

SPLOST

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is an optional one percent county sales tax used to fund capital projects

WHAT CAN A PENNY DO?

1%

A one percent tax on goods and services can be used for roads and bridges, fire trucks, sheriff's vehicles, water and sewer improvements, land, facilities, and facility renovations



SPLOST funds capital projects that are important to residents like parks

and transportation improvements that make it easier to get around the county



and public safety vehicles and equipment that protect everyone

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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SPLOST 2021 TIMELINE

1 st Quarter 2020	Project compilation/internal discussions
1 st Quarter 2020	Informal discussion with cities
April 14, 2020	Town Hall to Discuss Projects/Public Comment
April 21, 2020	Town Hall to Discuss Projects/Public Comment
April 28, 2020	Discussion at Commissioners' Agenda Setting Meeting
April 30, 2020	Town Hall to Discuss Projects/Public Comment
May 5, 2020	Review of proposed SPLOST budget & cost estimates at regular Commissioners' Meeting
May 18, 2020	Notice to Mayors of June meeting. 48-8-111 30 days must elapse prior to call for election. Have draft of Resolution available.
June 2, 2020	Meeting with Mayors, etc., at Regular BOC Meeting
July 3, 2020	Earliest date at which Call for election can be made by the Board of Elections. (due to 30 days from meeting with municipalities)
July 28, 2020	Board of Commissioners' authorizes election
August 4, 2020	Latest date (regular BOC meeting) at which Call can be made (due to requirement that 90 days elapse between Call for election & holding of election - 21-2-540)
October 1, 2020	Deadline for legal ads
October 8, 2020	Legal Advertisement
October 15, 2020	Legal Advertisement
October 22, 2020	Legal Advertisement
October 29, 2020	Legal Advertisement
November 3, 2020	Referendum

2015 SPLOST REFERENDUM

Capital Outlay	80% Allocation	Referendum
<i>General Obligation Debt</i>		
Recreational Facilities	\$4,473,600	\$5,592,000
<i>Capital Outlay</i>		
Water and Sewer Facilities	\$9,680,000	\$12,100,000
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	\$9,600,000	\$12,000,000
Farmland Protection	\$400,000	\$500,000
Fire Station Rescue Facilities and Equipment	\$2,415,600	\$3,019,500
Civic Center Facilities	\$1,200,000	\$1,500,000
Historic and Scenic Facilities	\$200,000	\$250,000
Library Facilities	\$1,600,000	\$2,000,000
General County Facilities	\$1,600,000	\$2,000,000
Animal Control Facilities	\$600,000	\$750,000
Economic Development Facilities	\$680,000	\$850,000
Recreational and Park Facilities	\$2,526,400	\$3,158,000
Law Enforcement Facilities and Equipment	\$2,480,000	\$3,100,000
Technology Facilities	\$380,000	\$475,000
Estimated Total	\$37,835,600	\$47,294,500
Municipalities Estimated Total	\$6,604,400	\$8,255,500
2015 SPLOST Referendum - Estimated Total	\$44,440,000	\$55,550,000

* Note: 20% of estimated sales tax will be held in reserve and allocated as collections are achieved. (Revised January 2018 based on collection rate.)

SPLOST 21 Initial Project List

Category	Sub-Category	Project	Requested Amount	
<i>General Obligation Debt</i>				
Recreational Facilities			\$	5,105,423
Parks and Recreation			\$	6,000,000
		New Park Facilities	\$	6,000,000
		Land Acquisition	\$	1,000,000
		Park Renovation	\$	1,500,000
County Facilities				
	Animal Services	Complete Shelter Renovations	\$	250,000
	Library and Governmental Facilities	Library and Administration Building	\$	5,500,000
	Courthouse	Courthouse Interior Renovations	\$	500,000
	General Facility Renovation	Building Renovations	\$	4,400,000
Roads, Streets, Bridges				
		Road Resurfacing	\$	15,000,000
		Intersection/Operational Improvements	\$	5,000,000
		Bridges/Culverts	\$	1,000,000
		Signal Upgrades	\$	500,000
Water and Sewer				
		Water Supply Projects	\$	2,958,000
		Wastewater Plant and Collection System	\$	15,855,000
Public Safety				
	Fire Rescue Facilities and Equipment		\$	3,137,000
	Law Enforcement Vehicles		\$	2,064,000
Technology Facilities			\$	8,000,000
Farmland Preservation			\$	600,000
Historic/Scenic Properties			\$	100,000
Municipalities Total			TBD	
2021 SPLOST Referendum - Requested County Total			\$	78,469,423

*Half of Total - to Span Two SPLOSTS

An aerial photograph of a park featuring three baseball fields with brown dirt inlets and green grass. A central building with a green roof is situated between the fields. A winding pond is visible in the upper right, surrounded by dense green trees. The sky is clear and blue. The bottom left corner of the image is overlaid with a blue diagonal shape containing text.

SPLOST 2021 PARKS & RECREATION

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- New Park Facilities
- Park Upgrades and Renovations

PARKS POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Recreational Facilities
\$5,105,423

New Park Facilities
\$6,000,000

Land Acquisition
\$1,000,000

Park Renovation
\$1,500,000



SPLOST 2021 COUNTY FACILITIES

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- New Library/Admin Building
- Animal Shelter Renovations
- General County Facilities
- Courthouse Interior

COUNTY FACILITIES POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Complete Animal Shelter Renovations
\$250,000

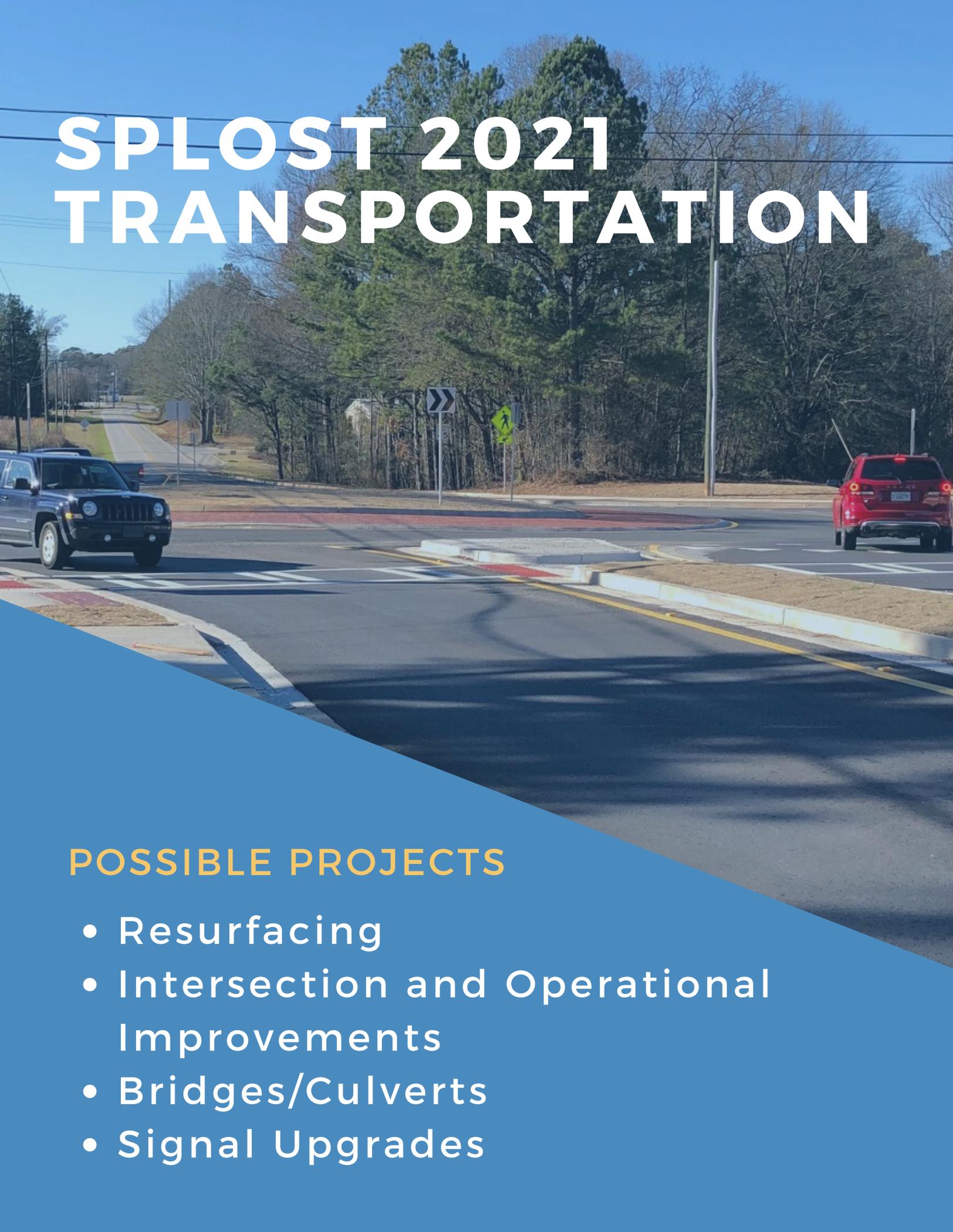
Library and Administration Building
\$5,500,000

