 Memorial Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30032

February 11, 2018

**Subject: Package III Gravity Sewer Project**

Dear Resident,

As part of DeKalb County's \$1.345 billion capital improvement program, the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) will be improving the capacity and service of the Wastewater systems serving your community. The **Package III Gravity Sewer Project** will be designed to move wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation. The gravity sewer improvement projects will provide maintenance ease, increase capacity and reduce sanitary sewer overflows in the Stone Mountain and Decatur area.

This letter serves as formal notification that construction activities associated with this project will begin **March 2019**. Normal construction hours will be from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday**, excluding major holidays. Property owners will be notified in advance of significant changes in scheduled work hours.

Please be advised to expect an increase in construction-related noise and traffic, during work hours. Property owners will be notified 45 to 72 hours prior to the start of impactful construction activities. Our construction crews will work diligently to minimize the length of impact to residents.

The gravity sewer improvement project is expected to last approximately 20 months, with construction completed in February 2020. Garney Construction, working on behalf of DeKalb County, is the authorized contractor for the **Package III Gravity Sewer Project**. All workers will be wearing proper identification and driving marked vehicles.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the **Package III Gravity Sewer Project**, please do not hesitate to contact the DWM Project Information line at 1-800-986-1108 or email [projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov).

We appreciate your patience as we work diligently to make improvements to DeKalb County's sanitary sewer collection system.

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## DOOR HANGERS





**Department of Watershed Management**



**Package III Gravity Sewer Project**

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management's Office of Engineering & Construction Management Services (ECMS) has initiated a project to **design and build** a new wastewater treatment gravity sewer project.

Please be advised to expect **lorem ipsum lorem ipsum lorem ipsum**. Signs and traffic flaggers will assist drivers in moving safely around the closures.

Work hours for the project will be from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays. In some cases, weekend work may be necessary. Our construction crews will work diligently to minimize the length of impact to residents. Also, please note all staff working on behalf of DeKalb County will have proper identification and will drive marked contractor vehicles.

All inquiries about this project should be directed to [projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov) or 1-800-986-1108. We appreciate your patience as we work diligently to make improvements to DeKalb County's water distribution system.

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D4 – Comm. Steve Bradshaw

## EMAILS

Email (HTML)    Email (Plain Text)

From: Watershed Management Department - DeKalb <[dekalbcountywatershed@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:dekalbcountywatershed@public.govdelivery.com)>  
Subject: American Fare Lift Station Abandonment and Gravity Sewer Construction Update





# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



## TOUCHPOINTS



Project Hotline



Website



Social Media



News Release

- DCTV
- Next Door
- Project Signs
- Contractors
- FAQ

# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



Like, Follow & Subscribe to Stay in Touch

NEXTDOOR



FACEBOOK



TWITTER/X



YOUTUBE



CIP PROJECTS



# CONTACT INFORMATION



- Customer Questions?

- Project Information: 1-800-986-1108
- Email Inquiries: [projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov)

- Contact Information:

- Cassandra Marshall: [cmmarshall@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:cmmarshall@dekalbcountyga.gov) 678-614-9060
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- Emergency Hotline:

- Dispatch: 770-270-6243
- Email: [dekalbwaterops@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dekalbwaterops@dekalbcountyga.gov)

# QUESTIONS

