

City Council Meeting

November 13, 2017



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Item 8

Presentations by Boards and
Commissions

Historic Preservation Commission



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Historic Preservation Commission

Annual Report to City Council

November 13, 2017



Before



Currently

FIG in progress, 801 Dickinson Avenue

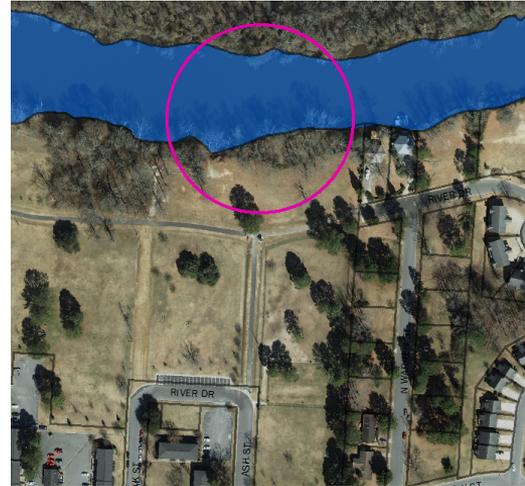
2018 Goals:

- Recommend the Tar River Navigational Locks and Former St. Andrews Episcopal Church as new local historic landmarks
- Proceed with next phase of Historic Marker Program.
- Proceed with expansion of FIG eligibility boundary.
- Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month & the 11th Biennial HPC Awards in May.
- Pursue a CLG grant from the SHPO for a preservation plan (or cultural plan that also encompasses the City's arts plan) or a National Register district nomination for one of the eligible districts.

11th
BIENNIAL
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
AWARDS

Local Landmark Nominations In Progress

Tar River Locks: no address



Local Landmark Nominations In Progress

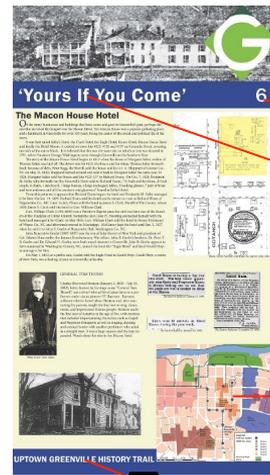
Former St. Andrews Episcopal: 430 Bonners Lane



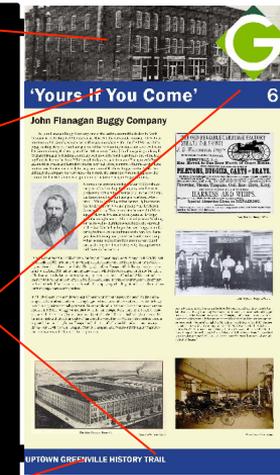
FRONT

BACK

I Markers Propose d Design



- Main Topic Photo
- Marker Number
- Trail Theme
- Coordinated Color
- Wayfinding Map



Location

Two Mounting
Options

Past HPC Resolutions

| | |
|--|----------------|
| FIG Boundary Extension | February 2017 |
| Historical Marker Funding | February 2017 |
| Preservation Easement on Imperial Site | May 2016 |
| Demolition by Neglect | May 2013 |
| Preservation of Cherry Hill Cemetery | September 2008 |

Questions or Comments?

Item 9

Financial audit for the fiscal year
ended June 30, 2017



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2017 Audit Highlights

- ▶ **External Audit - June 30, 2017**
- ▶ **Highest Audit Opinion on Financial Statements and Single Audit**
- ▶ **General Fund: \$31,421,084 (32% of Expenditures)**
- ▶ **Results of Operations**

Audit Highlights

Opinions on Compliance:

Unmodified opinions on compliance for all federal and state programs

- Highest Opinion That Can Be Given
- No Management Letter
- No Findings on Financial Statements for 2nd Straight Year



Major Programs Tested:

- ▶ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Cluster
- ▶ Powell Bill Grant
- ▶ Community Development Block Grant
- ▶ Federal Transit Cluster & State Match
 - ▶ Two findings (Non-Material Non-Compliance)

