



**CONSENT DECREE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Virtual Community Meeting**

*Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.*





## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Kerry Williams, P.E., PMP  
Deputy Director, ECMS



## GREETINGS

District 2 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Super District 6 – Commissioner Ted Terry

# MEETING AGENDA



**DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED OVERVIEW:** *Mr. Kerry Williams, P.E., PMP, Deputy Director, ECMS*

**THE ASSESSMENT & PROBLEM:** *Ms. Alia Johnson, P.E., Engineering Manager - ECMS*

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

**PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW:** *Ms. Tiffany Simpson, ECMS, Senior Engineer/Project Manager*

**CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW:** *Mr. Arre Kennedy, UM, Construction Project Manager*

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

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** *Ms. Alicia T. Pennie, Public Relations Manager*

**QUESTIONS**



## DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED OVERVIEW

Mr. Kerry Williams, P.E., PMP  
Deputy Director, ECMS



## • 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

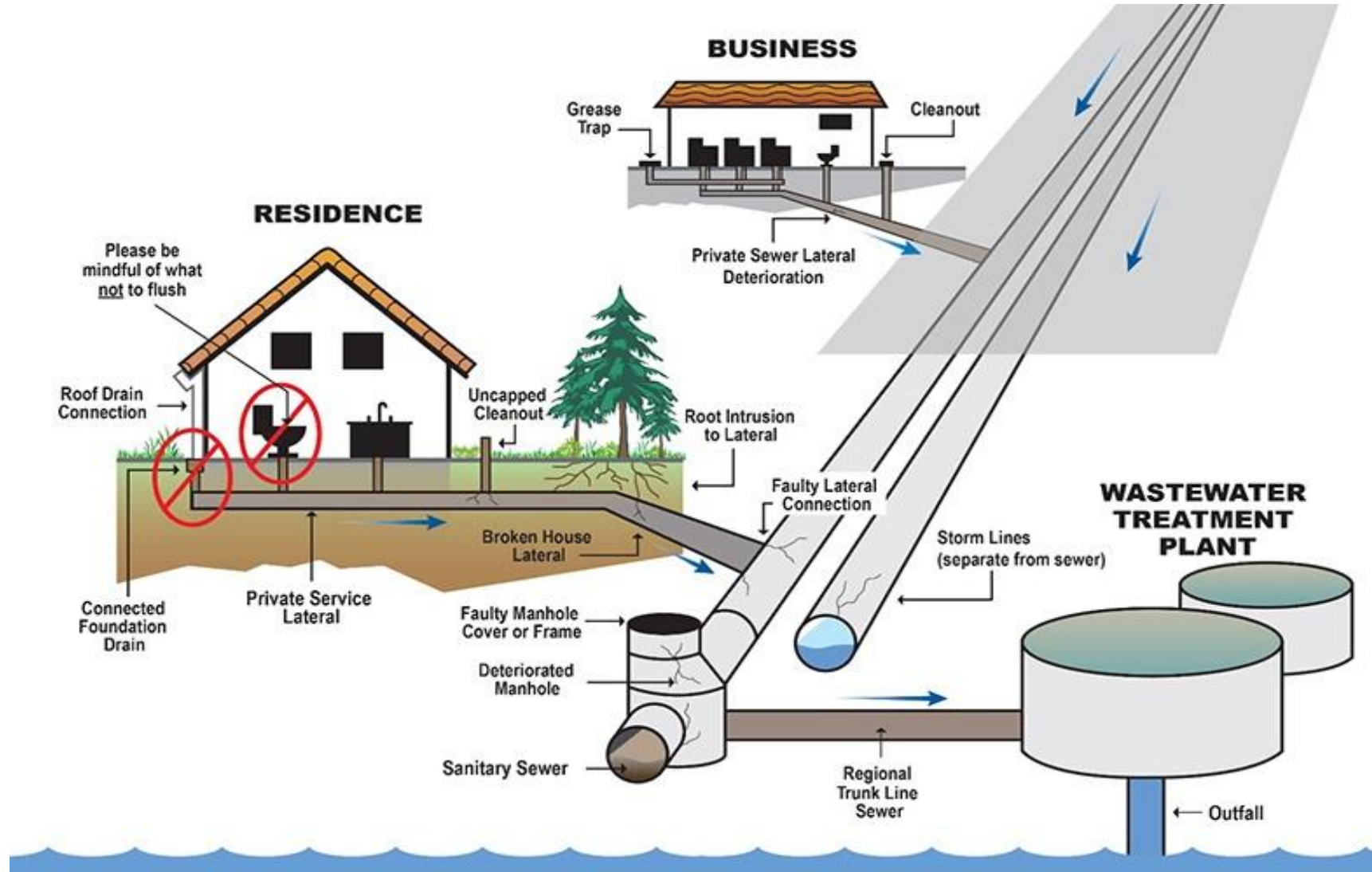
Treat and produce safe, clean drinking water

