



**SOWELL ESTATES SEWER IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**
Virtual Community Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Link: <https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/5029881429>





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Maria Houser

Director of Consent Decree and Environmental Compliance

DeKalb County

MEETING AGENDA



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Ms. Maria Houser, Director of Consent Decree

GREETINGS:

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7
Chair of the Public Works Infrastructure Committee*

Ms. Alesia Brooks, Chief of Staff, District 4

NEW DAY:

Mr. Zachary Williams, Chief Operating Officer

DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED OVERVIEW:

Mr. David Hayes, Interim Director

THE ASSESSMENT:

Mr. Brent Zern, P.E., Compliance Manager

THE PROBLEM:

Mr. Kerry B. Williams, P.E., PMP, Engineering Manager

THE SOLUTION:

Ms. Cassandra Marshall, PMP, CIP Program Administrator

SOWELL ESTATES PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW:

Ms. Shawna Prescott, Project Manager

SOWELL ESTATES CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW:

Mr. Arre Kennedy, U.M., Construction Project Manager

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Alicia Pennie, Public Relations Manager

QUESTIONS



GREETINGS

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Super District 7

Alesia Brooks

Chief of Staff, Commission District 4



A NEW DAY

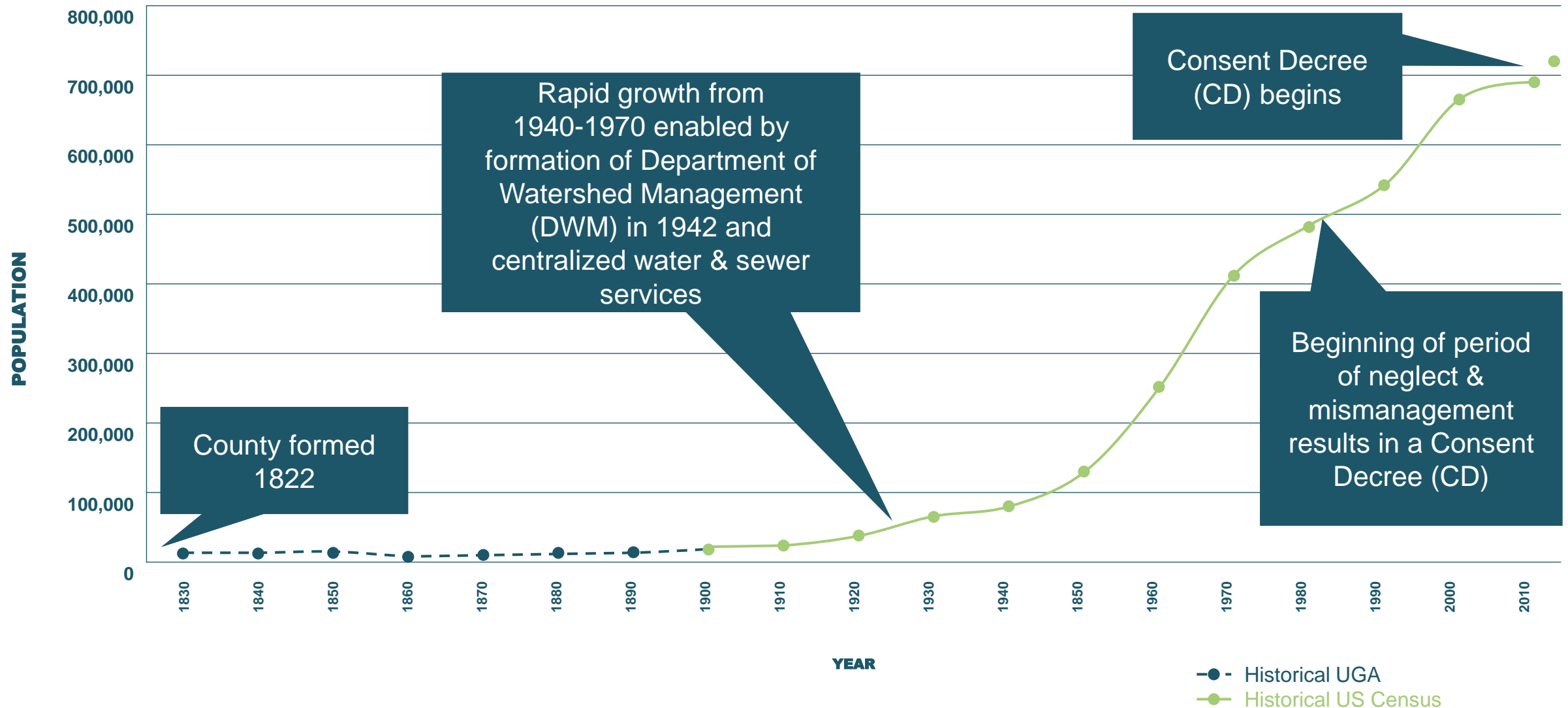
Mr. Zachary Williams
Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County

