



**GRANT DRIVE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Virtual Community Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 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, 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 & CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW:

Mr. Arre Kennedy, UM, Construction Project Manager

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW:

Ms. Ginger Gay, Inspections Supervisor

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Alicia Pennie, Public Outreach 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 Edward “Ted” Terry – SUPER DISTRICT 6
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 42 water main breaks from 1989 to 2024

Excessive
Water Main
Breaks

Aged
Infrastructure

Installed in 1950's and 1960's

Operational
Efficiencies

Tuberculation
Undersized
Corrosion

THE PROBLEM (Grant Drive Project)

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.
 - Grant Drive Water Main Replacement project is a \$3.8 million project that is included in that plan.
- The CIP Team is responsible for executing the work done after the engineering has been completed.





GRANT DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SCOPE

Mr. Arre Kennedy, Utility Manager
Construction Project Manager



GRANT DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SCOPE

Planned work includes:

- Installing nearly 6,600 linear feet (LF) of new 8-inch DIP water main, 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 existing 6-in water main will be abandoned in place and filled with non-shrink grout.
- 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.



GRANT DRIVE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Grant Drive Water Main Replacement Project

- Impacted Streets**
- Dresden Drive
 - Thompson Road
 - Grant Drive
 - Milowyn Place
 - Fern Circle
 - Drew Valley Road
 - Bates Court
 - Alta Vista Drive

- Legend**
- Pipe Installation
 - Impacted Roads



Roads affected on this project:

There will be about 250 residents impacted by this project. The project area is in DeKalb County along the following streets:

- Grant Drive
- Thompson Road
- Milowyn Place
- Alta Vista Drive
- Thompson Mill Road
- Fearn Circle
- Bates Court
- Drew Valley Road



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GRANT DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Ms. Ginger Gay
Inspections Supervisor

Grant Drive Construction Overview

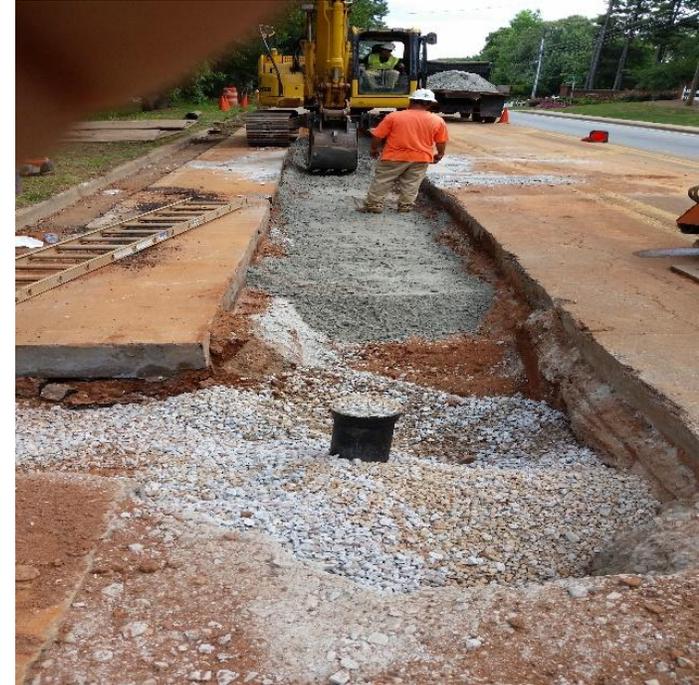
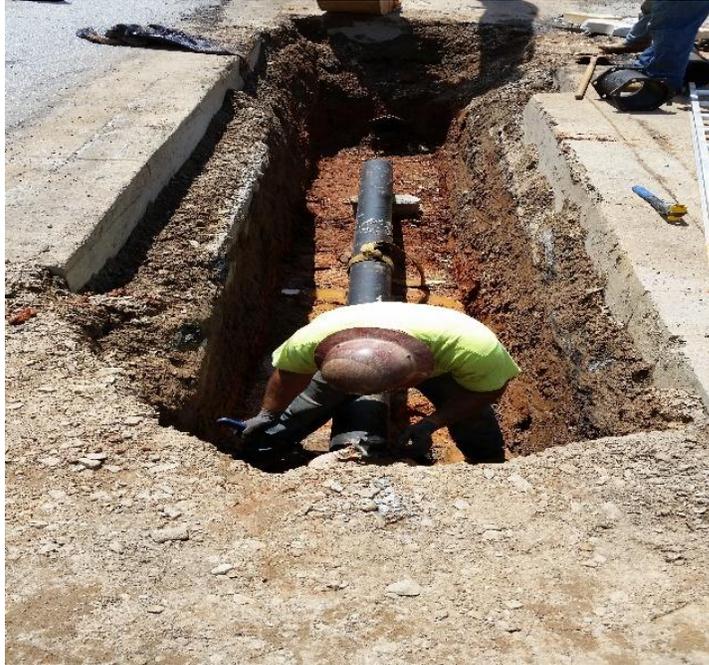


- Boots on the ground
- Responsible for construction activities
 - Ensuring that erosion and sedimentation controls are in place
 - Ensuring proper installation of pipe
 - Handle customer complaints
 - Coordination with other municipalities
 - Traffic control is maintained
 - Ensuring safety measures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



Open Cut Method

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



PROJECT DURATION: 8 Months



Grant Drive Schedule Activities

- Community Notices - Jan. 16th
- Community Meeting – Jan. 27th
- Mobilization - Feb. 2nd
- Construction Start - Feb. 9th
- Final Restoration – Paving
 - Starts July 2026
- Construction End - Aug. 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



Dec 3, 2021 1:03:11 PM
2210 Ousley Ct

- 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
 - 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (typical work hours for open cut installation). The duration of the project is approximately 8 months.
 - 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

DEKALB COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

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As part of the \$4.27 billion Capital Improvement Program, the Department of Watershed (DWM) will be improving the capacity and service of the watershed systems serving your community.

GRANT DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WINTER 2026

Heavy equipment and badged work crews will be in your area.

www.dekalbwatershed.com 1.800.986.1108 projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov

Water Matters

DEKALB COUNTY WATERSHED



CONTRACTOR



Public Communications Update

Ms. Alicia Pennie

Public Relations Manager

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



LETTERS

 770.414.2355 (o) Watershed Management
404.298.4446 (t) 4572 Mansueti Drive
DeKalbCountyga.gov 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 2018**. 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. Gamey 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.

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



NOTIFICATION

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 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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EMAILS

Email (HTML) Email (Plain Text)

From: Watershed Management Department - DeKalb <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
- Contact Information:
 - Cassandra Marshall: cmmarshall@dekalbcountyga.gov 678-614-9060
 - Ginger Gay: gngay@dekalbcountyga.gov 678-758-5030
 - Arre Kennedy: amkennedy@dekalbcountyga.gov 770-621-7289
- Emergency Hotline:
 - Dispatch: 770-270-6243
 - Email: dekalbwaterops@dekalbcountyga.gov

QUESTIONS

