

in the state. The library will offer up to 75,000 books and other items for checkout, including adult, teen, and children's collections. The new library will open in the winter of 2010.



Hamilton Mill Library

Public Safety

A new **Police Headquarters Annex and E-911 Center** scheduled to open in early 2010 is located on a nine-acre site at 872 Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville, immediately north of the existing Police Headquarters. The 45,000-square-foot one-story building will accommodate 180 employees along with a new, fully-equipped, state-of-the-art E-911 Communications Center, Emergency Operations Center, and backup data center to serve the County for at least the next 20 years. The building design meets Federal Emergency Management Agency standards for hardened first responder facilities. The new facility, which is funded by sales tax, general tax, and E-911 fees, will also be home to the police technical support and professional standards units.



Police Headquarters Annex and E-911 Center

The relocation of **Fire Station 7** in Duluth is typical of the public safety improvements funded by SPLOST programs. This new station has three truck bays, offices, living quarters, and storage for a fire engine, ladder truck, and ambulance. The station also has a community classroom that will accommodate 30 participants. Other fire stations that will open in 2009 are **Station 29** in Braselton and relocated **Station 18** in Hamilton Mill, which will include the addition of a ladder truck to complement the current assignment of a fire engine and ambulance. Construction of **Station 30**—in the Grayson/Loganville area—is scheduled to begin in spring 2009.

SPLOST and the Budget

Over the years, Gwinnett County's capital and operating budgets have shown the dramatic impact of SPLOST programs. Especially in the areas of transportation and parks, the additional SPLOST funds have allowed traditional tax revenues to expand other basic services and keep up with a rapidly growing population.

Revenues from the SPLOST program are monitored monthly. To allow for unexpected shortfalls, the County budgets only 90 percent of expected SPLOST revenue. Any additional income will be allocated later to the same voter-approved categories listed below.

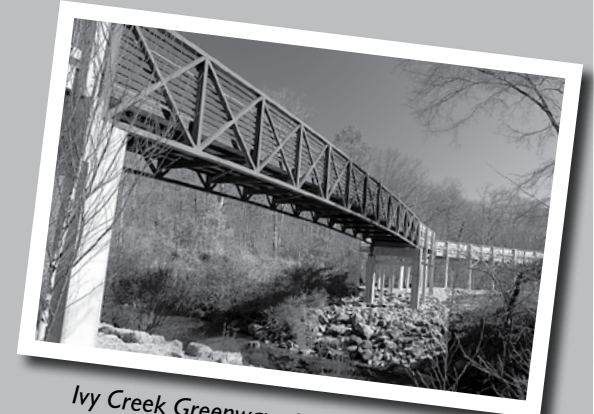
Transportation	\$351,795,811
Parks and Recreation	\$149,611,765
Public Safety	\$ 61,253,088
Libraries	\$ 12,005,882
Courts Facilities	\$ 87,735,294
Cities Share	\$ 122,598,160
TOTAL	\$785,000,000

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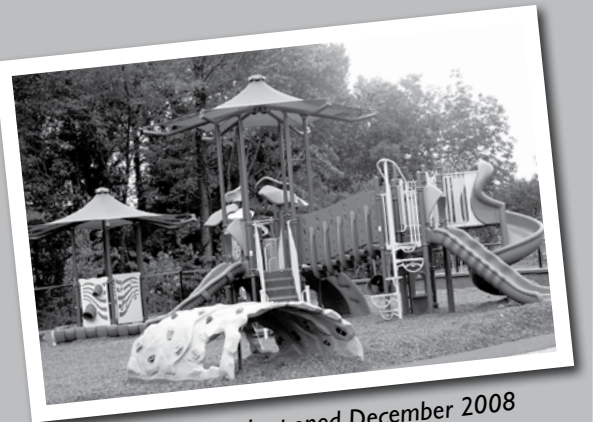


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Ivy Creek Greenway opened April 2008



Club Drive Park opened December 2008

About SPLOST

Gwinnett voters have approved a one-penny special purpose local option sales tax, or SPLOST, seven times since 1985 to pay for specified capital improvements throughout the county. In that time, nearly \$2 billion has been collected to fund parks, transportation infrastructure, public safety facilities, court buildings, and libraries.

