

How will I be affected?

Impacts to your community include temporary road and lane closures, work on private property, excavation and noise. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption and to provide timely information about work locations and schedules. No one will access your property without your permission.



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Consent Decree Program



What is a Consent Decree?

A Consent Decree is a legal document that is signed by both the community and an enforcement agency that binds the community to complete specific activities that will lead to the elimination or reduction of sewer overflows in their municipal sewer system. The City of Atlanta entered into two 2 Consent Decrees with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to reduce or eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The CSO Consent Decree was issued in 1998, while the SSO Consent Decree was entered into effect in 1999.

What is Clean Water Atlanta?

Clean Water Atlanta is the brand for the overall management of the City's two Consent Decrees. The charge of the program is to address operation of the City's wastewater facilities, CSOs and SSOs within the City. The nearly \$4 billion program is responsible for the implementation of planning, design, and construction of improvements to the drinking water and wastewater systems. The City must also maintain environmental compliance and reporting in order to meet the terms of the Consent Decrees and Administrative Orders.

What kind of work is involved?

Clean Water Atlanta employs various proven industry construction methods to repair sewer defects and address capacity limitations.

"Trenchless technology" methods such as cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), pipebursting, jack and bore and microtunneling are utilized to minimize impacts to private property and road closures. Similarly, the program also uses traditional repair methods such as Open-cut/Replacement. Such repairs not only reduce stormwater and groundwater infiltration that result from cracks and breaks in pipes, but also increase pipe capacity. The intent is to ensure the long-term service life of the sewers by 50 years or more.

Which sewers are being repaired first?

Atlanta's sewers have been placed in six "sewer groups," based on historical information and maintenance records. Sewer Group 1 (SG-1) includes



those sewers believed to be in need of immediate repair, while Sewer Group 6 (SG-6) sewers are those believed to be the least deteriorated as well as those scheduled for repair in conjunction with other major projects.

How is the program progressing?

To date, the Clean Water Atlanta Program has achieved 90% sewer separation of the City's system. Necessary rehabilitation has been completed for more than 373 miles of sanitary sewers and has achieved capacity relief in 46% of the collection and transmission system. The City's milestone for completion of all work associated with the program is July 1, 2027.



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