

City of Bird Island
Water Drainage/Inflow & Infiltration/Back Up Progress Updates

Friday, November 3, 2017

- The televising crew will tentatively be here next Thursday/Friday...confirmation of schedule next Monday
- The Ash Avenue and 2nd Street to 1st Street area needs to be smoke tested as there are intakes present that drain to unknown outlets...smoke tester from MRWA is coming back next week
- The intake behind Val Wertish property on Ranchwood Drive has been removed and capped
- The 212/4th Street storm water project is progressing; all the pipe is in and the curb will be cut out next week to install the custom built catch basin
- Lift station pump replacement considerations are done and there is a recommendation to replace both pumps instead of just one due to the age of the existing pumps and the unpredictable performance of a larger and smaller pump working simultaneously
- Pond discharging is now a priority as it must be done before freeze up, or by December 31st as stated in the City's NPDES permit. 19 million gallons has been discharged since Sept. 15th...hoping to discharge an additional 21 million gallons. The ponds received 8 million gallons in October alone, which is a record since the 2006 separation project.
- Sump pumps are allowed to be connected to the sanitary sewer system from October 15th to March 15th provided pumping to the storm system creates a safety hazard during freezing weather.