

Capital Improvement Program Report

2008 - 2018

Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency

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Executive Summary

In November 2008, Cherokee County voters were asked if the County should issue general obligation bonds up to \$90 million for the purpose of improving and expanding recreation and parks opportunities within the County. Voters overwhelmingly approved the measure and, in 2009, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners began issuing those bonds for the purpose of fulfilling the commitment to the citizens of Cherokee County.

This report provides an overview of the Capital Improvement Program and the individual projects that were primarily funded by the issuance of these bonds. As described in the ballot question, funds were used for the purchase of additional parkland, the construction of new parks and recreation facilities, renovations and improvements to existing parks and facilities, and the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

In order to maximize the available resources, additional funds were combined with the Park Bond funds in some projects. Sources of those funds include SPLOST, Impact Fees, municipal contributions, private donations, and the county's Tree Fund. The total of all funding sources is more than \$98 million in improvements and new parks. Where applicable, these additional funds are identified within each individual project described in this report. The amounts shown under each project are approximate and rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Each city within Cherokee County also received an allocation from the Park Bond to enhance recreation opportunities within its jurisdiction. These projects were managed through design and construction by the County but are owned and operated by each city. They are also described in this report.

Program Inception

Recognizing the need to address growing service gaps in recreation and parks, community leaders gathered in February 2008 at a "Recreation Summit" to discuss those needs and develop a plan. Using the 2005 Countywide Recreation and Parks Master Plan as a guide, the group discussed growing needs of the county and potential projects to meet those needs. In addition to an initial project list, it was determined that a county-wide program funded through general obligation bonds would be proposed to the voters in a ballot referendum.

Ballot Question

In the November 2008 general election, Cherokee County voters were asked the following question.

Shall there be issued up to \$90,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Cherokee County general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction and improvements of parks, recreational land, facilities and equipment, including green space?

Voters overwhelmingly supported the initiative with 62% voting in favor of the measure.

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Financial Summary

The Park Bond refers to a series of general obligation (G.O.) bonds that have been authorized and issued by Cherokee County for the expressed purpose of meeting the obligations stated in the 2008 ballot question. Table 1 shows the dates and amounts of each series of G.O. bonds that were issued. Note that in 2016 the County refunded

the 2009 series by issuing the 2016 series. This did not increase the amount available for projects but it did generate a significant savings for the County and the citizens.

Table 1 - Park Bond Issuances

Series	Date Issued	Amount (Millions)	Callable	Date
5Bond-Series 2009 ¹	2/26/2009	\$45.0	Yes	4/1/2019
6Bond-Series 2010	8/25/2010	\$10.767	Yes	4/1/2020
7Bond-Series 2012	1/26/2012	\$11.410	Yes	2/28/2019
8Bond-Series 2015	7/26/2014	\$22.823	Yes	4/1/2024
9Bond-Series 2016 ¹	4/1/2016	\$28.45	No	4/1/2029

¹ The Series 2009 bond was refunded in 2016 and replaced with the Series 2016.

The debt service on these bonds is repaid through property tax revenue generated by a dedicated millage rate levied county-wide. That millage rate is set by the Board of Commissioners each year at the same time that the County’s M&O and Fire District rates are set.

In 2008, prior to the ballot referendum, it was estimated that the property tax impact to a \$200,000 home would be \$62 per year. Table 2 shows the Park Bond millage rate assessed since 2009 and the impact to a \$200,000 home, as well as the impact to the *average* home in Cherokee County each year. The **actual** impact to a \$200,000 home has averaged \$54.07 per year since 2009, about 12% less than originally estimated.

Table 2 - Park Bond Millage Rates

Year	Park Bond Millage Rate	Cherokee County Average Home Fair Market Value	Property Tax on an Average Home	Property Tax on a \$200k Home
2009	0.580	\$205,908	\$47.77	\$46.40
2010	0.628	\$189,348	\$47.56	\$50.24
2011	0.641	\$169,300	\$43.41	\$51.28
2012	0.780	\$163,642	\$51.06	\$62.40
2013	0.776	\$167,574	\$52.01	\$62.08
2014	0.744	\$182,000	\$54.16	\$59.52
2015	0.744	\$212,300	\$63.18	\$59.52
2016	0.609	\$229,300	\$55.86	\$48.72
2017	0.581	\$248,100	\$57.66	\$46.48
Average	0.676	\$199,386	\$52.52	\$54.07

Construct New Parks & Recreation Facilities

Five (5) new county parks and recreation facilities using Park Bond funds. For each project, land was acquired, the project was designed, and the park or facility was constructed. These include:

- *Badger Creek Park,*
- *the Cherokee County Aquatic Center,*
- *the Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin Sports Complex,*
- *Patriots Park,* and
- *Cherokee Veterans Park.*

These facilities have greatly reduced existing gaps in recreation & parks service levels. They have added the following amenities to the county’s parks and recreation inventory:

- Over 430 Acres of Parkland,
- 6 Full Sized Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 10 Small Sized Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 1 Artificial Turf Athletic Field,
- A Full Service Aquatic Center including:
 - An Indoor 50 Meter Competition Pool,
 - An Indoor 25 Yard Recreation Pool,
 - An Outdoor Leisure Pool,
- 2 Tennis Courts,
- 2 Pickleball Courts,
- A Skate Park,
- 2 Playgrounds,
- 7 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamonds,
- 1 Artificial Turf Adaptive Use Baseball/Softball Diamond,
- 2 Fenced Off-Leash Dog Areas,
- 2 ½ Miles of Paved Walking Paths, and
- 6 Batting Cages.

