



Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—March 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 is seeing ongoing maintenance and improvements. Staff is working hard and implementing intermittent closures of Hancock in an effort to help it thrive throughout festival season. In addition to sod, mulch areas have been reconfigured and improved, a new storm drain has been installed and brickwork has occurred at one of the swings along North Park St.



- The Quigley plaque has been installed on the swing at Hancock Park. It is currently covered, awaiting an unveiling by the Quigley family at an event currently scheduled for April 29.

- Installation of the new water wheel at the Madeline Anthony stamp mill.



- Reconstruction of the Madeline Anthony retaining wall and yard following truck accident.



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.
- The reservoir restroom opening is very close to occurring. Currently, it is in place with most sitework complete and is awaiting connection of power by Georgia Power.



- Hawkins Street sidewalk improvements by City crews.



- 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. Bid opening was April 5.
- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing.
- 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):

- 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.