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S. Hall sewer service a step closer



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OAKWOOD - Taking the first step in its sewer partnership with the City of Braselton - one described by city officials as a "big" one, the Oakwood City Council voted Monday night to award a contract to build a pump station on Martin Road.

The Council selected low bidder Allsouth Constructors Inc., a construction firm based in Covington. The bid amount for the project was \$1.122 million.

Construction of the one million-gallon-per-day Oakwood Pump Station is scheduled to begin in January with a targeted completion date of next October.

The pump station represents the first phase of a major sewer partnership between Oakwood and Braselton formed back in late 2006. Under the agreement, Braselton will provide wastewater treatment for up to 2.5 million gallons a day.

"Our decision tonight fulfills our promise to meeting the long-term sewer needs in the Winder Highway corridor of the Upper Mulberry River area of Oakwood," said Mayor Lamar Scroggs. "It also signals that the economic recovery, particularly in Hall County, is moving forward."

Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown said the City currently has requests for over 300,000 gallons per day of sewer capacity over the next five years. In fact, some businesses have purchased options to ensure their ability to tie into the Oakwood Sewage System upon its completion.

"Ironically, one bright side of the slow economy has been the fact that we have not been under pressure to supply this sewer service immediately," Brown said. "Otherwise, we would not have had sufficient capacity."