Renovate and Expand Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

Eleven (11) existing county parks and recreation facilities were renovated or expanded using Park Bond funds. These include *Barnett Park*, the *Blanket’s Creek Bike Trails*, *Dwight Terry Park*, *Hobgood Park*, *J.J. Biello Park*, *Kenney Askev Park*, the *Recreation Center*, *Sequoyah Park*, the *Union Hill Community Center*, *Waleska Park* and *Weatherby Park*.

More than \$10 Million of Park Bond funds along with SPLOST and Impact Fee funds were used to renovate and expand these facilities. The description for each project provides greater details, but these projects greatly improved existing parks by:

- Acquiring ±8 acres for park expansion,
- Renovating Trails,
- Repaving and expanding parking,
- Adding restrooms,
- Adding pavilions,
- Improving storm water systems,
- Updating ADA accessibility,
- Replacing playgrounds,
- Upgrading athletic field lighting,
- Renovating buildings including the historic Union Hill Community Center,
- Resurfacing outdoor courts,
- Adding foul ball netting,
- Improving athletic fields, and
- Converting one existing natural grass field athletic field to artificial turf.

Acquire Additional Parkland

In addition to the 430+ acres acquired and developed as part of the five new county parks, Park Bond funds also acquired an additional 1,320+ acres for future county parks and green space. The complete list of additional property purchased is shown in Table 3 on page 26.

The *National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* describes a national average of 9.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. With more than 2,440 acres of parkland open and available, Cherokee County is well positioned to meet the current needs of our citizens.

The additional parkland can be developed over time to further expand recreation opportunities and keep up with the demand for more parks as Cherokee County grows. *Note: These figures do not include additional property whether donated or previously purchased available for future parks. Table 4 on page 26 details these additional properties.*

City Projects

Each city within Cherokee County received an allocation of Park Bond funds to expand recreation within their jurisdiction. The projects were coordinated by Cherokee County Capital Projects staff but the parks are owned and operated by each city. This report provides a description of the projects completed within each city.

The cities of Ball Ground and Nelson opted to renovate and improve their existing parks. The City of Canton purchased and constructed a new park, *Etowah River Park*. Holly Springs purchased property on Hickory Road and constructed a new park; *J.B. Owens Park*. Woodstock constructed multi-purpose trails within the city as part of the Greenprints Master Plan. The City of Waleska opted to purchase 15 acres for a future park.

City projects created the following new recreation amenities:

- About 108 Acres of Additional Parkland,
- 3 Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 1 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamond,
- 3 Playgrounds,
- 3 Pavilions,
- Improved ADA Accessibility,
- Renovations to Existing Buildings,
- 2 Outdoor Amphitheaters,
- A Canoe Launch,
- New Restrooms,
- Added Parking,
- Athletic Field Improvements,
- 5 Miles of Paved Walking Paths/Trails, and
- ½ Mile of Soft Surface Walking Trails.

Summary

The Park Bond represents the single largest investment by Cherokee County in our parks system. By adding additional amenities such as athletic fields, opening the doors to new facilities like the aquatic center, and improving our existing parks, the Capital Improvement Program has greatly increased and expanded the recreation opportunities available to our citizens. In many cases, the program has closed the gap between existing service levels and the needs of the community.

Following is a more detailed description of each project completed through the program. Projects are organized by the jurisdiction, either county or city; and by type, either new construction or renovation/expansion.

Badger Creek Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$3,948,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	\$1,400,000
Completion Date:	June 2012	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	151.0	Other:	\$175,000
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$5,523,000
Park Address:	464 Blalock Road Canton GA 30188		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST, Cherokee Impact Contribution, County Tree Fund		
<i>All amounts are approximate and rounded.</i>			

Opened in June 2012, Badger Creek Park added four full-sized and 10 small sized athletic fields to the Cherokee County park system totaling more than 16 acres of additional field space. These fields are home to a local soccer club, the Cherokee Impact, and their recreation, select and middle school programs. This project more than doubled the amount of rectangular athletic fields in Cherokee County parks.

Project Scope

- Project Design: Ross Consulting
- Four (4) Full Size Athletic Fields
- Ten (10) Small-sized Athletic Fields
- Concession/Restroom Building
- Two (2) Additional Restroom Buildings
- Parking for more than 800



Cherokee County Aquatic Center

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	New Construction	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$17,199,000
Completion Date:	May 2013	SPLOST:	\$2,100,000
Acres Added:	38.0	Impact Fees:	-
Commission District:	3	Other:	-
Park Address:	1200 Wellstar Way, Holly Springs GA 20114	Total:	\$19,299,000
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

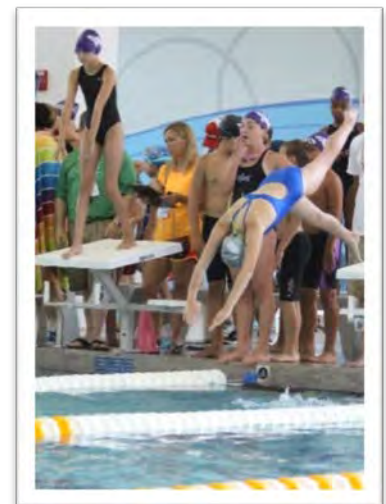
The Cherokee County Aquatic Center (CCAC) is a full service aquatic facility serving Cherokee County families, the immediate surrounding community and Cherokee County as a whole. Opened in May 2013, the center added a new dimension of recreation opportunities; providing a full range of aquatic programming including competitive and recreational swimming opportunities, learn-to-swim programs, aqua therapy, aquatic exercise classes and more.

The indoor competition pool can be configured in 25 yard, 25 meter and 50 meter distances for hosting competitive swim team practices and meets. The smaller indoor pool is warmer and shallower for aquatic programs. The outdoor pool is a great place for some water-borne adventures in the summer sun!



