

SPLOST 2020 - Monthly Project Update

For Period Ending 1/01/2023



01 – Facilities Space Modernization

Project Manager:	Laura Leigh Barrett	Project Sponsor:	Central Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Programming
Total Project Budget:	\$81,773,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$5,507,688	7%	

Project Details: This project has 2 primary phases. Phase I (Sub-Project #1) involves the site selection, design, and construction of a new, modern Judicial Center approximately 142,000 square feet in size. The Judicial Center will be a multifunctional facility expected to house courts, judicial staff, and other related functions as well as building space for community functions. Phase II involves the renovation of the existing historic courthouse and annex to convert it into a facility for multiple ACCGov operations and possibly commercial, retail, or other community function uses.

Sub-Project #1-Judicial Center Project Update:

On November 1, 2022 Mayor & Commission approved the Proposed Project Concept and the Proposed Site Selection Criteria. Staff is now working through the Site Selection phase of developing a list of potential sites. Further review and evaluation of the list of potential sites is ongoing and the plan is to finalize and present the list to the site selection committee by late-March.

02 – Affordable Housing

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire/ Keith Sanders	Project Sponsor:	Housing & Comm. Development
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Demolition/ Mass Grading
Total Project Budget:	\$68,610,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$31,617,763	46%	

Project Details: Of the \$43,610,000 budgeted for this project, \$38,220,000 has been designated to develop a Master Plan for the North Downtown area, for the Athens Housing Authority purchase of the Bethel Midtown Village property and for the design and installation of the horizontal public infrastructure needed to create buildable city blocks within the Bethel Midtown Village & the Hoyt/College apartment community. The remaining \$5,390,000 is designated for other affordable housing related sub-projects that are not yet currently defined.

Project Update: Relocation of residents in the Phase I area (6 buildings, 77 units) was completed December 18th, 2021. Demolition services were awarded to Kevin Price Construction and approved by ACCGov. The demolition, abatement, and grading project (site of wetland park and vertical Phase I area) is complete. Demolition of the six buildings in the Phase I area is complete as of 1/19/22. Clearing, excavation and grassing of the future Wetland Park/stormwater retention area by Tracy Lanning Construction is complete. Phase I Infrastructure Construction Plans were approved by ACC staff the week of June 17. Infrastructure plans were advertised June 24, a pre-bid meeting was held July 13, and public bid opening was held at the Athens Housing Authority August 9. Infrastructure low bidder is Kevin Price Construction, Contract has been approved by ACCGov. Contractor has mobilized onto the site and delivery of storm drain pipe has started. Sub-Contractor has started borings along the future location of Madison Ave. to prepare for rock removal. Upcoming construction will require separate, temporary closures of Hull Street and Hoyt Street.



03 – Classic Center Arena

Project Manager:	Marcus Vess	Project Sponsor:	Classic Center
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Construction
Total Project Budget:	\$134,478,110		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$120,140,513	89%	

Project Details: The CC Arena project is envisioned to provide a 5,500-seat public assembly facility/arena space (when configured for a sports event) which can be increased to accommodate up to 6,500 seats when configured for a public assembly or concert event. The Arena is to include a connecting, elevated plaza to Foundry Street as well as all of the requisite support spaces such as: suites, a commissary, retractable seating, locker rooms and storage areas for a multi-use arena facility. At their meeting on Feb. 2, 2021, the M&C approved the recommendation of the User Group to engage Perkins+Will/Smallwood to provide Architectural Design Services for the project. On Feb. 5th, an RFQ/P for Pre-Construction and Construction Management at Risk Services was advertised. Design is anticipated to be complete late in 2021 with completion of construction targeted for Fall of 2023. On April 6, 2021, M&C approved a Pre- Construction and Construction Management at Risk Services Contract to JE Dunn. The Project Concept was recommended for approval by the SPLOST Oversight Committee on May 19, 2021 and approved by M&C on June 1, 2021.

