

DEKALB COUNTY SPLOST PROGRAM

12 Months of Progress

Major project highlights across four phases: completed, in design, out to bid, and under construction.



AT A GLANCE

SOME KEY HIGHLIGHTS

A snapshot of major SPLOST I and SPLOST II project activity.

Completed

- NH Scott Pool
- Cedar Grove Bridge
- Athletic fields at 8 parks
- Callanwolde acquisition
- Midway press box
- Exchange Park restrooms
- Playgrounds at 3 parks
- Tennis & basketball courts

In Design

- Fire Stations 18, 19 & 20
- Bobby Burgess Evidence Storage
- South River Trail Phase VI
- Alice White Bussey Center
- Pleasantdale Park
- Tobie Grant Park
- Sugar Creek Tennis

Out to Bid

- Old Castle / Donzi Trail
- Medlock Park to Lulah Hills
- Briarcliff to Margaret Harris Park
- Lucious Sanders Rec Center
- Mason Mill Tennis Center

Under Construction

- Fire Stations 5, 16 & 27
- 2025 LMIG Resurfacing
- Wade Walker Park
- Library security cameras
- Decatur Library LED lighting
- Public health facilities repairs

Fun fact: SPLOST II was approved by 72 percent of DeKalb voters in November 2023 and is projected to bring in about \$496 million for unincorporated DeKalb through March 2030. Together, SPLOST I and II are projected to top \$950 million.

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Completed

Delivered and open to the public

IN THIS SECTION

- NH Scott Park Pool Renovations
- Cedar Grove Road Bridge Replacement
- Athletic Field Renovations at eight parks
- Callanwolde acquisition
- Midway Park Football Press Box
- Exchange Park Pavilion Restrooms
- Playgrounds at Cedar, Biffle and Glen Emerald Parks
- Tennis and basketball court renovations

NH Scott Park Pool Renovations

A full replacement and reconstruction of the pool at NH Scott Park, plus design, purchase and installation of new pool and aquatic buildings, shower houses and multi-purpose buildings. Both the buildings and the pool are complete.

Location: 2230 Tilson Road, Decatur

Contractor: Romtec, Inc.

Funding: SPLOST I (2018 to 2024)



\$3.14M

Total SPLOST
budget

8

Lanes in the new
aquatic center

\$3.6M

RCPA and Grant Funds

Fun fact: The pool sat closed for more than 15 years. It reopened in June 2026 as an eight lane aquatic center with a beach style zero depth entry and four new support buildings, and the Atlanta Hawks helped renovate the basketball courts across from the pool.

Cedar Grove Road Bridge Replacement



The 1965 bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad was closed to traffic in 2020 after a GDOT inspection flagged problems tied to the structure's age and to overweight truck traffic. A design-build delivery replaced the bridge on an accelerated schedule, and the detour route received shoulder widening and turn radius improvements along the way.

Location: Cedar Grove Road, Conley

Contractor: C. W. Matthews Contracting Co.

Ribbon cutting: August 6, 2026

\$14.2M

Design-build
contract

4

Funding partners
combined

1965

Year the original
bridge was built

Fun fact: The reopening restored a critical freight link to Interstates 285, 675, 75 and 85 for south DeKalb businesses and residents, and took 18 wheelers back off the neighborhood streets they had been detouring through.

Callanwolde Property Acquisition

The county acquired 999 Briarcliff Road NE, the former Metro City Church property, directly across from the county-owned property at 980 Briarcliff Road that is leased to Callanwolde Foundation, Inc. Adding the new parcel to that lease expands the activity the two properties together can support.

Location: 999 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta

Board action: Agenda item 2025-0936, approved 6/24/2025

Funding: \$2.75M SPLOST II plus \$1.5M CIP or other county funds

\$7.50M

Purchase price
approved

\$3.25M

Foundation donation
toward the price

\$2.75M

SPLOST II share
of the purchase



Fun fact: Callanwolde Foundation, Inc. is donating \$3.25 million toward the \$7.5 million purchase, covering 43 percent of the price. The county's \$4.25 million share was reallocated from an earlier capital campaign allocation for its property at 980 Briarcliff Road.

Athletic Field Renovations at Eight Parks

Conversion of natural grass fields to synthetic turf systems at eight parks, including site work, clearing and demolition, erosion control, grading, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, markings, scoreboards, lighting and electrical improvements, and testing. All eight park sites are construction complete.

