

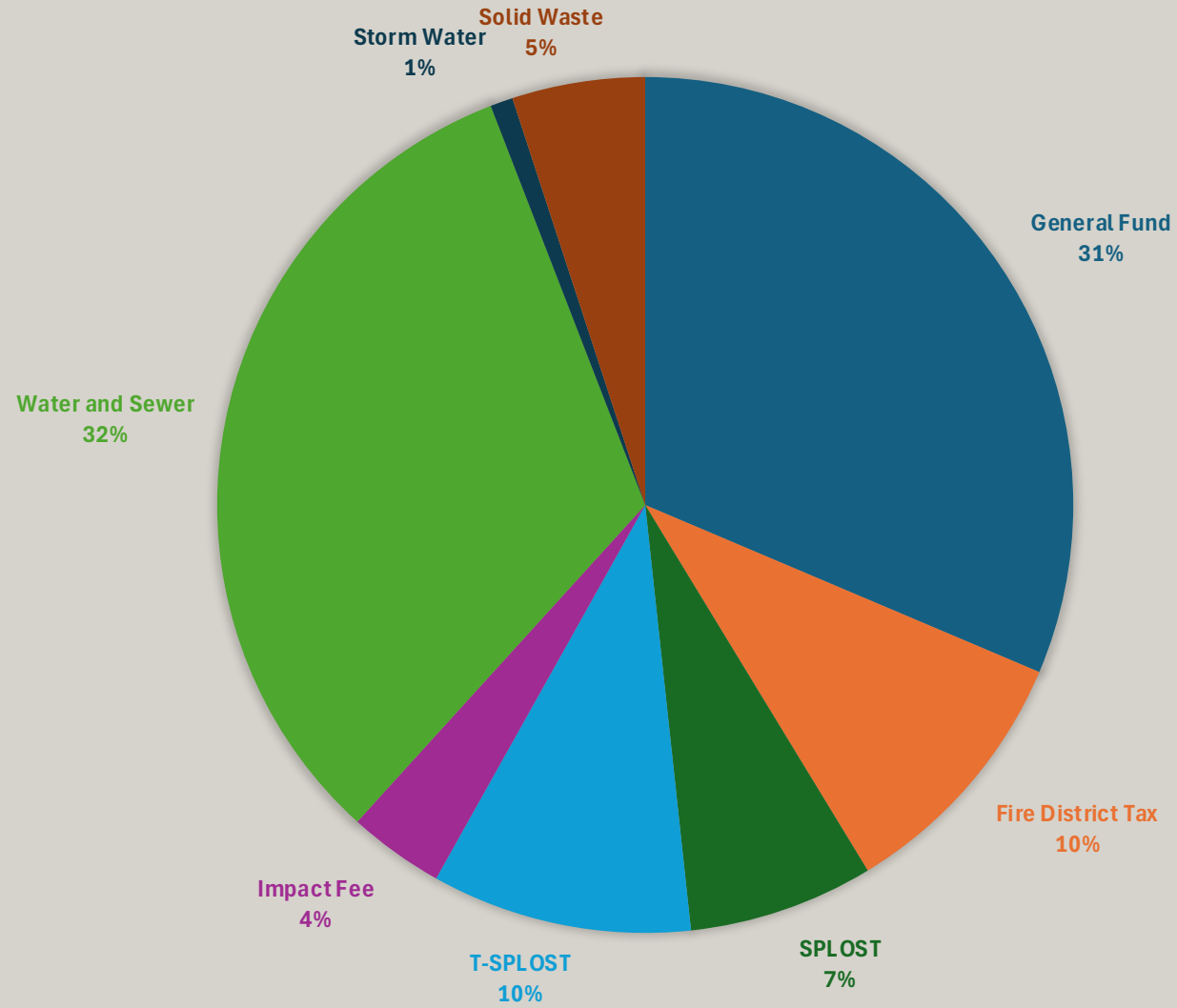
# FY27 Budget Public Hearing

June 4th, 2026

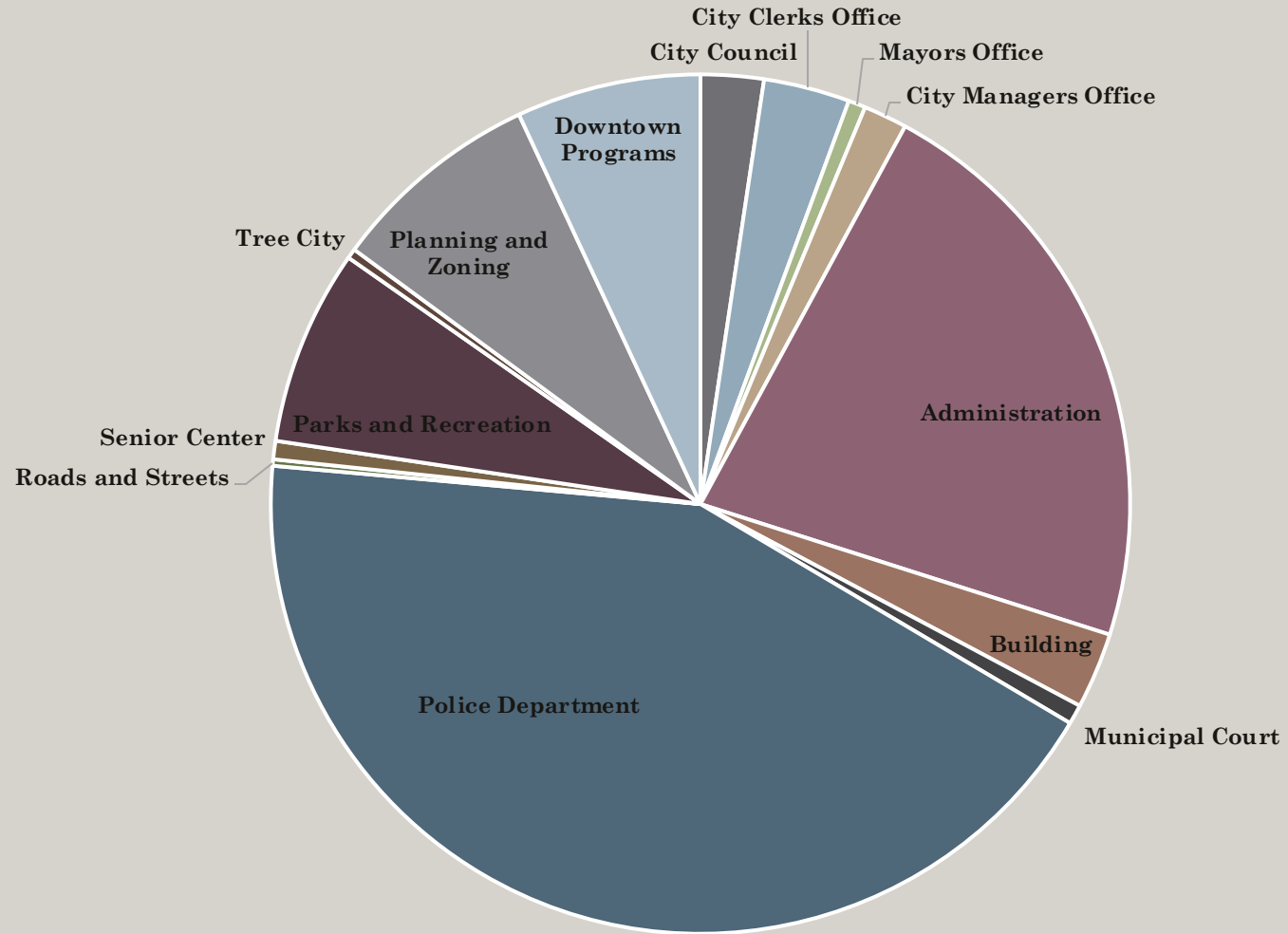


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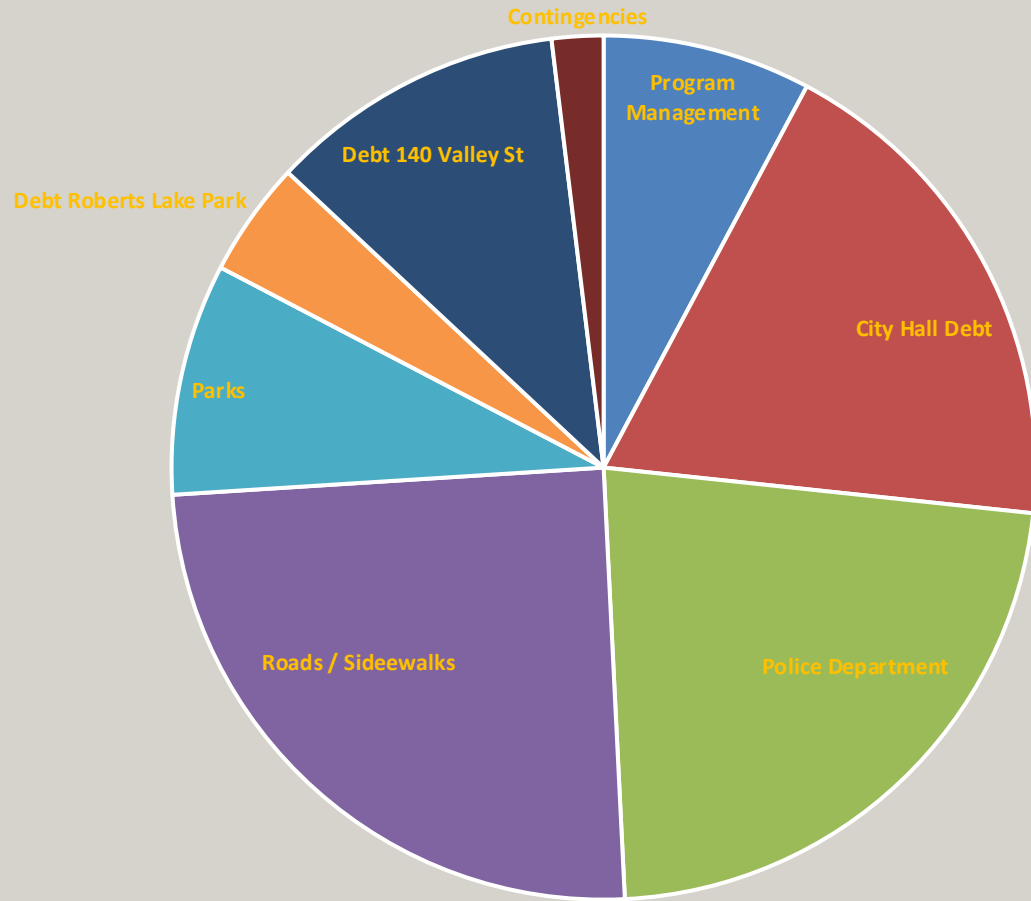
# FUND ALLOCATIONS