*Total Est. Cost \$11,000,000 over 2 SPLOST cycles

General County Facilities
\$4,400,000

Courthouse Interior Renovations
\$500,000

SPLOST 2021 TRANSPORTATION



POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Resurfacing
- Intersection and Operational Improvements
- Bridges/Culverts
- Signal Upgrades

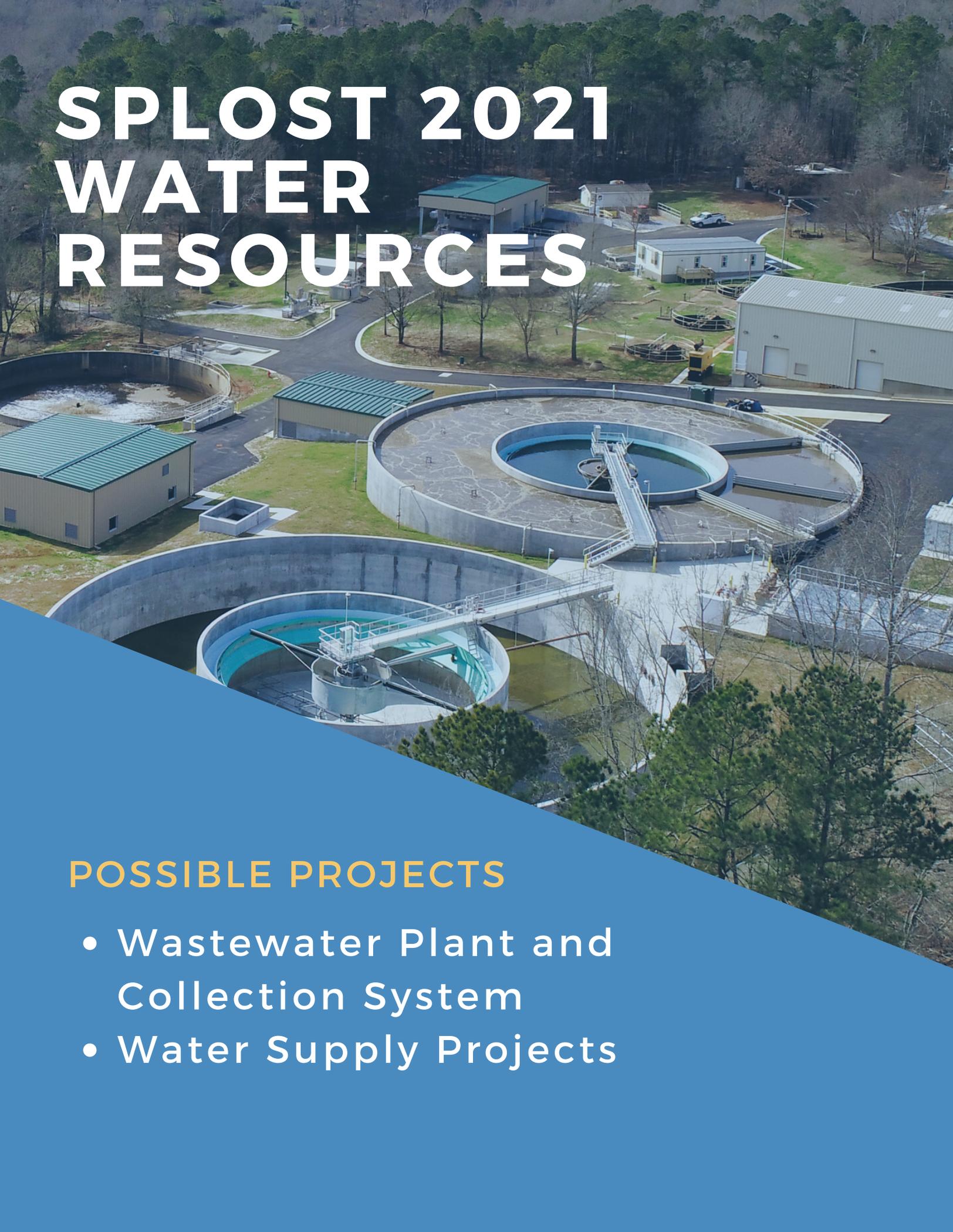
TRANSPORTATION POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Road Resurfacing
\$15,000,000

Intersection/Operational Improvements
\$5,000,000

Bridges/Culverts
\$1,000,000

Signal Upgrades
\$500,000



SPLOST 2021 WATER RESOURCES

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Wastewater Plant and Collection System
- Water Supply Projects

WATER RESOURCES POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Water Supply Projects
\$2,958,000

Wastewater Plant and Collection System
\$15,855,000

SPLOST 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY



POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Law Enforcement Vehicles
- Fire Rescue Facilities and Equipment

PUBLIC SAFETY POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Law Enforcement Vehicles (8)