Infrastructure Neglect

- Aging System
- Lack of a Capital Improvement Process



The Role of Water and Sewer Services in the Development of DeKalb County



- CEO Thurmond directly engaged Consent Decree issues via regularly scheduled meetings.
- Prioritized repeat wet weather spill sites.
- Focused on identifying the root underlying issues to symptomatic problems in the sewer system.





DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED OVERVIEW

Mr. David Hayes
Interim Director



• WHAT WE DO...

- Serve approximately 700,000+ DeKalb County residents
- Treat up to 128 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) finished 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

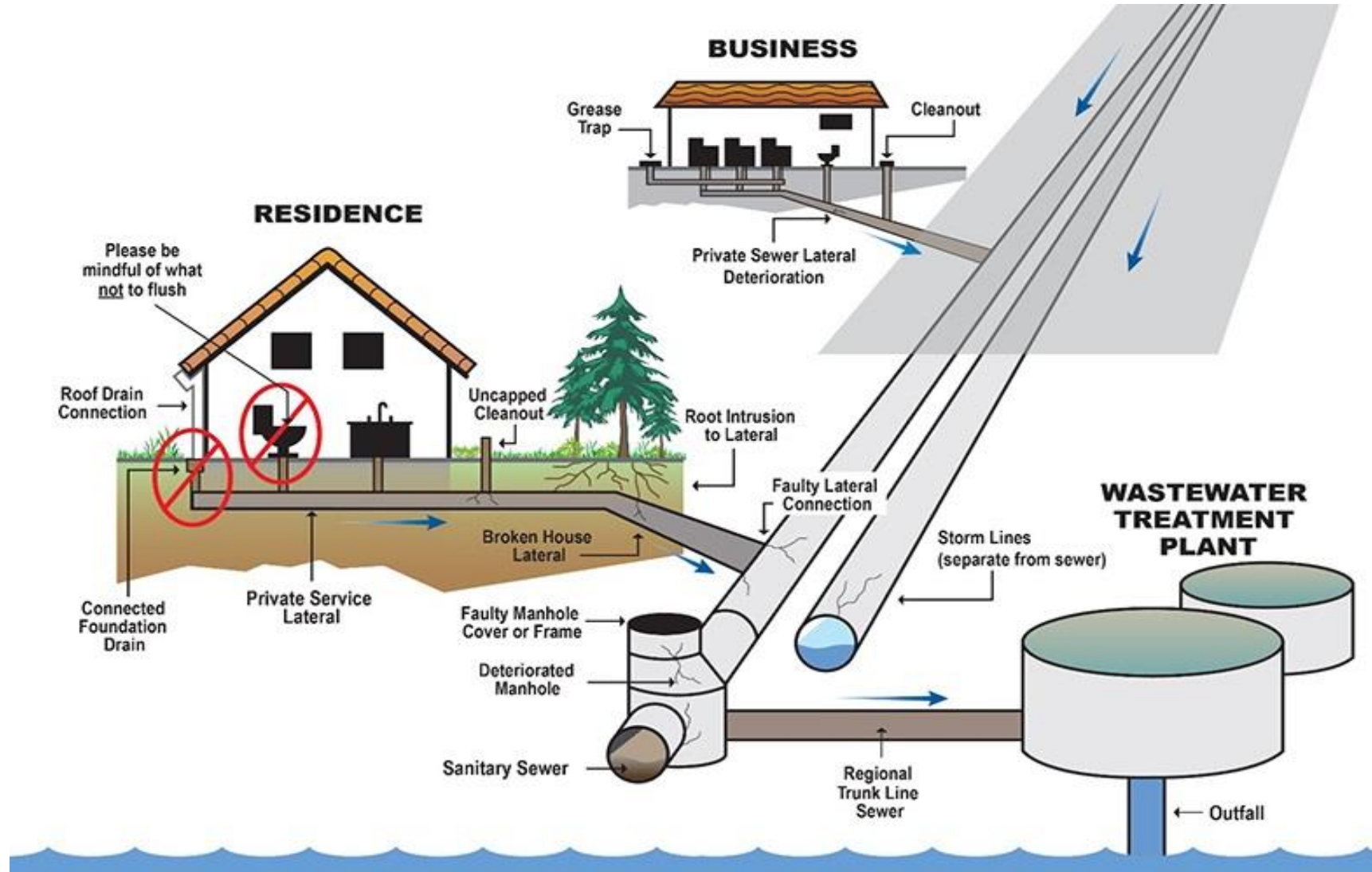
Treat and produce safe, clean drinking water