# General Fund Breakdown



# SPLOST DISTRIBUTION





NO ANTICIPATED TAX  
INCREASE – REVENUE  
NEUTRAL IN GENERAL  
FUND



T-SPLOST IS MAJOR  
NEW FUNDING SOURCE  
FOR TRANSPORTATION



PROPOSED .05 CENT  
INCREASE PER ONE  
THOUSAND GALLONS  
OF WATER CONSUMED  
UP TO 10,000 GALLONS –  
THEN .10 CENTS  
ADDITIONAL  
THOUSAND GALLONS



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**June 4th, 2026**  
**WORK SESSION**



# **Sign Ordinance Adoption**

Ball Ground Code of Ordinances Division 112

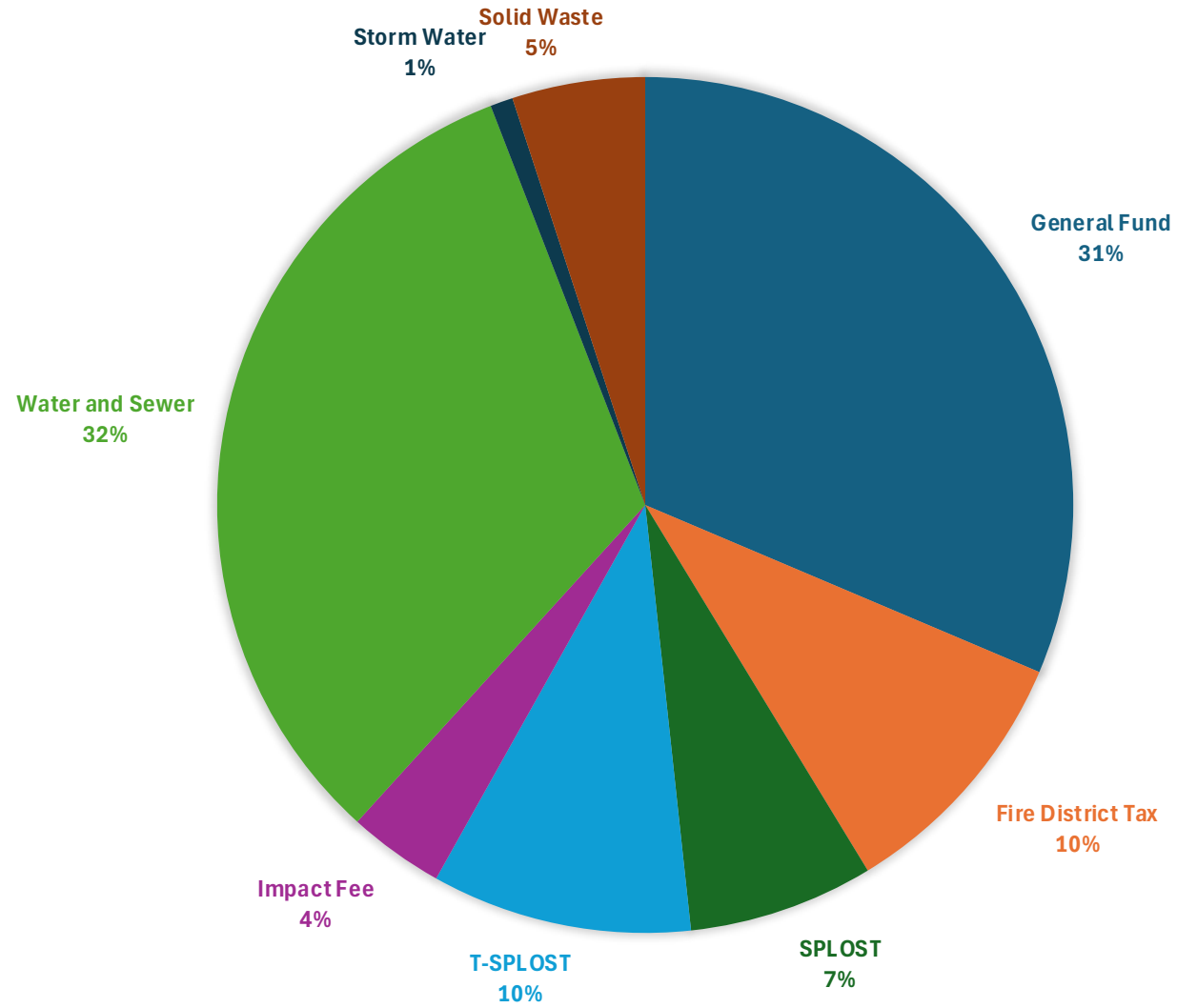
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

- **New definitions such as "Area of Sign (copy area)" and clean-up of existing definitions**
- **Application completion requirement of 30 days**
- **Condense definitions of exempt signs**
- **Allow up to 60 days for temporary signs in all zoning districts**
  
- **Public Hearing to be held on June 11th at 6PM**

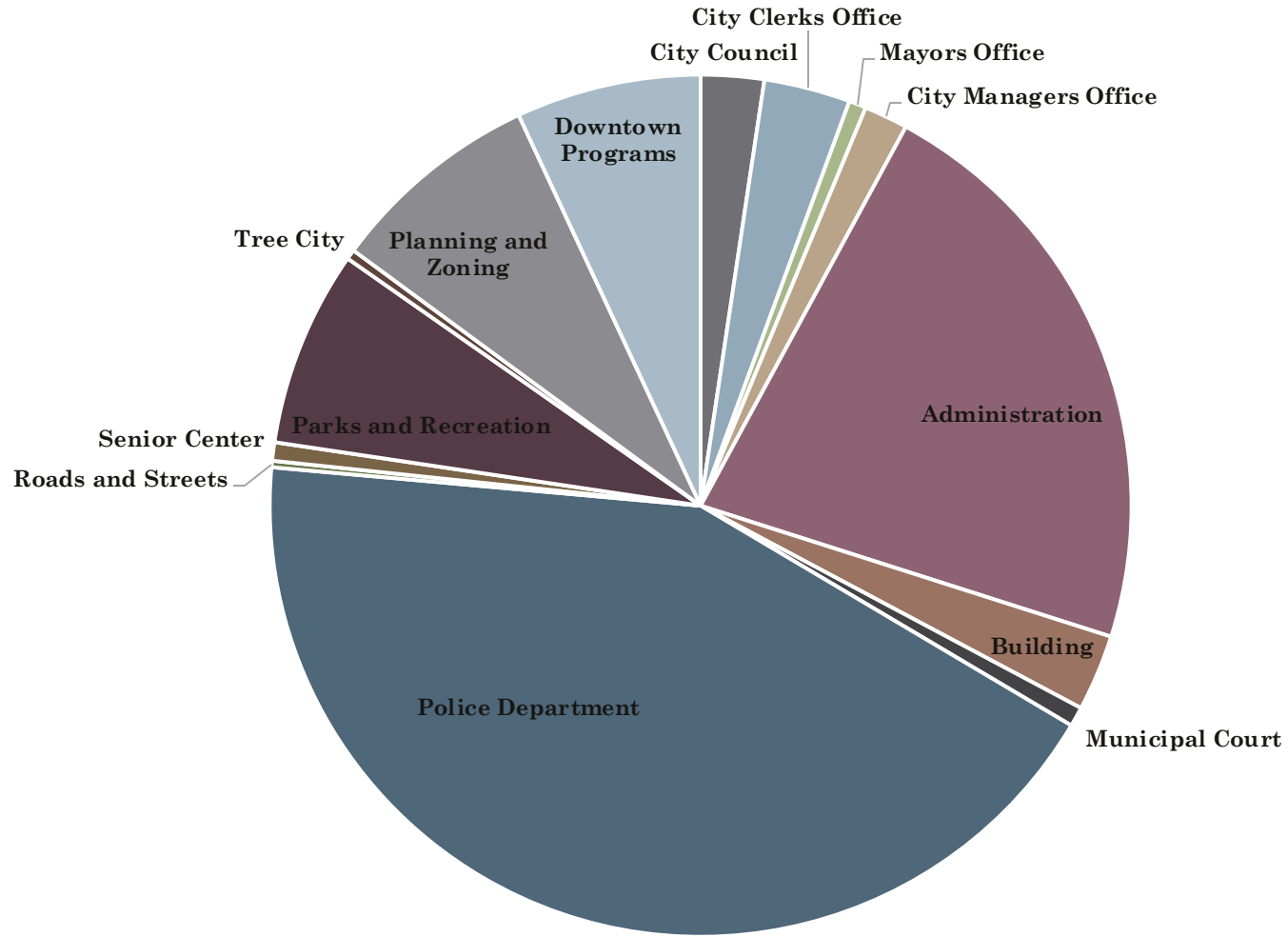
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# Discuss FY27 Budget Adoption 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

