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STORMWATER UTILITY OPEN HOUSE

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 10, 2006) – Gwinnett County will give residents a chance to meet the staff of its newly formed stormwater utility and ask questions about the drainage and pollution control services they will provide.

The new utility will support activities such as replacing stormwater pipes, reducing flooding, fulfilling regulatory requirements, and reducing pollution carried by stormwater to our waterways. It will be funded by an annual user fee that property owners will receive beginning this summer. In order to be most equitable, the fee will be based on the amount of impervious surface (such as driveways, rooftops, etc.) of each developed property. In 2006, the average residential bill will be $27.08 with two-thirds of single-family dwellings receiving a bill that is less than this average.

The Open House will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the auditorium breezeway at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, in Lawrenceville.

An informal meeting format will offer information on stormwater utility basics, service fee estimates, floodplain mapping, the watershed assessment program, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Dams, water quality management, pollution prevention, Gwinnett Adopt-A-Stream, detention ponds and other stormwater best management practices (BMPs), and drainage system repair. Educational literature will be available and residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

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