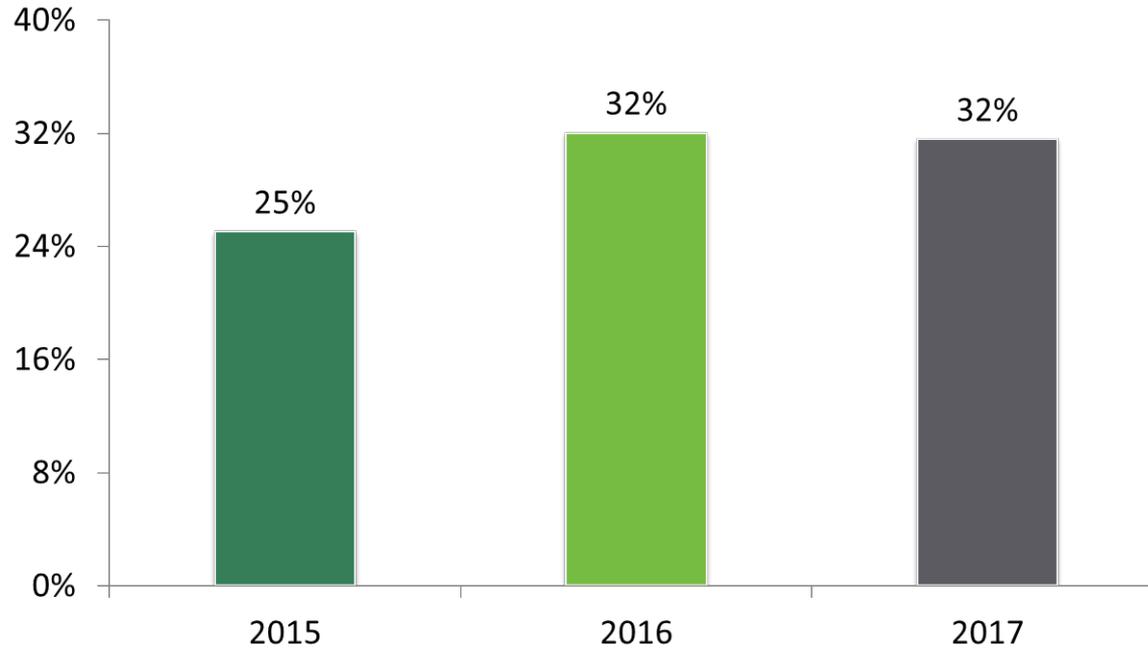
Audit Highlights

Available Fund Balance – General Fund

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------------------|
| Total Fund Balance | \$ | |
| | | 31,421,084 |
| Non spendable | - | |
| 68,804 Stabilization by State Statute | - | |
| | | <u>5,527,481</u> |
| | | Available Fund Balance |
| | | \$25,824,799 |
| Available Fund Balance 2016 | \$ | 24,897,233 |
| Increase in Available FB | \$ | 927,566 |

Audit Highlights

Available Fund Balance as a % of Expenditures – General Fund



General Fund Summary

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$80,855,029 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>\$81,876,066</u> |
| NET | (\$1,021,037) |