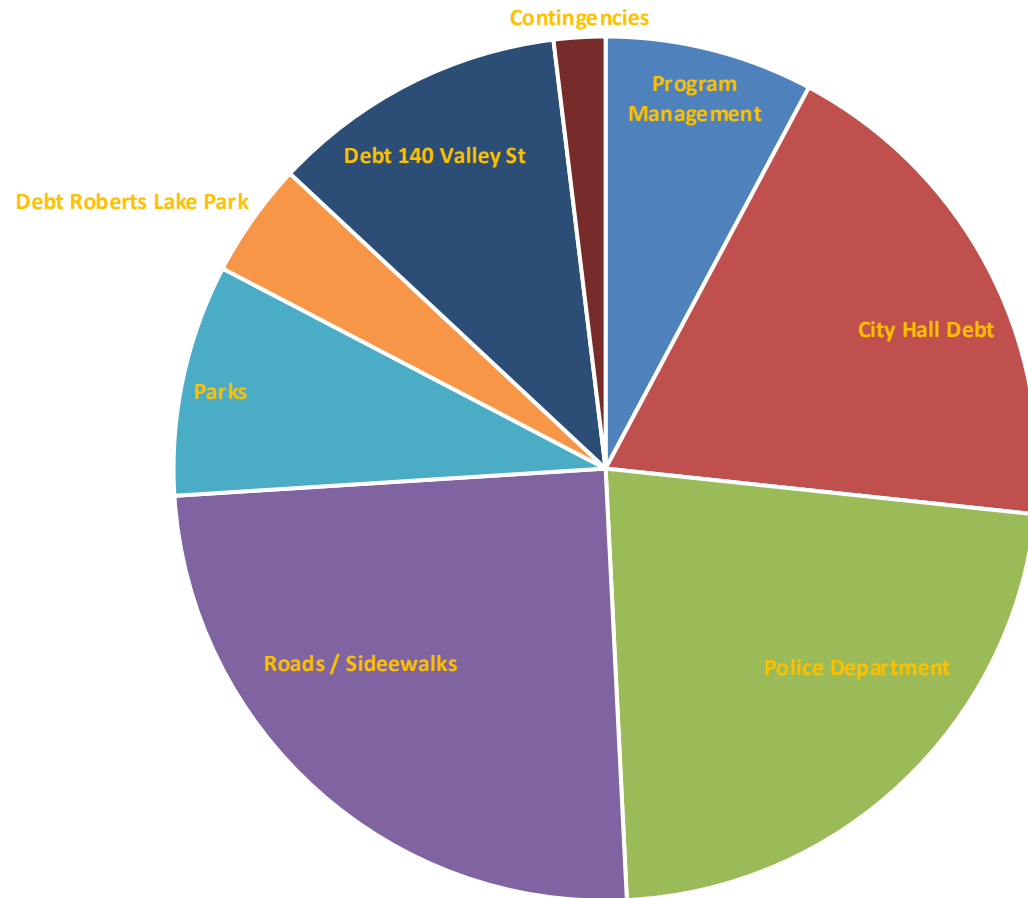
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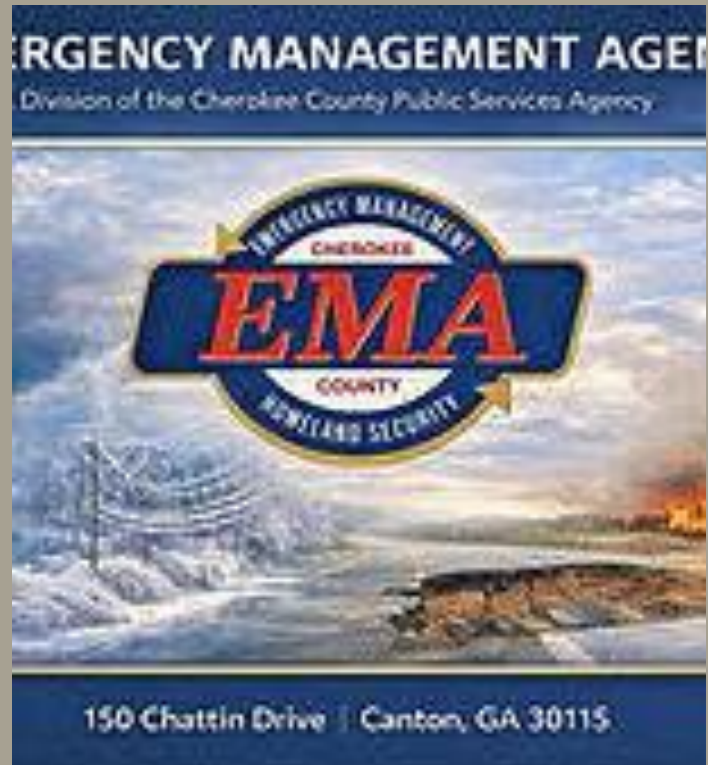
# General Fund Breakdown



# SPLOST DISTRIBUTION



**NEW BUSINESS**



# EMA IPA MOU

# Cherokee County Transportation Facility Improvements MOU

**BG DESIGNS  
PROJECT**

**BG ACQUIRES  
EASEMENTS**

**BG MANAGES  
PROJECT**

**BG PAYS  
ESTIMATED  
\$168,902 (28%)**

**COUNTY PAYS  
EST. \$425,928  
(72%)**



9. Special events that are not related to agri-tourism, such as concerts and weddings, must be approved by the City Council and the Police Chief.

- a. The Ball Ground Police Chief shall review said application and determine if there are additional needs such as the hiring of off-duty police officers for the event.
- b. A special event shall mean any non-routine, limited-duration activity or gathering that brings a group of people together for a specific purpose, often requiring planning and potentially impacting public resources or areas.

## Ordinance Amendment Request 2024-R-04





# Parking Lot Lease

New Lot (Red) \$109,200 – Depreciate over 5 years – No lease payments for 5 years  
Existing Paved Lot (Green) Renew 5 years \$8,200 / \$9,000 / \$9,000 / \$9,600 / \$9,600  
Existing Gravel Lot (Orange) Renew 5 years \$9,800 / \$11,400 / \$12,600 / \$13,800 / \$15,000  
City Pays Taxes and Insurance  
City Pays Lighting  
City Maintains



