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**DeKalb Announces \$20 Million
Water Pressure Improvement Plan**

*County to reactivate water tower storage, replace aging
infrastructure in the Briarcliff and North Decatur area*

DECATUR, Ga. – Today, DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond announced a plan to resolve reported low water pressure issues in the Briarcliff and North Decatur areas. In July 2019, DeKalb County crews will begin work on a \$20 million project that will replace seven miles of 60- to 100-year-old water pipes.

“Resolving water pressure issues in the Briarcliff and North Decatur area is a top priority for DeKalb County Government,” said CEO Thurmond. “DeKalb County is committed to fixing these longstanding problems and has directed significant resources to get the job done.”



Fire hydrant located at Briarcliff Road and University Drive is the connecting point between two aging water mains that are contributing to low water pressure in the area.

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The project will include the installation of more than one mile of high-capacity, 12-inch diameter water mains along Briarcliff Road.

DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management has assessed water consumption trends and the condition of water system infrastructure. Crews also have checked area water mains for leaks and obstructions.

Several mitigation measures are being deployed to ensure adequate water supply and pressure. These include consulting with large water use customers about their needs, reactivating an elevated water storage tower on Clairmont Road, and verifying proper water system operations.

Until the low water pressure issues are resolved, customers in the affected area are asked to voluntarily refrain from outdoor water use such as filling swimming pools, landscape irrigation and washing cars from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

DeKalb County Fire Rescue will deploy additional resources to all fire calls in the area.

CEO Thurmond's office has been in discussions with Georgia Department of Transportation officials to seek the state's assistance in expediting permitting and traffic control measures on Briarcliff Road, which is a state route.

Customers who continue to experience low water pressure issues are asked to contact the Department of Watershed Management at 770-270-6243 or dekalbwaterops@dekalbcountyga.gov.