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Perryclear Bridge Project and Lane Reduction Underway

Construction crews have started mobilizing in the Grays Hill area to begin work on replacing the Perryclear Bridge over Mulligan Creek, just north of Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. Originally built in 1965 and spanning 140-feet, the bridge connects Perryclear Drive to just over 30 homes on McCalleys Creek.

The bridge's timber pilings have been repaired or replaced on two occasions over the years, but a 2013 inspection of the bridge led the South Carolina Department of Transportation to reduce its weight limit to 10 tons, revealing it could not support the load of a modern fire truck.

Consequently, during its 2014 annual retreat, County Council identified replacement of the bridge as a key project for action. The County issued a request for proposals last fall and in December 2014, County Council approved a contract award to United Infrastructure Group for design-build services. The project cost is \$997,700 and includes a 10% construction contingency with funding from the County's Capital Improvements Program.

The project is scheduled for completion in late 2015. Perryclear Drive has been reduced to one lane through project completion to accommodate construction work in the area. Motorists traveling on Perryclear Drive should be cautious and aware of traffic control signs, equipment, and crews working in the area.

Questions regarding the bridge repair work or lane reduction should be directed to United Infrastructure Group at 803.513.1903.