**120/140 Valley Street**



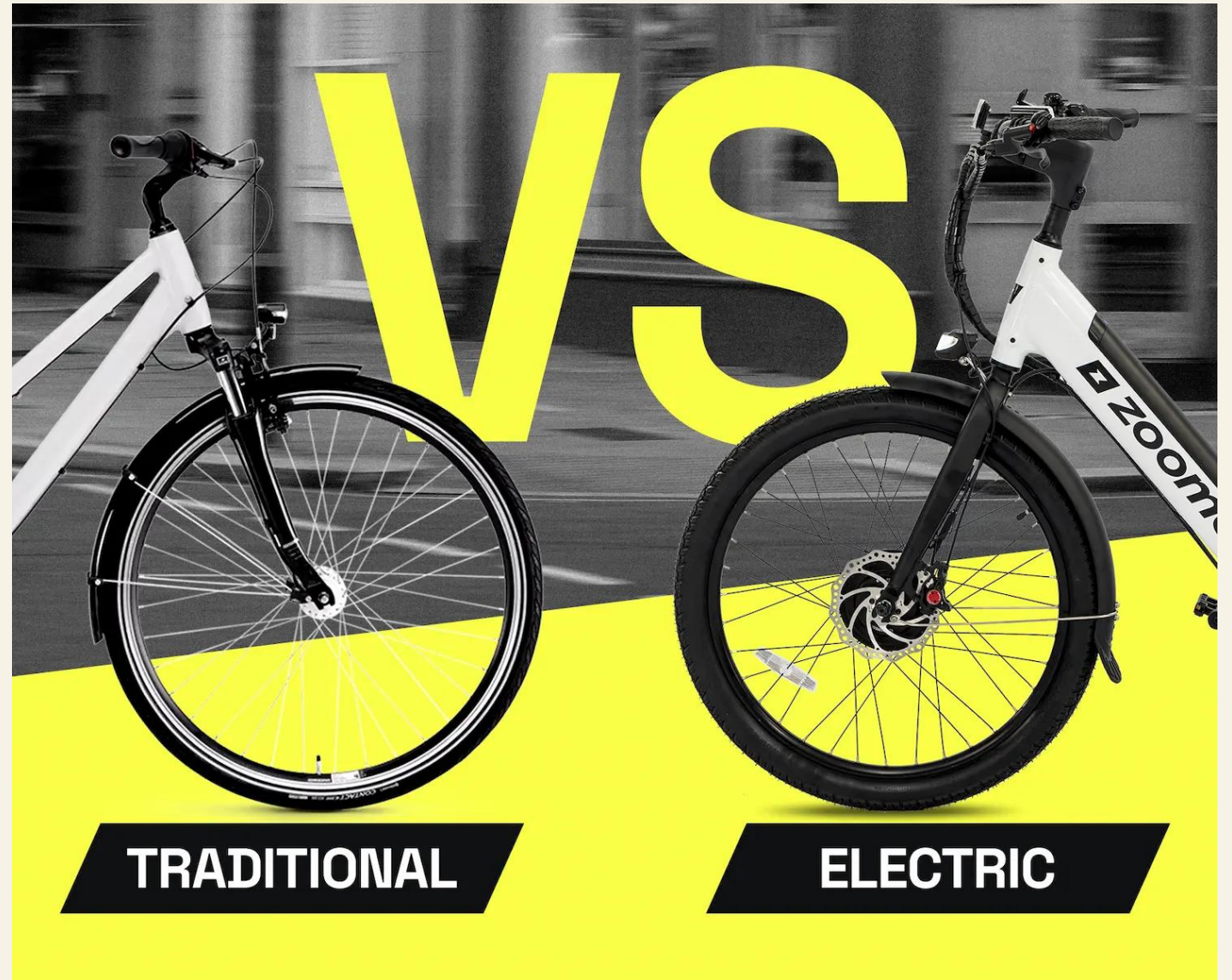
## **STAFF REPORTS**



# Police Activity & Information

# E-BIKE

POPULARITY  
RULES  
COST  
INJURIES



**TRADITIONAL**

**ELECTRIC**



# WHAT IS AN E-BIKE?

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- Georgia state laws when it comes to defining and allowing E-bikes access to roads & paths.
- The state of Georgia defines electric bicycles as any type of bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, that have a seat or saddle for the rider and have an electric motor of less than 750 watts.
- **Electric bikes are placed into one of three categories:**

Class 1 defines E-bikes as ones equipped with a motor that only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and that turns off when the bicycle reaches 20 mph.

Class 2 defines E-bikes as ones with a motor that can power the bicycle even when the rider is not pedaling and ceases to provide propulsion when the E-bike reaches a speed of 20 mph.

Class 3 defines E-bikes as those equipped with a motor that only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling but stops when the bicycle reaches 28 mph.

# E-BIKE INFORMATION

## **DO YOU NEED A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO OPERATE AN E-BIKE IN GEORGIA?**

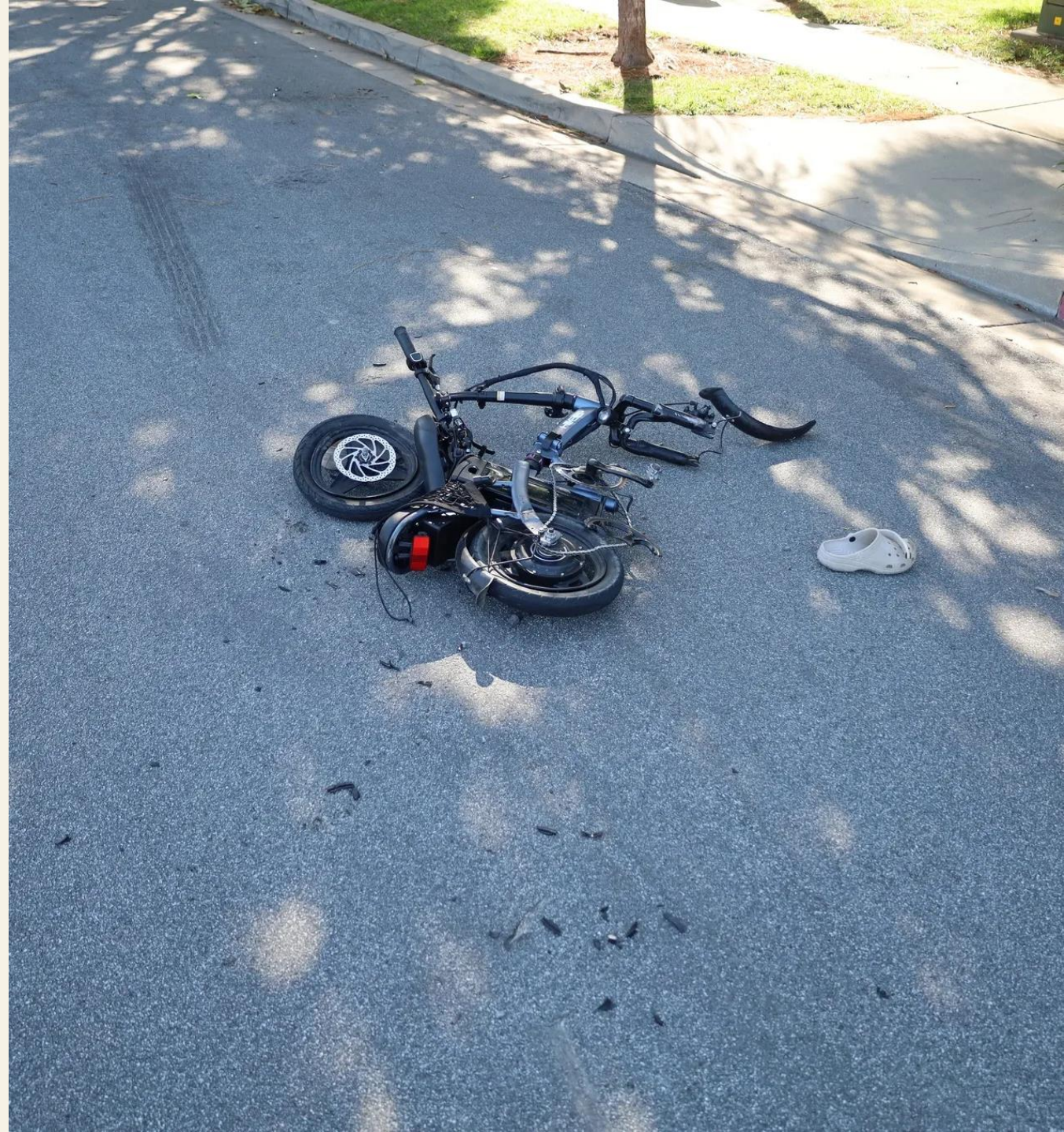
In Georgia, an individual does not need any special type of driver's license to operate an E-bike.

## **WHAT ARE GEORGIA'S E-BIKE LAWS?**

- Electric bicycles do not have to be registered, and owners do not have to carry insurance to operate the E-bike. However, the power output of the motor of an E-bike in Georgia cannot exceed 750 watts.
- There is an age restriction concerning E-bikes, but only ones that are considered Class 3. A Class 3 E-bike can only be operated by an individual 15 years of age or older. Additionally, any person who operates a Class 3 E-bike in Georgia must wear a helmet when doing so.
- Electric bicycles are allowed to ride on the roadway, but they must be as far to the right as practical, just like regular bicycles. Additionally, electric bicycles are allowed onto marked bike paths. All local ordinances must be obeyed, including any local ordinances specifically restricting E-bike usage.

# INJURIES

- E-Bike injuries in Georgia are surging, particularly among children riding powerful bikes without proper licensing or helmets.
- Collisions often result in severe trauma, including traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), broken bones, and internal organ damage.
- Helmets are mandatory for anyone under 16, and for all operators of Class 3 e-bikes, regardless of age.
- Age Restrictions: Riders must be at least 15 years old to operate Class 3 e-bikes, which can reach 28 mph. Many local Georgia police departments have recently cracked down on children as young as 12 riding bikes intended for older teens without a permit.
- Sidewalk Restrictions: In many cities—including Atlanta and Acworth—e-bikes are not permitted on sidewalks and must be ridden in designated bike lanes or the right-most lane of the road.





# COST OF E-BIKE

- **Entry-Level (\$700 –\$1,200):** Great for casual riders, light commuting, or flat terrain. They typically feature basic hub motors, standard mechanical brakes, and a lower range (15–30 miles per charge)
- **Mid-Range (\$1,200) – \$2,500):** The most popular category.—feature upgraded torque sensors, hydraulic disc brakes, and larger batteries for up to 45–60 miles per charge.
- **Premium (\$2,500 – \$7,000):** Built for high-performance riding, heavy-duty cargo, or serious off-road trails. These models often use lightweight carbon frames, premium mid-drive motors, integrated GPS, and dual-battery configurations.

# CLASS 1 E-BIKE

## Characteristics

- Pedal Assist only
- Max Speed 20MPH
- Max motor output 750 watts
  
- **Georgia Laws**
- No minimum age
- Helmet required 16 & under
- Ride in public road, bike lane, and multi-use paths



# CLASS 2 E-BIKE

## Characteristics

- Pedal Assist + Throttle
- Max Speed 20MPH
- Max motor output 750 watts
  
- **Georgia Laws**
- No minimum age
- Helmet required 16 & under
- Ride in public road, bike lane, and multi-use paths



# CLASS 3 E-BIKE

## Characteristics

- Pedal Assist only
- Max Speed 28MPH
- Max motor output 750 watts
  
- **Georgia Laws**
- Speedometer required
- Riders 15 + minimum age
- Helmet required for all
- Ride in public road, bike lanes
- Prohibited on most multi-use paths unless posted



# E-MOTORCYCLE

## Characteristics

- Classified as a MOTOR VEHICLE
- Speed exceed 30 MPH
- Max motor output 750 watts
- **Georgia Laws**
- Roadway riding only
- Must be licensed & insured
- Riders 16+ with MP, 17+ with Class M License
- DOT helmet required for all



# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

## Electric Bicycle (E-Bike)



**HAS PEDALS**

Legal for most ages.

