



SOWELL ESTATES SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Virtual Community Meeting

Frequently Asked Questions

October 21, 2021

Q. What is the purpose of the Sowell Estates Sewer Replacement Project?

- A. Part of the DeKalb County Consent Decree Priority Fix List (repeat sewer spill site)
- Repair and replace sewer pipes to improve service
 - Increase sewer capacity
 - Replacement of approximately 4,480 linear feet of sewer pipe for the cities of Tucker and Clarkston
 - Replace existing 15-inch and 18-inch with 24-inch pipes.

Q. When will the project begin and end?

- A. The project is scheduled to begin **Fall 2021** with final completion expected in **Spring 2023**.

Q. What will be the work hours during construction?

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

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

- A. Citizens should expect to see heavy construction equipment along the project route. Traffic safety measures will be implemented to help motorists move safely through the construction zone.

Q. What do the construction activities involve?

- A. The project includes upsizing pipes using the following methods:
- Jack and Bore construction (340 linear feet)
 - Open cut construction (approx. 4,140 linear feet)

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Q. What impacts will construction have on the trees in the area?

A. There will be tree removal within the county's easement. The construction team has met with impacted homeowners, who have agreed to the easement clearing stipulations.

Q. Who will clean up tree removal and debris?

A. The contractor is ultimately responsible for site cleanup daily, but the activities will be closely monitored by DWM inspectors and construction managers.

Q. Will this project cause any disruption to my water or sewer services?

A. There will be no disruption to water and sewer services.

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
- Excavation and backfill
- Restoration

Crews will work diligently to eliminate construction-related noises before or after the scheduled construction hours of 7am-7pm.

Q. When does noise disruption start? How loud will it be?

A. Once the easement clearing begins, the noise level will increase yet will be not exceed the maximum allowable decibel level set forth by the county ordinance.

Q. Where will workers park and stage the equipment during the project?

A. Typically crew members will park along the streets throughout the neighborhoods and along the easement areas being considerate of the community activities.

Q. What is the next stage after tree removal?

A. Installation of erosion control measures to protect the environment and pipe installation to improve the sewer infrastructure.

Q. Describe the level of work (trucks, other equipment, etc.)

A. There will be various vehicles throughout the site for the contractor’s crews, County employees and consultants. Equipment will then be mobilized to start tree removal and construction. Crews

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will then start pipe installation and installing the bores underneath the road crossings. The work will include excavation, backfilling the trench and site restoration work.

Q. For the safety of the community, which contractors will be onsite?

A. The Renee Group, Inc. (RGI), is the contractor for the Sowell Estates Sewer Replacement Project, along with subcontractors. All contractors onsite are required to have DWM badges.

Q. Who can I contact if I have additional questions or need more information about the project?

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

Q. Who can I contact onsite if I have additional questions or concerns?

A. Construction & Engineering Team:

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Q. How can I learn more about the project. Is there is a website?

A. Please visit the project page: www.dekalbcountyga.gov/sowell.

Q. If there is an emergency outside of normal business hours, who should I contact?

A. Please contact our 24-hour dispatch line at (770) 270-6243 or dekalbwaterops@dekalbcountyga.gov.