

**Public Hearing:** YES  NO

**Department:** Watershed Management

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** 3 and 6

Septic to Sewer Petition - Cougar Court - Ellenwood, Georgia

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**PURPOSE:**

To consider a sewer petition requesting extension of the County's sanitary sewer system for a portion of Cougar Court located in the city of Ellenwood, Georgia. If approved, construction will include the installation of approximately 360 linear feet of new 8-inch cast iron sanitary sewer pipeline. The designated area in the Cougar Court community shall become a special tax district and properties within the designated area shall be assessed a portion of the cost of construction, \$7,500.00 per property.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

A sewer petition has been submitted to the County to have public sewer installed in the Cougar Court area. There are seven (7) properties that are not currently served by public sewer in the Cougar Court community. The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) staff has confirmed that there is available capacity in the system for the additional flow from the Cougar Court community, including the following properties: 3901 Cougar Ct, 3902 Cougar Ct, 3907 Cougar Ct, 3908 Cougar Ct, 3913 Cougar Ct, 3914 Cougar Ct, and 3920 Cougar Ct. In accordance with Chapter 25, Article IV, Division 2.5 of the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, a minimum of 51% of residents in the designated area must petition the County for sewer facilities in order for a petition to be approved. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the residents in the designated area (based on 4 signatures out of 7 properties) submitted a complete Petition for sanitary sewer extension into the area. A public notice advertising the public hearing before the BOC ran in the Champion Newspaper for twenty (20) days prior to the hearing (published on November 21, 2024, November 28, 2024 and December 05, 2024) and notice was mailed to the property owners in the designated area. In addition, an advertisement was placed on the County's website.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Project estimate initial cost to County is approximately \$650,000 (expect to recoup \$52,500 from assessments). Funding Source - Line Item 73 of the DWM Renewal and Extension (R&E) Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the attached Septic to Sewer Petition and authorize the installation of approximately 360 linear feet of new 8-inch cast iron sanitary sewer pipe in the Cougar Court community, located in the city of Ellenwood, and to authorize the creation of a special tax district for the designated area, whereby properties within the designated area shall be assessed a portion of the cost of construction, totaling \$7,500.00 per property, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.