Project Update: Scheduled rock blasting activities have been completed, however, a few small additional rock removal activities have been required and are ongoing due to high rock. Site grading continues along with the work relating to installing and connecting site utilities. Installation of the foundation systems is ongoing. The parking deck is now anticipated to be delivered by a private developer whose plan is to contract Perkins+Will as the architect of record.



05 – Fire Department Equipment

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Fire Department
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Purchase
Total Project Budget:	\$2,685,004		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 745,004	28%	

Sub-Project #3- Fit-out Equipment for New Fire Rescue Truck

Sub-Project #3 Details: This equipment will be utilized to by personnel to handle all types of emergencies.

Sub-Project #3 Update: Fit-Out Equipment was ordered.

06 – Fire Station # 5 Replacement

Project Manager:	Keith Sanders	Project Sponsor:	Fire Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning/Site Selection
Total Project Budget:	\$6,063,260		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 18,558	0%	

Status: Planning

Project Details: This project will provide funding for the construction of a replacement fire station for the current Fire Station #5 located at 1090 Whit Davis Road. This project includes land acquisition, design, construction, fueling station, station equipment, and other related costs to meet facility standards for a suburban design comparable to previous design prototypes that provides adequate space for current and future expansion. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities

Project Update: The SPLOST office [has prepared and is presenting the Project Concept to M&C during the January/February voting cycle. Site Selection Criteria has been completed and a presentation will be made to the Site Selection Committee \(SSC\) in February. The Site Selection Criteria will be released for public input once it has been reviewed by SSC and will then be presented to M&C for approval during the March/April voting session.](#)

08 – Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment Replacement

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Central Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$7,864,866		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 2,174,221	28%	

Status: Planning

Project Details: This project will provide funding for the life cycle replacement of public safety vehicles and equipment. Depending upon costs and funding availability, replacements may include, but not be limited to, Fire and Emergency Support vehicles and equipment, Police and Sheriff Vehicles, fire engines, ladder trucks, other fire apparatus, and other vehicles associated with public safety services and operations. Replacement vehicles purchased would include energy efficient options where available and appropriate, including hybrids and alternative fuel vehicles that are compatible with the vehicle's primary use. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Sub-Project #1 – Fire Rescue Truck

Sub-Project #1 Details: This apparatus will have the capabilities of providing transport of personnel and all of the required equipment capable of responding to routine emergencies.

Sub-Project #1 Update: On January 4, 2022, the M&C approved the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Truck. Vehicle is on order anticipated delivery is early 2023.

16- Memorial Park Improvements

Project Manager:	Diana Jackson	Project Sponsor:	Leisure Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$ 5,794,740		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 66,502	1%	
Status: Pre-Planning			

Project Details: The Memorial Park Renovation project is part of a larger mission to ensure that existing Leisure Services facilities are renovated and maintained in order to preserve the long-term operation and function of the facility. The goal of this project is to begin the process of implementing critical renovations for the park as well as upgrading park facilities to meet the current needs of the community.

Project Update: User Group has been named and has met several times, including a site walk to review the existing conditions of the park. Public engagement ended on July 10, 2022. We recorded 115 respondents with over 440 unique comments. User Group has developed their list of projects to prioritize for Project Concept Plan. This Project Concept was presented to the SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee on November 28, 2022. They confirmed that the proposed concept recommendation is consistent with the Initial Project Statement for Project #16 of SPLOST 2020. [M&C will consider the recommended Concept Plan in the March/April cycle.](#)

19 – Bishop Park Improvements

Project Manager:	Daniel Garren	Project Sponsor:	Leisure Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Design
Total Project Budget:	\$4,900,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 464,198	9%	
Status: Planning			

Project Details: This project will provide funding for the most critical improvement needs as identified in the Bishop Park Master Plan, as may be amended by the Mayor and Commission from time to time. Depending upon costs and funding availability, examples of eligible sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, reconstruction of the aquatic area, including replacement of the pool and ancillary structures, new splash pad, and pool house with restrooms, new playground with an adjacent pavilion and restrooms. To the extent available, remaining funds may be used to target the pedestrian improvement and fence project along Hawthorne Avenue. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Sub-Project #1- Park Improvements

