



# Department Report

Report Title: Public Works - January 2023

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Recently Completed:

- An LED test streetlight was installed downtown at the Visitors' Center by Georgia Power. Staff has been working with GP representatives to transition remaining city lights to LED. Mayor and Council are welcome to stop by this location after dark to view this example for future conversations regarding LED lighting throughout downtown.
- Choice Street Sidewalk Project. Staff will work with local Master Gardeners to create a native and sustainable vegetation plan for the currently unvegetated areas.



- Stone retaining wall and sod installation at Madeline Anthony. An unfortunate accident will require additional follow-up repairs.



- Installation of sod and decorative cherry tree on Wimpy Mill Road as part of upcoming Arbor Day and Wimpy Mile events.



- Removal of sycamores on north square. At the time of this writing, reconstruction of the area was in the bid phase.







Underway:

- Hancock Park revegetation efforts. The park suffers from a combination of shade, extremely heavy pedestrian traffic and less than ideal drainage, making it a very difficult location to maintain the attractive and resilient stand of grass we expect. Short term efforts have been performed with future heavier, more significant work expected.



- Preparation of bid documents for extensive repairs along East Main between the square and Grove Street following a very large water main break. Repairs will include water main replacement, storm drain work, various sidewalk demolition and replacement and large areas of asphalt overlay.
- Preparation of reservoir restroom site. Activities are being performed by City staff with permitting through GDOT and assistance from GA Power. The completed facility will closely resemble this one recently installed by UNG. Temporary placement is expected at any time.



- North Grove St. sidewalk upgrades between Main Street and North Hall Road. The first phase of these upgrades is currently under review by GDOT.
- Park Street water, sewer and storm design drawings in progress and are at roughly 50%. Meetings with homeowners along route are complete. Topographic surveys and utility locate efforts are complete. Recent public meetings have been completed, although there will be more periodically throughout the duration of the project.
- Design drawings for Mechanicsville curb and gutter project.
- Design drawings for Golden Avenue storm drain.
- Mapping of City utilities by GMRC. This is an ongoing 2-year project.
- Working with Lumpkin County to ensure appropriate upgrades of Pine Tree Way related to elementary school construction.

Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or build phase):

- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- Memorial Park Cemetery storm drain installation. To be performed by city crews. Materials received...working with owner of adjacent parcel.
- Choice St. parking lot overlay.
- City Hall parking lot overlay.
- Installation of Ryan Quigley plaque at Hancock Park. Currently working with Mr. Quigley and plaque vendor.