Exchange Park	Wade Walker Park	Midway Park	Shoal Creek 1
Gresham Park	Redan Park	Hamilton Park	True Love Park

Contractors: Advanced Sports Group, LLC and Deluxe Athletics

Funding: SPLOST I (2018 to 2024), Braves Foundation, RCPA



\$13.7 M

Total Project funds

8

Parks with new
turf fields

Athletic Field Highlights

Deluxe Athletics completed the athletic field renovations at Hamilton, Redan and True Love Parks, rounding out eight field renovations countywide.



Hamilton Park

Athletic fields converted to synthetic turf, including the football field and ballfield including the demolition of existing fields, new irrigation systems, new fencing and sod.

\$820K total project



Shoal Creek Park

Ballfield converted to synthetic turf, including new irrigation systems and new fencing.

\$1.2M total project



True Love Park

Two ballfields converted to synthetic turf.

\$154K SPLOST contribution

Fun fact: Fields were named to honor baseball legends, including Hank Aaron Field and Bill Lucas Field (the first Black MLB General Manager). It is also famously the youth stomping ground of current Braves outfielder Michael Harris II.

Parks and Recreation Wins

More parks projects that reached the finish line with SPLOST funding, including new playgrounds and tennis and basketball court renovations.



Cedar Park Playground

New playground, updated basketball courts, fresh landscaping and a new pavilion.

\$414K total project



Midway Park Football Press Box

Modernizations and upgrades to the football press box, completed under the athletic and recreation facilities program.

\$740K budget authorized



Exchange Park Pavilion and Restrooms

Restroom modernizations and upgrades at the Exchange Park pavilion, now construction complete.

\$1.62M budget authorized

Biffle Park and Glen Emerald Park also opened new playgrounds in the past 12 months.

Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing

Resurfacing of tennis courts at 12 parks and basketball courts at 6 parks under the SPLOST I athletic courts program. Eleven of the 12 tennis sites and all six basketball sites are construction complete; the final tennis site, Sugar Creek, is finishing up this summer.

Tennis courts: Midway, Wade Walker, Shoal Creek 2, NH Scott, Glen Emerald, Bouldercrest, Emory Grove, Mason Mill, Dottie Bridges, WD Thomson, DeKalb Memorial, Sugar Creek

Basketball courts: Shoal Creek 1 and 2, Glen Emerald, Bouldercrest, NH Scott, DeKalb Memorial

Contractors: McGrath Industries dba Talbot Tennis; Signature Tennis Courts, Inc.

\$1.95M

Total budget
authorized

12

Parks with resurfaced
tennis courts

6

Parks with resurfaced
basketball courts

02

In Design

Drawings underway, construction next

IN THIS SECTION

- Fire Stations 18, 19 and 20
- Fire Stations 14, 28 and 29 (pre-design)
- Bobby Burgess Evidence Storage Facility
- South River Trail Phase VI
- Michelle Obama Trail extension
- Alice White Bussey Intergenerational Center
- Pleasantdale Park
- Tobie Grant Park
- Sugar Creek Tennis Center

Fire Stations 18, 19 and 20

Design is underway for three replacement fire stations serving north and south DeKalb, authorized by the Board of Commissioners in June 2026.

Fire Station 18

4588 Barclay Drive
Atlanta, GA 30338

Fire Station 19

3253 Mercer University
Drive
Chamblee, GA 30341

Fire Station 20

2919 Warren Road
Decatur, GA 30034

Board action: Agenda item 2026-1003, approved 6/23/2026

Funding: SPLOST I (2018 to 2024)



\$1.39M

Design budget
authorized

3

Stations in one
design package

Fun fact: DeKalb County Fire Rescue answers close to 90,000 calls a year from 26 stations spread across 260 square miles, so every station that gets replaced shortens somebody's response time.

Fire Stations 14, 28 and 29

Three new fire stations are next in the SPLOST II public safety pipeline. Intergovernmental agreements are being finalized, with the agreements for Stations 14 and 29 still in negotiation, and design of a prototype station is expected to begin in early 2027. Fire Station 14 will replace the existing station.