Distribute drinking water to customers

Collect wastewater from customers

Treat wastewater and return to the environment

# WASTEWATER SYSTEM OVERVIEW: WHAT'S A GRAVITY SEWER?



# TEAM INTRODUCTIONS



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







## THE ASSESSMENT & PROBLEM

Ms. Alia Johnson, P.E.

Engineering Manager, ECMS

## Problem Assessment

- Smoke Testing
  - 30 potential private lateral defects
- Closed Circuit TV
  - Identified over 21 pipes in upstream area, totaling 6,810 LF, with notable defects including holes, cracks, and fractures that have been rehabilitated in addition to the pipes to be upsized for capacity
  - These defects can allow groundwater/stormwater to enter the sewer using capacity
- Structural Condition Assessment and Inspection
- Acoustical Testing
- Hydraulic Modeling



# THE PROBLEM

## Repeated SSOs

33 wet weather-related spills since 2017 in this area  
Most recent spill on September 27, 2024 occurred during Hurricane Helene, a wet weather event with rainfall intensities exceeding a 100-year recurrence probability

## Priority Fix List (PFL)

#25 – 307 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
#51 – 607 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Aged Infrastructure

Lack of Capacity

Operational Efficiencies



## THE SOLUTION

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

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW



- What is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP)?
  - A project that helps maintain or improve an asset.
  - The new construction or replacement of an infrastructure.
- In 2025, the Board of Commissioners approved a new CIP for \$4.27 billion dollars for projects to be completed from 2025 to 2035.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue upsizing project is a \$2.8 million project that is included in that plan.
- The CIP Team is responsible for executing the work done after the engineering has been completed.





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**PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW**

Ms. Tiffany Simpson, ECMS  
Senior Engineer Project Manager

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



April 2017 -  
February 2025

## SURVEY & ASSESSMENT STAGE PLANNING

- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV )
- Smoke testing
- Field survey

## WETLANDS SURVEY WORK

- A review of the ecological changes in a habitat.
- Completed before construction.
- Ensure the habitats are restored after the work is complete.

## PRECONSTRUCTION

- Design
- Permitting
  - Land Disturbance Permit
  - Stream Buffer Variance
  - Army Corps of Engineers
  - GDOT

