

HALL COUNTY SPLOST VI PROJECTS

REFERENDUM MARCH 17, 2009

If approved by the voters, SPLOST VI will be a 1-cent sales tax collected between July 2009 and June 2015. It follows SPLOST V, which will expire June 30, 2009.



PUBLIC WORKS: \$72 MILLION

Public works projects consist primarily of road work. SPLOST will fund design and engineering to widen Spout Springs Road, Candler Highway and Old Cornelia Highway; partial construction funding is expected to come from the state. The Sardis Road Connector will be completed through SPLOST. This funding also provides for three miles per year of dirt road paving and 35 miles per year of road resurfacing; road structure and traffic safety improvements; and a new landfill cell.



WATER AND SEWER: \$53 MILLION

To accommodate quality development, sewer infrastructure will be extended to Highway 365 in North Hall and Highway 53 and 211 in South Hall. Capacity will be expanded to 1.5 million gallons per day in the 365 corridor, where industrial and residential growth is expected. The \$53 million total will also provide for other water and sewer projects.



BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: \$28 MILLION

Building projects include construction of a North Hall library (\$3 million), the relocation of the Sheriff's Headquarters and Patrol Division (\$10 million), replacement of the 45-year-old Correctional Institution (\$5 million), and expansion of a Health Department clinic for children with special needs (\$5 million). Funding also will go toward relocation of the Green Street post office (\$3 million), construction of a new visitors center (\$1.5 million) and airport improvements (\$.5 million).



PARKS AND LEISURE: \$21 MILLION

Community parks (\$11 million) with sports fields and walking trails are planned in North and South Hall on land purchased with SPLOST V funds. A community center in North Hall (\$5.5 million) will have basketball courts, a community meeting room and exercise facilities. A covered horse show arena at Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center (\$1 million), security fencing and educational gardens at Elachee Nature Science Center (\$1 million), and a multi-use trail from Atlanta Highway to McEver Road in South Hall (\$2.5 million) are also included.



COURTHOUSE AND ADMINISTRATION: \$17 MILLION

The old courthouse, now called the Courthouse Annex, will be rehabilitated to maximize use, and the old State Courtroom will be restored. To accommodate future court growth, the annex will be converted into courtroom space. The county administrative functions that currently occupy the annex will be moved to a new location.



FIRE AND EMS: \$4 MILLION

Hall County Fire Services is in need of a new ladder truck and ambulances. Two ambulances will be replaced each year.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS: \$44.79 MILLION

City projects include municipal buildings, a fire station replacement, downtown parking and streetscapes, road resurfacing, sidewalks, parks and recreation, water and sewer improvements and police car replacements.

What SPLOST has done for you

Here are highlights of what SPLOST has accomplished in recent years:

HOW SPLOST WORKS

Pennies really do add up. SPLOST, or Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, is 1 cent added to the sales tax you pay on purchased items.

Hall County residents pay 7% sales tax: 4% for the state government, 1% for local schools, 1% for local government and 1% for special Hall County projects. About 40% of SPLOST money comes from people who live outside the county but come here to work, shop and play.

Locally, your pennies pay for improvements to roads, buildings, parks, public safety, and water and sewer service. Since 1985, SPLOST has been a tool to keep property taxes low while providing a higher quality of life for the growing population.

SPLOST IV (7/99-6/04)

Road improvements: \$37.7M, 99%*

Ongoing: Skelton Road Widening design

Sewer system projects: \$30.3M, 99%

Ongoing: Hall County sewer

Water system projects: \$19.3M, 100%

Parks & Leisure: \$16.1M, 90%

Ongoing: North and South Hall Community Centers

Fire Services: \$9.9M, 100%

TOTAL: \$116.3 spent, 98% complete

SPLOST V (7/04-6/09)

Road Improvement Projects

Skelton Rd. Ph. II: \$97,008, 2%*

Grading, base, paving: \$3.2M, 46%

Resurfacing: \$14.3M, 74%

Sardis Connector: \$806,844, 15%

Striping, guardrail: \$134,272, 27%

Culvert improvement: \$429,323; 43%

Park and Ride Program: 0%, project taken over by state

Traffic safety: \$131,107, 13%

Municipal road projects: \$1.5M, 75%

Spout Springs Road widening design: \$30,900, 3%

Calvary Church Road improvements: \$56,049, 11%

Public Safety Projects

E-911 (800 MHz radio): \$15.7M, 98%

New jail: \$54M, 100%

Landfill

Cell construction/closure: \$1.6M, 21%

Replacement of Capital Equipment at Candler Road Landfill: \$0, 0%

Library

South Hall Library: \$3.6M, 91%

Parks and Leisure Services

N. Hall Community Park: \$1.1M, 28%

S. Hall Community Park: \$3.3M, 75%

Fire Department

Fire station relocations: \$1.8M, 65%

Fire Station #16: \$5,376, 0%

Municipal projects: \$7.7M, 81%

TOTAL: \$109M, 74%

*Total spent as of 8/31/08, percent of project complete

SPOUT SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY

In addition to a contribution of \$4 million from SPLOST V, Hall County Library Services also received \$2 million in supplemental construction funding from the state for the library project in South Hall. The new library, located on 5 acres of property at the entrance to Sterling on the Lake community off Spout Springs Road, offers 23,000 square feet of materials and programming for adults, teens and children.



800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM

The voters approved spending \$16 million to improve communications between public safety agencies, which is critical in times of emergency. Towers were installed and buildings and generators completed at strategic locations around the county. Radios were installed in all county emergency vehicles. The county switched over to the new system in January 2007.



NEW HALL COUNTY JAIL

With an overall project budget of \$54 million, the new Detention Center is the largest capital project ever undertaken in Hall County. With 1,026 beds, the 230,000-square-foot facility on 50 acres of county-owned property on Barber Road includes a core support center connected to two housing towers, easily providing for future expansion.



COMMUNITY CENTERS

The East Hall Community Center opened September 2007, featuring basketball courts, an indoor track, activity rooms and meeting space. East Hall Park, a 90-acre site near East Hall High School, was purchased in January 2002. Acquisition of the land, its development and the community center were financed through SPLOST IV. A new South Hall Community Center is in the works using SPLOST funds. The county also contributed \$3 million in SPLOST money to Gainesville's new Frances Meadows Aquatic Center.



ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

SPLOST IV and V dollars have resurfaced 355 miles of neighborhood roads and paved 40 miles of dirt roads. Dawsonville Highway, Thurmon Tanner Parkway, and several major intersection in South Hall have been completed, and more projects are in the design phase. A small local investment in major road projects goes a long way to secure millions more in state and federal contributions.