\$2,064,000

Fire Rescue Facilities and Equipment

\$3,137,000



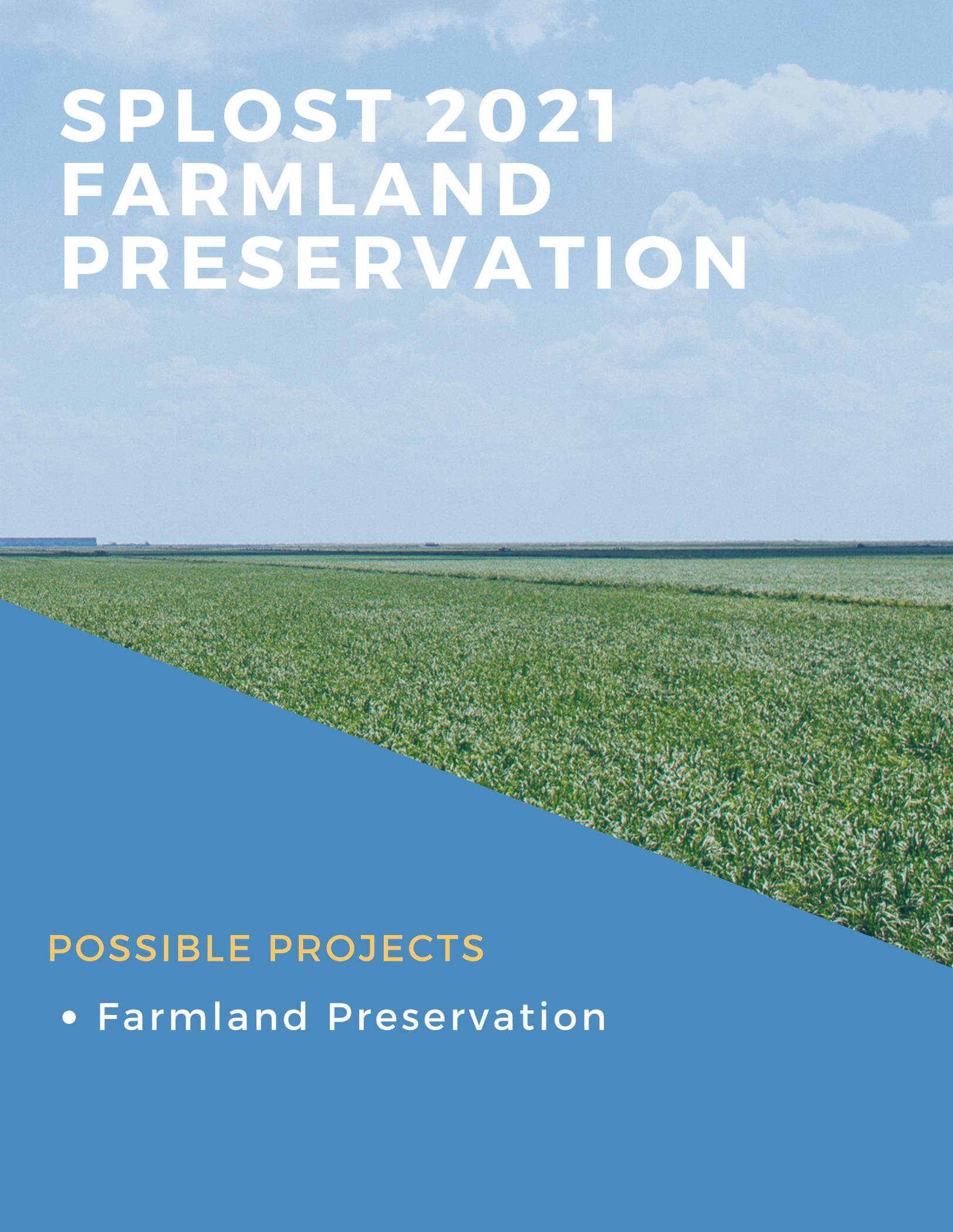
SPLOST 2021 TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES

POSSIBLE PROJECT

- Countywide Broadband Initiative to make connectivity available in all areas of Oconee

BROADBAND POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Countywide Broadband Initiative
\$8,000,000



SPLOST 2021 FARMLAND PRESERVATION

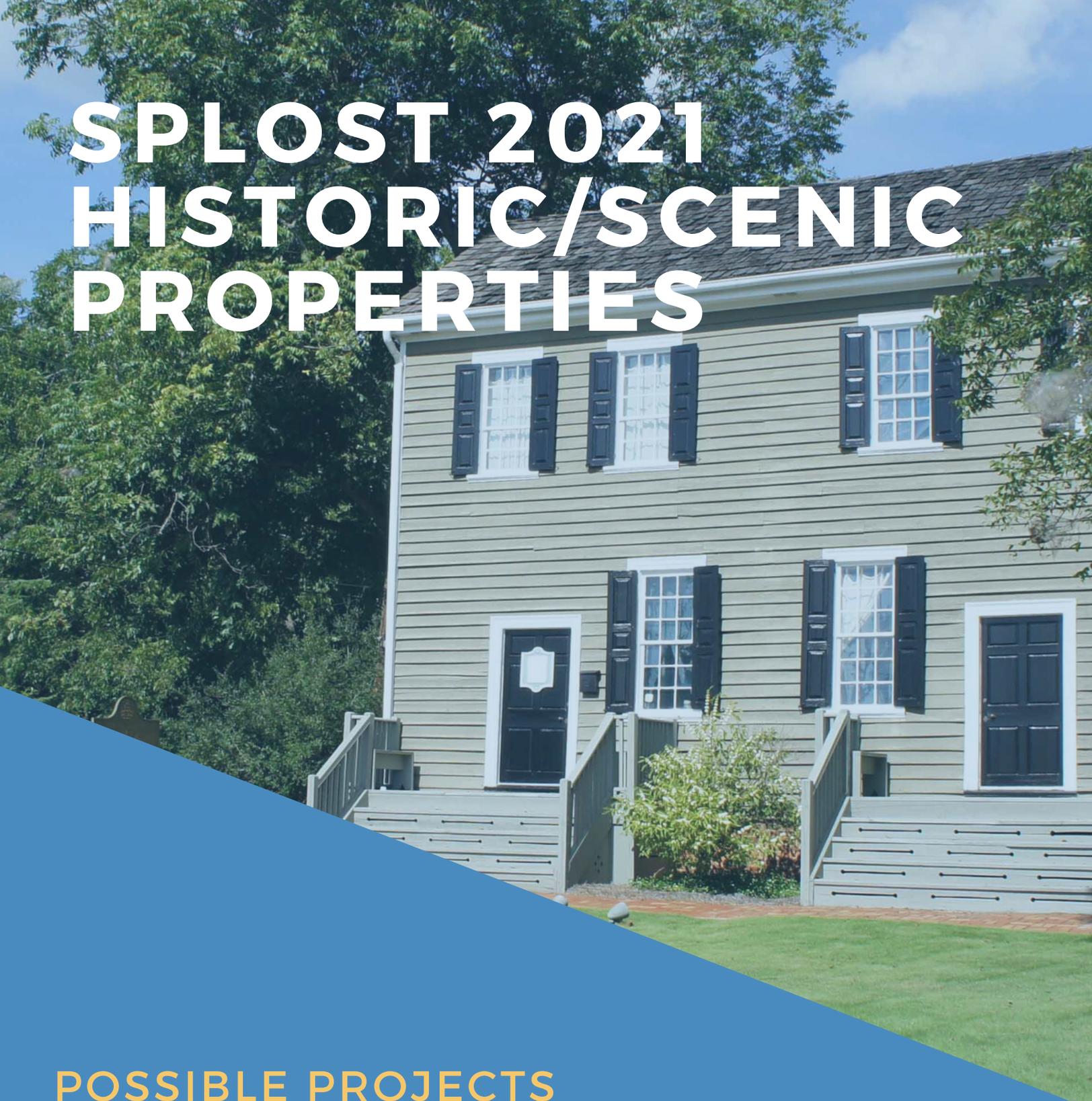
POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Farmland Preservation

FARMLAND PRESERVATION POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Farmland Preservation
\$600,000

SPLOST 2021 HISTORIC/SCENIC PROPERTIES

A two-story historic house with light green horizontal siding and dark shutters. The house features a central entrance with a dark door and a small porch, flanked by two windows. The second floor has three windows with dark shutters. The house is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. A blue diagonal graphic element is present in the bottom left corner of the image.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

- Historic/Scenic Properties Preservation

HISTORIC/SCENIC PROPERTIES POTENTIAL PROJECT COST

Historic/Scenic Properties
\$100,000



OCONEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

PARK SPLOST PROJECTS

PARKS AND RECREATION 2015 SPLOST PROJECTS

OVP Bond Debt Payments - \$3,441,510

OVP Park Expansion – Multi-Use Fields- \$2,646,327.20

HCM Roof Replacement – \$58,010.07

Equipment – Toro Mower - \$48,118.40



PARKS AND RECREATION 2021 POTENTIAL PROJECTS

OVP Bond Debt Payments

OVP Park Expansion

- Tennis Courts – 2004 Master Plan (recommended SPLOST 2015)
- Pickleball Courts – New Addition