November 2024 –  
December 2025

## PROJECT PREPARATION and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## CONSTRUCTION

- Groundbreaking/Clearing
- Replacement installation
  - Opencut

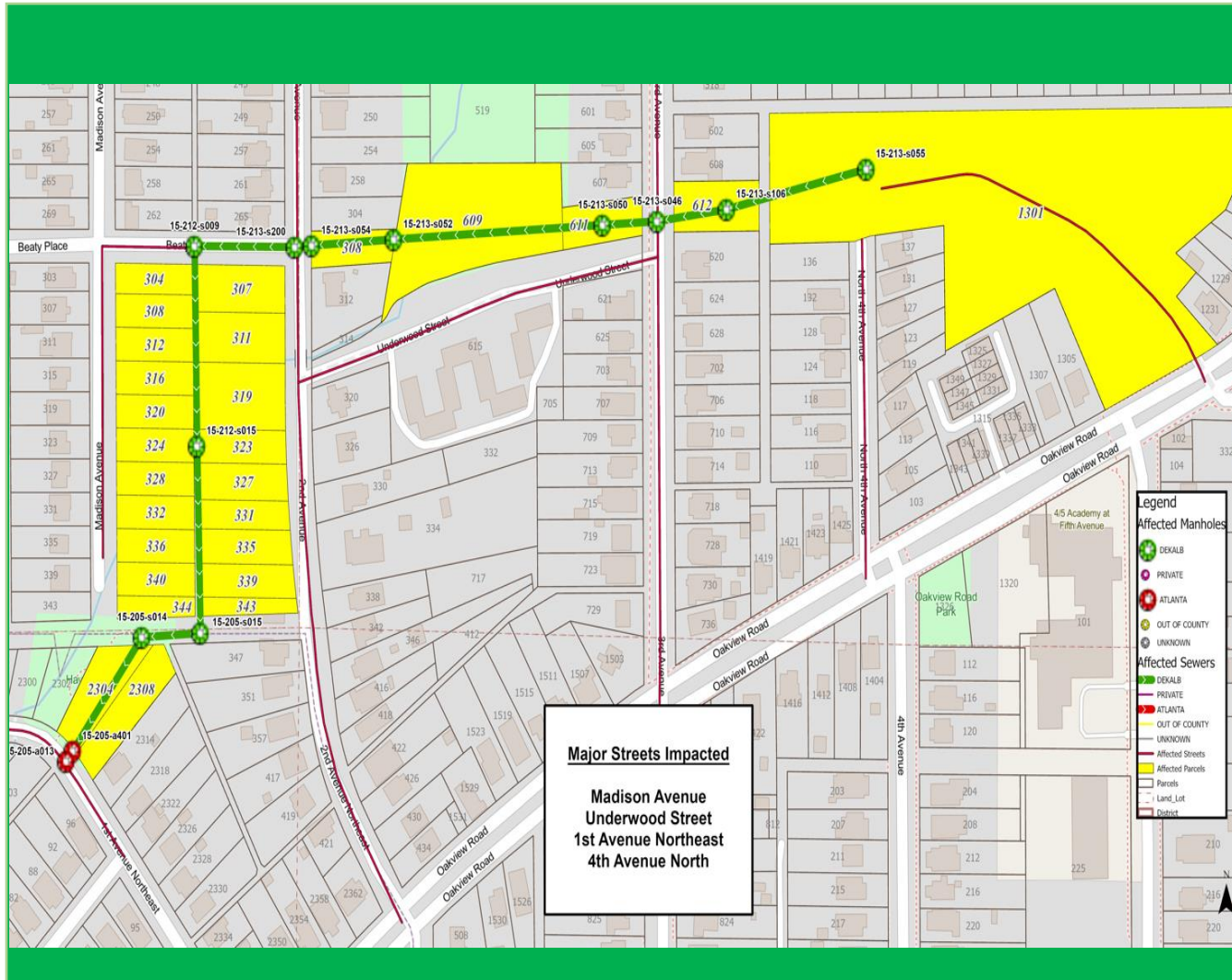
## COMPLETION AND RESTORATION

- Road and street repair if any
- Landscape and right of way restoration

# 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SCOPE OVERVIEW

Planned work includes:

- Upsizing approximately 1,900 linear feet of pipe with 12-inch and 16-inch ductile iron pipe
- Replacement or rehabilitation of 14 manholes
- Most of the installation will be performed by conventional open cut excavation method with a small section that will be pipe-burst
- Bypass sewage flows around section(s) under construction







# 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Mr. Arre Kennedy

Construction Project Manager

# 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
  - Ensuring safety measures are followed



# METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION



## 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.



## Pipe Bursting

- Trenchless method of construction by which the existing pipe is opened and forced outward by a bursting tool