Expenses are within 3% of
Revenues

General Fund Revenues

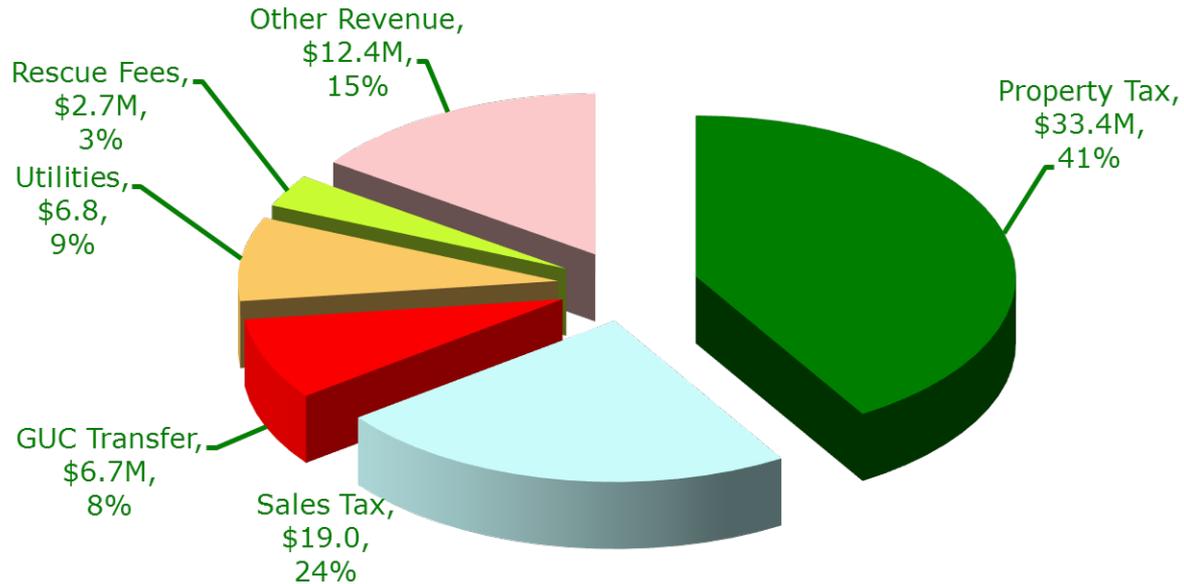
**Total
Revenue
Increase
4%**

Tax Rate
Decrease from
\$.53 to \$.52

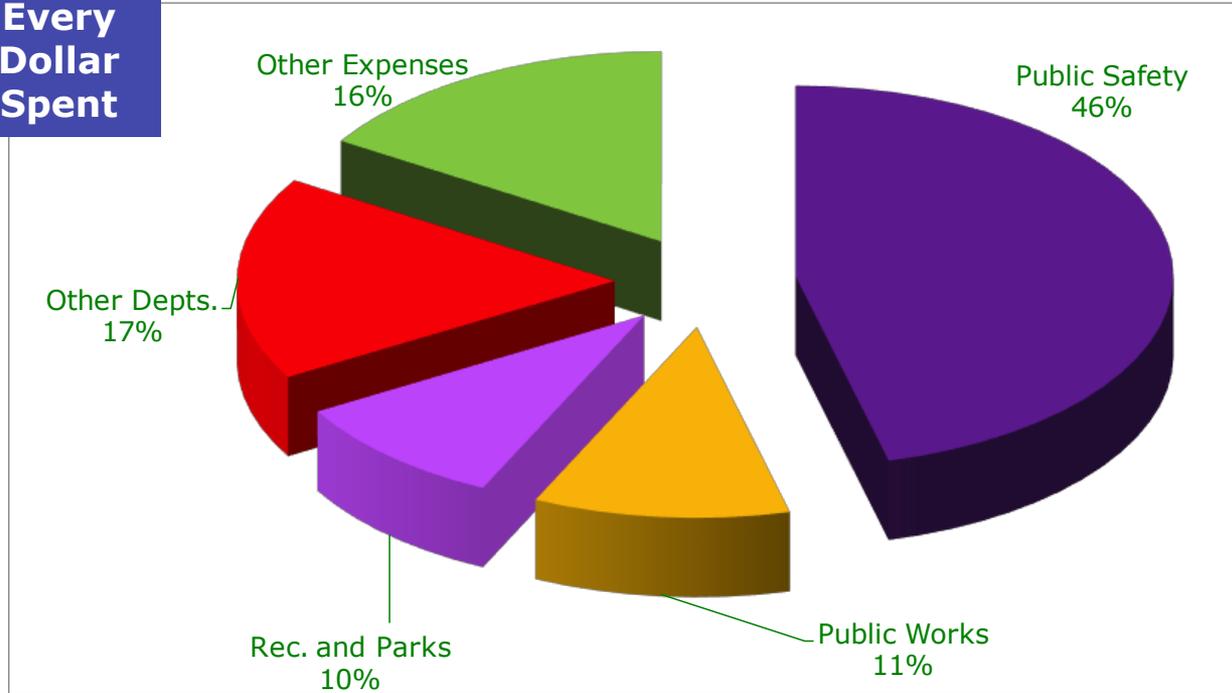
Inspections Fees
Increased
>100%

Sales Tax
Increased 10%

Top 5 Revenues: General Fund



**For
Every
Dollar
Spent**



General Fund Summary

Revenues
up 4%

Increased
Sales Tax,
Motor
Vehicle
Collection

Expenses up
5%

General Fund
CIP projects
transferred to
their respective
Capital Project
Funds

City remained
within the 14%
Unassigned Fund
Balance Policy

Fund Balance
position
decreased
\$1,021,027, -3%

General Fund Balance

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| FY2016 Ending Fund Balance | \$ 32,442,111 |
| FY2017 Ending Fund Balance | <u>31,421,084</u> |
| Change | <u><u>\$ (1,021,027)</u></u> |

Fund Balance Position

| Fund Balances: | <u>FY 2017</u> | <u>FY 2016</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Nonspendable | \$ 68,804 | \$ 54,444 | 26% |
| Restricted | 7,668,336 | 10,170,592 | -25% |
| Committed | 2,328,149 | 2,276,781 | 2% |
| Assigned | 1,178,344 | 1,795,994 | -34% |
| Unassigned | <u>20,177,451</u> | <u>18,144,300</u> | <u>11%</u> |
| Total Fund Balance | 31,421,084 | 32,442,111 | -3% |

Fund Balance Comparison

| <u>MUNICIPALITY</u> | <u>POPULATION</u> | <u>FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE</u> | <u>FBA as a % of GF Expenses</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CONCORD | 87,130 | \$ 57,521,842 | 70.68 |
| ASHEVILLE | 90,918 | 35,797,016 | 37.60 |
| GASTONIA | 73,843 | 20,604,669 | 34.15 |
| GREENVILLE('16) | 87,690 | 24,897,233 | 32.01 |
| Greenville ('17) | 91,497 | 23,830,768 | 29.17 |
| HIGH POINT | 109,749 | 22,800,338 | 22.02 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 77,464 | 19,382,733 | 45.73 |

Restricted Fund Balance

| Fiscal Year | Restricted Fund Balance | Accounts Receivable |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2014-15 | \$ 16,168,556 | \$ 13,778,908 |
| 2015-16 | 10,170,592 | 9,235,670 |
| 2016-17 | 7,668,336 | 7,036,462 |
| % Change | -52.6% | -48.9% |



This is the Result Of:

