



December 13, 2025

Thank you for visiting the Public Information Meeting website for the proposed Blacksville Community Drainage Improvements. We are here to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered.

In this handout you will find a description of the drainage issues we are attempting to solve, proposed solutions, a concept map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. If you prefer to leave the comments after the meeting or access the materials via the webpage, you can provide comments by December 31, 2025, by using any of the following methods:

1. Visit: <https://www.mcdonoughga.org/230/City-Projects-> and scroll down to find the Blacksville Community Drainage Improvements Project Documents. This card will be sent directly to Mr. Bruce Holmes at the City of McDonough.
2. Mail in your comment card to Bruce Holmes, SPLOST & TSPLOST Project Oversight Coordinator, at 136 Keys Ferry St. McDonough, GA 30252
3. Reach out to our local partner, Joyce Lemon, with Building a Better Blacksville to discuss the best way to submit your comment card.

The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review for ten days after this public meeting at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at McDonough City Hall located at 136 Keys Ferry St, McDonough, GA 30253.

Again, thank you for visiting this Public Information Meeting. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the Project Oversight Coordinator, at BHolmes@McDonoughGa.org or (678) 435-1355.

Sincerely,

Bruce B. Holmes  
SPLOST & TSPLOST Project Oversight Coordinator  
City of McDonough

## **City of McDonough | Blacksville Community Drainage Improvements**

Henry County: Public Meeting Date: 12/13/2025 Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### **Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?**

The City of McDonough is seeking feedback about proposed Blacksville community improvement to address the long-standing drainage issues affecting the residents and to make improvements to the community overall.

#### **Current conditions along Street**

The Blacksville community, mostly built in the late 1950s, has aging and undersized stormwater systems that no longer meet modern drainage needs. Streets like Head, Chappell, Key, Cherry, and Fairview rely on a mix of open ditches, driveway culverts, and limited storm drains - many of which are clogged or partially collapsed.

- Drainage pipes and ditches are old, clogged, and undersized
- No sidewalks or curbs lead to unsafe runoff and poor accessibility
- Parts of the neighborhood sit in a flood-prone zone

#### **Without this Project (No Build):**

- Streets will continue to flood during typical rain events.
- Aging pipes and ditches will deteriorate further
- Water could enter driveways and possibly homes, creating ongoing property damage risks.
- Community will continue to face health risks every time it rains heavily.
- Lack of sidewalks keeps residents at risk when walking in the street.

#### **Proposed Solution: (Also See Project Location Map attached)**

- New Closed Drainage Systems: Installation of underground storm drains along Head and Chappell Streets, with new roadside ditches and inlets to manage rain runoff.
- Rebuilt Systems: Improvements along Cherry Street, Fairview Road, and Key Street—including rerouted drains that direct water to new ponds and tributaries.
- Dry Pond with Infiltration: A new stormwater pond will be built between Cherry Street and Fairview Road.
- Repaving and Widening: Streets including Cherry, Key, and Fairview will be resurfaced.
- New Sidewalks: A continuous sidewalk system will connect all major streets—improving walkability and safety.
- Accessibility: Sidewalk ramps and smoother curbs will improve ADA access across the community.

#### **Benefits of Project Implementation:**

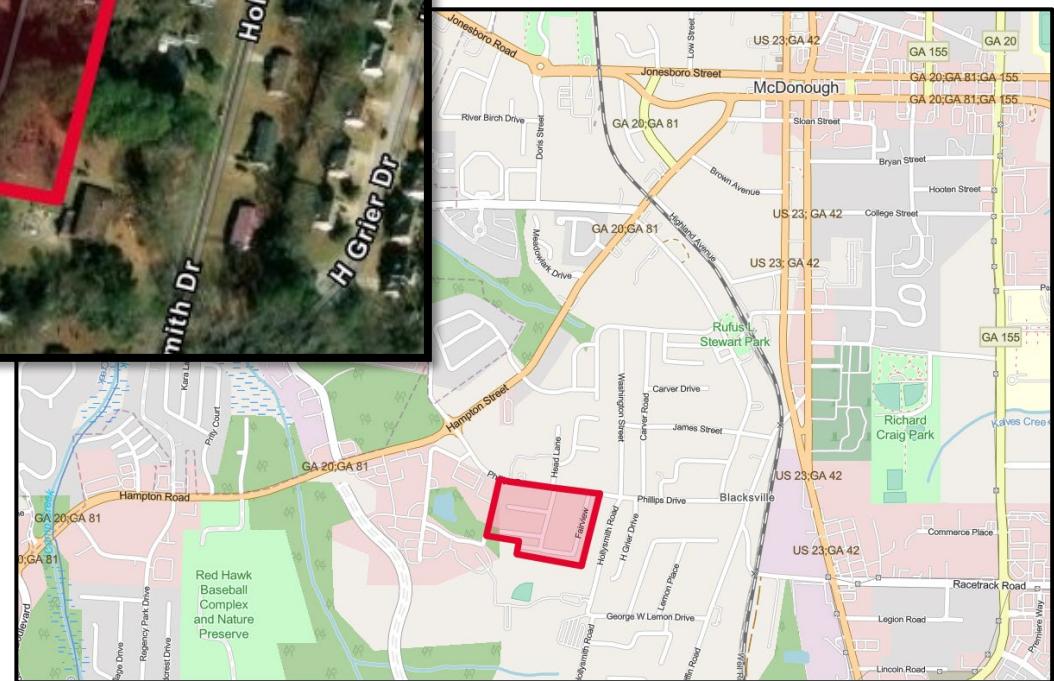
- Greatly reduce neighborhood flooding and ponding in yards and streets.
- Provide safer roads and sidewalks for pedestrians and drivers.
- Improve stormwater quality and protect local waterways.
- Enhance the overall livability and value of the historic Blacksville community.

#### **How can you assist?**

Please provide feedback about our proposed solutions as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?



**City of McDonough  
Blacksville Community  
Drainage Improvements  
Study Area Map**





## Comment Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the proposed project changes? (check your response)

**For**    **Against**    **Conditional (I would support this project if...)**    **Uncommitted**

Comments:

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### **Help Improve Future Meetings:**

**Advertising:** How did you hear about the meeting:

Newspaper    Signs    Website    Word of mouth    Social Media    Post card    Other

**Attendance:** Did you visit the online information for the project?  Yes  No

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the website convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were materials (in person or virtual) understandable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways the City conducts or advertises Meetings:

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