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## Town of Bluffton Completes Phase 4 of the Buck Island-Simmons ville Community Sewer Project

The Town of Bluffton and its contractor, Jordan Construction, recently completed Phase 4 of the Buck Island-Simmons ville Community Sewer Project. This phase, also known as the Possum Point Sewer extension, connected sewer service to 35 homes and removed septic tanks from their properties. In addition, sewer was made available to six additional lots in that area. The project also installed fire hydrants on Douglis, Possum Point and Little Possum Lanes.

“Transitioning Bluffton homes from septic tanks to sanitary sewer brings a higher quality of life to residents who don’t have the benefit of living in a planned neighborhood where infrastructure was provided,” Councilman Fred Hamilton said. “The project is also important to our entire community for it mitigates contamination to our watershed and protects our May River and regional waterways.”

The \$945,112 project was financed through a grant, stormwater utility fees, alcohol tax proceeds, and Municipal Improvement Development Fees. About a third of this project was funded through a \$320,000 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant, which was awarded and administered by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Town Manager Marc Orlando said this project has been an important priority in Town Council’s Strategic Plan throughout the years.

“To date, this project has provided sewer service to more than 700 residents in the Buck Island-Simmons ville community. This multi-year, multi-phase project began in 2010 and the projects will assist in protecting our residents and environment for decades to come,” Orlando said.

The last and final step of the project, known as Phase 5, is scheduled to begin in early 2018. The design and permitting for Phase 5 is complete. This last phase will bring sewer service to 29 lots in various locations scattered throughout the Buck Island-Simmons ville Community and will remove 33 septic tanks from service.

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The Town will continue to publicize the next steps of Buck-Island Simmonsville Sewer Phase 5 Project as soon as they are finalized.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Bryan McIlwee, the Town's director of engineering, (email: [bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com](mailto:bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com)) or (phone) 843.706.7824.