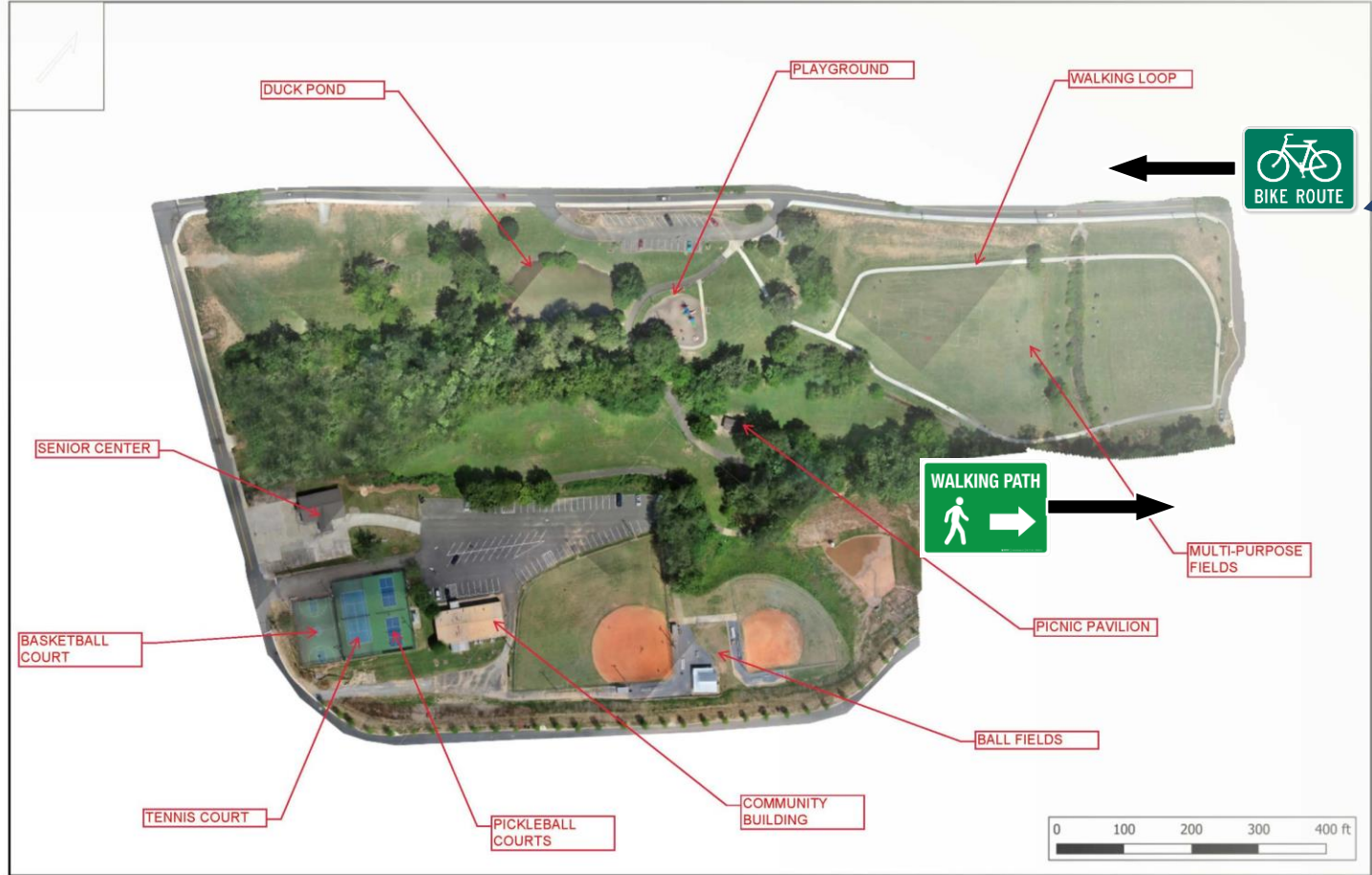


## Electric Motorcycle



**NO PEDALS**

Requires license & registration.



# THINGS TO CONSIDER



1. Do you want E-Bikes or any bike on Roberts Lake ?
2. Do you want E-bikes or sidewalks ?
3. Public Safety Announcement ? Partner with Downtown Manager and post a video ?
4. Enforcement remains necessary, but it should be focused on behavior, not bikes.
5. Agencies are most effective when they prioritize high-risk conduct such as reckless riding, illegal modifications and the use of OCEVs on public streets. Consistency matters.
6. When expectations are clear and enforcement predictable, compliance improves and perceptions of fairness increase.
7. E-bike technology continues to outpace legislation.
8. Proactive media engagement helps prevent misinformation and sensational coverage. Sharing accurate data and clear messaging promotes community understanding and supports constructive safety initiatives.





# Community Development Updates

SUBDIVISION	TYPE	APPROVED UNITS	PERMITTED	REMAINING	% PERMITTED
Malones Pond	Single Family Detached	66	36	30	55%
Marble Tree	Single Family Detached	88	49	39	56%
Valley Park	Townhomes	27	11	16	41%
Ball Ground Brook	Townhomes	43	0	43	0%
The Ridge at Farmers Crossing	Single Family Detached	13	5	8	38%
Heritage at Farmers Crossing	Townhomes	17	17	0	100%
Bleckley Station (Pulte)	Single Family Detached	139	12	127	9%
1882 at Old Canton	Single Family Detached	17	10	7	59%
Roberts East	Single Family Detached	80	0	80	0%
Olde Mill Phase 3	Single Family Detached	35	0	35	0%
Southern Sky	Single Family Attached/Detached	117	0	117	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>642</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>22%</b>

# Malone's Pond

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned CC-R
- 66 units
- 55% permitted (36)





# Marble Tree

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned TND
- 88 units
- 56% permitted (49)



# Valley Park

- Townhomes
- Zoned TND
- 27 units
- 41% permitted (11)





# Ball Ground Brook

- Townhomes
- Zoned TND
- 43 units
- Recently paved roadways



# The Ridge at Farmers Crossing

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned CC-R
- 13 units
- 38% permitted (5)



## Heritage at Farmers Crossing

- Townhomes
- Zoned CC-T
- 17 units
- 100% permitted

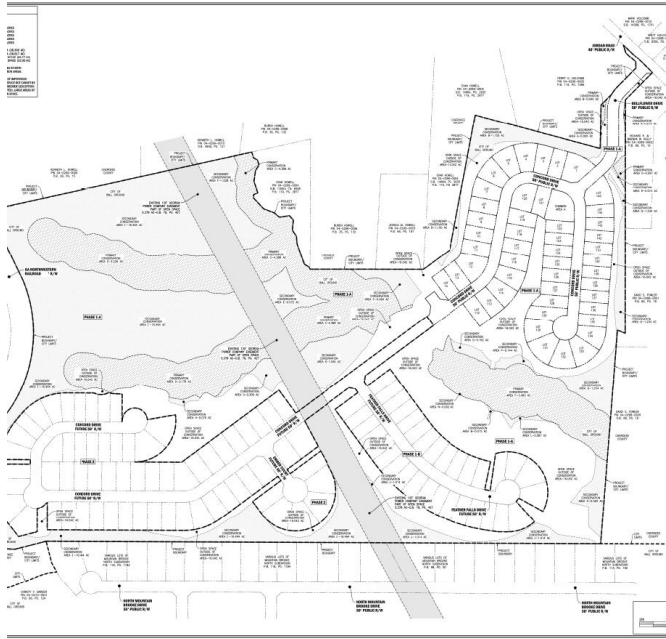


STATION "RF201" RUSTIC FARMHOUSE



# Pulte Homes – Bleckley Station

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned R-30
- 139 Units
- 9% permitted (12)
- Phase 1B Plat recently approved (33 Lots)