Project Update: 75% Construction Documents will be ready [in mid-January. ACC Staff will meet with the Design Firm to provide comments and feedback by the end of January.](#) The Design Firm continues to work with ACC Planning and Health Department for drawing review and design input. [Design Firm will continue with the 100% construction documents once the ACC staff has completed their 75% design review.](#)

20 – Parks Facilities Improvements

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Leisure Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$6,566,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 62,561	1%	
Status: Planning			

Project Details: This project will provide for infrastructure improvements, replacements, and/or additions at various parks and Leisure Services Department facilities. Depending upon costs and funding availability, examples of eligible sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, renovations and replacements at aquatic facilities, gym floors and tennis courts, playground improvements, athletic field renovation and improvements, lighting replacements, replacement of bridges and boardwalks, addition or replacement of park equipment including picnic tables and grills, addition and replacement of signage, repaving, equipment replacements, general improvements to park access, infrastructure, and/or erosion control issues at park areas. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Sub-Project #1- Rainbow Forest Access

Project Update:

Delayed while searching for supplemental alternative funding.

Sub-Projects #2 thru #10 (Primary Infrastructure & Equipment Upgrades, Renovations or Replacements)

Project Update: During their October 19, 2021 meeting, the User Group confirmed that the Project Concepts meet the intent of the Initial Project Statement. The M&C formally approved the Project Concept during their November 2, 2021 meeting.

Sub-Project #2 - Memorial Park Dog Park Improvements

Project Update: Dog Park amenities and equipment have been ordered. Quotes are coming in for installation of amenities. Awaiting completion of sewer construction before dog park restoration can begin.

Sub- Project #3 - Water Fountain Replacements Bishop & Memorial Park

Project Update: Memorial Park fountains are ordered. Bishop fountain will be ordered later this month.

Sub-Project #4 - Bishop Park BBQ Pavilion Rehabilitation

Project Update: Staff is evaluating what work can be done with the available funds using outside contractors.

Sub-Project #5 - Bishop Park Shade Structure Replacement

Project Update: Shade Structures are set to be ordered.

Sub-Project #8- Southeast Clarke Park Ball Field Conversion

Project Update: Developing a scope of work to give to Benesch for some construction drawings.

Sub-Project #9- Southeast Clarke Park Skate Park Rehabilitation and Expansion

Project Update: The RFP for the skate park renovations is being written, with release now expected in March 2023

Sub-Project #10- Greenway Wayfinding Signage

Project Update: Working with Park Planning to develop the needed signage.

Sub-Project #11- Lay Park and Heard Park Improvements

Project Update: Landscape Management has begun clearing the vegetation that is close to the building in preparation for painting. Awaiting quotes from painting vendors for outside paint work.

22 – Broadband Connectivity Enhancement

Project Manager:	Derek Doster	Project Sponsor:	Central Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$6,330,800		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 479,464	8%	

Status: Planning

Project Details: This project will provide funding to assist with the process of implementing and providing for the enhancement of broadband connectivity throughout Athens-Clarke County. Depending upon costs and funding availability, and to the extent allowed by law, this project may include, but not be limited to, the following: providing broadband connectivity for governmental use; construction of a high speed wireless network loop around the county to provide high speed broadband access to the Internet for citizens of Athens-Clarke County; land acquisition, design, construction, and other related costs for building out the infrastructure and incorporating it into the Unified Government workflow; providing Wi-Fi connectivity in the downtown area and targeted advertisements for business development; connectivity enhancements to increase phone and/or internet service geographically in Athens-Clarke County; and partnerships with local, regional, state, federal, and/or private entities. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Project Update: The User Group issued a Request for Qualifications/Proposals to Telecommunication Consultants/Design Services firms on October 7, 2021 with proposals due to ACCGov on November 4, 2021.

M&C approved the design consultant on January 4, 2022 and authorized staff to develop the final scope with Foresite Group., Inc.

