

“Exhibit A”
February 2004 Update
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Downtown Street Scape Project: The Georgia DOT would not allow the bollards to remain at the Wall and Court Street intersection. We worked our pedestrian safety case up the DOT ladder to Von Johnson, Mike Thomason, Dee Corson, and Harry Maddox to no avail. The street was milled 1 ½ inches below curb line on Friday night. Sidewalk brick should be complete within the next week. Irrigation and underground wiring is nearly complete. The signal conduit and pull boxes will be in place shortly. Lighting and trees will be installed by the end of February. Repaving will take place this week, weather permitting and the intersections will be stamped in the next several weeks. Coloring of the brick stamping will require 48 hours with no freezing temperatures. Signal mast will be in another DOT contract to be let within the next three to four months. Valley Crest has completed work near the railroad track and Calhoun saved \$7,000 by not having a flagman. The Valley Crest contract allowed for 180 days completion time. It looks like the majority of work will be complete by 90 days.

Police Academy: Met with Rep. Tom Graves, Dale Mann (Director of POST), Butch Beach (Director of Training), and Therrell Goswick on February 4, 2004 to discuss moving the Police Academy from Cave Springs to Calhoun. Therrell is on the Academy Training Board and has been working on this move for several years. Rep. Graves also supports the Academy in Calhoun. A majority of the Training Board members support moving the Academy from Cave Springs. Rep. Buddy Childers is opposed to the relocation. About 4,000 officers go through the Academy each year for various types of training and re-certification. It looks like a State decision will be made after the current General Assembly session is complete. Calhoun is the front runner if the Academy is relocated.

Landfill Assessment of Corrective Measures: At the Feb. 23, 2004 Council meeting we will have a public hearing addressing the possible corrective measures for groundwater contamination at the Harris Beamer Industrial Landfill. We are pretty sure EPD will allow Calhoun to use what's called monitoring for natural attenuation, which is the least expensive of several corrective approaches. EPD requires this public hearing and advertising in the paper.

Erosion and Sedimentation Meeting: There will a meeting at the Depot at 10:00 a.m. on February 17, 2004 regarding the new State and Local Notice of Intent forms and fees concerning land disturbing activities. The DNR rules require charging developers a retroactive fee for disturbed acreage as of August 13, 2003. Our approach will be to let the developer tell us how many disturbed acres they had as of August 13, 2003. We are not in a position to "prove" how many acres were disturbed on any particular project at this particular date. Amy McGowan, with the North Georgia Mountain District of EPD, will be at the meeting to help answer questions.

Mobile Homes in Parks: Our zoning ordinance requires manufactured homes to be placed in a manufactured home park. Since 1990, with Cannon v. Coweta County, the

Georgia Supreme Court took a position that manufactured homes being restricted to mobile home parks was unconstitutional. In 2003 the Court overruled Cannon v. Coweta County and authorized severe restrictions on manufactured homes. In King v. Bainbridge the flexibility in placement of manufactured homes is largely up to the discretion of the local government. A local government can now require manufactured homes to be placed in a mobile home park.

Laurel Lane and Curtis Parkway Signal: We are working on design for turning lanes, radius improvements, and signalization for the new school entrance off Curtis Parkway. This project will be complete by June 2004. We are also working on a second entrance to the school property off Creekview Drive which intersects Peters Street.

SPLOST Funds: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation and Recreation began in June of 2001 and was authorized for five years, which will provide funding to May of 2006. The monies collected were not to be more than \$17,500,000 for capital recreation projects and not more than \$17,500,000 for capital transportation projects. Calhoun is to receive 23% of the \$17,500,000 or the amount received. We have been averaging \$60,000 per month for each account. At the present time we are approximately \$500,000 in the black with recreation monies and \$500,000 in the black with transportation monies.

Soccer Fields: We have not been able to work on the practice fields across the river on SR 136 due to wet weather. Hopefully, we can have these fields ready by late spring of this year.

Plaques: You have three plaques ready at this time. The BB&T Park is being installed on February 9, 2004. There is also a Veteran's plaque ready for installation at the park near the new flag pole. The rebuilt pavilion at the recreation department has a plaque recognizing the Lions Club. This plaque is also ready to be installed at the site.