# 1882 at Old Canton

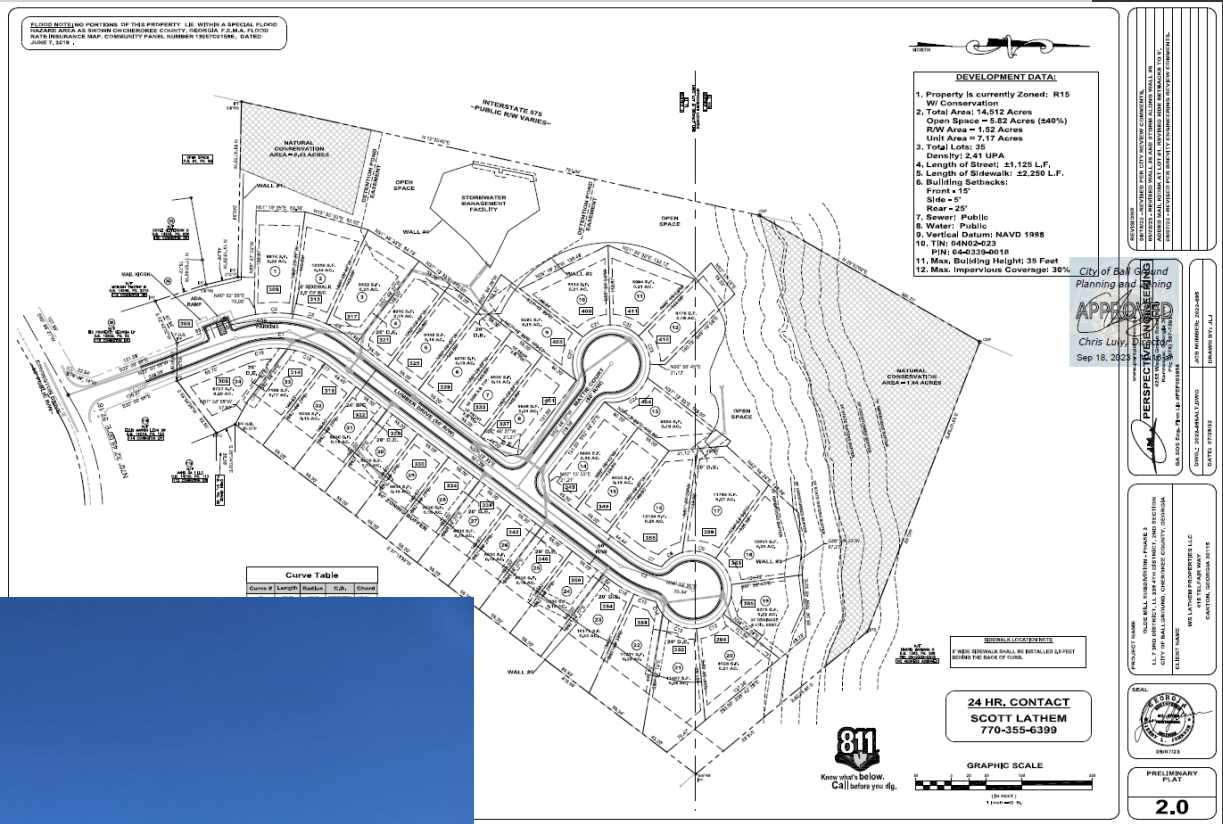
- Single Family Detached
- Zoned CC-T
- 17 units
- 59% permitted (10)





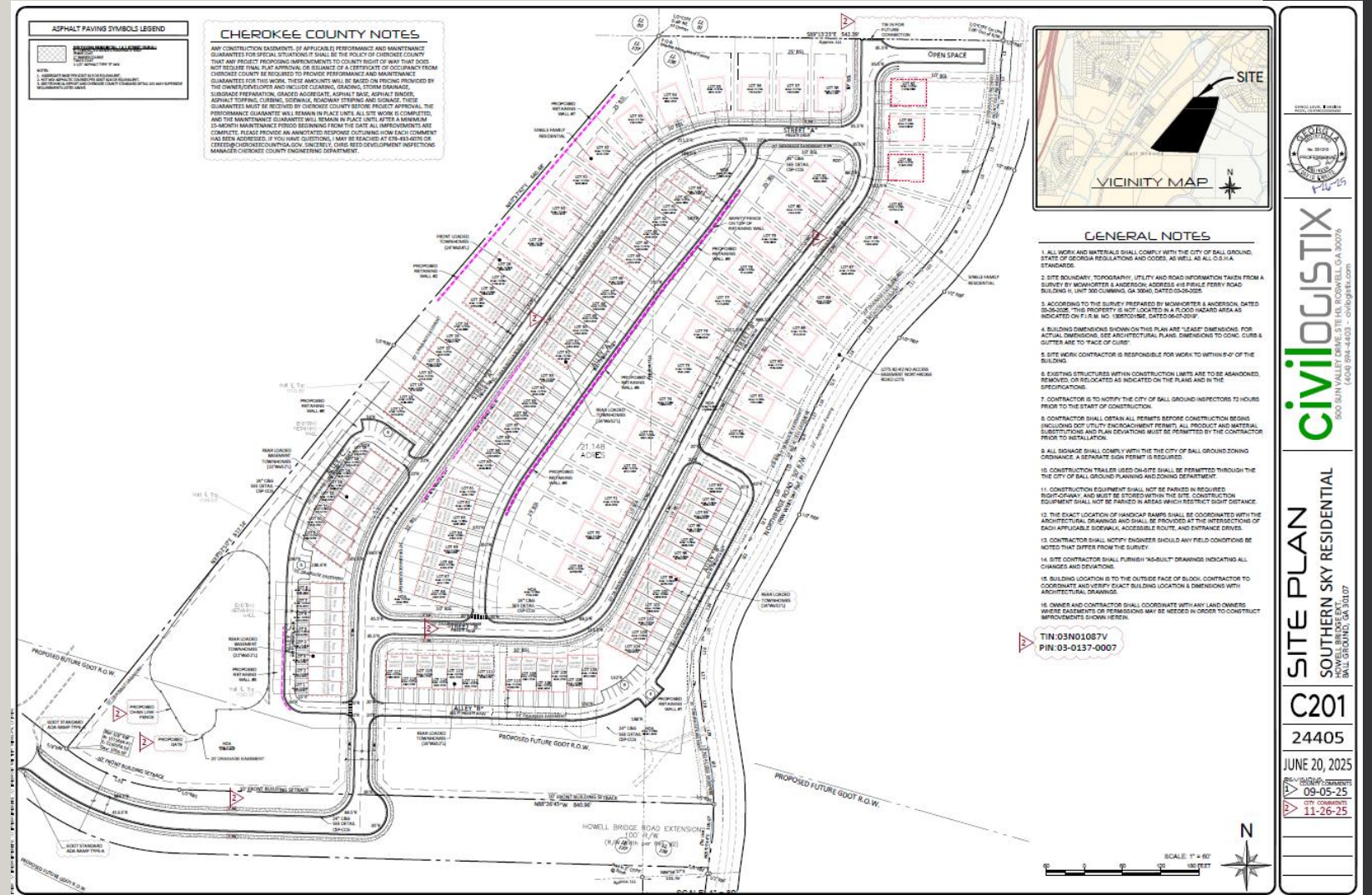
# Olde Mill Phase 3

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned R-15
- 35 units
- 0% permitted



# Southern Sky

- Single Family Detached
- Zoned TND
- 117 units
- 0% permitted



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400 SAN VALLEY DRIVE STE 105, KENNESAW, GA 30144  
404-894-4403 - cinfo@civilogistix.com

**SITE PLAN**  
SOUTHERN SKY RESIDENTIAL  
3045 HOWELL BRIDGE ROAD  
BALL GROUND, GA 30107

**C201**  
24405

JUNE 20, 2025  
REVISED/ISSUED  
09-05-25  
CITY COMMENTS  
11-26-25



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a wooden roof truss structure under construction. The beams are light-colored wood, and the sky is a clear, pale blue. The structure is complex, with many intersecting beams and supports.

**642**

Approved  
Units Under  
Construction

**140**

Units  
Permitted

**502**

Permits  
Remaining

# New Development Summary

# Other Updates and Future Projects

- Ball Ground Mosaic under construction again.
- Sidewalk Inventory completed. Gaps and widths now being analyzed.
- Roberts Lake Trail Story Map deployed.

# City Managers Report





## BUILDING PERMITS



## NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION ONLY

MONTH	2025	2026
JANUARY	6	2
FEBRUARY	7	3
MARCH	9	4
APRIL	2	2
MAY	0	14
JUNE	4	
JULY	12	
AUGUST	5	
SEPTEMBER	1	
OCTOBER	10	
NOVEMBER	3	
DECEMBER	6	
		+1
TOTAL	65	25

# ACCOUNT BALANCES – END OF MAY 2026

▶ General Fund:	\$ 1,670,222
▶ SPLOST:	\$ 202,893
▶ T-SPLOST	\$ 68,099
▶ FIRE	\$ 3,827
▶ Impact Fees:	\$ 291,132
▶ Utilities:	\$ 1,015,281
▶ Total:	\$ 3,251,457

