



# Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—February 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. **NOTE: This light has been modified since the previous version of last month to create a more uniform look with the rest of downtown.**
- Grading and sod installation at Hancock Park.



- Installation of additional sod and cherry trees along Wimpy Mill Road , complementing the previous efforts related to Arbor Day and Wimpy Mile events.



### Underway:

- 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 new facility is shown below. Opening will occur in roughly 4-6 weeks. During that time, any potential settlement will be given time to occur, utilities will be provided and a parking area will be installed.



- North Grove St. sidewalk upgrades between Main Street and Skyline Drive. GDOT has approved the plans and the project is currently in the bid phase.
- 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 and is nearing completion.
- Working with Lumpkin County to ensure appropriate upgrades of Pine Tree Way related to elementary school construction. Water main installation was performed the week of 3/6 by LC contractors with the cooperation and aid of City of Dahlonega crews.

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

- Replacement of Madeline Anthony water wheel.
- 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. The plaque has arrived. Staff will be performing the installation soon.
- Reconstruction of the Madeline Anthony retaining wall and yard following truck accident.

