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## **Town of Bluffton Begins Jason Street Sewer Extension Project**

Construction will soon be underway for the Jason Street Sewer Extension Project. Potter Construction, the contractor, is scheduled to deliver materials the week of February 13, with construction to follow immediately thereafter.

This project will provide access to sanitary sewer infrastructure for homes and commercial facilities on Jason Street, Red Cedar Street, Whispering Pine Street, Pin Oak Street and Kerby Lane. These homes and commercial facilities are not in a planned community and thus did not have the benefit of pre-planned sanitary sewer infrastructure.

"This project supports the Town's May River Watershed Action Plan and its prime strategic focus area of the May River and its surrounding rivers and watersheds," Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee said. "This project will give residents and business owners, who are located in close proximity to the May River, the option of connecting to public sanitary sewer lines. These connections would prevent run-off from failed septic tanks from reaching the May River and surrounding waterways."

The sewer project extends along the following streets: Whispering Pine St. between Able St. and May River Rd.; Jason Street between Red Cedar St. and Pin Oak St.; Pin Oak St. between Jason St. and Able St.; and Kerby Lane from Pin Oak St. This project will also include extending sewer service to empty lots along these streets which have potential for future development.

This project is a joint effort between Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) and the Town of Bluffton. BJWSA is funding approximately 20% of the cost of this project as well as providing project management services.

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"The Town of Bluffton sewer projects reduce contamination reaching the town's watershed from failed septic tanks. This project allows residents and business owners to connect to sewer infrastructure who don't have the benefit of being a part of a planned community and, most importantly, protects the May River," Mayor Lisa Sulka said. "This project is important to the community as a whole.

This project is scheduled to continue through mid-summer.

If any residents have questions about the project, please contact Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee at (Office: 843.706.7824).