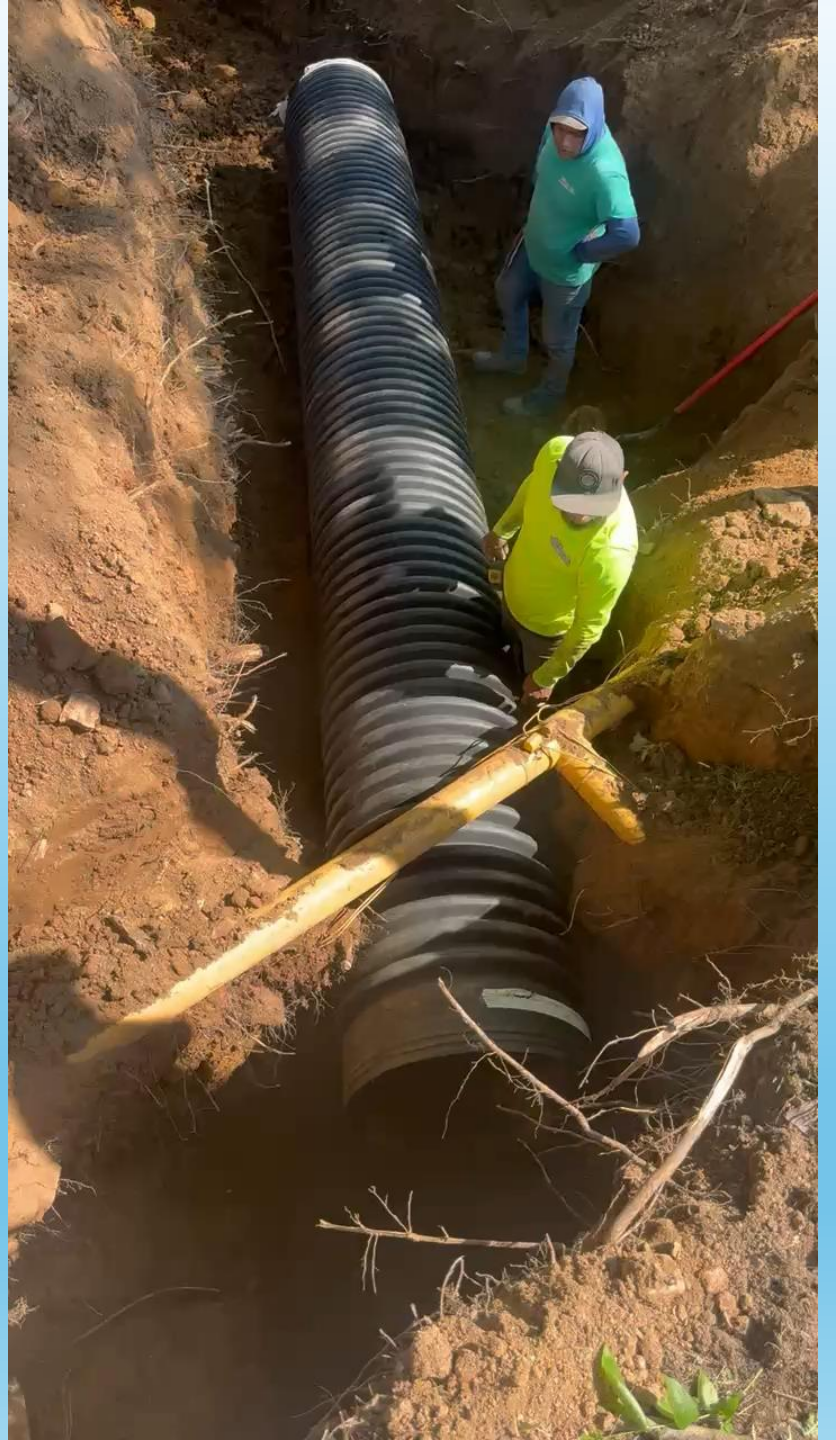
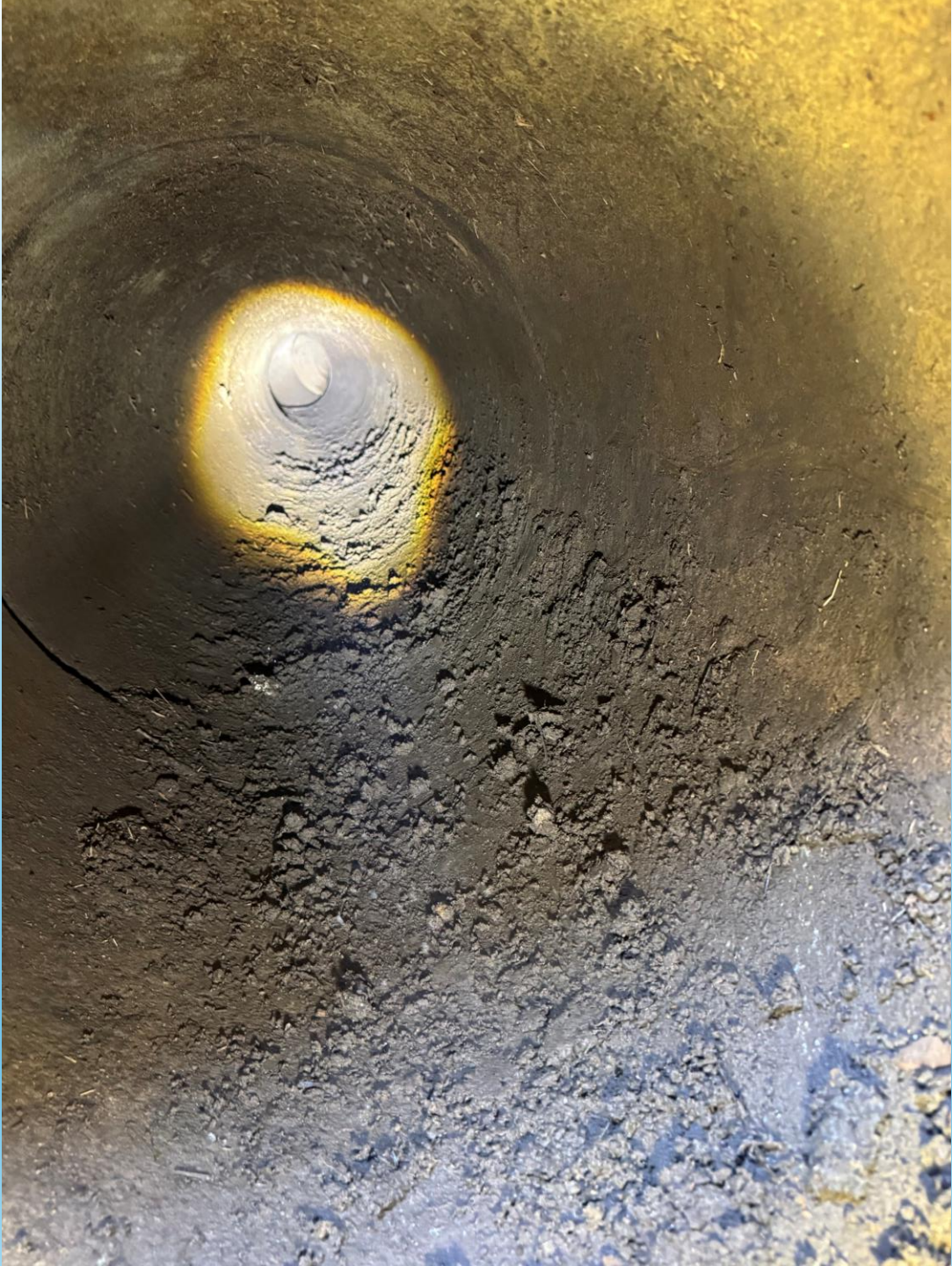
# MAY 2026

## Revenue/Expense

Fund	APRIL Revenue	APRIL Expense	YTD Revenue	YTD Expense
General Fund	\$71,229	\$268,434	\$2,635,656	\$2,379,742
SPLOST	\$888,855	\$824,718	\$1,461,031	\$1,412,875
T-SPLOST	\$68,160	0	\$68,160	0
Impact Fee	\$12,266	0	\$191,382	\$15
Utilities	\$296,831	\$236,001	\$2,899,567	\$2,448,126
	<b>\$1,337,341</b>	<b>\$1,412,950</b>	<b>\$7,255,796</b>	<b>\$6,240,758</b>

# **CAPITAL PROJECTS**







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TRUCKING INC.  
BLUE RIDGE 6X4  
LS DOT 18785

TEBCO  
2003-2014

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SCHOOL



The logo for the BUILD program, featuring the word "BUILD" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letters are stylized with horizontal white lines passing through them, giving it a grid-like appearance. The logo is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

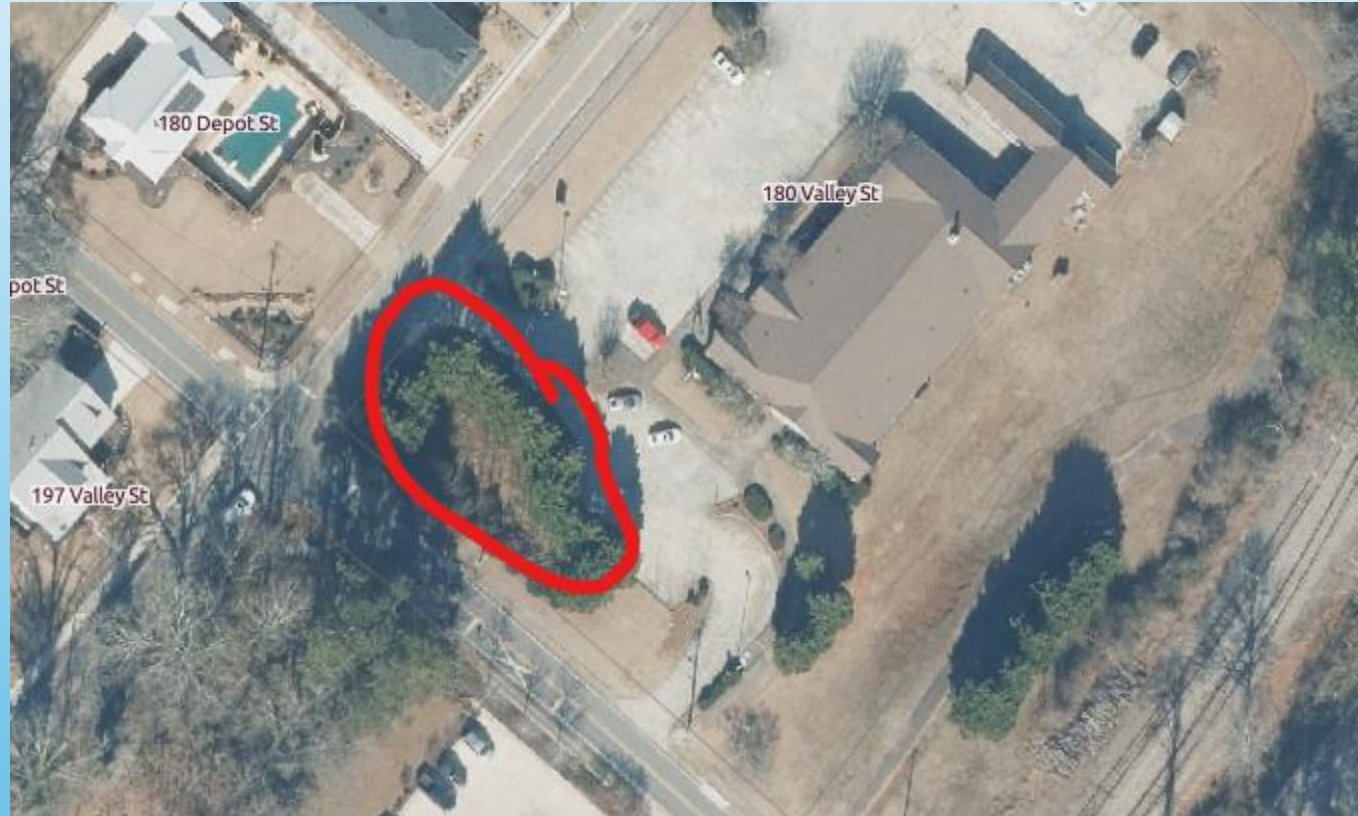
**Federal Transportation Discretionary Grants Program**