Project Scope

- Acquired ± 38 Acres off Sixes Road (Exit 11) in Central Cherokee County
- Project Design: Cooper Carry, Water Technologies (WTI)
- Indoor 50M Competition Pool with Raised Spectator Seating for 700+
- Indoor 25Y Recreation Pool (Instruction, Exercise & Therapy)
- 2 Indoor Poolside Classrooms & Party Rooms
- Indoor & Outdoor Locker Rooms and Family Restrooms
- Spacious Lobby & Seating Area Overlooking Indoor Pools
- Concession Stand
- 18,000 Square Foot Outdoor Leisure Pool & Pool Deck with:
 - 2 Water Slides
 - Lazy River
 - Zero Depth Entry Beach Area
 - Aquatic Playground
 - Open Swim Area
 - 2 Pavilions



Cherokee Veterans Park

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County
Project Type:	New Construction
Status:	Complete
Completion Date:	September 2017
Acres Added:	149.3
Commission District:	1
Park Address:	7345 Cumming Highway Canton GA 30115
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Impact Fees, County Tree Fund

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Project Data

Project Funds:	
Park Bond:	\$16,037,000
SPLOST:	-
Impact Fees:	\$961,000
Other:	\$65,000
Total:	\$17,063,000



Located on 149 acres in northeast Cherokee County, Cherokee Veterans is one of the largest active parks in the county's park system. Phase one construction includes all the amenities listed below along with all the associated parking and infrastructure.

Future possible additions to the park include a baseball/softball complex, additional tennis and pickleball courts, a large community pavilion and a recreation center. Future additions will depend on the availability of capital funding. In addition to the amenities listed under the project scope, the county has set aside about 3 acres for a monument to honor military veterans and their service.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 149 Acres in Northeast Cherokee County
- Project Design: Lose & Associates
- Phase I Construction:
 - 2 Natural Grass Athletic Fields (Football, Lacrosse, Soccer)
 - 1 Artificial Turf Athletic Field with Grandstands (Football, Lacrosse, Soccer)
 - 2 Tennis Courts
 - 2 Pickleball Courts
 - Skate Park
 - Playground
 - 1 2/3 Miles of Paved ADA Accessible Trails
 - Concessions/Restroom Buildings & Parking
 - Maintenance Facility
- Future Phases allow for:
 - 4 Baseball/Softball Diamonds & Parking
 - 2 Additional Tennis & Pickleball Courts
 - Large Community Pavilion & Expanded Playground
 - Future Recreation Center
 - *Future Phases dependent on additional funding.*



Patriots Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$7,311,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	April 2017	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	32.8	Other:	\$250,000
Commission District:	4	Total:	\$7,561,000
Park Address:	1485 Kellogg Creek Road Woodstock GA 30189		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Developer Donation		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Patriots Park is located on 32.8 acres on Kellogg Creek Road in southwest Cherokee County. It includes 2 natural grass baseball/softball diamonds, 2 fenced off-leash dog areas, a fully accessible and inclusive playground, a paved walking path throughout the park, a concession/restroom building and an artificial turf adaptive use baseball/softball diamond.

Dubbed *Freedom Field* by CRPA staff, the adaptive use field is designed for the inclusive use of athletes of all abilities. It is the first of its kind in the county and is the new home of the Cherokee County Miracle League program.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 33 Acres on Kellogg Creek Road
- Project Design: Smith Planning Group
- 2 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- 1 Artificial Turf Baseball/Softball Diamond
- Concession/Restroom Building
- 2 Fenced Off Leash Dog Areas
- Event Lawn
- Playground
- ± 0.8 Miles Paved Walking Path
- Pavilion



Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin Sports Complex

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$5,977,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	September 2015	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	51.1	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$5,977,000
Park Address:	1260 Univeter Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

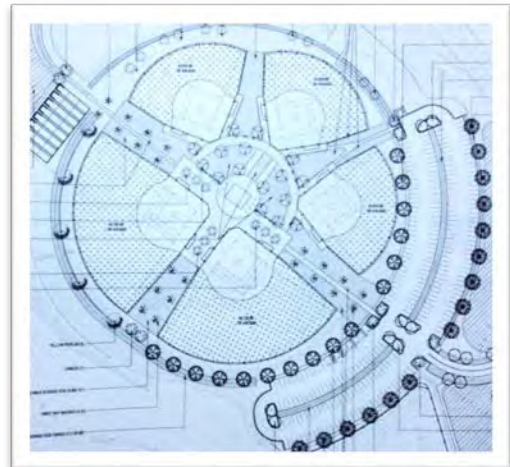
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Originally conceived as part of Canton’s Etowah River Park, it was later determined that a better location for the new home of Canton Baseball would be the 51 acres purchased by the County adjacent to Kenney Askew Park. This move allowed the baseball fields to be bigger and all the fields to be lighted.

The complex was named for Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin. Each field within the complex is also dedicated to individuals who made significant contributions to Canton Baseball through the years.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 51 Acres
- Project Design: HDR, Inc.
- Two (2) 250’ Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- Three (3) 175’ Baseball Softball Diamonds
- 6 Batting Cages
- Concession/Restroom Building
- Parking for 300



Barnett Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$770,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$770,000
Park Address:	10795 Bells Ferry Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Barnett Park, located in the western portion of Cherokee County, received several renovations including a new concrete walking trail that connects the front of the park to the playground and continues on to the fields 2 and 3 in the back of the park. The fields were renovated where needed and the bridge over Downing Creek was upgraded. Other improvements included ADA access throughout the park and renovations to existing buildings.