Fire Station 14: Ground-up replacement; land to be dedicated to the County by the City of Stonecrest under an IGA still in negotiation, pending GDOT review of proposed roadway changes

Fire Station 29: Intergovernmental agreement still in negotiation

Fire Station 28: Intergovernmental agreement being finalized

Funding: SPLOST II (2024 to 2030)

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New stations in
the pipeline

2027

Prototype design
expected to begin

~\$13.5M

Fire Station 14
preliminary estimate

Fun fact: A prototype approach means one station design adapted to each site rather than three designed from scratch.

Bobby Burgess Public Safety Campus

A phased public safety campus program covering evidence storage, police special operations, helicopter operations, and secure public safety parking.

PHASE I — CAMPUS

Evidence Storage / Police Special Ops Building

30,000 SF

- First level** — Evidence storage with a high-tech storage system
- Second level** — Police Special Operations offices
- Basement** — Evidence vehicle parking and four underground shooting range lanes
- Expansion** — Structured for vertical expansion of one to two floors

Helicopter Operations

- Hangar and helipad
- Fueling station

Special Ops Vehicle Structure

- Covered shade structure
- Vehicle wash bay
- K9 unit

Public Safety Parking

- Secure parking
- Public parking



PHASE II — CAMPUS EXPANSION

Added levels on the Evidence Storage / Special Ops building, a potential expansion site east of the proposed site carried in the master plan, and an option for solar canopies over parking.

MASTER PLAN DELIVERABLE

Conceptual 2D/3D site model showing building locations, public, staff and specialty parking, site circulation, secure entrances and the perimeter secure zone, helipad and fueling stations, and stormwater detention/retention.

Location

Memorial Drive & I-285 interchange

Site status

Conversion of a county-owned brownfield to revitalize the Memorial / I-285 entry corridor

South River Trail Phase VI

The next extension of the South River Trail, running from near Boulder Walk Drive and Intrinchment Creek to Crestdale Circle. A preliminary concept report is complete. The trail is proposed to bridge Intrinchment Creek onto property owned by the City of Atlanta, continue to Key Road for an enhanced grade crossing, then run along the northern side of Key Road parallel to the Georgia Power utility cut.

Corridor: Boulder Walk Drive to Crestdale Circle

Board action: Agenda item 2026-0950, approved 7/14/2026

Funding: SPLOST II with \$640K in GDOT participation

\$3.35M

Design budget
authorized

VI

Phase of the
South River Trail

\$640K

GDOT funds
leveraged



Fun fact: The South River Trail already runs about 10.9 miles, and the 3.8 mile stretch between Gresham Park and the Georgia State Panthersville campus was renamed the Michelle Obama Walking Trail in 2018.

Alice White Bussey Intergenerational Center

A major SPLOST II parks project: a new intergenerational center coming to the existing Alice White Bussey Legacy Park, the renamed Ellenwood/River Road Park in Ellenwood. Jericho Design Group's concept spans about 57,000 square feet, with a pool, gymnasium, walking track, teaching kitchen, classrooms and fitness spaces for residents of every age. Conceptual drawings are complete and the architect is moving into the schematic design phase.

Location: Alice White Bussey Legacy Park, 4100 River Road, Ellenwood

Designer: Jericho Design Group (schematic and design development proposal submitted)

Funding: SPLOST II (2024 to 2030)

~\$22M

Construction
budget

47

Acres of
parkland

56,928

Concept gross
square feet



Conceptual floor plans by Jericho Design Group



Fun fact: The Legacy Park renaming and the new center are separate projects with one namesake: the Board renamed the park in dedication of Alice White Bussey's tireless service to her community. In the concept, 18.5 laps of the second-level walking track equal one mile.

03

Out to Bid

Trails and recreation facilities moving toward construction

IN THIS SECTION

- Old Castle (Donzi) Multi-Use Trail
- South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail: Medlock Park to Lulah Hills
- South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail: Briarcliff to Margaret Harris Park
- Lucious Sanders Recreation Center (bids under review)
- Mason Mill Tennis Center (bids under review)

Three Trail Projects Out to Bid

Each of these extends the DeKalb County trails system and moves the county closer to a connected regional network.



Medlock Park to Lulah Hills

Extends the South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail toward a connection with the Atlanta to Stone Mountain Trail.