Park Renovations

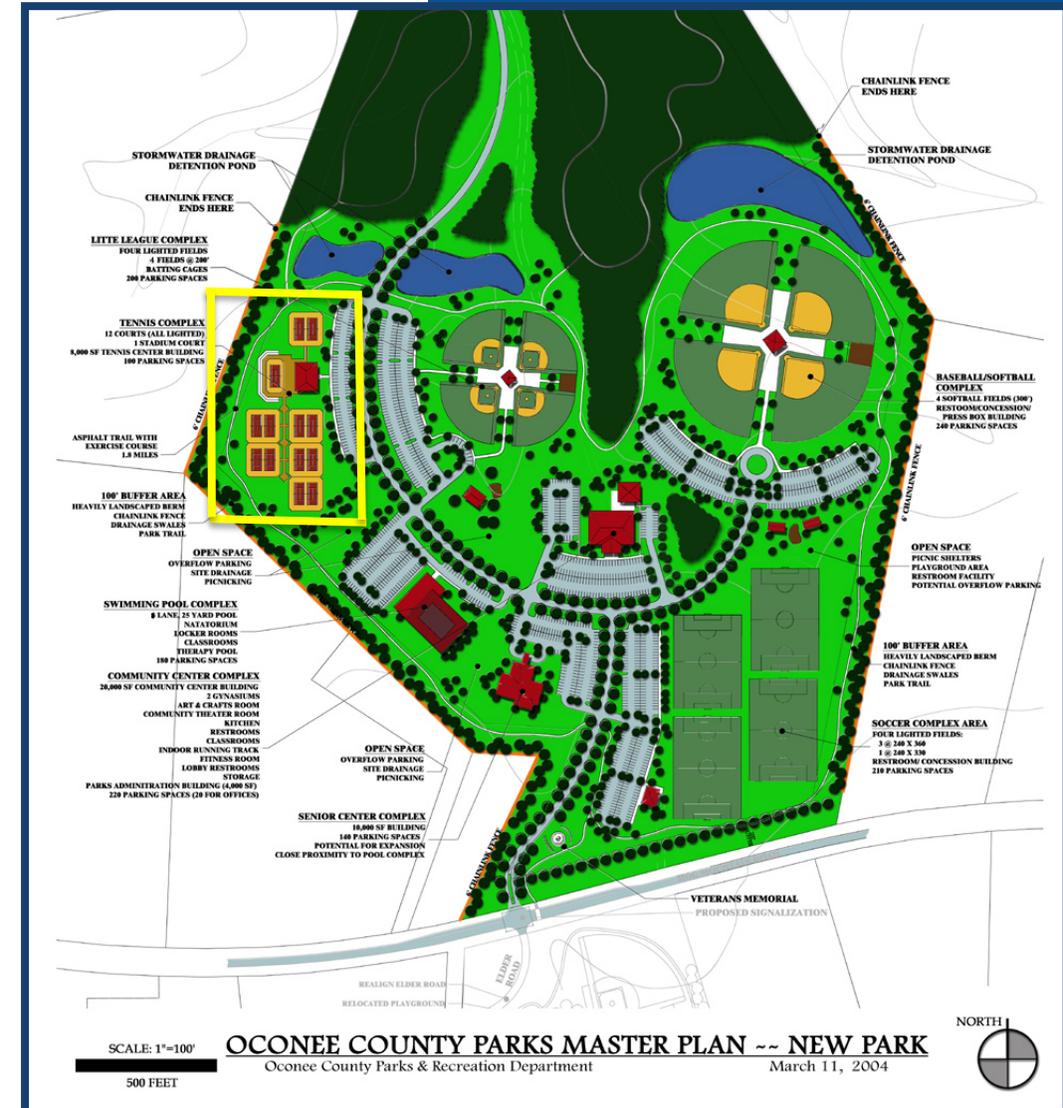
- Parking Lots, Walking Paths, Playgrounds
- Buildings/Restrooms Interiors and Exteriors

Park Improvements

- OVP Additional Entrance/Exit (recommended SPLOST 2015)
- Drainage Issues

Park Maintenance Equipment

Park Land Acquisition



Oconee County Animal Services

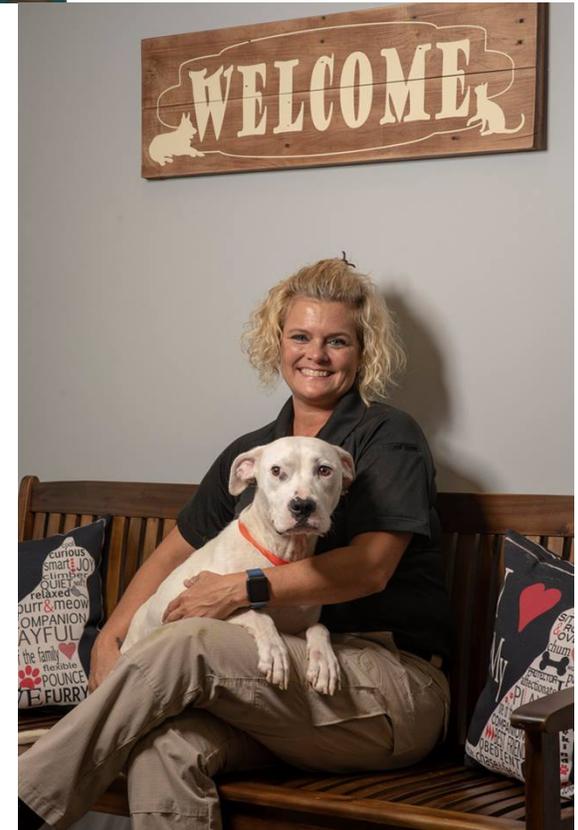


2015 SPLOST

RENOVATIONS

Lobby

- Brightened and painted lobby, office and visitor restroom.
- Provided more seating.



