



# Department Report

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Recently Completed:

- Upgrades to Conner Garden.



- Installation of a new facility to house the city's lift on the upper section of the North Park Street property. This will provide quick and easy access to downtown for the lift that travels at extremely slow speeds.



- Planting of the American Hornbeam on East Main.



- Removal of multiple downed trees throughout town. This one was on Happy Hollow Road and brought down power lines also.



Ongoing:

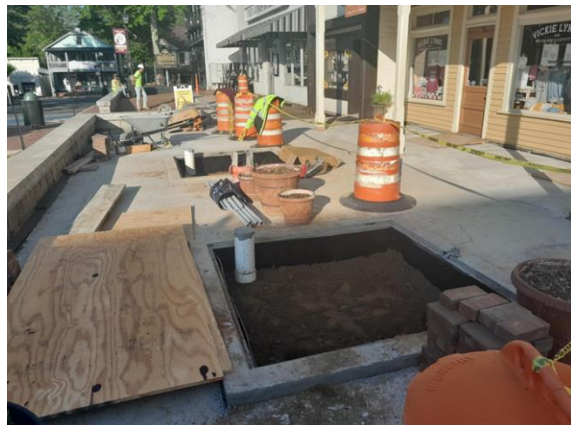
- Installation of the spring & summer downtown vegetation.







- North Square sidewalk reconstruction project.



- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalk design and permitting. At this time, construction is expected in late 2024.
- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing. Georgia DOT is conducting the preliminary design of the Yahoola bridge near this location. Staff are also coordinating with them to ensure a seamless transition between these two neighboring projects.
- Design and bid services for Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive.
- Revegetation of the Hancock Park yard. This is becoming more challenging each year as the event season continues to expand not only to cover roughly 10 months of the year, but also to draw more and more foot traffic. The combination of heavy foot traffic, minimal to moderate sunlight and desire for a “cold-weather” grass (i.e. a grass that stays green year round) requires constant maintenance with varying results.
- Park Street Utilities Project is underway.

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

- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- Visitors' Center Plaza surface replacement and sanitary sewer repair.