Project Scope

- Relocated Paved Trail Away from Downing Creek; Restoring Natural Buffers
- Replaced Asphalt Trail with Concrete
- Replaced Pedestrian Bridge over Downing Creek
- Created ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Added New Restrooms Convenient to Fields 2 & 3
- Renovated Existing Concession / Restroom Building
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Resurface Parking Lot



Blankets Creek Bike Trails

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$1,187,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	August 2013	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	5.5	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$1,187,000
Park Address:	2125 Sixes Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Initially opened in 2000, the Blankets Creek Bike Trails are among the most popular mountain bike trails in the United States. They represent a partnership between Cherokee County, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Allatoona Lake) and SORBA Woodstock. There are over 15 miles of volunteer-maintained trails for beginners to advanced riders.

This project greatly enhanced the riders’ experience by improving access from Sixes Road, increasing parking and adding amenities to the trailhead such as permanent restrooms and pavilions.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 6 Additional Acres for Expansion
- Project Design: Ross Consulting
- Added 60 Parking Spaces
- Added New Restrooms
- Added 2 Pavilions
- Added ½ Acre Event Lawn Area
- Added Storage Facility for Park Maintenance
- Realigned Park Entrance on Sixes Road for Better Access



Dwight Terry Park

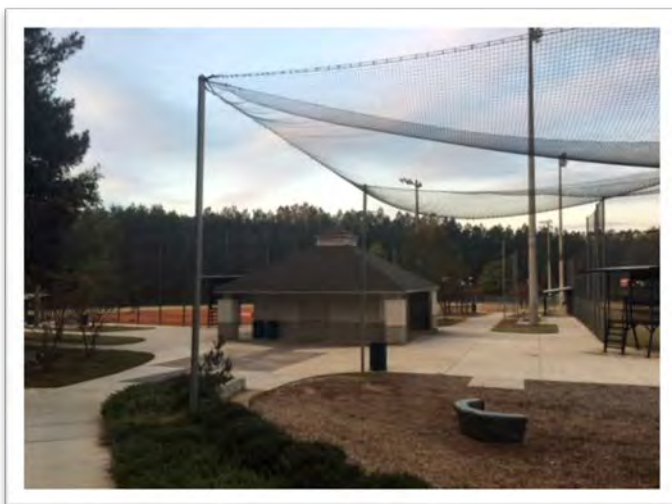
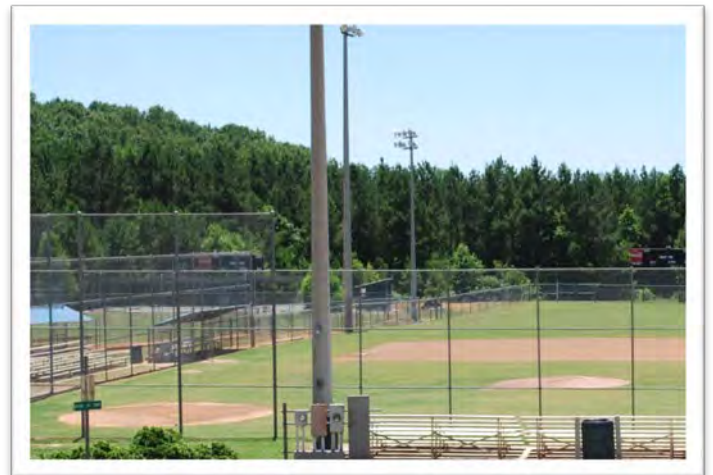
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Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$551,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$551,000
Park Address:	13395 East Cherokee Drive Ball Ground GA 30107		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Dwight Terry Park, located in the Macedonia community of northeastern Cherokee County, received renovations to the fields, playground and concession/restroom building. ADA and storm water improvements were also critical to stay on top of the use by citizens of the community.

Project Scope

- Renovated Existing Concession / Restroom Building
- Created ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Added Safety Netting Over Playground
- Added Foul Ball Netting between Fields
- Storm Water Improvements



Hobgood Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$3,605,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	\$1,141,000
Completion Dates:	See Below	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	<hr/> \$4,746,000
Park Address:	6688 Bells Ferry Road Woodstock GA 30189		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Hobgood Park, one of the most visited parks in Cherokee County, received several phases of improvements in order to safely keep as much of the park open for use during construction. One of our biggest renovations due to the size and nature of the work, Hobgood Park will continue to serve as “The Only Place to Play” for many years to come.

Project Scope(s)

- Phase I, Softball Complex:
 - New Concession Building
 - New Restroom Building
 - Expanded and Renovated Concrete Common Area
 - Electrical Improvements
 - Field Improvements
 - Parking Lot Improvements
 - Cost: Park Bond - \$1,950,000
 - Completed: August 2012
- Phase II, Youth Baseball Complex, Etc.:
 - Renovated Concession Restroom Building
 - New Overhead Netting
 - Renovated Common Area
 - Added Gravel Parking Area
 - Electrical Improvements
 - Batting Cage Improvements
 - Cost: SPLOST - \$1,141,000; Park Bond - \$450,000
 - Completed: April 2014
- Phase III, Athletic Field:
 - Converted Natural Grass Athletic Field to Artificial Turf
 - Upgraded Athletic Field Lighting
 - Added 70 Parking Spaces @ Athletic Field
 - Costs: Park Bond - \$1,205,000
 - Completed: April 2016



J.J. Biello Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$662,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	December 2014	Impact Fees:	\$627,000
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission Districts:	4 & 2	Total:	\$1,289,000
Park Address:	West - 155 Brooke Boulevard Woodstock GA 30188		
	East - 610 Druw Cameron Drive Woodstock 30188		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Impact Fees		
	<i>All amounts are approximate and rounded.</i>		

JJ Biello Park received renovations to several parts of the park including Twin Creeks Softball Complex, Riverside Athletic Complex and Cherokee Tennis Center. Originally opened in 2006, these improvements will extend the useful life of the park and improve users' experiences with each visit.