# Duration of the Project:



## 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue

April 15, 2025

Community Meeting

April 17, 2025

Mobilization/Site Prep

Week of April 21st

Start Surveying/Clearing

May 2025

Pipe Installation Starts

October 2025

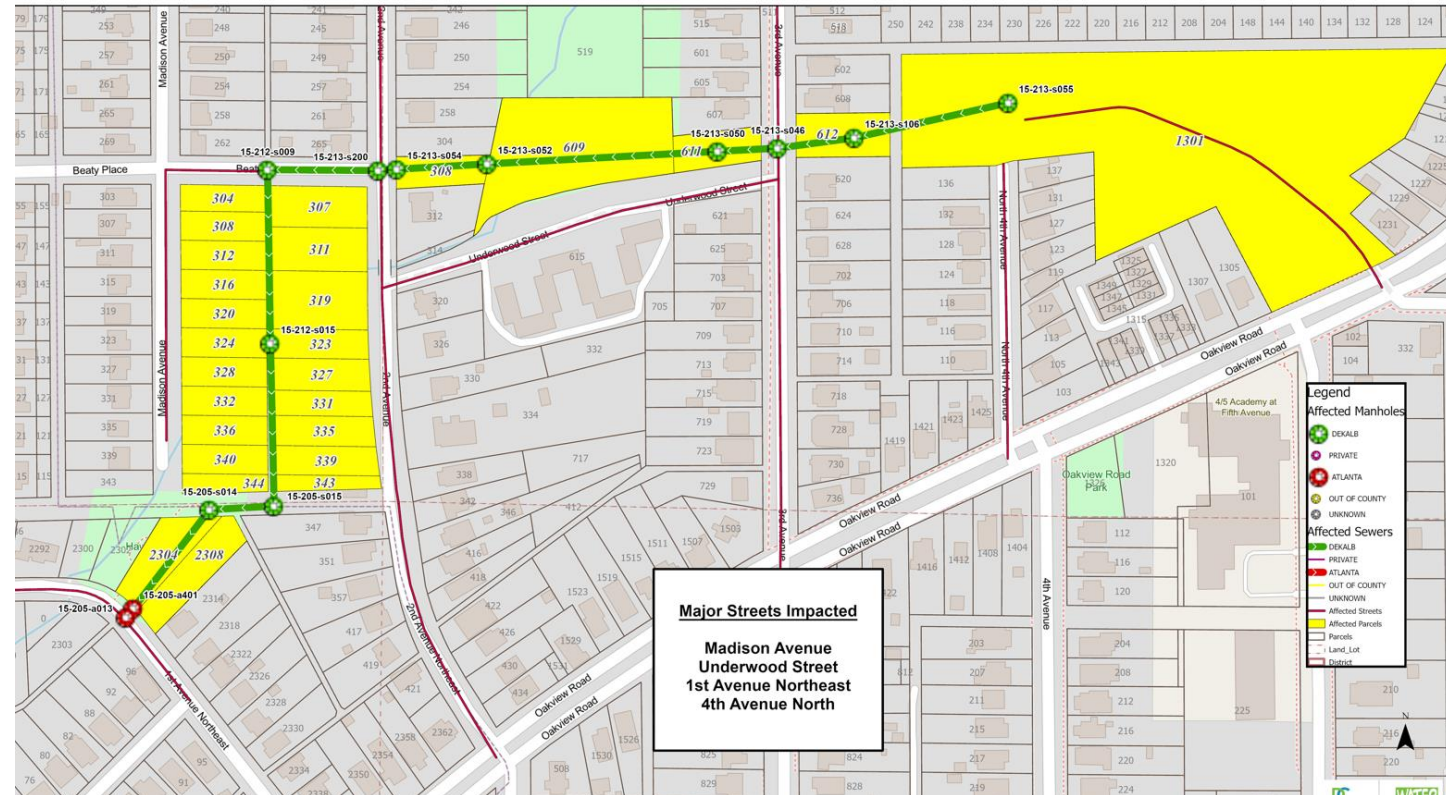
Pipe Installation Complete

November 2025

Final Restoration

December 2025

Final Completion

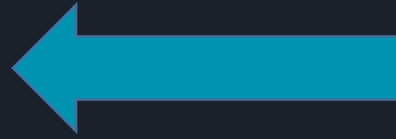


\*All dates are weather and site condition dependent.

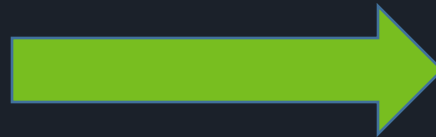
Before



- Construction work zone



- Restoration



After





## THE COMMUNITY

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

# COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- What to Expect
  - Construction Traffic (Both Foot Traffic And Vehicles)
    - Construction Deliveries
    - Construction Parking
  - Safety and Security
    - Noise Increase
      - Back Up Alarms (Safety Mechanism)
      - Bypass Pumps
    - Delineating Construction Zones
    - County contractors and employees will have a County issued badge
  - Work Hours
    - 8am – 5pm (high impact residential areas)
  - Environmental Protection
    - Construction entrance and exits
      - Minimize dust control and dirt on streets



# COMMUNITY AWARENESS



- Construction yard signage 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**

**COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

As a part of the \$2.4 billion Capital Improvement Program, the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) will be improving the capacity and service of the watershed systems serving your community.

**CONTRACTOR ON-SITE:**  
**The Renee Group (RGI)**

Heavy equipment and badged work crews will be in your area.  
For information or to report a construction related problem, please call 1-800-986-1108.