Final scoping and pricing have been completed with strategic team and public engagement strategy sessions beginning. Public engagement opportunities are scheduled during September 2022. These opportunities are online and in person. The residential broadband survey was completed on September 30th, 2022 with approximately 1,000 respondents. Public drop-in session was held on September 14, 2022 at the Athens-Clarke County library and September 17, 2022 at ACCGov Fire Station #7 (2350 S Barnett Shoals Rd).

25 – Eastside Public Library

Project Manager:	Laura Leigh Barrett	Project Sponsor:	Athens Clarke Co. Libraries
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Programming
Total Project Budget:	\$14,160,120		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$854,711	6%	

Project Details: The Eastside Public Library Project involves the planning, site selection, land acquisition, design and construction and equipping of now a new facility in order to extend library related services to residents on the eastside of Athens-Clarke County. This annex facility will be a full-service library consistent with the level of resources and services provided at other similarly situated libraries in the County. The facility may include spaces such as meeting rooms, study rooms, children’s areas, reading space, computer spaces, creation and innovative spaces complete with digital and modern technology. Project could also include associated parking and required infrastructure services. Project may also include future Sub-Projects for the purchase of enhanced technology, access improvements for the dis-abled, and the purchase of library resources for the Athens-Clarke Co. Libraries.

Project Update: On November 1, 2022 Mayor & Commission approved the Proposed Project Concept and the Proposed Site Selection Criteria. Staff is now working through the Site Selection phase of developing a list of potential sites. Further review and evaluation of the list of potential sites is ongoing and the plan is to finalize and present the list to the site selection committee by mid-March.

27 – Facilities Equipment Systems Replacement Program

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Central Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$7,721,910		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 1,506,760	20%	

Status: Planning

Project Details: This project will provide funding for life cycle capital replacements of critical building and facility components of the Unified Government. Depending upon costs and funding availability, examples of eligible sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, capital repairs to or replacing items such as generators, uninterruptable power supplies, HVAC equipment, interior and exterior walls and finishes, plumbing components, structural components, facades, and roofs, and may also include unplanned replacements due to unexpected early failures. Sub- projects could also include minor facility renovations or upgrades to improve building performance. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Project Update: Roof replacements/ repairs have been approved for the following facilities; Welcome Center, Memorial Park Rec. Ctr and Offices, Police Family Protection Center, DFACS, Sandy Creek Nature Center Log Cabin. HVAC replacements have been approved for the following facilities; Welcome Center, Fire Station #9, Memorial Park Bldg. & Offices, Mental Health Facility, Civic Hall, Correctional Institution Admin/Dorms, Information Technology.

Sub-Project #1, Roof & HVAC replacements

Sub-Project #1 Update:

Roof Replacements at the following locations:

- Athens Community Theater- [This job is complete.](#)
- Health Department – [Bone Dry Roofing started on roof in January](#)

- Jail – The purchase order has been issued, but work will not start until the Health Department roof is finished.

HVAC Replacements at the following locations:

- Athens Community Theatre – Completed
- Fire Station #5 – Facilities Management will purchase the materials using SPLOST fund and us in-house labor to install.
- Animal Services – The contract has been awarded
- Clarke County Correction Institute – Hvac work is not being performed no funding available.
- Fires Station #5 – Facilities Management has obtained quotes for the materials. Materials will be paid for using SPLOST funds, and Facilities Management will use in-house labor to install it.

Sub-Project #1 Update:

M&C approved the FY 23 Equipment Replacement Program which includes Roof replacements and HVAC replacements or upgrades.

28 – Mental Health Recovery Facility

Project Manager:	Keith Sanders/ Sean Arledge	Project Sponsor:	Athens Behavioral Health Systems
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$5,218,500		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$34,895	1%	

Project Details: This project will include the planning, design, construction and equipping of a mental health recovery facility so as to provide a residential style facility for individuals with mental health and potentially co-occurring addictive disease(s). The project is envisioned to provide a facility or facilities to provide a congregate living style that could accommodate group and/or individuals for counseling programming.