Renovations included parking improvements, ADA improvements, drainage/storm water improvements and electrical upgrades. The 10 courts at the Cherokee Tennis Center were also resurfaced and new spectator areas were added.

Project Scope

- J.J. Biello Park – East
 - Pave Existing Gravel Parking Lot
 - Add New Gravel Parking Lot
 - Add Pedestrian Bridge to Fields
 - Add Electrical Station for Scoreboards on Fields 3 & 4
- J.J. Biello Park – West
 - Resurface Ten (10) Tennis Courts
 - Improve ADA Access to Tennis Courts & Spectator Areas
 - Add Paved Central Plaza Area
 - Storm Water Improvements Throughout the Park
 - Renovate Batting Cages
 - Add Curb & Gutter to Softball Parking Lot



Kenney Askew Park

Jurisdiction: Cherokee County
Project Type: Expansion/Renovation
Status: Complete
Completion Date: December 2015
Acres Added: 1.86
Commission District: 3
Park Address: 1080 Univeter Road
Funding Source(s): Park Bond

Project Data

Project Funds:	
Park Bond:	\$199,000
SPLOST:	-
Impact Fees:	-
Other:	-
Total:	\$199,000

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Kenney Askew Park was in dire need of a parking lot renovation. Drainage was improved and the parking lot was resurfaced. A small tract of land connected to both Kenney Askew and Mauldin Park was also purchased for future development if needed.

Project Scope

- Added ± 2 Acres
- Resurface Parking Lot



Recreation Center

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$686,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	December 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	4	Total:	<u>\$686,000</u>
Park Address:	7545 Main Street Woodstock GA 30188		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

The Cherokee County Recreation Center received several improvements to both the exterior and interior of the building. An updated playground and new restroom was installed and the hockey rink was renovated for the first time in 15 years.

Inside the building, the public restrooms were renovated and a new family restroom was added. Other small renovations included front desk accommodations, sports flooring and fencing improvements.

Project Scope(s)

- Exterior:
 - Added Exterior Restroom Building Near Playground & Pavilion
 - Renovate Existing Pavilion
 - Replace Playground
 - Add Fence Around Playground
 - Replace Dasher Boards @ Inline Hockey Rink
 - Resurface Inline Hockey Rink
- Interior:
 - Renovate Lobby
 - Renovate Restrooms
 - Add New Family Restroom
 - Renovate Front Desk Including ADA Accommodations
 - Add New Sports Flooring in Aerobics Room



Sequoyah Park

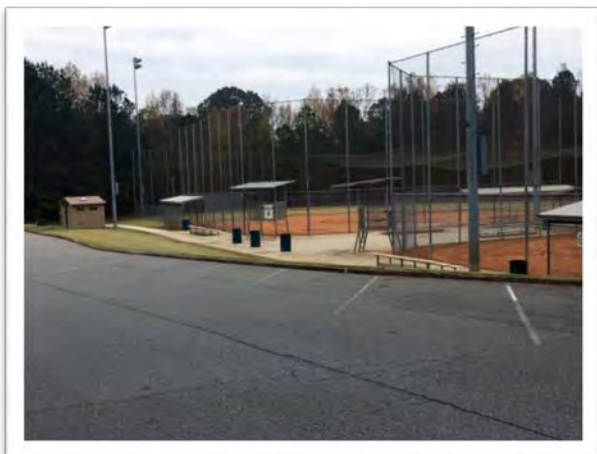
		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	
Status:	Complete	Phase I	\$672,000
Completion Dates:	See below.	Phase II	\$197,000
Acres Added:	NA	Phase III	\$113,000
Commission District:	2	Total:	\$982,000
Park Address:	7000 Vaughn Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Hickory Flat, Sequoyah Park is a very important active park providing baseball/softball diamonds, an athletic field, playground, walking trails and a disc golf course to our community. Renovations to this park were completed in three phases.

Project Scope

- Phase I:
 - Convert one (1) Athletic Field to two (2) Baseball / Softball Diamonds
 - Re-Grade and Re-Surface Gravel Walking Trails
 - Storm Water System Improvements Throughout the Park
 - Renovate Existing Concession / Restroom Building
 - Add Maintenance Storage Building
 - Completed: December 2011
- Phase II:
 - Install Athletic Field Lighting @ Fields 3 & 4
 - Completed: May 2014
- Phase III:
 - Install New Restrooms at Fields 3 & 4
 - Completed: July 2016



Union Hill Community Center

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$34,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	\$335,000
Completion Date:	December 2011	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	2	Total:	<hr/> \$369,000
Park Address:	1780 A J Land Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Nestled in the quiet community of Union Hill, this historic building has been a school and a church. Renovated in 2011, it now serves as a community center. It's a popular facility for parties, weddings and other events.

Project Scope

- Restored Hardwood Floors
- Repaired Extensive Termite Damage.
- Repainted Interior & Exterior of the Building
- Renovated the Kitchen
- Addressed ADA Accessibility in the Park Lot and Building Entrance
- Renovated and Upgraded the Restrooms



Waleska Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$2,340,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	April 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$2,340,000
Park Address:	150 Ball Field Road Waleska GA 30183		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located near Reinhardt University, Waleska Park has a long tradition of hosting youth baseball and softball games for our community. The park was in dire need of improvements. The concession stand was outdated. The park lacked ADA accessibility. Athletic field lighting was substandard. Parking was limited.