\$8.0M Authorized



Briarcliff to Margaret Harris Park **File 2022-2281**

Extends the South Fork Peachtree Creek trail network north to Briarcliff Road through Margaret Harris School.

\$450K Authorized

Fun fact: DeKalb County already maintains more than 120 miles of trails, and the greenway plan these segments build out traces back to a master plan the county developed with the PATH Foundation in 1999.

Old Castle Multi-Use Trail

Also known as the Donzi Trail and the Old Castle PATH Foundation Trail, this is Phase 7 of the South River Trail: land acquisition and construction of the segment from Custer Avenue to Crestdale Circle. It is a key piece of the county's long-range plan to link the existing and under-construction segments of the South River Trail System to the Atlanta BeltLine.

Corridor: Custer Avenue to Crestdale Circle

Funding: \$2.5M SPLOST Category 1E plus \$500K SPLOST Category 1M

Land acquisition: Complete

\$3.0M

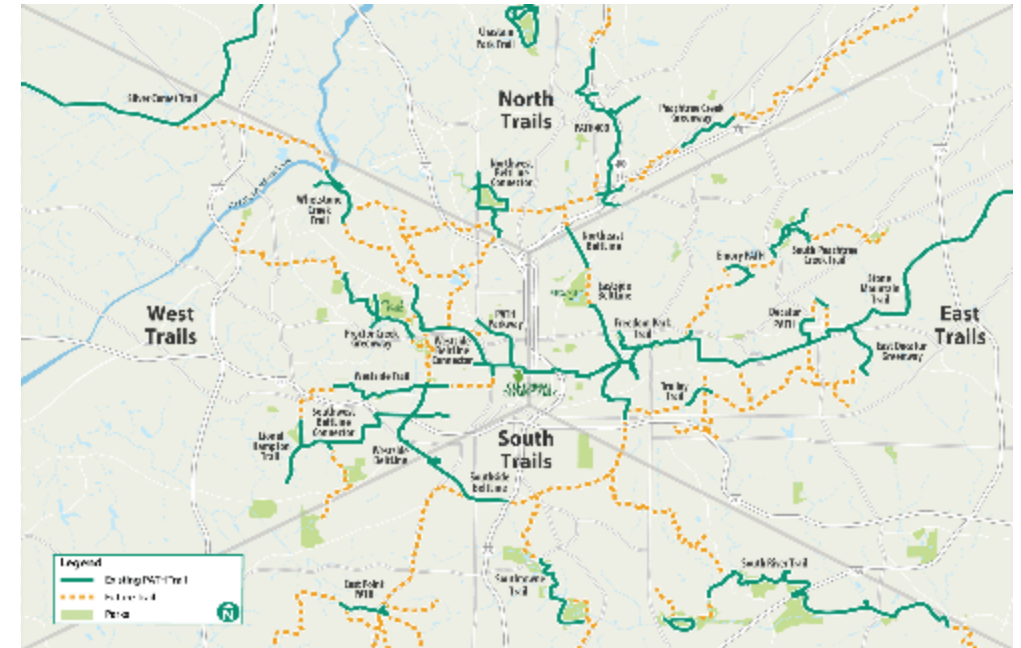
Total funding
committed

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Miles of new
trail

2

SPLOST funding
categories combined



Fun fact: Once built, this segment is part of the run from Arabia Mountain along the Michelle Obama Trail toward the core of the City of Atlanta and the trail networks that connect there.

Lucious Sanders Recreation Center

A major SPLOST II parks project: a new recreation center at Lithonia Park, designed by Pond & Company, will include a new 24,087-square-foot center, a multi-court gymnasium for various indoor sports, along with fitness and wellness studios. Design was completed with CDBG funds, and when \$5M in expected HUD construction funding became unavailable, the Board approved additional SPLOST II Category C1 funds in July 2025. Bids have been received and are under review.

Location: 2484 Bruce Street, Lithonia (Lithonia Park)

Board action: Agenda item 2024-1071, approved 9/24/2024; item 2025-1041, approved 7/22/2025

Funding: \$15.06M SPLOST II Category C1 plus \$1.94M from county park, bond and ARP interest accounts



\$17.0M

Total construction
budget

\$15.06M

SPLOST II
Category C1 share

Q4 2027

Targeted construction
completion

04

Under Construction

Steel, concrete and asphalt in the ground

IN THIS SECTION

- Fire Station No. 5, Tucker
- Fire Station No. 16, Decatur
- Fire Station No. 27, Lithonia
- 2025 LMIG Resurfacing
- Wade Walker Park concessions and restrooms
- Library security camera upgrades
- Decatur Library LED lighting upgrades
- Public health facilities repairs

Three New Fire Stations Under Way

All three broke ground in June 2026 under a single contract award to Cooper & Company General Contractors.



