

WOODS ADVISORIES



CITY SEWER LINE WORK IN THE WOODS

The City of Aiken will continue to conduct sanitary sewer line rehabilitation work in Hitchcock Woods in the coming weeks. Specialized trucks and equipment will be in and out of the forest as this work progresses.



ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION WORK CONTINUES IN THE WOODS

A forest stand improvement thinning will be conducted by the Foundation in the coming weeks; meaning targeted trees and underbrush will be removed in order to open up sunlight to the forest floor. Visitors may notice heavy equipment activity along the north-central corridor of the forest.

Thinning is part of the overall Management Plan for the Woods. Like prescribed burning, thinning (opening up the forest canopy) promotes forest health, enhances wildlife habitat, and is essential for restoring the Woods to its native longleaf ecosystem. The upcoming operation is set to begin in September.



SHADED FUEL BREAKS

The Hitchcock Woods Foundation has a contractor working on creating shaded fuel breaks in a targeted area in the Woods. A shaded fuel break is defensible space in the event of a wildfire to provide protection to our neighbors. Shaded fuel breaks are void of dense underbrush and are kept that way with special equipment such as a forestry mulching machine.

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