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## Lane Street Residents Pre-Construction Meeting December 12, 2024 6:30 PM Minutes

## 1. Welcome: Mayor Gwinnett

2. Project Overview: City Engineer Wesley Parker, Parker Engineering, LLC. City of Brooklet officials and Lane Street residents gathered to discuss the upcoming redevelopment of Lane Street. The project, part of a broader infrastructure improvement initiative, will provide sewer services to the City of Brooklet. The initiative aims to enhance sewer services by installing a new pump station near the scout hut and laying a main pipeline through Church Street, across Lee Street, and down Lane Street to the city's existing system.

Construction is set to start in January 2025. A 12-inch pipe, 4 feet deep, will run from the Scout Hut to Church Street, across Lee Street, and parallel Lane Street to the city limits.

Project manager Wesley Parker assured Lane Street residents that fiber optic cables, power lines, and irrigation systems would not be disturbed underground.

"We will avoid hitting cables, and we should be able to go under everything; we can't afford to be careful," said Parker.

The diligence required to avoid existing infrastructure underground could potentially slow the construction. Parker would rather be slow and steady, avoiding unnecessary destruction and frustration.

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Parker also mentioned that existing irrigation systems will not be marked with flags as private companies install them, and they do not know where they are underground. Because of this, he urged residents to mark where their sprinklers are with spray paint or flags and notify the construction workers.

Lindsey Thomas, the project's engineer from Parker Engineering, provided an overview of the construction plans. She noted that the trench for the force main would be approximately four feet deep and three to four feet wide. Thomas assured residents that any driveways impacted during the excavation would be restored, stating, "If we have to cut through your driveway, we will be replacing it."

Parker acknowledged the inconvenience but emphasized the project's long-term benefits, remarking, "We understand this will be a disruption, but once completed, it should resolve existing issues." Parker also expressed appreciation for the community's cooperation, adding, "Thank you to all the residents; we're going to get to know each other well during this process."

The City of Brooklet encourages Lane Street residents to stay engaged throughout the construction process and to report any concerns promptly to ensure a smooth and efficient project. Updates will be provided as construction progresses, keeping the community informed every step of the way.

Discussions at the work session earlier on Thursday highlighted the city's broader plans for growth and development, including utility management services and zoning improvements.

3. Conclusion: Mayor Gwinnett

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## **Residents' Meeting for the Brooklet to Statesboro Sewer Project**

- The purpose of the project is to provide sewer services to the City of Brooklet.
- A pump station is planned at the Scout Hut to pump wastewater to the City of Statesboro.
- A 12" pipe will run from the Scout Hut, to Church Street, across Lee Street, and will parallel Lane Street to the City limits.
- A separate 3" pipe will also be installed for homeowners wishing to connect to the sewer system with a pump.
- The project will start in January 2025.
- The contractor should be out of the City limits by the end of March.
- The pipe will be 4 feet deep.
- The excavated trench will be approximately 3 to 4 feet wide.
- The disturbed area will be approximately 15-20 feet wide.
- The area over the excavated trench will be sodded after construction.
- The contractor will bore under *most* paved driveways instead of cutting the concrete.
- Driveways that must be cut will be patched temporarily with rock (crusher run) until concrete can be poured.
- A resident would be without a driveway for a few hours at the most.
- The pipe will be drilled underneath the wetlands.



Example of a pipeline project.