Fire Station No. 5

4329 Cowan Road, Tucker

\$10.54M Total project cost



Fire Station No. 16

4242 Arthur J. Queen Drive, Decatur

\$10.89 M Total project cost



Fire Station No. 27

7558 Pleasant Hill Road, Lithonia

\$9.59 M Total project cost

Fun fact: DeKalb's SPLOST fire projects are aimed at earning a Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office. The county sits at Class 2/2X today, which is already the top 3 percent of fire protection areas nationwide, and Class 1 would move it into the top 1 percent.

2025 LMIG Resurfacing

Approximately 25 miles of the worst rated roadways in the resurfacing backlog, drawn from across the county. Construction began in August 2026.

Coverage: Countywide

Contractor: Triple R Paving & Construction, LLC

Funding: SPLOST II with GDOT participation

Next up: Three additional SPLOST resurfacing projects totaling 80.62 miles, submitted to Roads and Drainage for review based on the 200 mile list

\$15.9M

Construction award

~25

Miles of roadway
resurfaced



Fun fact: SPLOST II sets aside \$195.2 million to resurface 200 miles of county roads, and SPLOST I already resurfaced roughly 325 miles. This contract also pulls in \$4.36 million of state Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant money.

Wade Walker Park

Modernizations and upgrades to the concessions and restrooms at Wade Walker Park, part of the wider athletic and recreation facilities program covering concession buildings, pavilions, recreation centers, and field houses across the DeKalb park system.

\$539K

Budget
authorized

79%

Of the 3B.3 program
budget put to work

2

SPLOST projects



Location: Wade Walker Park

Funding: SPLOST I (2018 to 2024)

Fun fact: Wade Walker is getting a second round of SPLOST work. Its athletic field was converted to synthetic turf, and now the concessions and restrooms that serve those fields are being rebuilt.

Library Security Camera Upgrades

Installation of a uniform, cloud-based indoor and outdoor security camera system at 20 library branches and the library administration center. The upgrade standardizes camera equipment with smart technology managed centrally through an internet-based dashboard, and includes cabling, network integration and five years of licensing and support. Installation began in February 2026.

Contractor: DISYS Solutions, Inc.

Board action: Agenda item 2025-1662, approved 12/16/2025

Funding: SPLOST II (2024 to 2030)

Also under way: Decatur Library LED lighting upgrade, \$500K (\$290K SPLOST I, \$210K library grant), Autaco Construction

\$1.9M

Budget
authorized

21

Library locations
covered

5

Years of licensing
and support included



Fun fact: More than half of the camera budget had been spent by late July 2026, with completion forecast for early fall.

Public Health Facilities Repairs

Capital repairs at eight physical and mental health centers across DeKalb County: replacement of rooftop HVAC units and condenser pump sleds, elevator modernizations, reroofing and parking lot repairs. These are critical needs to keep the buildings safe and functional and to extend the useful life of the facilities. Contracts are in place and mechanical work is under way.

Facilities: East DeKalb, Clifton Springs, Richardson, T.O. Vinson, Fox Recovery Center, Kirkwood Mental Health, North DeKalb Comprehensive, DeKalb Crisis Center

Board action: Agenda items 2026-0278, 2026-0458 and 2026-0781 (April to June 2026)

Funding: SPLOST II (2024 to 2030)

\$13.5M

Budget
authorized

8

Health centers
in the program

\$3.36M

Contracts awarded
to date

Fun fact: Four contractors are already on board: B & W Mechanical, Kone (elevators), NBC National Building Contractors and Summit Lighting Solutions. Reroofing at all eight centers is scheduled as the next phase.