The 2009 SPLOST program starts on April 1, 2009, following the expiration of the 2005 SPLOST program on March 31, 2009. The new five-year program is expected to raise about \$785 million, to be shared between County and city governments. The County's portion will be used for transportation, parks and recreation, public safety, court facilities, and libraries. By using sales tax to fund these projects, the County has been able to minimize long-term debt and keep property taxes low.

Citizen committees studied and prioritized many proposed transportation and parks projects and made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The County's long-range planning and master plan documents also help guide this process.

Previous SPLOST programs have funded hundreds of projects such as the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Gwinnett Center, many acres of greenspace, Club Drive Park and other new and refurbished parks, Sugarloaf Parkway, Satellite Boulevard and other road improvements, and new police precincts, fire stations and libraries. Gwinnett is a better place to live because of SPLOST.

This brochure highlights just a few of the County's SPLOST-funded projects that are currently underway and soon will also have a positive impact on the quality of life in Gwinnett County.

Transportation

Sales tax dollars are helping widen two major roads in the Mall of Georgia and Gwinnett Place areas. Construction on **Gravel Springs Road** from

State Route 20/Buford Drive to I-85 and from I-85 to State Route 124/Braselton Highway is nearing completion. The widening of **Pleasant Hill Road** from Old Norcross Road to Buford Highway is under construction.

Engineering and land acquisition are underway to extend **Sugarloaf Parkway** from State Route 20/Grayson Highway to State Route 316 east of Lawrenceville. Construction on section one (Grayson Highway to New Hope Road) continues while construction on section two (New Hope Road to Martin Chapel Road/Bramlett Shoals Road) is anticipated to begin over the next several months.

Arcado Road will be improved from Luxomni Road to Lilburn Industrial Way including improving both intersections with traffic signals, turn lanes, and sidewalks. The bridge over Jackson Creek will be replaced. These projects are currently being designed and rights-of-way are being purchased for these projects.

The widening of **State Route 124/Braselton Highway** from Hamilton Mill Road to Pine Road is underway and will open to traffic in 2009. The project will include one additional through lane each in direction and a center turn lane.

Parks and Recreation

A portion of the Gwinnett Greenway trail is being designed to extend from **George Pierce Park** to Westbrook Road in Suwanee, allowing for a connection of the trail to the existing Suwanee Creek Greenway. This 1.8-mile segment of the Ivy Creek Greenway will connect with numerous neighborhoods on the south side of Suwanee Creek and to the City of Suwanee's Greenway. Construction is expected to begin on the George Pierce Park trail portion of the greenway in 2009.

The first phase of the 73-acre **Bryson Park**, located in southern Gwinnett County, is being planned and will include a splash pad with an interactive fountain, soccer fields with a concession building, a multi-purpose field with a lighted walk-

ing track and concession building, two half-court and one full-court basketball court, natural and paved multi-purpose trails, a teen area, and an activity building. The park, located off Highway 29 in Lilburn, is projected to open in 2010.

Located in eastern Gwinnett County, the new **Harbins Park** is the county's largest park to date. The 1,289-acre park that will open on March 21 features a three-mile paved, multi-purpose trail, 18.3-miles of soft surface trail with sections for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking, a tri-level playground, large rustic pavilion, restroom, and an equestrian-only parking area.



Harbins Park Soft-Surface Trail

Alexander Park, located between Lawrenceville and Snellville, is currently under construction and is scheduled to open this spring. The 91-acre park will initially include a plaza area, horseshoe courts, picnic shelter, playground, open space play area, the County's second disc golf course, outdoor classroom, small lake with a picnic shelter and fishing piers, a gazebo overlook, 1.5-mile multi-purpose trail, and a one-mile soft surface trail loop along with other amenities.

Library

The new **Hamilton Mill Branch Library** now under construction is located on Braselton Highway adjacent to the new Duncan Creek Park. Located on a five-acre site, it will be the county's 15th branch library. The 20,000-square-foot building has been designed to meet Silver LEED® energy efficiency and sustainability standards, making it the first green library in the county and third