**25 MILLION APPLICATION FOR BYPASS  
STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO ANNOUNCE ON OR BEFORE  
JUNE 28TH**



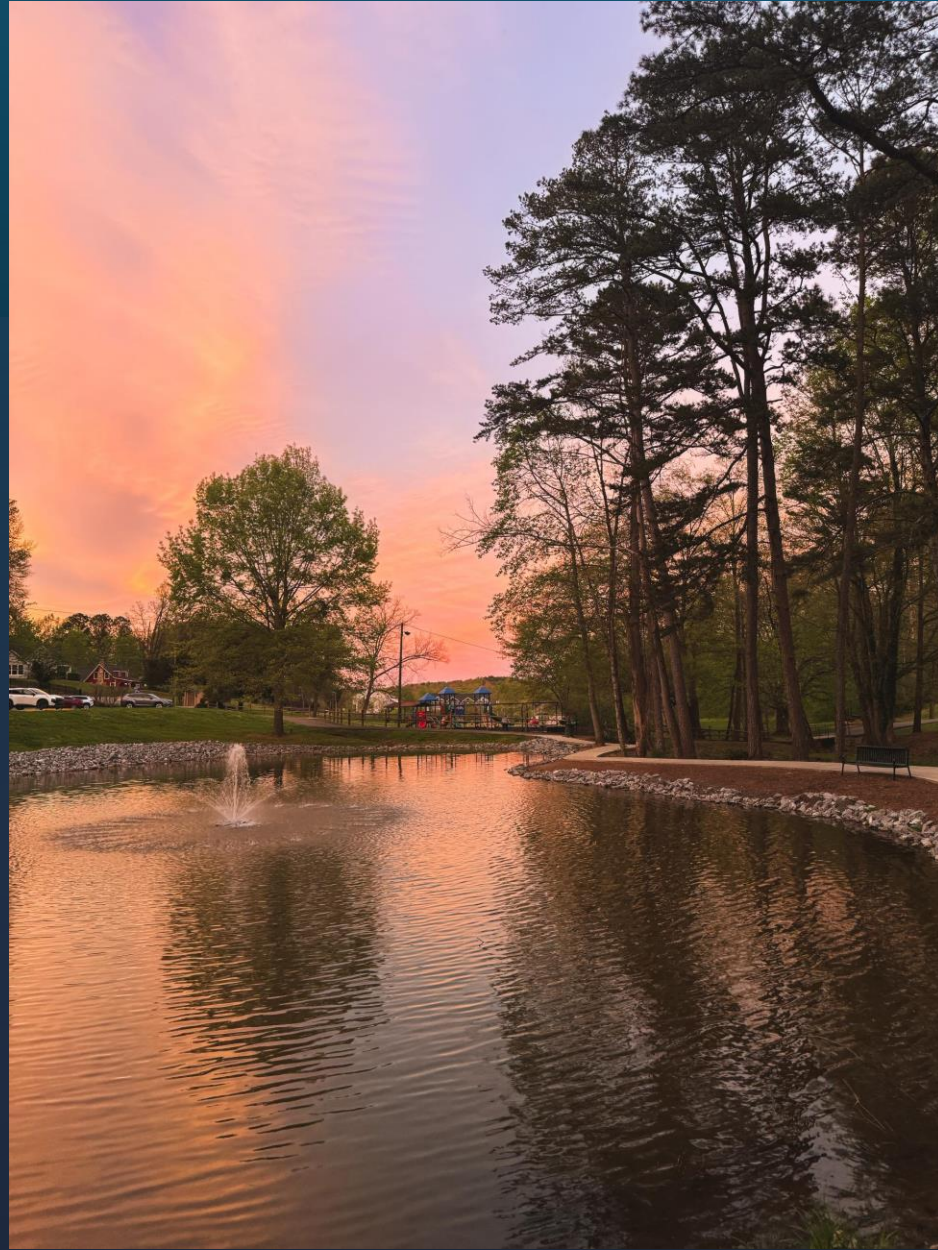
**REQUESTING EXCEPTION  
TO ALLOW R/W  
ACQUISITION IN CERTAIN  
AREAS**

# OBTAIN COURT ORDER – REPAIR PO POND



Est \$30,000 – Eventual Reimbursement

# P A R K S













UPDATED TRAIL MAPS

NEW VIDEO OF TRAIL

ALL TRAILS UPDATED

BEGIN INSTALL OF  
TRAILHEAD SIGN  
TOMORROW





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**BALL GROUND ROCKS!**

Address	Business Name	License Fee (Annual)	Excise Tax (Annual)
345	Rock Solid Brewing	\$1,000	NA
340	Dominic's Food Truck & Dining	\$2,000	NA
288	Ball Ground Burger Bus	\$2,000	NA
280	Dot's Fine Wine & Craft	\$2,325	NA
270	Ball Ground Tavern	\$2,000	\$3,379.44
248	Taco Social	\$2,000	\$6,475.68
	La Cantina Off Main	\$2,000	NA
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,325</b>	<b>\$9,855.12</b>

310	Ireland Dentistry	10	\$745.28
290	Vacant Building		\$1,005.60
288	Ball Ground Burger Bus	10	\$0
282	Virtual Properties Realty	2	\$260.96
280	Dot's Fine Wine & Craft	5	\$746.08
270	Ball Ground Tavern	6	\$441.60
250   248	Frankfurt Donner and Meats   Taco Social	5	\$615.68
240	M & M Marble	4	\$988.48
220	Empty Lot		\$213.60
210	All About the Paw	4	\$655.68
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$20,310.75</b>
	27 Businesses		\$16,519.87
	4 Vacant Buildings		\$2,602.56
	3 Lots (2 vacant, 1 gravel)		\$668.00
	1 Residential Dwelling		\$520.32

# WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS





**LAB ASSESSMENTS UNDER  
WAY NOW –**

**TESTING WATER FOR  
RADIOACTIVE PRESENCE**



CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

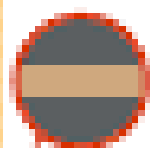
# Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water



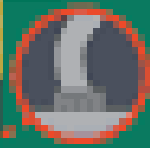
**Copper Pipes with Lead Solder** Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.



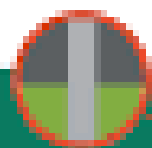
**Faucets/Fixtures** Inside your home, they contain lead.



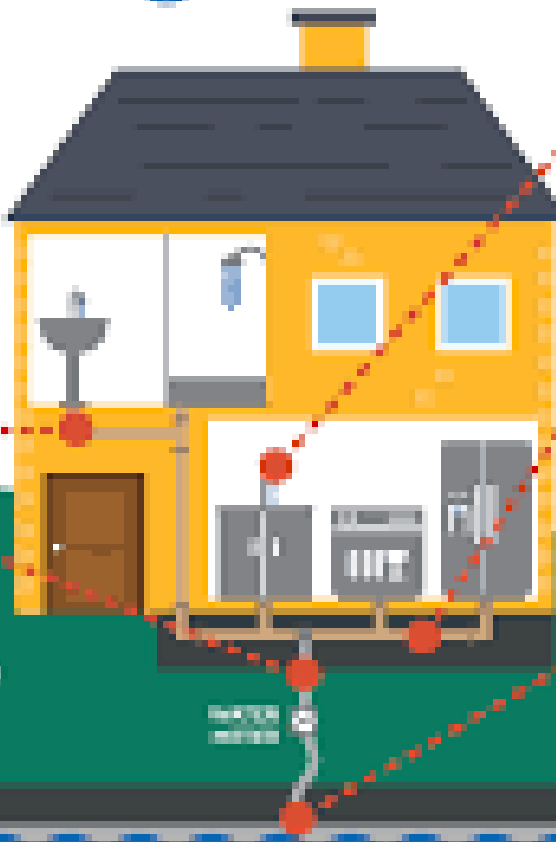
**Galvanized Pipes** Lead particles can attach to the ungalvanized core. Over time, the particles enter your drinking water, leading to elevated lead levels.



**Lead-Service Line** Copper pipes and pigtail washed pipes that connect the lead service line to the faucet.



**Lead Service Line** The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.





Sampling at homes without lead service lines.



Sampling at homes with lead service lines

test

test



# DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT RULE

(TTHM & HAA5)

FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS





**OUR MISSION – OUR LICENSE – OUR PERMIT**

**IS**

**WATER QUALITY**



1,200 METERS



**METER CHANGEOUT AND UPGRADE SUSPENDED UNTIL JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> –  
BOND COVERAGE**

# HISTORIC PAST



**BRIGHT FUTURE**<sup>SM</sup>