2015 SPLOST Shelter Project

Architect- Lyman Davidson Dooley

Contract awarded

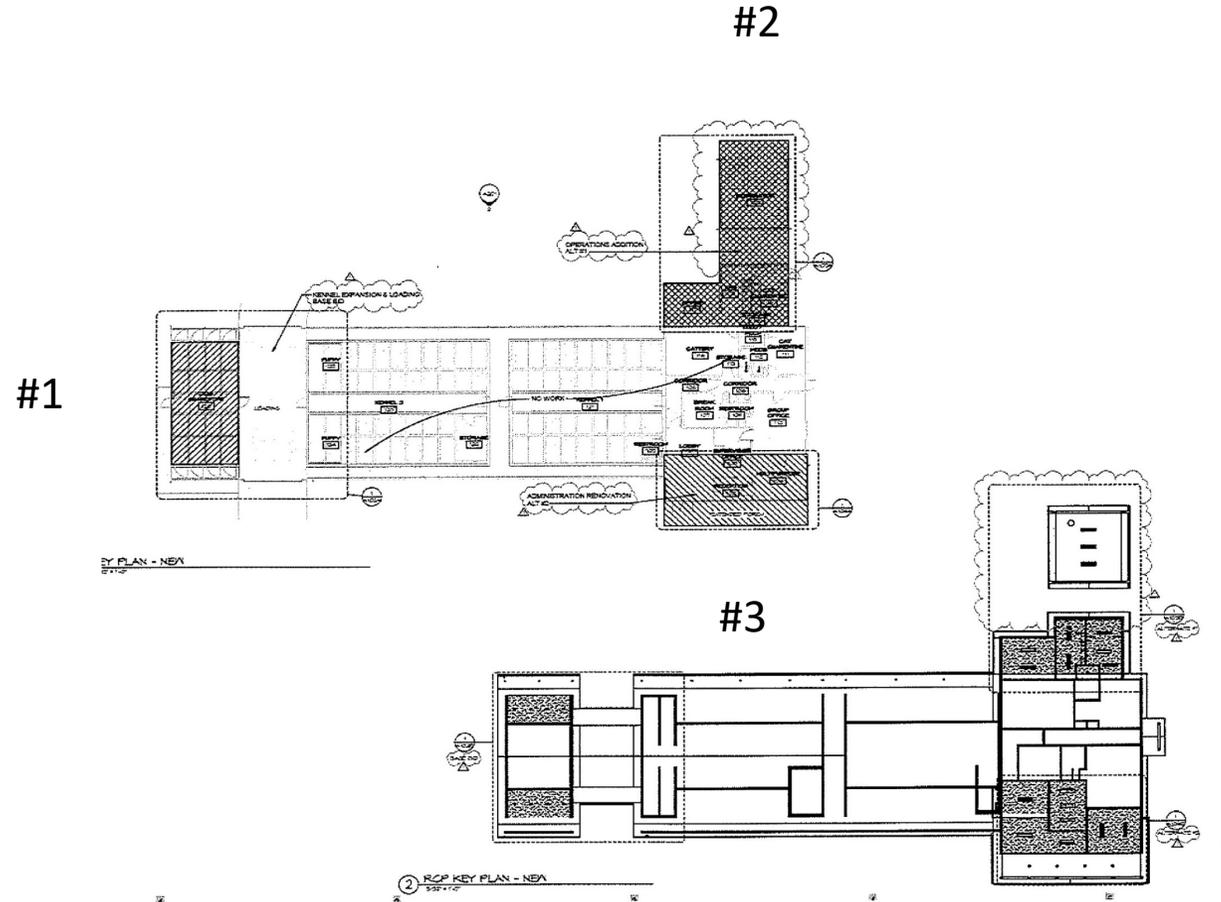
Plans- submitted and approved

Permit- approved

RFQ- April 9, 2020



Layout / Phases



Facilities SPLOST

SPLOST 15

Facilities SPLOST 15 Projects

- ▶ Roof replacements or improvements
- ▶ Parking lot resurfacing and restriping
- ▶ HVAC replacements (replacing outmoded R22 units)
- ▶ Park buildings renovations
- ▶ Fire station renovations
- ▶ Lighting upgrades (more energy efficient lights)
- ▶ General facility improvements and renovations

SPLOST 21

Projected Facilities SPLOST 21 Projects – Facilities Reserve Study

- ▶ Roof replacements or improvements
- ▶ Parking lot resurfacing and restriping
- ▶ HVAC replacements (replacing outmoded R22 units)
- ▶ Park buildings renovations
- ▶ Fire station renovations
- ▶ Lighting upgrades (more energy efficient lights)
- ▶ General facility improvements and renovations

2021 SPLOST

Public Works

Resurfacing

- 394 paved miles maintained by Oconee County
- 71 miles needing immediate repair
- 252 miles in fair condition
- 71 miles in good condition
- Anticipate paving 12-14 miles per year

Intersection/Operational Improvements

- Project list recommended by Citizen Transportation Task Force
- Potential recommended projects

Operational Improvements			
O-15	SR 53/Hog Mountain Road	Herman C. Michael Park/Elder Road	Oconee Veterans Park Entrance
O-2	Mars Hill Road	Rocky Branch Road	Daniells Bridge Road
O-7	SR 53/Hog Mountain Road	Union Church Road	SR 53/Experiment Station Road
O-4	SR 53/Hog Mountain Road	US 129/US 441/SR 15/Macon Highway	Government Station Road/Daniells Bridge Road
Intersection Improvements			
I-5	US 29/US 78/SR 316	Oconee Connector	
I-13	US 29/US 78/SR 316/Epps Bridge Road	US 29/78/SR8/10 Athens Perimeter	
I-19	SR 15/24 BUS	US 129/441/SR 15/24 Watkinsville Bypass	
I-10	SR 53	Rays Church Road/Malcolm Bridge Road	
I-11	SR 53	Clotfelter Road/Cole Springs Road	
I-7	US 129/441/SR 124 Macon Highway	Price Mill Road/Old Bishop Road	
I-17	Oconee Connector	Plaza Parkway	

Bridges/Culverts

- GDOT completes inspections every two years
- Funding would be used to make recommended repairs
- Repairs could include repainting beams, repairing bridge deck, etc.
- Needed replacement could be included