1. Increased Staff Efficiency!
2. Better IT Systems! (Munis)

Unassigned Fund Balance

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Unassigned Fund Balance per Audit | \$ 20,177,452 |
| Less Appropriations & Commitments | |
| FY2018 Fund Balance Appropriated (per Amend #3) | (3,239,502) |
| Long Range Debt Plan (Adopted August 2017) | (3,500,000) |
| Street Lights & Cameras | (500,000) |
| State NCDOT Transportation Projects | (1,866,588) |
| | <hr/> |
| Unassigned Fund Balance Less Appropriations | \$ 11,071,362 |
| Calculated Unassigned Fund Balance | \$ 11,071,362 |
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| Balance | \$ 0 |
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Long Range Debt Plan

- Council Adopted a Long Range Debt Plan in August, 2017 to Fund Approximately \$10.4 Million in **PRIORITY** Projects Over the Next Two Fiscal Years
- Projects will be Funded Through Debt Financing or on a Pay-As-You-Go Basis

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Town Common Gateway | \$ 2,000,000 | } In Addition to 2 nd Half of 2015 G.O. Bond Issuance (\$8.0M) |
| Dickinson Avenue Streetscape | 1,600,000 | |
| Southside Fire Station | 4,000,000 | |
| Sidewalk Development Parking Lot | 2,250,000 | |
| Street Lights & Cameras (FY2019) | 500,000 | |
| Total Projects | <u>\$ 10,350,000</u> | |

State NCDOT Transportation Projects

NCDOT Commitments Currently Unfunded:

| Project | City Funding | State/Federal Funding | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Firetower- NC43 to 14th | \$ 187,480 | \$ 4,643,220 | \$ 4,830,700 |
| Firetower- 14th to NC33 | 531,160 | 18,027,410 | 18,558,570 |
| Street Signal Conversion | 912,000 | 8,883,000 | 9,795,000 |
| Evans Street Widening | 525,000 | 52,619,444 | 53,144,444 |
| 14th Street Widening | 270,122 | 13,079,484 | 13,349,606 |
| Allen Road | 788,045 | 21,514,012 | 22,302,057 |
| Total | \$ 3,213,807 | \$ 118,766,570 | \$ 121,980,377 |

State NCDOT Transportation Projects

Proposed Five Year Funding Model:

| Fiscal Year | City Funding | Source |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2017-18 | \$ 1,866,588 | Fund Balance Appropriation |
| 2018-19 | 336,805 | CIP Budget / TBD |
| 2019-20 | 336,805 | CIP Budget / TBD |
| 2020-21 | 336,805 | CIP Budget / TBD |
| 2021-22 | 336,805 | CIP Budget / TBD |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,213,807</u> | |

Year End Summary

- Revenues Increased \$3.22M (4%)
- Expenses Increased \$3.92M (5%)
- Fund Balance Decreased \$1.02M (3%)
- Auditors Presented the Highest Opinion
- Unassigned Fund Balance Policy >14%

Next Steps

- **Local Government Commission Approval**
- **Submission for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 29th Consecutive Year**
- **Thank you Cherry Bekaert, City Departments, and especially the Financial Services Department Employees for their professionalism, cooperation, and assistance during this audit**

City Council Recommendation:

**Accept the FY2017 Auditor
Opinion and Audited Financial
Statements**

Item 11

Update on Street Lighting and
Cameras



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Item #11: Lighting and Camera Improvements

Safe Neighborhoods Concept

- Working at the neighborhood level to reduce the fear of crime, improve safety and quality of life
- GPD uses a blend of both data-driven and community concerns to identify top priorities where lighting and public safety cameras are installed.
- We operate under the belief that, through a focused effort, we can find solutions to long-standing issues and change reputations of neighborhoods



Our Approach

- Convert existing street lights to LED
- Install new public safety cameras
- Infill additional LED street lights/poles in neighborhoods
- New LED lighting on major roadways and area of high-pedestrian traffic



Street Lighting Facts



- City has approximately 7,300 street lights
- A majority of these fixtures are mercury and sodium vapor
- Approximately 1,500 are new LEDs
- Annual City street light bill is approximately \$1.5M (GUC reimburses 50%)



Phase 1

- Beginning in 2016, more than 800 LED street lights were installed in West Greenville
- This Phase included the conversion of existing street lights that also included neighborhoods such as Kristin Drive, Riverbluff, and Westpointe.

