

The customers include Cobb County, all of the municipalities within Cobb County, all of Paulding County, portions of Douglas County, Cherokee County, the City of Woodstock, and a small community in Fulton County.

Austell West Side Connector 24"—This pipeline project installs 8,000 feet of 24" ductile iron pipe to connect existing transmission lines. The pipeline will improve system flow capacity and provide redundancy to Cobb Hospital and high growth area along East-West Connector. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,549,800.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Lost Mountain—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio and source water reliability for existing pump station. It will provide additional water storage for west Cobb County and Paulding County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Pete Shaw—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio. This tank will provide additional water storage capacity to east Cobb County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Columns Drive Pipe Replacement—Replacement of approximately 600 linear feet of 36" ductile iron pipe with 54" restrained joint ductile iron pipe. This installation will eliminate a restriction in the main line from the Quarles Water Treatment Plant. The estimated cost of this project is \$780,600.

HALL COUNTY

Low Flow Toilet and Urinal Retrofit for Hall County Government Facilities—A water conservation project which consists of replacing all older, inefficient toilets and urinals in County facilities not already fitted with low flow systems including; Parks, Fire Stations, Senior Centers, Prisons, etc. The estimated cost of this project is \$190,000.

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Flat Creek Watershed Improvement Plan and Ecosystem Restoration—The City of Gainesville and Hall County have developed a watershed improvement and ecosystem restoration plan for the Flat Creek watershed which includes several projects involving stream restoration and construction of storm water best management practices. The City is currently designing the Upper Flat Creek Stream Restoration and Regional Stormwater Detention Pond project. The estimated cost of this project is \$700,000. Other projects we are moving forward with would cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Gainesville/Hall County Water Main Extensions and Improvements projects—These projects include approximately 25 miles of 8"–20" water line extensions/improvements throughout Gainesville/Hall County. Projects will extend water service to new customers and improve fire and water service by installing fire hydrants in new locations and improving flow capacity and quality in the water distribution system. The cost of these projects is estimated to be \$13,200,000.

ROCKDALE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Distribution Waterline Replacements—A water conservation project to significantly reduce or eliminate unaccounted for water (i.e. reducing water leaks in public water supply distribution system). Estimated cost of this project is \$15,000,000.

Wastewater Pump Station—To prevent sewer overflows and upgrade pumping station to meet current demands in a concentrated area. Estimated cost of this project is \$300,000.

THE CITY OF LOCUST GROVE

Water Supply Wells—The City of Locust Grove has drilled two additional wells for drinking water supply. These wells have already been drilled and permitted by GA EPD. The wells are needed to help supply enough water for current demand. The design has already been drawn. Estimated cost of this project is \$250,000.

THE CITY OF ROSWELL

Municipal Buildings Water Conservation Project—The condition of Roswell's municipal building restroom facilities vary widely in age, use, quality and repair. An initial assessment of the restrooms found 106 urinals, 295 toilets and 265 faucets to replace. The proposed water conservation project will purchase and install high-efficiency urinals, and toilets for the City's administrative, public safety, public-works, recycling center and park buildings. Additionally the project could include low-flow faucets, eco-friendly sanitizer systems and to minimize restroom vandalism and maintenance the installation of stainless steel panels, new and replacement tile. The estimated cost for this project is \$500,000.

THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA

North Park Improvements: Construct off-line sediment forebay—A sediment forebay will allow silt to fall out in a confined area just prior to the lake. During non-storm flows, the creek will flow naturally into the lake. When it rains and the creek rises, water will be diverted to the forebay. The forebay will slow down the water, allowing time for much of the silt to fall out before discharging back into the lake. The forebay will be much easier to clean out than the lake itself.

North Park Improvements: Construct three enhanced swales to treat water coming from the softball fields and two parking lots—Enhanced swales are state recognized water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) that allow for more water to infiltrate and be treated prior to entering the creek. As part of the installation of the enhanced swales, the water from these areas will be diverted to directly enter the lake instead of entering upstream through very eroded gullies. The gullies are so large that it is actually more cost effective to install the BMPs and divert the flow than it would be to repair the gullies, which are over 20 feet deep in some areas.

North Park Improvements: Modify the outlet control structure of the lake—The current outlet structure of the lake clogs in nearly every storm event, requiring parks maintenance personnel to have to remove debris to restore drainage. The outlet control structure can be modified to reduce clogging and provide improved water quality benefits for the lake. This will reduce necessary maintenance and give the lake an overall better aesthetic appearance.

Total cost for these improvements is: \$517,818.75. This price includes the cost to prepare conceptual and final design; construction of three improvements/BMPs; and model pollutant removal.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER OF DALLAS FOR ITS RANKING AMONG THE TOP TEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE NATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in 1913, a group of nurses established Children's Medical Center of Dallas as an open air clinic. Today, Children's Medical Center has been chosen among the top 10 children's hospitals in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Children's provides exemplary care and resources to its thousands of patients, as well as a wide range of teaching opportunities to the future physicians and nurses of our country. As a former nurse, I am proud to have such an accomplished medical institution in my district and would like to extend warm congratulations to them for receiving such recognition.

Children's Medical Center of Dallas is a private, non-profit pediatric health care center. As one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the country, Children's treats approximately 360,000 patients a year, with treatments ranging from simple physical exams to specialized care in heart disease, oncology, orthopedics, kidney disorders, neurology, respiratory disorders, neonatal care, urology, diabetes, and digestive disorders. Furthermore, Children's is a major pediatric transplant center, and also is the only academic health care facility and only designated Level 1 trauma center in Texas. Children's Medical Center of Dallas is continuously conducting research and developing new and improved treatments and therapies regarding pediatric diseases.

It is my hope that Children's Medical Center of Dallas will continue its strong record of success and provide patients with excellent care. It shines as an example of excellence, and I truly appreciate the dedication put forth by the administrators, doctors, nurses, and everyone else there. Again, I offer my congratulations to Children's Medical Center of Dallas on its achievement of being named one of America's top 10 children's hospitals.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

I originally requested \$1 million in this legislation for the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge Project through the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account. It is my understanding that \$500,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the