Awarded as part of a single project to update and renovate parks in Waleska, Ball Ground and Nelson, this project brought much needed improvements to a storied park.

Project Scope

- Project Design: AMEC, Inc.
- Replace Concession Restroom Building
- Build New Central Concrete Plaza with ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Replace Athletic Field Lighting
- Replace Batting Cages
- Repave Existing Asphalt Parking Lot
- Add New Gravel Parking Lot



Weatherby Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$41,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$41,000
Park Address:	100 Worley Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in the Clayton community north of Canton, Weatherby Park offers residents opportunities for youth athletics on baseball/softball diamonds and an athletic field, walking/jogging and a playground.

As one of the newer parks in Cherokee County, the park did not need major renovations but did lack a picnic pavilion. Included as part of a project that renovated several other existing county parks, a large octagonal pavilion was added near the playground.

Project Scope

- Project Design: Lose & Associates
- Added 500 Ft.² Pavilion to the Park Near the Existing Playground



Ball Ground City Parks

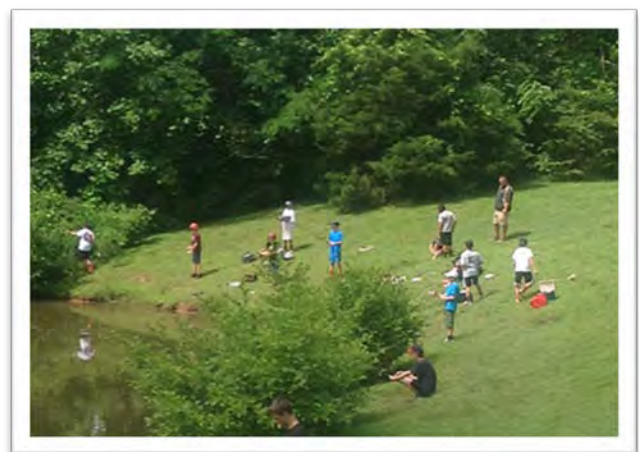
		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	City of Ball Ground	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$1,001,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	June 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	<u>\$1,001,000</u>
Park Addresses:	Calvin Farmer Park – Groover Street Ball Ground GA 30107		
	City Park – Old Dawsonville Road Ball Ground GA 30107		
	Lions Field – Gilmer Ferry Road Ball Ground GA 30107		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Ball Ground, three city parks were improved as part of the Park Bond. Calvin Farmer, City Park and Lions Field received extensive renovations as well as the addition of a small amphitheater and BB/SB diamond. The update to the parks were well-received by the community and the addition of the new amenities has made Ball Ground a very well-rounded recreation community.

Project Scope(s)

- City Park
 - Add Amphitheater
 - Add Restrooms to City Park
 - Renovated Spectator Area in City Park
 - Electrical Improvements
 - ADA Accessibility
 - Additional Parking
- Calvin Farmer Park
 - New accessible playground in Calvin Farmer Park
 - New Open Play Area
 - Tennis Court Repairs
 - New Baseball/Softball Field
 - Renovated Common Area
 - Irrigation Improvements
 - New Sod on Original BB/SB Field
- Lions Field
 - Concession Improvements
 - Drainage Improvements
 - New Sod
 - New Irrigation



City of Nelson Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	City of Nelson	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$245,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	March 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	<u>\$245,000</u>
Park Address:	School Street Nelson GA 30151		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in the northeastern part of Cherokee County, City of Nelson Park received the addition of a playground and restroom building, along with parking and signage improvements.

Project Scope

- New Playground
- New Restrooms
- Parking Improvements
- New Signage



Etowah River Park

Jurisdiction: City of Canton
Project Type: New Construction
Status: Complete
Completion Date: November 2014
Acres Added: 59.0
Commission District: 1
Park Address: 600 Brown Industrial Parkway Canton GA 30114
Funding Source(s): Park Bond, City of Canton

Project Data

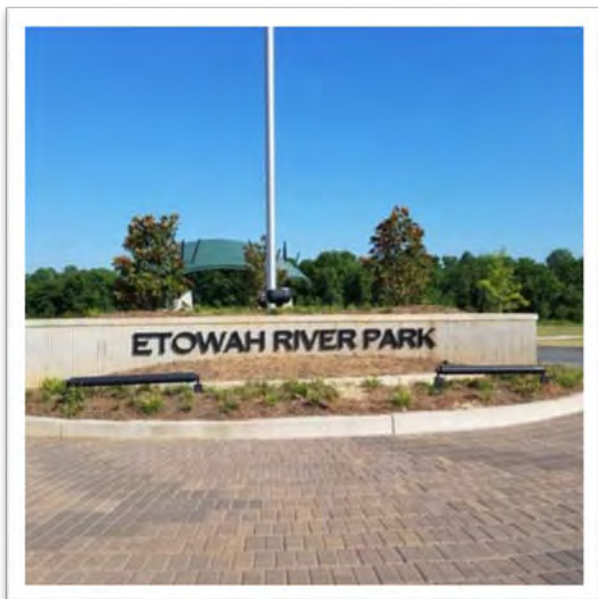
Project Funds:
Park Bond: \$3,742,000
SPLOST: -
Impact Fees: -
Other: \$709,000
Total: \$4,451,000

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Etowah River Park, located in Canton, is a new city park that encompasses 59 acres on the banks of the Etowah River. The park includes an amphitheater, natural grass athletic fields, concession/restroom building and a boardwalk and pedestrian bridge with connection to walking trails at Heritage Park, as well as a canoe/kayak launch on the Etowah River.

