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**BJWSA announces plans to upgrade two miles of water main**

**Okatie, SC – (January 8, 2025)** – Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) has begun survey efforts as part of an infrastructure improvement project in Bluffton and Jasper County. This effort, impacting about 300 customers, represents an initial investment in ensuring better water quality, improved water pressure and enhanced fire protection.

Surveyors will be working in the project areas this week and are expected to conclude Feb. 15, 2025,

The survey will cover 10,500 linear feet of water main lines in the following locations:

**Beaufort County (Bluffton area):**

Devon Court, Kenton Court, Wellington Court, Kirks Bluff, Able Street, Bluffton Road, Dr Mellichamp Drive, Stock Farm Road, Mount Pelia, Sutherland Way and Tabby Trail.

**Jasper County:**

Hodge Court, Hardeeville Industrial, Jackson Loop, Prince Court, School Cut Road and Williams Avenue.

This portion of the project is not expected to impact traffic or disrupt water services. Drivers in the area are urged to use extra caution as workers will be along the median.

Surveying represents the first step in a multi-phase project to upgrade water lines, increasing the size from 2 inches to 4-6 inches to enhance reliability for customers and improve waterflow, especially for high demand uses such as firefighting. The timeline for construction has not yet been established.

**Funding and Contractor Information:**

This vital project is funded through BJWSA Capital Funds, reflecting BJWSA's commitment to advancing infrastructure and supporting the needs of its growing communities. Patriot Survey and Infrastructure was selected to perform the survey work.

**About Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority**

BJWSA is the Southern Lowcountry's largest water and wastewater utility, serving approximately 200,000 Carolinians through 69,000 connections. The public, non-profit organization is led by a board of directors recommended by the Beaufort and Jasper County Legislative Delegations and appointed by the Governor of South Carolina. The mission of the utility is to deliver quality water and wastewater services to current and future residents of the utility's 750 square mile service area.

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