PHASE 1 AREA



WEST GREENVILLE

The Results

Part 1 Crimes Jan – Sep

| Focus Area | 2012 – 2016 Avg | 2017 | % Change of Avg |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Violent Crime | 49 | 44 | -10.5% |
| Property Crime | 159 | 120 | -24.0% |
| Total Part 1 Crimes | 208 | 164 | -21.0% |

| Remaining City | 2012 – 2016 Avg | 2017 | % Change of Avg |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Violent Crime | 269 | 291 | 8.0% |
| Property Crime | 2473 | 2391 | -3.0% |
| Total Part 1 Crimes | 2742 | 2682 | -2.0% |

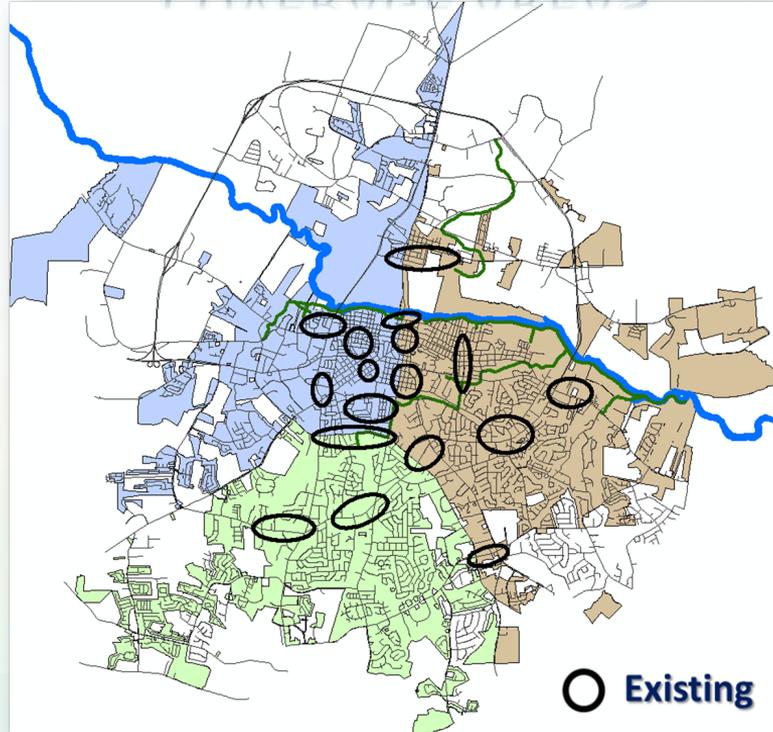
(The city saw an overall drop of only 2% in total Part 1 crimes, meaning West Greenville experienced an additional 19% drop in total Part 1 crimes as compared to the rest of the city.)

New Streetlights

- Statonsburg Rd between Arlington & Memorial.
- New lights and poles installed
- Cost = \$83,000



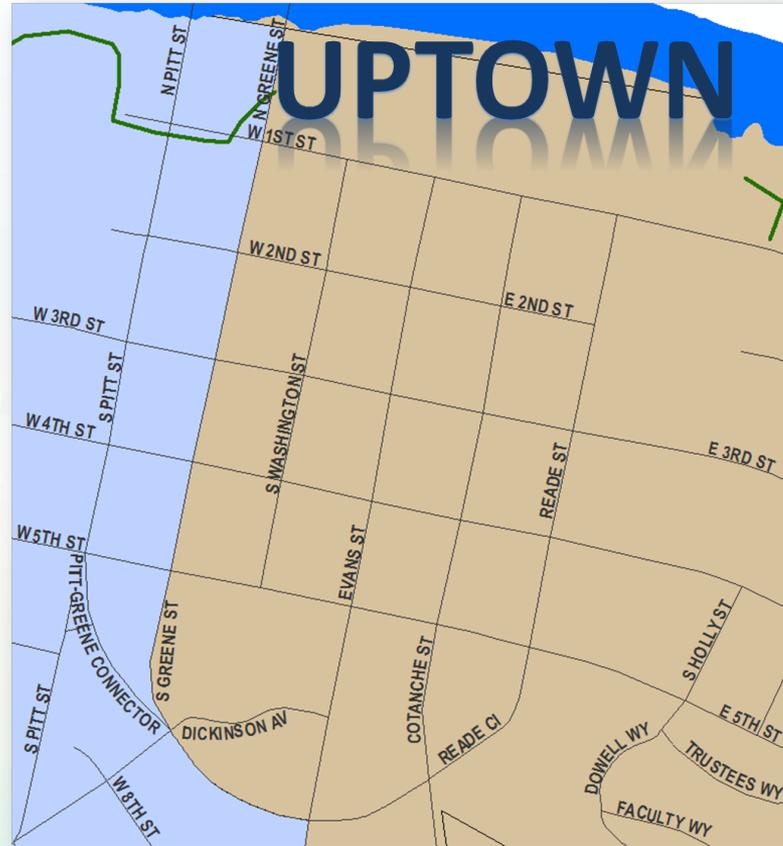
EXISTING PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA COVERAGE AREAS



Phase 2 Improvements

Street Lighting and Cameras

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| <u>2017 Budget</u> | \$250,000 |
| Lighting Spent | \$83,014 |
| Cameras Spent | \$90,760 |
| <u>2018 Budget</u> | \$200,000 + \$76,225 (Encumbered Forward) |
| Lighting Spent | \$56,400 |
| Cameras Spent | \$128,591 |
| TOTAL REMAINING: | \$102,347 |





