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Bragg Estates Water and Sewer District Meeting Dec. 1

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Public Utilities will hold a community meeting on Dec. 1 to provide information and answer questions about the Bragg Estates Water and Sewer District sanitary sewer project. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Spring Lake Resource Center, 103 Laketree Blvd., Spring Lake.

The official map, a list of all parcels and the preliminary sewer system layout design within the district will be available for review. Construction on the project is expected to begin sometime next year.

Surveyors from McGill Associates will be in the Bragg Estates area starting in December to collect important data on existing infrastructure and conditions. Most of the surveyor's work will be located within or around the streets. Residents may also be asked about the location of their septic tanks. If residents are unsure of the location of their septic tank, then they should indicate this to the surveyors.

More information on the Bragg Estates Water and Sewer District, including maps of the project and properties, go to co.cumberland.nc.us/public_utility/bragg_estates.aspx. Bragg Estates includes property off Vass Road (N.C. Highway 690) in northwest Cumberland County.

In December 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution accepting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding conditions for the Bragg Estates Sewer Project, which is estimated to cost about \$2 million. A USDA Rural Utilities Services grant will cover \$1.453 million. The County will also receive a \$497,000 Rural Utilities Services 40-year loan and contribute \$50,000 of County funds to the project.

The cost to the homeowners to connect to the Bragg Estates system will be \$100 for a deposit (similar to what citizens pay to other utilities) and the cost for a plumber, or the property owners themselves, to connect their home to the sewer tap at the road. The homeowners will be charged a flat sewer rate for usage if connected; and if not connected, they will be charged an availability fee to repay the loan for the cost of the installation of the sewer mains. The flat rate sewer rate, as well as the availability fee, will be determined once construction is complete.

For more information, contact the Public Utilities Division at 910-678-7682. The office is in the Historic Courthouse, 130 Gillespie St., Fayetteville.