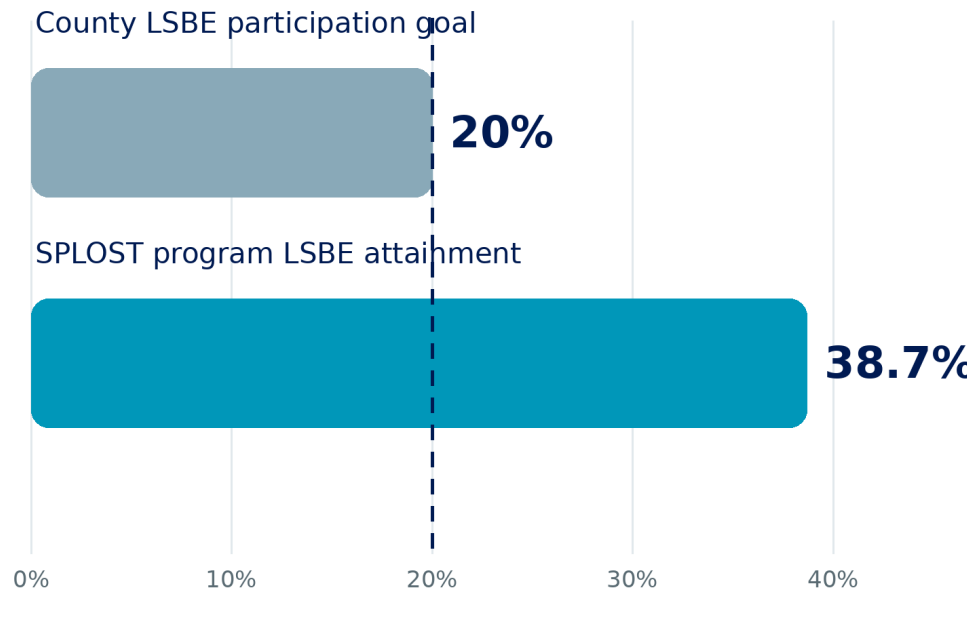
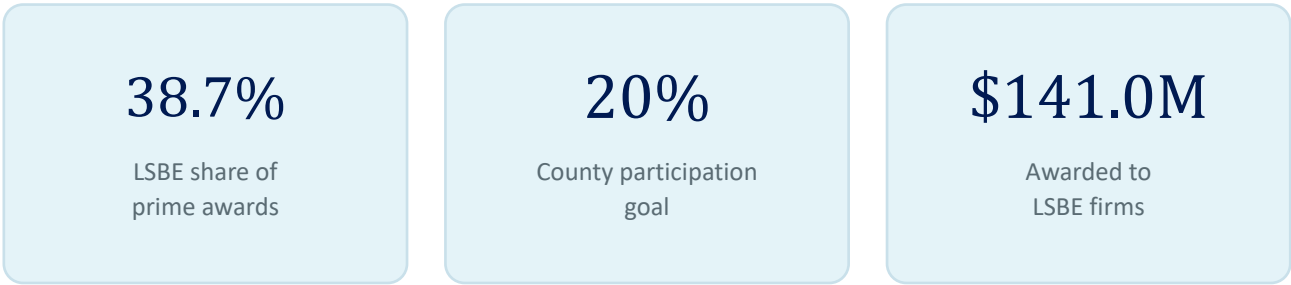
Local Small Business Participation

Of every contract the Board of Commissioners has awarded with SPLOST I and II funding from June 2018 through September 2026, Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) firms have won \$141.0 million of the \$364.3 million in prime contract awards. That is 38.7 percent of every dollar awarded, nearly double the county's 20 percent participation goal.

Prime awards: \$364,348,332 across 84 prime projects

LSBE awards: \$141,002,997 — 21 of the prime contractors are LSBE firms, and 86 LSBE subcontractors are at work across the program

Period: June 2018 through September 2026



Compliance note: Totals reflect contracts funded by SPLOST I and II together with State, Federal, GDOT and County departmental funds. There are no unresolved Title VI, contract compliance, financial issues or complaints across the program.

What comes next

Work moving into the pipeline, and the milestones to watch over the next twelve months.

COMING UP

- 2026 LMIG resurfacing
- Mason Mill Tennis Center bid award for a new \$4.5M tennis center

MILESTONES AHEAD

- Fire Stations 18, 19 and 20 move from design into procurement
- Fire Stations 5, 16 and 27 continue toward 2028 completion
- Trail projects now out to bid move into construction
- Library camera installation wraps up and health center reroofing begins