

All,

I just returned from the preconstruction meeting with Fulton County re: the new sewer line install at Johnson Ferry North. We have done what we can to be prepared for this project, but I think it is difficult to communicate the amount of disturbance that will be happening in this unit. So that everyone at the park is aware and can pass this information along to visitors and stakeholders, I would like to give you an idea of the impacts. Starting next week, the project is expected to go into March of 2021.

An access road (approximately 2 miles long) will be built from the JFN parking lot all the way through the unit to Morgan Falls Dam. This road will be wide enough to accommodate the "pipe" trucks (semis with trailers) and lowboys carrying other equipment. This road will follow the current easement as much as possible, but will require the removal of the patches of trees that lie between the Colonial Pipeline and the Cobb sewer line. Some of the easement will be mowed to provide sitelines and easement boundary verification. Most of the road will be matted.

Additionally, trees will be removed from the construction easement (40' wide) for this project. This construction easement lies between the 50-foot no disturb river buffer and the Cobb sewer line - it will open up a large area in this unit. All trees will be felled and mulched on site. ***If the park needs mulch, please let me know and they will deliver it.***

The contractor will rebuild and restore the first culverted stream crossing (Nannyberry Creek) on their own dime, but to our standards. Something will need to be done here as this crossing is too narrow for the equipment and trucks. It has been problematic for us too.

A safety plan is in place to protect the visitors. They will put up construction fencing in areas where the trail crosses or parallels the construction road to separate the visitors from equipment. I will pass this along as soon as I get it.

Construction fencing and silt fencing will be placed throughout the route and work areas - basically the entire length of the unit.

There will be a large wooden sign at Johnson Ferry Road notifying everyone of the work. Several other sandwich board signs with contact information will be posted throughout the work areas.

A turnaround area for the large trucks will be at Mulberry Creek.

Each open trench creek crossing for the pipeline is expected to take 1 day. It's the prep, BMP installation, and restoration that takes most of the time.

At this time, it is expected that the horizontal directional drilling under the river will be towards the end of the project. This site is north of the Hyde Farm fields.

Construction worker vehicles will be parked in the paved lot at Johnson Ferry Road. I will get a list of the vehicle tag numbers so they won't be fined.

The project lead will check out a gate key for the length of the project.

After this work is done, 2 15'-wide utility bridges will be installed - one each at Mulberry Creek and Ditched Branch - for utility access and trail connection.

I am sure that I have forgotten something. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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