Signal Upgrades

- Replace outdated equipment
- Convert to flashing yellow signal heads

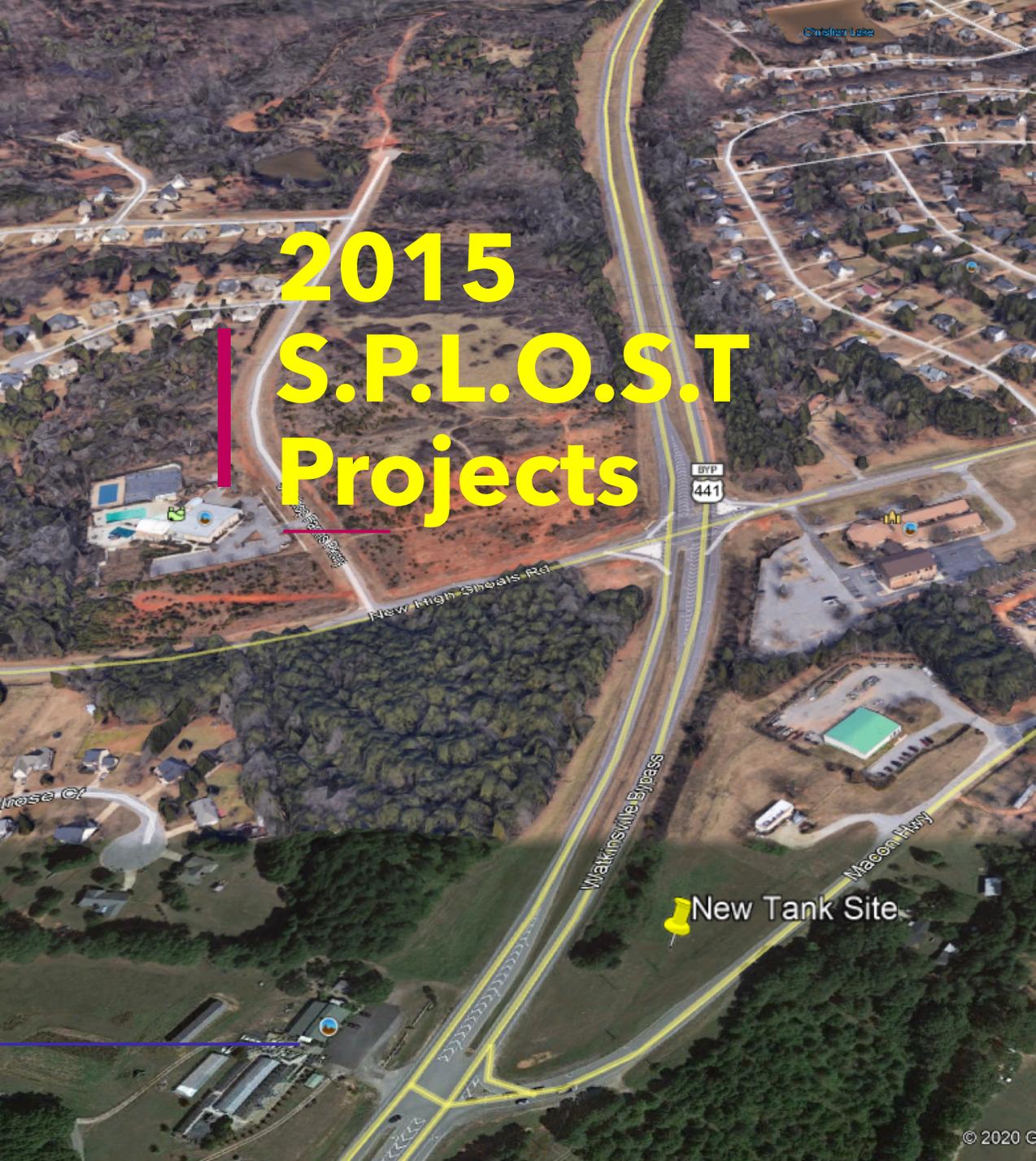


April 2020

S.P.L.O.S.T. PROJECTS

Water Resources Department

2015 S.P.L.O.S.T Projects



Calls Creek WRF Upgrade
1.5 MGD

Calls Creek WRF Upgrade
3.0 MGD

Water Meter Replacement
Program

Southeast Pressure Zone
Improvements

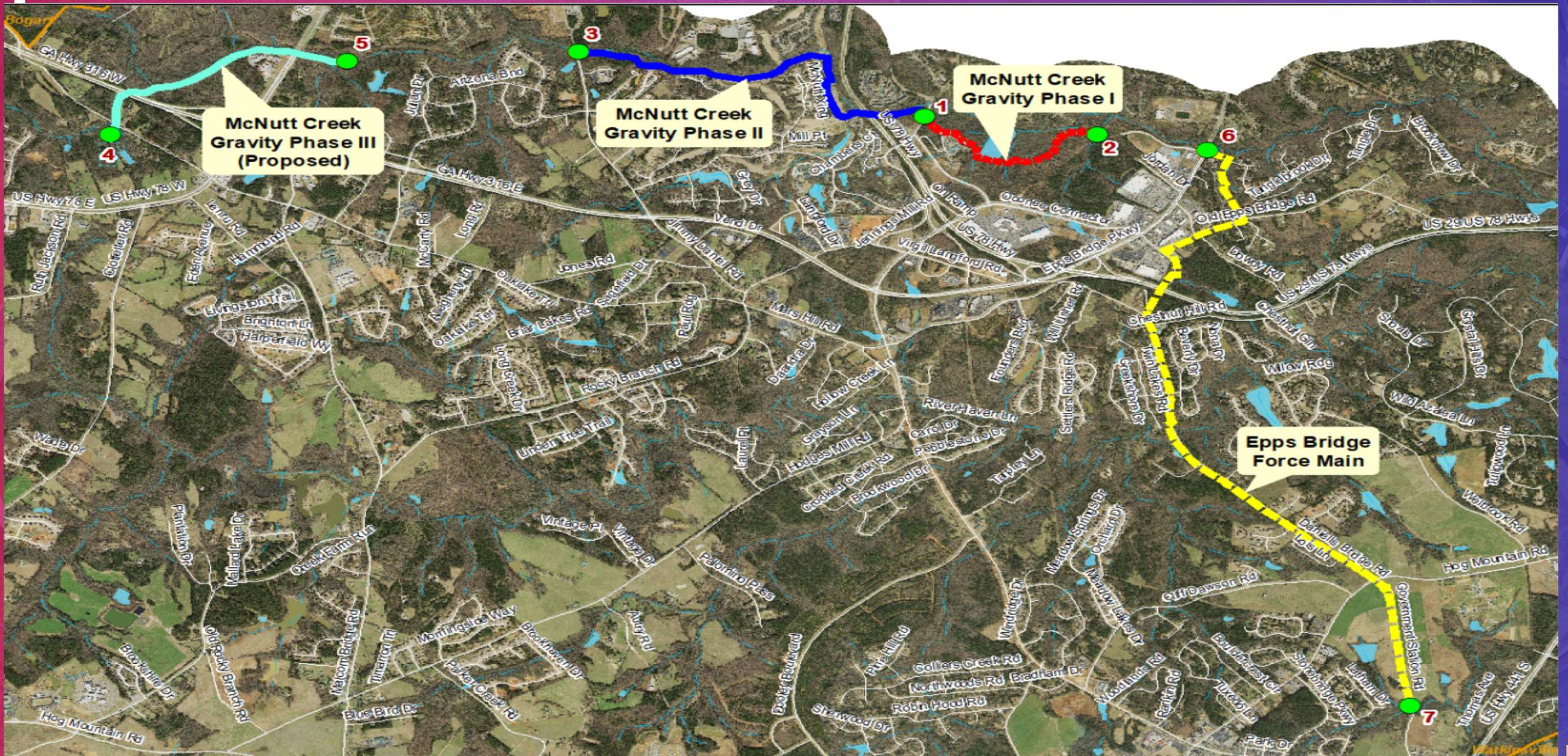
McNutt Creek Sewer Ext.
Phase II

Epps Bridge Force Main

2020



McNutt Creek and Epps Bridge Force Main



2015 S.P.L.O.S.T.



Epps Bridge Force Main



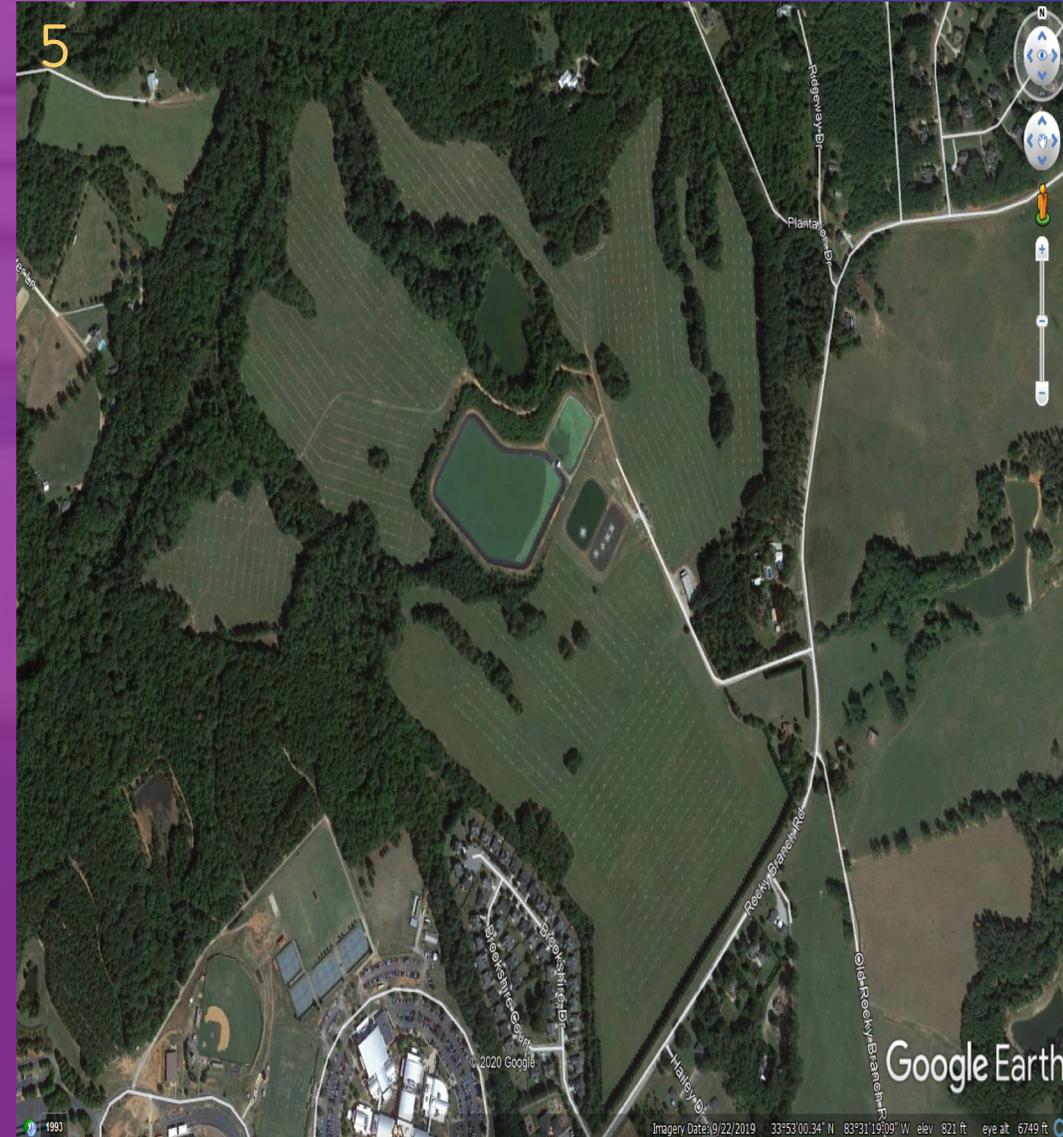
McNutt Creek Connector



Calls Creek WRF 1.5 MGD Upgrade



Meter Replacement Program



LAS Decommission Project



Potential 2021 S.P.L.O.S.T Projects

2020

- Distribution Projects
 - *Mars Hill Phase II*
 - *Hwy 15 Upgrades*
- Collection System Projects
 - *Daniels Bridge Lift Station*
 - *Brookshire Lift Station*
 - *McNutt Creek Phase III*
 - *Middle Oconee Discharge*

2021-2027 SPLOST Projects

Oconee Fire Rescue

- 1) Replace 165 Breathing Air Cylinders due to 15-year life cycle.**
- 2) Replace 15 sets of Turnout Gear due to 10-year life cycle.**
- 3) Replace 6 sets of Hydraulic Extrication Tools with Battery Operated Jaws of Life equipment.**
- 4) Purchase 3 Mechanical CPR Devices for Rescue Trucks to assist with CPR calls.**
- 5) Replace 3 Tankers that are over 31 years of age.**