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# DEKALB COUNTY WATERSHED

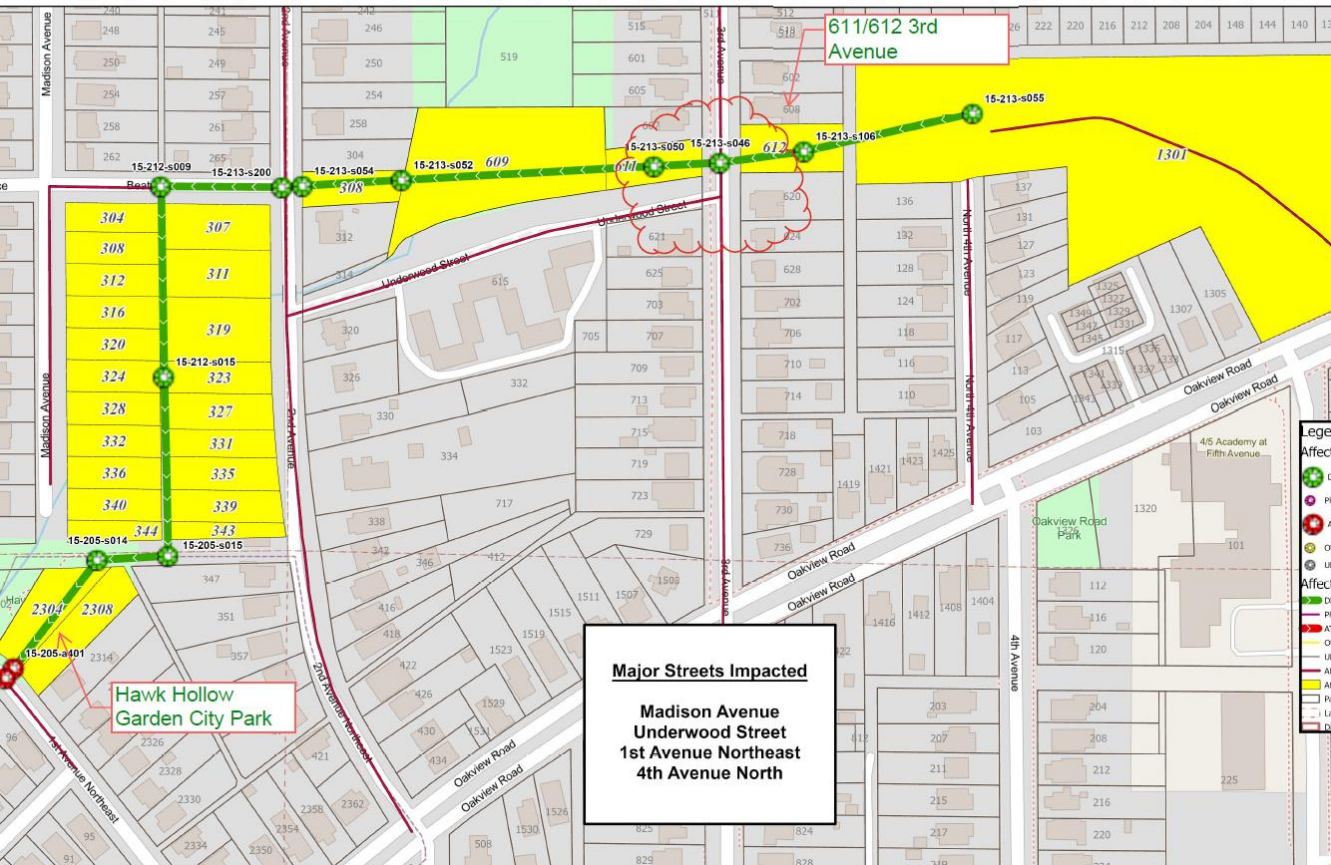


# CONTRACTOR





## 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue



- Hawk Hollow Garden City Park will be closed for approximately 3 months.
- A section of Sugar Creek Garden will be inaccessible during construction
- Contractor will provide traffic control to guide residents throughout the area
- Major traffic impacts along Beauty Place, Beauty Place & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Intersection, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave near 611/612 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue




# Public Communications Update

Ms. Alicia T. Pennie  
Public Relations Manager

# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY



## LETTERS

 770.414.2355 (o) Watershed Management  
404.298.4446 (f) 4572 Memorial Drive  
DeKalbCounty.ga.gov DeKalb County Georgia 30032

February 11, 2018  
**Subject: Package III Gravity Sewer Project**

Dear Resident,

As part of DeKalb County's \$1.245 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 areas.

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 48 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



**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](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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D6 – Comm. Kathie Gannon  
D7 – Comm. Greg Adams Sr.

## 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



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NEXTDOOR

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# CONTACT INFORMATION



- Customer Questions?

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

- Contact Information:

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- Arre Kennedy: [amkennedy@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:amkennedy@dekalbcountyga.gov) 678-428-6194
- Alvester Williams: [alwilliams2@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:alwilliams2@dekalbcountyga.gov) 470-786-2210
- Tiffany Simpson: [tnsimpson@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:tnsimpson@dekalbcountyga.gov) 770-724-1469

- Dispatch Emergency Information:

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

# QUESTIONS