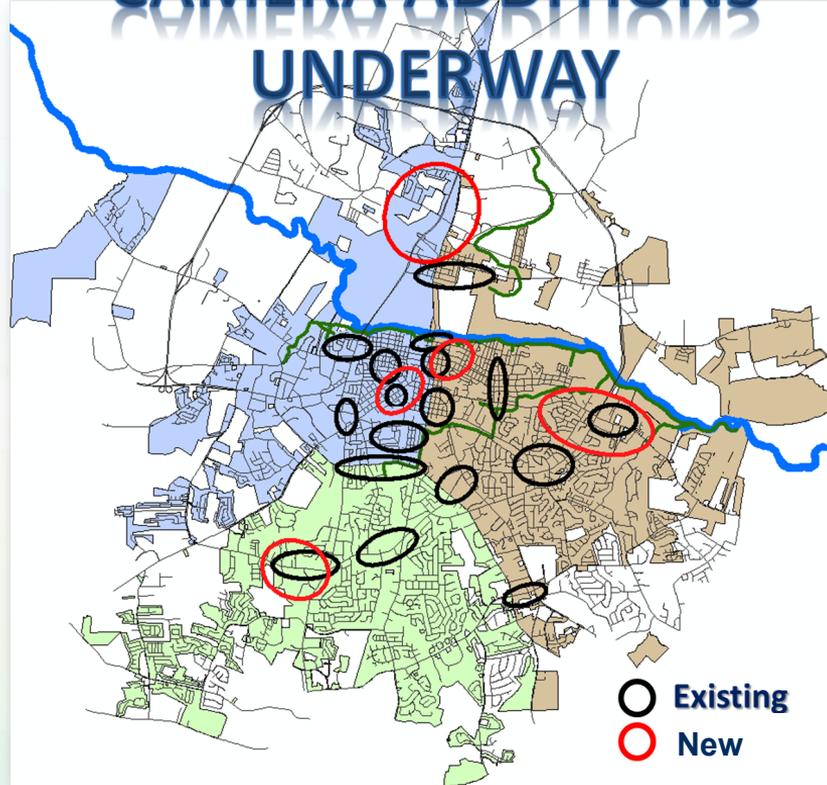


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Public Housing Areas

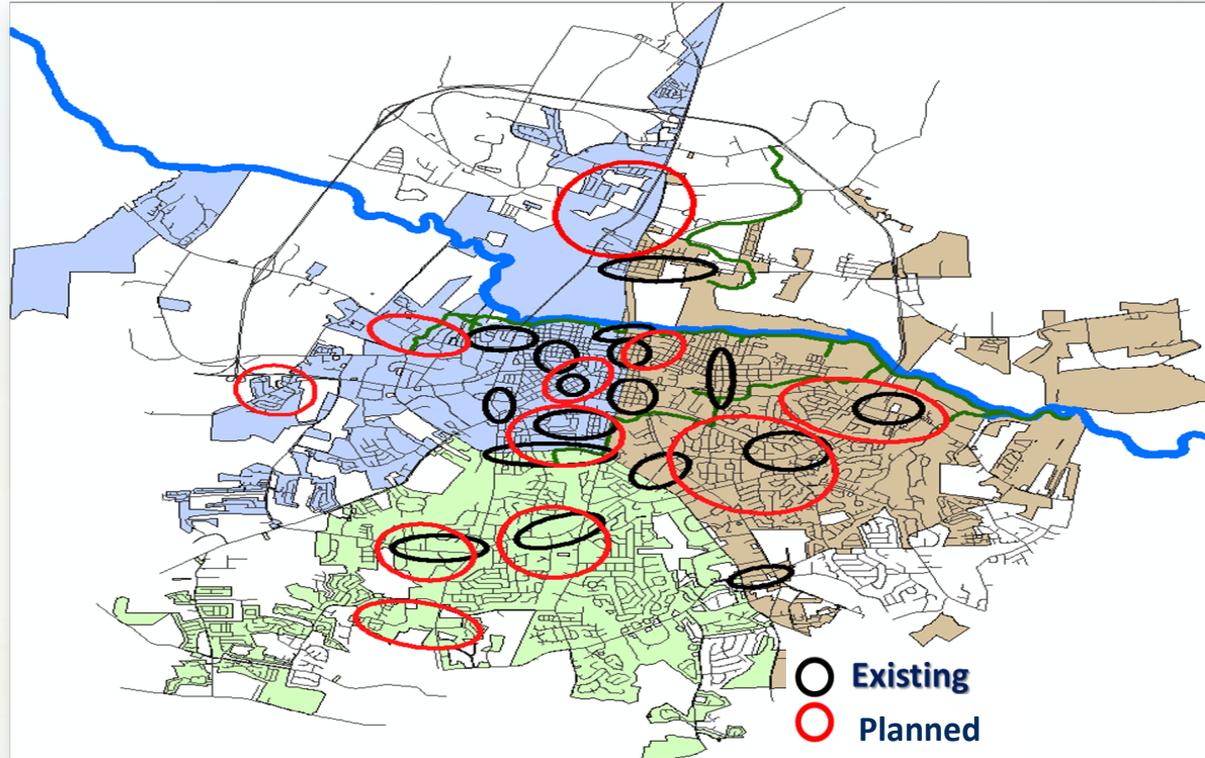
- Dubber-Laney Woods
- Hopkins Park
- East & West Meadowbrook
- Moyewood
- Newtown
- Kearney Park