- 6) Replace 1 Engine that is over 20 years of age.**
- 7) Replace Air Trailer & Truck with an Air-Light Truck. Current truck that pulls the Air Trailer is 44 years of age.**
- 8) Construct a Live Fire Training Facility. Enhance OCFR's use for structural firefighting training. Provides ISO credit for fire rating.**

\$3,137,000 = TOTAL SPLOST PROPOSED

Malcom Bridge Road

Corridor Improvements

Overall Goals (County-Wide)

- Increase safety and functionality of the roadways
- Prepare for future demands on the roadways
- Engineer solutions to remove humans from the roadway

Why The Malcom Bridge Corridor?

- Developer design change initiated examination of corridor
- Future demand on the corridor
- Site not situated on State Route – allows greater responsiveness
- GDOT contributing additional \$300,000 towards roundabout construction

Why are Improvements Needed?

- Increase Safety
- Improve Traffic Flow
- Future Demand





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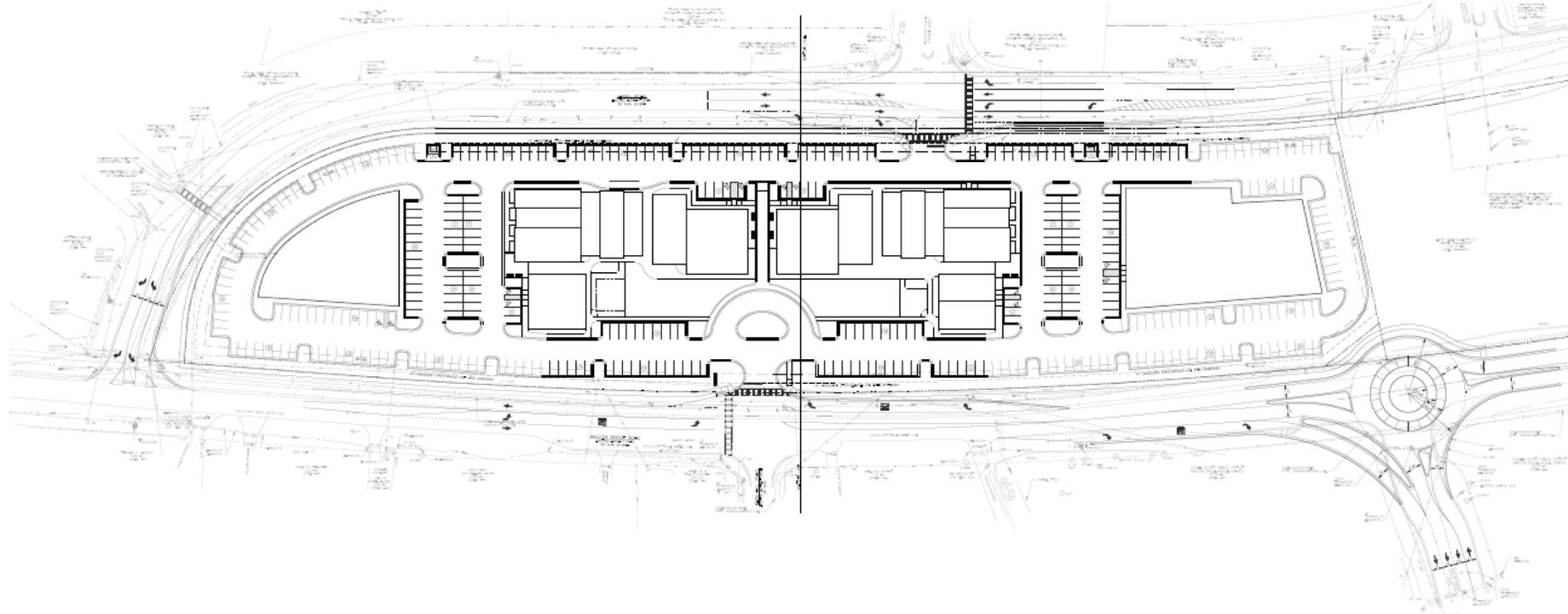
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- September 2018 – Developer request modification of 2007 commercial zoning
- September 2018 – discussion on roadway improvements begin with BOE staff
- October 2018 - Zoning modification specified two roundabouts or equivalent intersection improvements
- February 2019 – Design review meetings with BOE staff begin

