



DeKalb County
Department of Watershed Management
Engineering & Construction Management Services



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: PASARP (Priority Assessment and Rehabilitation Program)

What is the “Priority Assessment and Rehabilitation Program”?

The “Priority Assessment and Rehabilitation Program” or “PASARP” is a comprehensive, multi-phased program that was designed to assess and rehabilitate sewer lines throughout DeKalb County. The program is scheduled to begin with “smoke testing”, as well as other assessment activities outlined for evaluation.

When will the PASARP activities begin?

The activities are set to begin the week of January 25, 2016.

Where will the PASARP activities take place?

Specific areas of the County’s sanitary sewer collection system have been identified for “priority” and “ongoing” sewer system evaluation and rehabilitation. These activities will encompass about one-third of the County’s sewer lines and will occur in various areas throughout DeKalb County.

What is the target completion date for the PASARP testing and rehabilitation program?

Assessment in the PASARP priority areas is expected to be completed by January 2018, with prioritized rehabilitation projects completed by June 2020.

What companies will be conducting the PASARP?

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management has contracted with three companies to conduct the PASARP activities:

- Camken
- Metals & Materials, Engineering (MME)
- Woolpert Inc.

What kind of testing will be used to locate and identify sewer line defects?

The County will use a variety of testing methods to locate and identify sewer line defects, including:

- **Acoustic Wave Sewer Inspection** – In this method of inspection, a sound transmitter is placed in a manhole while a receiver placed in an adjacent manhole. The signal quality received provides a

measurement of “cleanliness” inside the pipe. Sophisticated algorithms allow the receiving unit to interpret blockages based upon the transmittal of acoustics waves.

- **Dye Water Flooding** – Sewer line leaks will be identified and visibly assessed utilizing CCTV (closed circuit television) equipment that follows the path of dyed water introduced into storm lines located adjacent to sanitary sewers.
- **Manhole Inspection** – Using a Manhole Assessment Certification Program protocol, sanitary sewer manholes will be inspected for deficiencies in structure and accoutrements. The MH deficiencies are scored in accordance with industry standards to determine the level of defect.
- **Pole-mounted Zoom Cameras** – This assessment employs a lightweight, portable video system – a camera and lights on a long pole – for internal inspection of pipelines and manholes for defects.
- **CCTV** – In this assessment activity, a closed circuit television camera is passed through a sanitary sewer line to identify defects in the line. Sewer line deficiencies are scored in accordance with a Pipe Assessment Certification Program protocol in determining the level of defect.
- **Sonar** – Sonar and Sonar/Tiscit are techniques used in tandem with CCTV to assess the condition of large-diameter sewer lines with high water levels that hamper CCTV visibility below the pipe’s waterline. CCTV is used to gather data for the pipe above the water level, while Sonar locates large defects and debris below the waterline.

Someone came to my door and asked me to sign a Right-of-Entry form. What does this form authorize?

Some of the Consent Decree Program projects require access to the County’s easements which are often located on or behind private property. The Right-of-Entry form grants our contractors permission to access your property to perform the work. Your acknowledgement and signature is necessary to avoid any delays in our schedule to complete the work.

What is the total cost of the Consent Decree Program?

The estimated total cost of the Consent Degree Program is \$326 million.

Have my water and sewer bills been increased to fund the Consent Decree Program and Capital Improvement Projects?

Yes, but not significantly. The rate increase amounts to approximately \$7.14 more per month for the average citizen using 5,000 gallons of water monthly.

Will there be any public events associated with the PASARP activities?

Yes, citizens may learn more about PASARP activities at three scheduled informational community meetings:

Dunwoody Library 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road Dunwoody, GA 30038	February 4, 2016 @ 6:30 PM
Tucker Recreation Center 4898 Lavista Rd Tucker, GA 30084	February 6, 2016 @ 10:00 AM
Community Achievement Center 4522 Flat Shoals Pkwy Decatur, GA 30034	February 11, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Please view the Consent Decree [calendar](#) located on the consent decree website at www.dekalbconsentdecree.com for more information about the project and upcoming events.

How can DeKalb County citizens apply for jobs associated with the Consent Decree Program?

For more information on employment opportunities with the Consent Decree Program, contact DeKalb Workforce Development at (404) 687-3400 or FirstSourceJobs@dekalbcountyga.gov.

If I have additional questions about the Consent Decree Program, who can I contact for more information?

Additional information is available on the DeKalb County Consent Decree Website at www.dekalbconsentdecree.com or for personal assistance you may contact the DeKalb County Department of Watershed's Outreach Team Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by phone at 1-800-986-1108 or anytime by email at: projectinfo@dekalbcountyga.gov.