Distribute drinking water to customers

Collect wastewater from customers

Treat wastewater and return to the environment

WASTEWATER SYSTEM OVERVIEW: WHAT'S A GRAVITY SEWER?



WHY IS DEKALB COUNTY REPLACING AND/OR REPAIRING SEWER 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.



Contractor:



Construction Management:



Engineer:





THE ASSESSMENT

Brent Zern, P.E.

Regulatory Compliance Assistant Director

DeKalb County

Problem Assessment

- Smoke testing
 - 80 cleanout caps that needed to be replaced
- Closed circuit TV
 - Performed CCTV on over 15,000 LF of pipe in upstream area to determine notable defects including holes, cracks, and fractures to be rehabilitated in addition to the pipes to be upsized for capacity
 - These defects can allow groundwater/stormwater to enter the sewer using capacity
 - Rehabilitation of these defects (example on the right was lined Nov 2019) will reduce flow in the pipes
 - 27 vented manhole lids for replacement with solid lids
- Structural condition assessment and inspection
- Acoustical Testing
- Hydraulic modeling





THE PROBLEM

Mr. Kerry B. Williams, P.E., PMP
Engineering Manager

THE PROBLEM

Repeated SSOs

17 wet weather-related SSOs since 2013 in this area
Most recent spill on Oct 24, 2020 occurred during a wet weather event with rainfall intensities exceeding a 2-year recurrence probability

Priority Fix List (PFL)

Aged Infrastructure

Lack of Capacity

Operational Efficiencies



THE SOLUTION

Ms. Cassandra M. Marshall, PMP
Program Administrator, CIP



- What is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP)?
 - A project that helps maintain or improve an asset.
 - The new construction or replacement of an infrastructure.
- Earlier this year, the Board of Commissioners approved a new CIP for \$2.4 billion dollars for projects to be completed from 2021 to 2030.
 - SOWELL ESTATES is a \$4.1 million project that is included in that plan
- The CIP Team is responsible for executing the work done after the engineering has been completed.





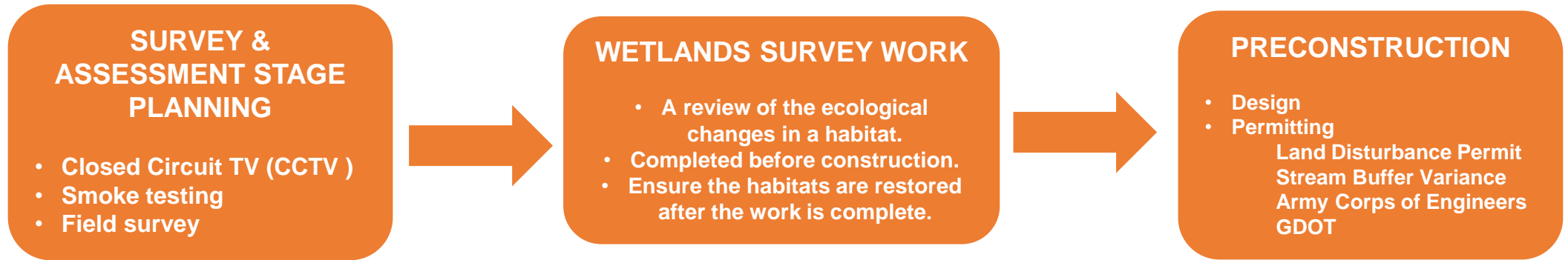
SOWELL ESTATES PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW

Ms. Shawna Prescott
Project Manager

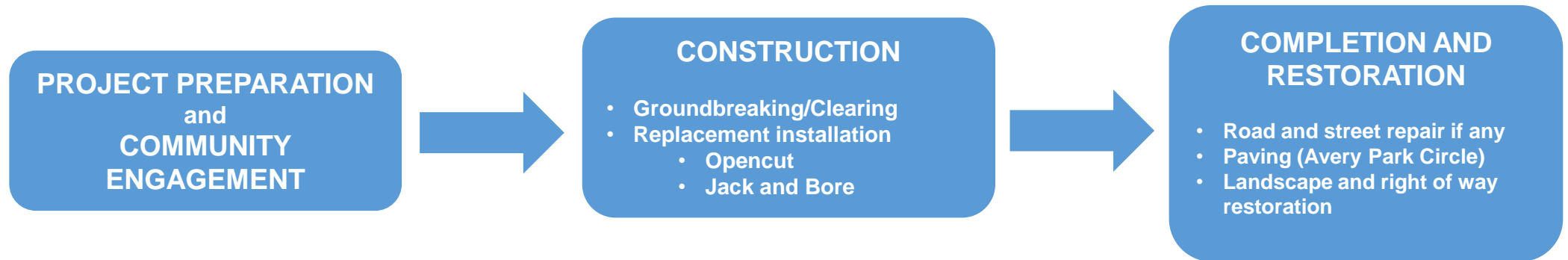
PROJECT OVERVIEW



March 2019 -
December 2020



Fall 2021 –
Spring 2023