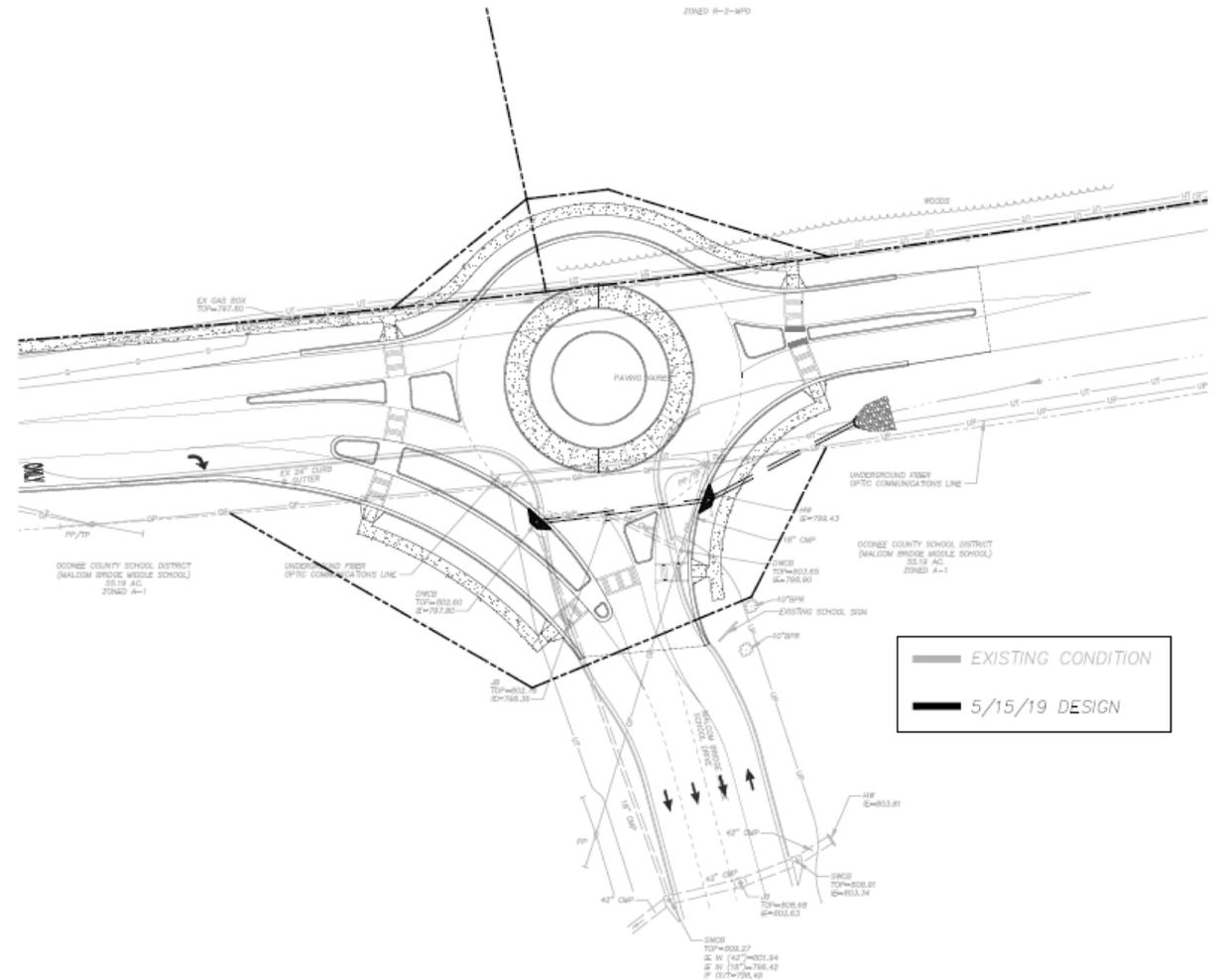


- April 2019 – Engineering of roundabout at Lenru Road proved roundabout was not the best solution
- Other options considered

- Typical intersection improvements were chosen in lieu of the roundabout
- Right and left turn lanes at Lenru Road



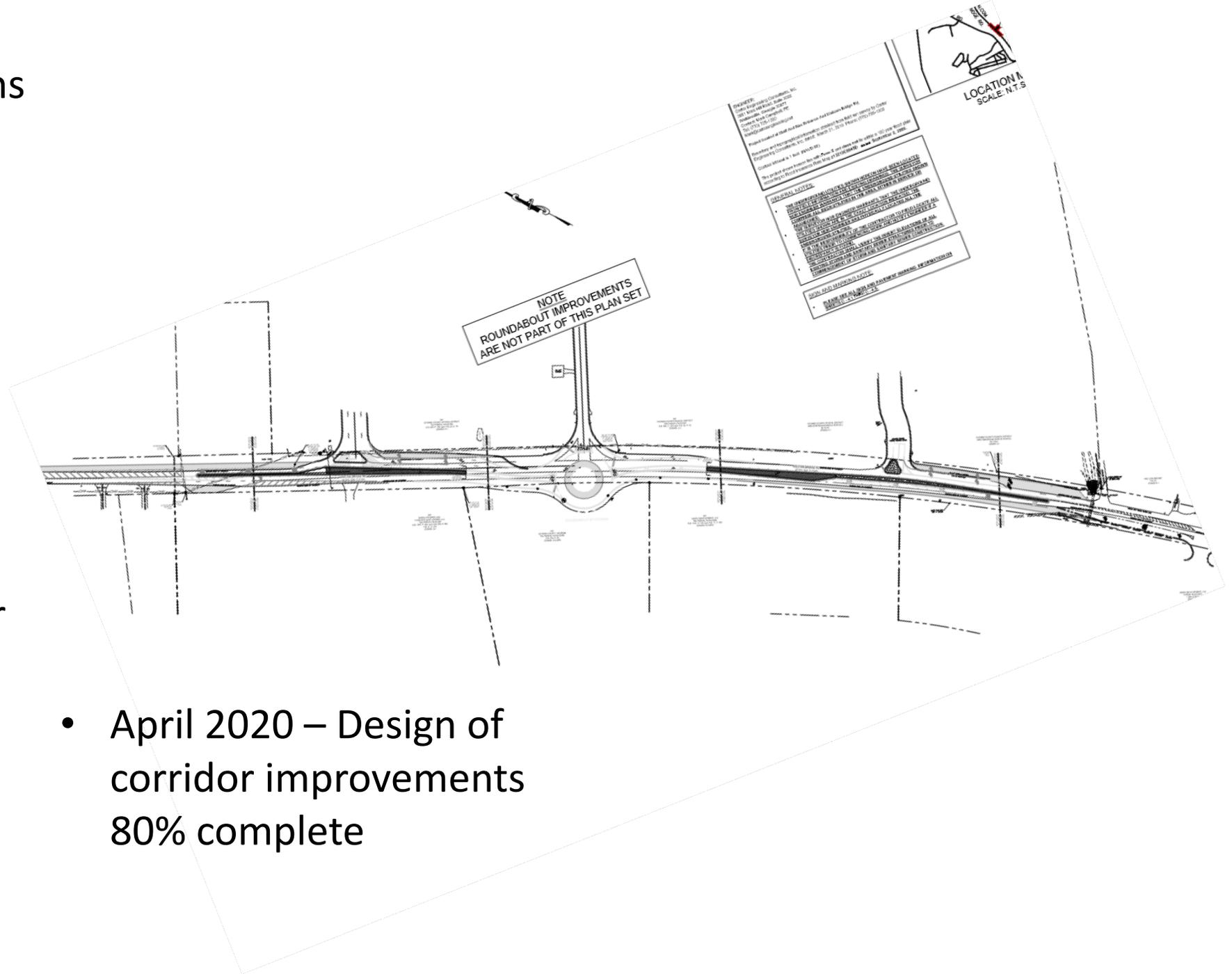
- Several iterations evaluated at Malcom Bridge Middle School parent entrance
- May 2019 Right-of-way not available from BOE
- May-October 2019 – BOC evaluates different configurations for the roundabout based on:
 - BOE desire for turn lane solution
 - BOE desire not to change on-site conditions



- This design functions similar to a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) or Median U-Turn (MUT) intersection

- Driveways are right turn configurations with u-turns at the ends of the corridor

- Improvements can reduce conflict points



- April 2020 – Design of corridor improvements 80% complete

Benefits of Roundabouts

- Improve safety
 - More than 90% reduction in fatalities
 - 76% reduction in injuries
 - 35% reduction in all crashes
 - Slower speeds are generally safer for pedestrians
- Reduce congestion
 - Efficient during both peak hours and other times
 - Typically less delay
- Reduce pollution and fuel use
 - Fewer stops and hard accelerations, less time idling



MALCOM BRIDGE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MALCOM BRIDGE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROPOSED ASPHALT
PAVEMENT

PROPOSED
CONCRETE ISLAND

ROUNDBABOUT
(UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

PROPOSED SPLITTER
ISLAND (TYPICAL)

PROPOSED
CONCRETE ISLAND

PROPOSED
ASPHALT PAVEMENT

MALCOM BRIDGE ROAD

MALCOM BRIDGE ROAD

LENRU ROAD

LENRU ROAD

MALCOM BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT

OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA - 04.13.20 - SCALE: 1"=150'0"



THE VILLAGE AT MALCOM
BRIDGE ENTRANCE
(UNDER CONSTRUCTION)