Project Scope

- Amphitheater
- Concession Building with Restrooms
- Playground
- 3 Natural Grass Athletic Fields
- Bridge and Connection to Walking Trails
- Walking Track
- Festival Grounds



J.B. Owens Park

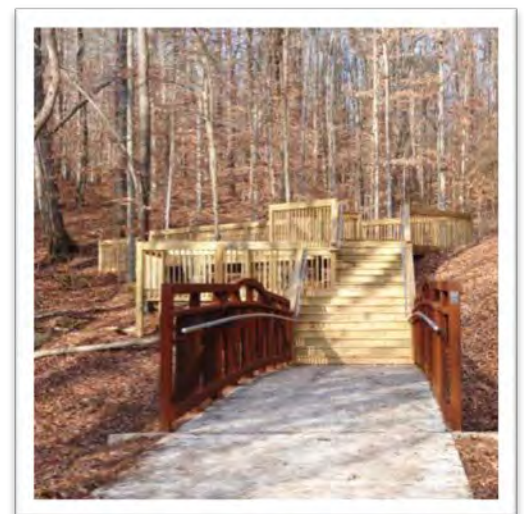
		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	City of Holly Springs	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$1,888,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	September 2015	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	34.0	Other:	-
Commission District:	2	Total:	\$1,888,000
Park Address:	2749 Hickory Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Holly Springs, J.B. Owens Park is a passive park that features a playground, open play area, walking trails and parking area for up to 40 cars. The park is centrally located and is widely used by the citizens of that community.

Project Scope

- Restroom
- Playground
- Open Play Area
- Bridge & Trails
- Pavilion
- 40 Car Parking Lot



Woodstock Trails

Jurisdiction: City of Woodstock
Project Type: New Construction
Status: Complete
Completion Dates: See below.
Acres Added: NA
Commission District: 4
Park Address: NA
Funding Source(s): Park Bond

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Project Data

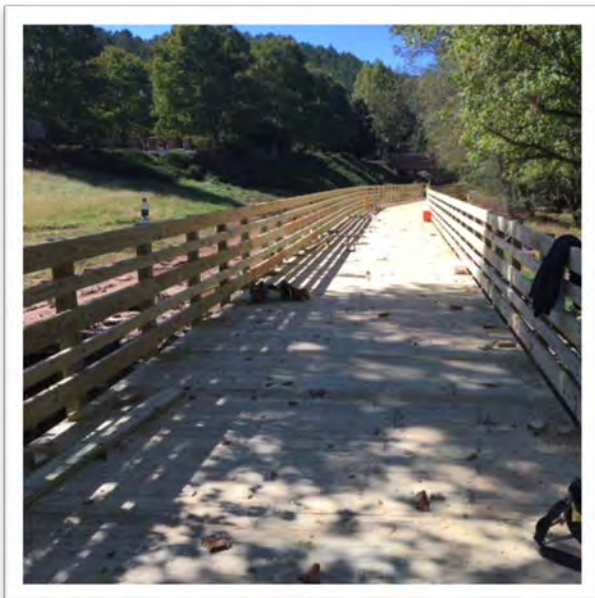
Project Funds:

Phase I	\$1,500,000
Phase II	\$450,000
Phase III	\$2,444,000
Total:	\$4,394,000

The Woodstock Trails project continues the development of +/- 60 miles of walking trails envisioned through the GreenPrints Alliance, a non-profit group of citizens in Woodstock. The first phase included a trail along Noonday Creek from Woofstock Park south to Highway 92 and the Downtown Spur connecting downtown Woodstock to the park. The second phase included the bridge and final connection to Woofstock Park. The third and final phase, Towne Lake Pass, connected the first two phases, crossed I-575 and continued on into Towne Lake, finishing at Towne Lake Hills South Drive.

Project Scope(s)

- Phase I – Noonday Creek & Downtown Spur
 - Completion Date: May 2014
- Phase II – Woofstock Bridge Connection
 - Completion Date: December 2014
- Phase III – Towne Lake Pass
 - Completion Date: January 2018



Additional Property Acquisition

In all, the Park Bond has created more than 1,846 acres of new and future parkland for Cherokee County citizens. To date, about 430 acres have been developed and opened as part of five new county parks and recreation facilities or added to existing parks. Another 93 acres have been developed in Canton and Holly Springs as part of both *Etowah River Park* and *J.B. Owens Park* respectively.

The remaining ±1,320 acres remain available for future park development. Table 3 shows the list of parcels purchased through the Park Bond program that have not yet been developed.

Table 3 - Additional Property Acquired Thru Park Bond

Property Name	Location	Jurisdiction	Purchase Price*	Acres
Dunn	SW Cherokee	County	\$1,557,000	39.0
Forestar	West Cherokee	County	\$952,000	186.4
John Ford	West Cherokee	County	\$606,000	62.1
Old Doss	Central Cherokee	Canton	\$462,000	45.1
Park Village	Central Cherokee	County	\$498,000	25.0
Thacker	NE Cherokee	County	\$2,827,000	141.0
Thompson	SW Cherokee	County	\$1,900,000	43.0
Willoughby-Sewell	SW Cherokee	County	\$3,340,000	226.6
Yellow Creek Road	NE Cherokee	County	\$1,481,000	538.4
City of Waleska	NW Cherokee	Waleska	\$223,000	15.0

Note: * All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Although not acquired using Park Bond funds, and therefore, not officially a part of the Park Bond Program, Cherokee County also owns additional property suitable for either park development or green space holdings. These properties are detailed in Table 4.

