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Fayette County Answers Questions Related to the Core Infrastructure SPLOST

Fayette County, Georgia, August 12, 2013 – In a continued effort to address any questions or concerns that Fayette residents have regarding the Core Infrastructure SPLOST, the Fayette County Board of Commissioners has requested that all questions and subsequent answers be given to the news media.

The county government has created a special email address for citizens to ask questions or express opinions on the Core Infrastructure SPLOST. Citizens can communicate with the county staff on projects at stormwaterinput@fayettecountyga.gov.

The county will have a final public hearing on their final stormwater project recommendations at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on August 29. The list of projects is available on the county web site at www.fayettecountyga.gov.

Questions and comments will be accepted up to the date of the actual vote on the Core Infrastructure SPLOST referendum.

Please see the questions given to date.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Fayette County Draft Core Infrastructure SPLOST 2013 Draft for Public Comment

Below are answers to questions we have received to date. The County will continue to update its SPLOST Question with Answer link on the Fayette County web site as we receive new questions.

Why does the SPLOST list contain culvert projects to be replaced with bridges?

Based on stormwater maintenance issues associated with multiple box culverts, the county decided to replace existing culverts with bridges since the bridge replacement costs are comparable to culvert replacement costs for these large culverts.

Is there a more current version of the county's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit?

As required by the new, 2012 state NPDES permit, Fayette County submitted its Stormwater Management Program Plan this month. It is currently being reviewed for approval by the state. As soon as the county receives approval, staff will post the permit on the county website.

How will the functions and activities called for in the Stormwater Management Program Plan be funded?

Compliance activities associated with the Stormwater Management Program Plan will be funded through the general fund.

Where will the \$500,000 in Category IV under “Utility Reimbursement” go?

This money will reimburse the General Fund for stormwater pipe replacement budgeted in 2014.

How do I obtain a copy of the engineering and cost estimates related to the Dam Projects?

Cost estimates for both Emerald Lake Dam and Longview Dam are currently available for download on the county’s website.

If the Core Infrastructure SPLOST referendum passes in November, residents in the unincorporated county will not have to pay annual stormwater fees for the following four years. The collection of the Core Infrastructure SPLOST will end once the budgeted funds are collected or at the close of the second year, whichever comes first.

Hard copies of the county’s 181 stormwater projects on the Core Infrastructure SPLOST list are available for review at the Fayette County’s administration building in suite 100 and the Fayette library, Peachtree City’s library and City Hall, Fayetteville’s City Hall and Tyrone’s library and Town Hall.

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