Sewer along U.S. 178 nearly complete

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PICKENS — Work is progressing on a major sewer upgrade on one of Pickens' busiest corridors.

The new line along U.S. 178 to the new Pickens High School is nearing completion, city officials said, while work on a water line to the school should start in about 30 days.

Pickens City Council approved Young Plumbing Co.'s $635,000 bid to install a water line serving users on part of U.S. 178.

The sewer line work, which is being done by Williams Brothers at a cost of about $234,000, should be done this month, said City Administrator Katherine Brackett.

She said money for the sewer and water lines is coming from the School District of Pickens County.

The new lines could open the area for growth.

"Especially having that sewer line, that's what makes it really valuable for commercial properties," Brackett said.

The city also bought land near the water plant for $12,500 and the and the water tank for $2,000.

City Councilman Fletcher Perry said the 3-acre lot near the water plant will be used for plant upgrades.

Mayor David Owens said the other land would be needed if the city ever builds a larger tank.