Table 4 - Other Cherokee County Properties for Parks & Green Space

Property Name	Location	Method of Acquisition	Acres	Notes
Hudgens	NW Cherokee	Donation	405.2	Adjacent to Garland Mtn. Trails
Priest Road	SW Cherokee	Purchase	10.9	
Rebecca Ray	NE Cherokee	Donation	15.0	Likely Future Passive Park
Rubes Creek	SE Cherokee	Donation	36.4	Green Space with Limited Access

Note: None of the properties listed in Table 4 were acquired with Park Bond funds.

Capital Equipment Purchases & Miscellaneous Small Projects

In addition to land acquisition, new construction and park renovations, the Park Bond provided funds for the purchase of capital equipment. These purchases helped to modernize the aging Recreation & Parks fleet of vehicles and equipment as well as providing new equipment to properly maintain the new parks. Other small projects such as fencing repairs, tennis and basketball court resurfacings were also included in the program.

Capital Improvement Program 2008-2018 Summary

Project (Park) Name	Jurisdiction	Type	Completion /	Park Bond	SPLOST	Impact Fees	Other	Total	New Acres Added	BOC Post
			Purchase Date							
Badger Creek Park	County	New Construction	Jun-12	\$3,948,000	\$1,400,000		\$175,000	\$5,523,000	151.5	3
Cherokee County Aquatic Center	County	New Construction	May-13	\$17,199,000	\$2,100,000			\$19,300,000	38.0	3
Cherokee Veterans Park	County	New Construction	Sep-17	\$16,037,000		\$961,000	\$65,000	\$17,063,000	149.3	1
Patriots Park	County	New Construction	Aug-17	\$7,311,000			\$250,000	\$7,561,000	32.8	4
Richard Hunkey Mauldin Sports Complex	County	New Construction	Sep-15	\$5,977,000				\$5,977,000	51.1	3
Barnett Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$770,000				\$770,000	-	3
Blankets Creek Bike Trails	County	Expansion/Reno	Aug-13	\$1,187,000				\$1,187,000	5.5	3
Dwight Terry Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$551,000				\$551,000	-	1
Hobgood Park Phase I: Softball Complex	County	Expansion/Reno	Aug-12	\$1,950,000				\$1,950,000	-	3
Hobgood Park Phase II: Youth Baseball Complex, Etc.	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-14	\$450,000	\$1,141,000			\$1,591,000	-	3
Hobgood Park Phase III: Multipurpose Field	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-16	\$1,205,000				\$1,205,000	-	3
JJ Biello Park East - Riverside Athletic Complex	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$310,000		\$316,000		\$626,000	-	2
JJ Biello Park West - Tennis Center, Twin Creeks, Valley Playground	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$352,000		\$311,000		\$663,000	-	4
Kenney Askew Park	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-15	\$199,000				\$199,000	2.0	3
Miscellaneous Small Projects	County	Expansion/Reno	Varies	\$378,000				\$378,000	-	All
Recreation Center	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$686,000				\$686,000	-	4
Sequoyah Park Phase I: New Baseball Diamonds, Etc.	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-11	\$672,000				\$672,000	-	2
Sequoyah Park Phase II: Lighting Only	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$197,000				\$197,000	-	2
Sequoyah Park Phase III: New Restroom Only	County	Expansion/Reno	Jul-16	\$113,000				\$113,000	-	2
Union Hill Community Center	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-11	\$34,000	\$335,000			\$369,000	-	2
Waleska Park	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-14	\$2,340,000				\$2,340,000	-	1
Weatherby Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$41,000				\$41,000	-	1
City Park, Lions Field, Calvin Farmer Park	Ball Ground	Expansion/Reno	Jun-14	\$1,001,000				\$1,001,000	-	1
City of Nelson Park	Nelson	Expansion/Reno	Mar-14	\$245,000				\$245,000	-	1
Etowah River Park	Canton	New Construction	Nov-14	\$3,742,000			\$709,000	\$4451,000	59.0	1
JB Owens Park	Holly Springs	New Construction	Sep-15	\$1,888,000				\$1,888,000	34.0	2
Woodstock Trails Phase I: Noonday Creek & Downtown Spur	Woodstock	New Construction	May-14	\$1,500,000				\$1,500,000	-	4
Woodstock Trails Phase II: Woofstock Bridge Connection	Woodstock	New Construction	Dec-14	\$450,000				\$450,000	-	4
Woodstock Trails Phase III: Towne Lake Pass	Woodstock	New Construction	Jan-18	\$2,083,000	\$361,000			\$2,444,000	-	4
Dunn Property	County	Property Acquisition	Oct-09	\$1,557,000				\$1,557,000	39.0	4
Forestar Property	County	Property Acquisition	Aug-10	\$925,000				\$925,000	186.4	1
John Ford Property	County	Property Acquisition	Aug-10	\$606,000				\$606,000	62.1	1
Old Doss Property	County	Property Acquisition	Mar-09	\$462,000				\$462,000	45.1	1
Park Village Property	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$498,000				\$498,000	25.0	1
Property Acquisition from Reinhardt College	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$244,000				\$244,000	-	1
Thacker Property	County	Property Acquisition	Jun-09	\$2,827,000				\$2,827,000	141.0	1
Thompson Property	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-09	\$1,900,000				\$1,900,000	43.0	4
Willoughby-Sewell Property	County	Property Acquisition	Oct-10	\$3,340,000				\$3,340,000	226.6	3
Yellow Creek Road Property	County	Property Acquisition	Nov-10	\$1,481,000				\$1,481,000	538.4	1
City of Waleska Property	Waleska	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$223,000				\$223,000	15.0	1
Construction Administration	County	NA	Mar-18	\$2,275,000				\$2,275,000	NA	NA
Park Bond Equipment Purchases	County	Equipment Purchase	Mar-18	\$750,000				\$750,000	NA	All