CAMERA ADDITIONS UNDERWAY



Phase 3 Improvements

PLANNED CAMERA COVERAGE



Phase Three Capital Improvement Projects

| WHERE | WHAT | AMOUNT |
|---|--|--------------------|
| City-wide Neighborhood Cameras: Priority Areas | Approximately 115 public safety cameras in neighborhoods | \$525,000 |
| Stantonsburg Road Street Lighting: (Arlington to Allen Rd.) | Approximately 70 lights | \$100,000 |
| Memorial Blvd Street Lighting: (Greenville Blvd. to Firetower Rd.) | Approximately 120 lights | \$200,000 |
| Memorial Blvd Street Lighting: (Arlington to Greenville Blvd.) | Approximately 100 lights | \$175,000 |
| TOTAL NEEDED | | \$1,000,000 |

Exploration Phase



- Optional pilot program to assist with neighborhood cameras:
 - Small portion of allotted camera funds (up to 10%) would be available for neighborhoods to purchase cameras
 - A 50% match would be required from the neighborhoods
 - GPD will use a similar data-drive approach to prioritize camera requests under this program

Item 13

Cleaning Sidewalks in Uptown
District



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Item 13:
**Cleaning Sidewalks in
Uptown District**

Recent efforts to beautify Uptown



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Recent efforts to beautify Uptown



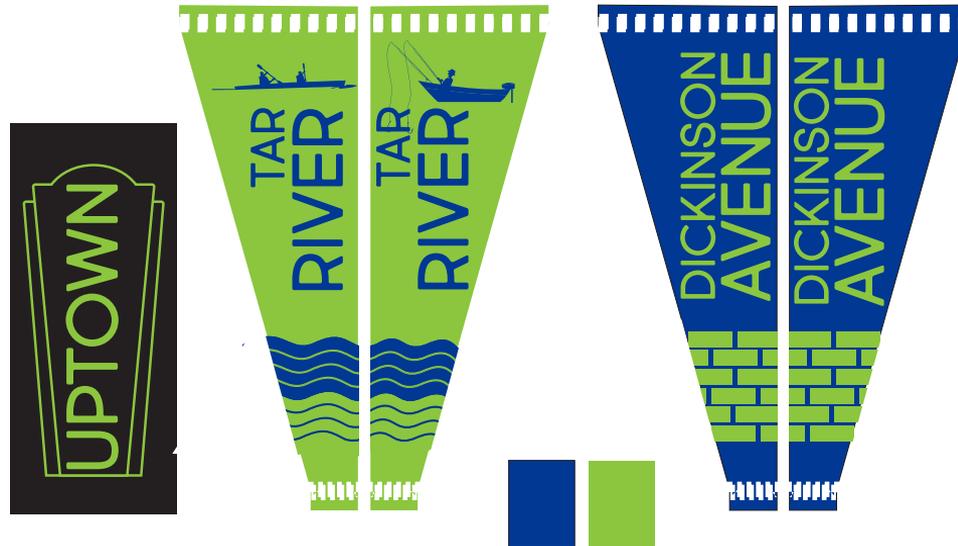
Recent efforts to beautify Uptown



Recent efforts to beautify Uptown



Recent efforts to beautify Uptown



City Services

- Two to three Public Works employees on a daily basis, 365 days/year manage:
 - Litter patrol;
 - Public trash cans;
 - Dumpster areas;
 - Public landscape efforts.
 - Sidewalk and Street sweeping twice week/ year round*



City Services

Sidewalk and Street
sweeping twice
week/ year round



Challenges of Urban Core Maintenance

- Dumpsters
- Gum on sidewalks
- Grease traps
- Cigarette butt litter
- Pets clean up
- Graffiti



Challenges of Urban Core Maintenance



Moving Forward: Cleanliness taskforce

- Banners- seasonal rotation of banners/identify funding sources
- Planter Maintenance- develop maintenance plan/identify funding sources
- Pressure washing- develop maintenance plan/identify funding sources
- Gum removal - develop maintenance plan/identify funding sources
- Dumpster- develop maintenance plan/identify funding sources
- Decorative lighting – expand/maintenance plan

Pressure Washing Proposal



Estimate

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Sidewalk section | \$2,000 |
| Number of sections | 12 |
| Total | \$24,000 |

