



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
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Osprey Nest Disturbed on Highway 80

CHATHAM COUNTY, GA (March 30, 2018) – Earlier this week, a company contracted by Chatham County disturbed an osprey nest while changing light bulbs in a light fixture. The light fixture is over 80 feet tall and cannot be reached by traditional means. The light fixture is designed to allow the light ring to lower to the ground for changing the bulbs.

The light fixtures are in place for public safety reasons. The light provides illumination of the Islands Expressway flyover.

The contractor stated to County employees that two people who identified themselves as representatives of the Oatland Island Wildlife Center were at the location of the light fixture and took custody of the eggs. They stated that they were taking them to the Wildlife Center.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to obtain any permits necessary to conduct their work. It is the understanding of the County that permits are not needed when public safety is at risk.

As a result of this incident, the County will be reviewing possible procedures and policies related to nesting on County structures.

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