



Druid Hills Civic Association
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Dear Mr. Thurmond,

I am writing to you today in my capacity as Chair of the Druid Hills Civic Association to ask for your help. Let me start by saying our community very much appreciates DeKalb County efforts to upgrade our waterline infrastructure. While there have been traffic challenges as efforts wrap up, we are so thankful to have the water pressure to support fire suppression efforts and clean drinking water.

Since these projects are reaching their point of completion in Druid Hills, we have turned our attention to the efforts necessary to repave the roads that have experienced disruption. We have been in communication with your Transportation Department on proposed timing but have recently learned that several disrupted streets are not on the list for repaving as they were not in the first 300 miles as part of SPLOST. These include:

- Harvard Road
- Emory Road
- Cornell Road
- Lullwater Road (between The ByWay and North Decatur)
- North Decatur Road (between Oxford and Briarcliff)
- Oakdale Road (from City of Atlanta to Emory Road)
- Springdale Road (from City of Atlanta to Harvard Road)

While we can understand the challenges with prioritization, the 3' wide trench created to replace the water line was never adequately filled in such a way to ensure safe vehicular and bicycle transportation. In fact, many of them create a real liability for our residents and their children on their way to school, work or errands.

We hope DeKalb County will re-prioritize to ensure all streets with new water line service are repaved as part of the existing 300 mile effort. To restore each street and ensure the safety of our residents is the only way to see this important infrastructure upgrade to its true completion.

Sincerely,

Van Biesel, Chair
Druid Hills Civic Association

Cc: Jeff Rader