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Kings River Road, Beaumont Drive to close for drainage work

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Kings River Road in Pawleys Island will close for two weeks beginning April 1 to accommodate drainage improvement work in the Hagley community.

Plans are for Beaumont Drive to close during the second half of the month, after work along Kings River is finished. Motorists will be asked to find alternate routes during this time.

The closure on Kings River Road will extend from near Hagley Drive to Waverly Road. Signage will direct traffic to use Highway 17, Hagley Drive and Waverly Road as detour routes.

Plans are to reopen the road on April 12, but that will hinge on weather conditions and other construction constraints during the project period, said David Gantt, capital projects manager for Georgetown County. The start date for the project was chosen to coincide with spring break at Waccamaw schools in an effort to minimize the impact of the road closure on area residents as much as possible.

Beaumont Drive will close for about a week once Kings River Road reopens. The projected time period for the Beaumont closure is April 15-24.

Work to be completed during the closures includes a culvert replacement along Kings River Road and Beaumont, new quantity control structures, and a number of ditch and pipe improvements that will improve water flow throughout the eastern part of the Hagley community. The work is part of a master drainage improvement project that will correct significant deficiencies in the Hagley area drainage system. The existing drainage system is “severely undersized,” Gantt said.

The project, which is divided into two phases — Hagley East and Hagley West — will bring the drainage system in line with current regulatory standards, ensuring the system is able to stand up to a 10-year storm event. Phase 2 of the project is expected to begin in June.

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