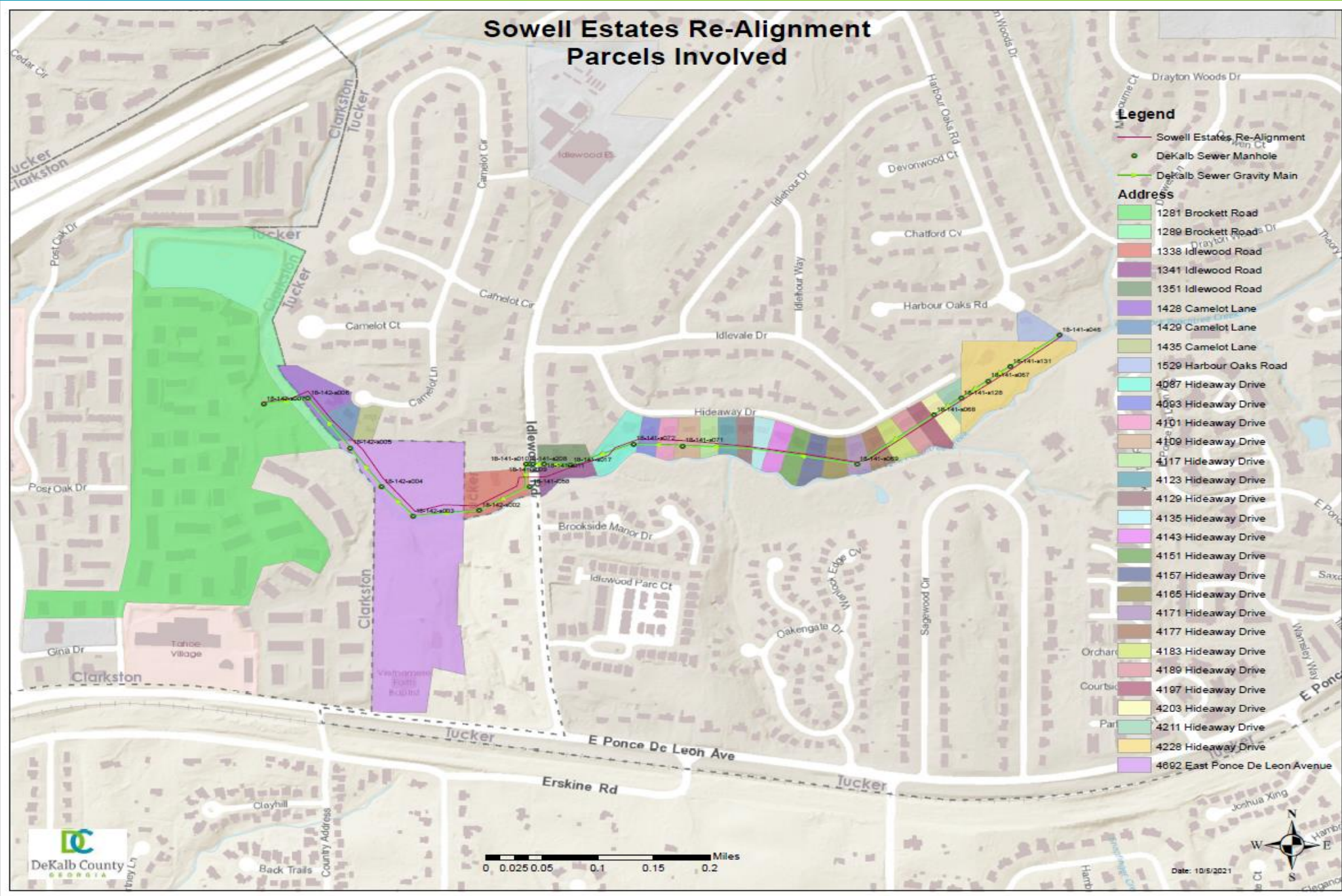




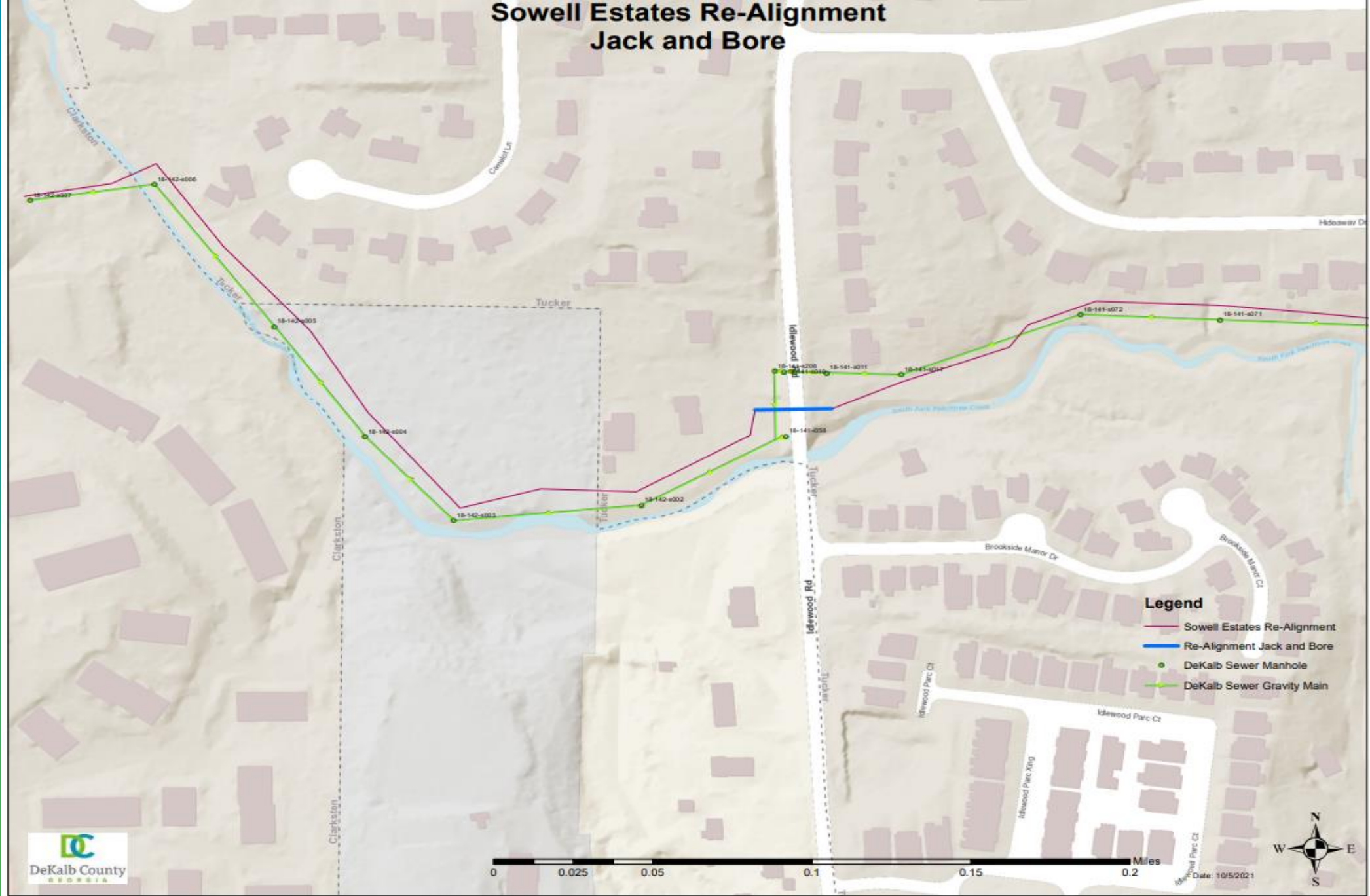
SOWELL ESTATES PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW

- Planned work includes
 - Upsize approximately 4,480 linear feet
 - Replace existing 15-inch to 18-inch with 24-inch pipes
 - Jack and Bore Construction of approximately 340 linear feet
 - Open Cut Construction of approximately 4,140 linear feet
 - 27 New Manholes

Sowell Estates Re-Alignment Parcels Involved



Sowell Estates Re-Alignment Jack and Bore



METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION



Jack and Bore

- Trenchless method of sewer construction
- Dig a sending pit and a receiving pit to install a new sewer pipe .
- Place a jack and bore machine in the sending pit and
- Cut a hole underground horizontally from the sending pit to the receiving pit, without disturbing the surface above.



Open Cut Trench Excavation

- Traditional method for sewer construction, repair, or replacement.
- Most economical method of construction to achieve the County's desired results for gravity sewer.
- Provides the service best suited to the scope of this project.

Duration of the Project:



- Project Staking has begun
- Easement Clearing Start
 - October 25, 2021
 - Easement clearing will continue throughout the project.
- Access Preparation Start
 - October 27, 2021
- Construction Start (pipe installation)
 - January 3, 2022
 - Work activities will continue through Spring 2023.



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

RESIDENT IMPACT



- Silver Oak Apartment:
Some residents in the area of Buildings 34 (F,E) & 28 (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) maybe subject to noise and visual impact produced during construction.
- No anticipated traffic disruptions, such as lane closures to Idlewood Road.
- Residents may encounter some construction traffic entering and exiting Idlewood Road throughout the life of this project.





SOWELL ESTATES CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Mr. Arre Kennedy, U.M.
Construction Project Manager

SOWELL ESTATES PROJECT

Construction Overview

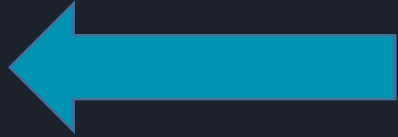
- Boots on the ground
- Responsible for construction activities
 - Clearing within the permanent and temporary easement
 - Ensuring that erosion and sedimentation controls are in place
 - Ensuring proper installation of pipe
 - Enforcing safety measures are followed



Before



- Construction work zone



- Restoration



After





THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Cassandra M. Marshall, PMP
Program Administrator



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- What to Expect
 - Construction Traffic (Both Foot Traffic And Vehicles)
 - Construction Parking
 - Construction Deliveries
 - County contractors and employees will have a county-issued badge
 - Safety and Security
 - Noise Increase
 - Back Up Alarms (Safety Mechanism)
 - Bypass Pumps
 - Environmental Protection
 - Construction entrance and exits
 - Minimize dust control and dirt on streets
 - Work Hours
 - 7am – 7pm (typical work hours)
 - Delineating Construction Zones




PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Alicia Pennie
Public Relations Manager

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



LETTERS

 770-414-2355 (o)
404-298-4446 (t)
DeKalbCountyga.gov

Watershed Management
4572 Memorial Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30032

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Michael Thurmond

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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.

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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D5 – Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson
D6 – Comm. Kathie Gannon
D7 – Comm. Greg Adams Sr.

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



County Newsletter,
The Relay

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

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
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- Virgil Knox: vwknox@dekalbcountyga.gov 678-614-9144
- Shawna Prescott: sdprescott@dekalbcountyga.gov 404-574-0998
- Alesia Brooks: adbrosks@dekalbcountyga.gov 404-371-7031

- Emergency Hotline:

- Dispatch: 770-270-6243

QUESTIONS