Before and After Sidewalk Cleaning



City Manager's Report

November 13, 2017

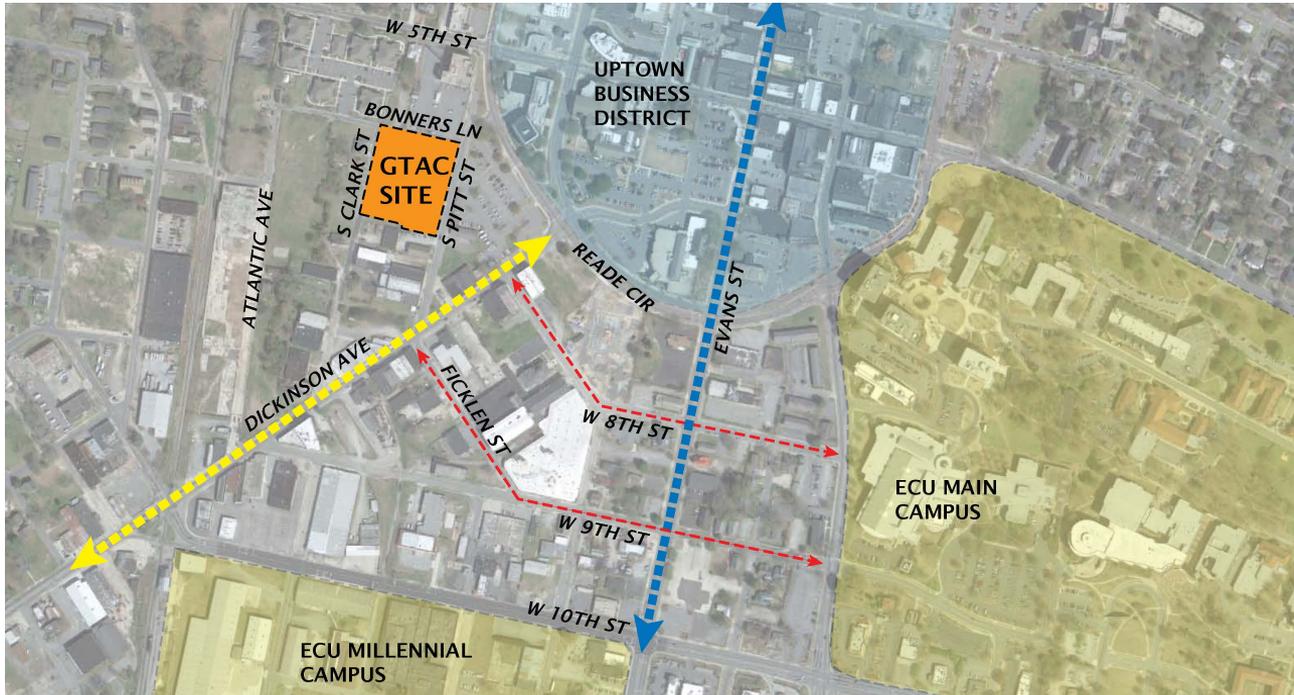


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Greenville Transportation Activity Center

Project Update

Urban Context



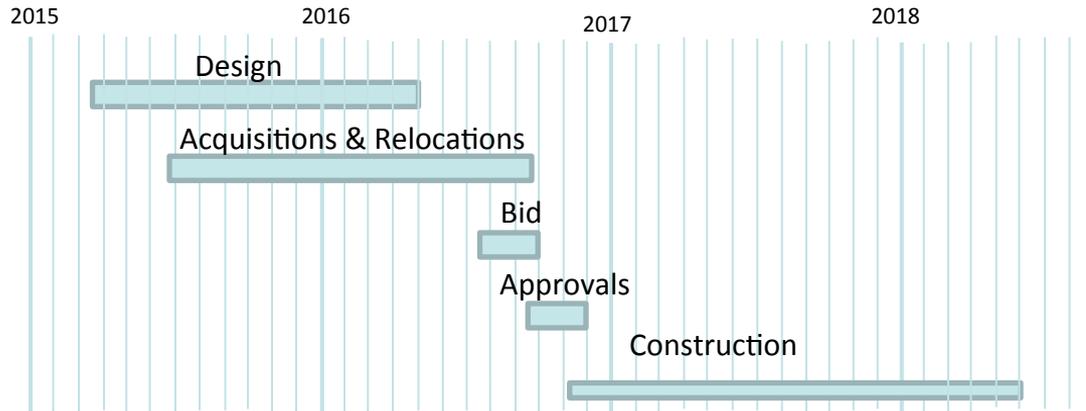
Aerial View From Northeast



Aerial View – November 2017



Project Schedule



Milestone Dates

Design Phase

March 2015 – June 2016

Bid & Award Period

June 2016 – October 2016

Construction Duration

November 2016 – May 2018



Purchasing Manager Denisha Harris