Project Update: The RFQ/P was issued on August 4th. The User Group selected the short list of architecture firms and notified them on September 20th, 2022. The User Group conducted interviews on October 11th, 2022. Mayor & Commission approved Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc as the highest scoring firm for Professional Design Services on 11/01/22.

30 – Airport Capital Improvements

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Central Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$8,658,569		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 4,674,774	54%	

Project Details: This project will provide funding for airport related capital improvement projects at the Athens-Ben Epps Airport as listed in the Airport’s Capital Improvement Plan, as may be amended from time to time. Depending upon costs and funding availability, examples of eligible sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, the following: New Airport Parking Lot; improvements to the paving on runways, taxiways, and/or aprons; Runway Obstruction Clearing on RWY 9/27 to include Perimeter Fencing; Commercial Terminal Baggage Claim (Carousel) & Rental Car Build Out; Commercial Terminal Pavement Improvements; Runway 9 Displaced Threshold Improvements; Aviation Easement Acquisition and Obstruction Mitigation; Hangars for Daytime and Overnight Transient Aircraft; and, related stormwater and other general infrastructure improvements. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

Sub-Project #1

Project Update: Project will include the design and construction of pavement rehabilitation for runway 2-20 and associated taxiways. At their June 8, 2022 meeting M&C Approved the Work Authorization with E.R Snell Contractor, Inc and also approved ACCGov 25% grant matching funds for the GDOT Aviation Programs Grant. . The project is scheduled to begin in April 2023. The project includes asphalt rehabilitation and replacing runway lights with new lighting. I do not have a timeline on the project yet, however, the project should be completed within a 90 day window barring any supply chain or weather issues, the project could possibly be completed by the end of June.

34 – Water Trails

Project Manager:	Keith Sanders	Project Sponsor:	Leisure Services
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning

Total Project Budget: \$735,000
 Total Spent or Encumbered: \$ 124,760 17%

Sub-Project #1 – Macon Highway Launch

Status: Schematic Design

Sub-Project Details: Sub-Project #1, the Macon Highway Launch Project, consists of a parking area, improved walkway to the Oconee River, and a launch for non-motorized vessels such as canoes and kayaks. Proposed site amenities include seating boulders, trash and recycling receptacles, rules and safety signage, and fencing. Additional amenities such as an excluder arm for after-hours closure, trail counters, and trail cameras are proposed in order to address security concerns.

Sub-Project Update: Project Concept was approved by M&C on May 4, 2021. The User Group was selected and has been meeting in order to develop the Schematic Design to present to M&C in the near future. Leisure Services held several public meetings throughout the month of May to get resident feedback on the Schematic Design documents. ACC was approved for the LWCF grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The Engineering team sending over plans for SPLOST Office to review to try and submit to planning by the end of October. The proposed Schematic Design was presented to Mayor & Commission on 12/6/22. [ACCGov staff will submit Grant No. 2 application to the State in order to secure funding to complete the remainder of the project. ACCGov staff is currently working on a remedy to fund the replacement of a sanitary sewer main which is in conflict with the proposed location of the improvements associated with the construction of the launch site.](#)

36 – City of Winterville

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Winterville
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Total Project Budget:	\$3,021,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 549,273	18%	

Project Details: This project will provide funding for specific improvements identified by an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Unified Government and the City of Winterville. Sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, general facility and infrastructure improvements and the acquisition of related equipment and vehicles. The specific sub-projects are selected and managed by the City of Winterville

37 – Town of Bogart

Project Manager:	Robert Cheshire	Project Sponsor:	Town of Bogart
Project Status:	Active	Current Phase:	Planning
Original Project Budget:	\$378,000		
Total Spent or Encumbered:	\$ 68,727	18%	

Status: Planning

Project Details: This project will provide funding for specific improvements identified by an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Unified Government and the Town of Bogart. Sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, sidewalk improvements, construction of entry way signage, and acquisition of associated right-of-way and/or easements. The specific sub-projects are selected and managed by the Town of Bogart.