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BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: **OXFORD HISTORICAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC.** Control Number: **A500319**

Business Type: **Domestic Nonprofit Corporation** Business Status: **Active/Compliance**

Business Purpose: **NONE**

Principal Office Address: **8107 Mae St, Covington, GA, 30014, USA** Date of Formation / Registration Date: **1/15/1965**

State of Formation: **Georgia** Last Annual Registration Year: **2025**

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name: **Floyd, Don**

Physical Address: **8107 Mae St Covington, GA 30014, Covington, GA, 30014, USA**

County: **Newton**

OFFICER INFORMATION

Name	Title	Business Address
Anderson Wright Anderson Wright	CEO	185 Brookfield Pl, 185 Brookview Pl, Oxford, GA 30054, Oxford, Ga, GA, 30054, USA
DON T. FLOYD	CFO	8107 MAE STREET, COVINGTON, GA, 30014, USA
MARCIA E FLOYD	Secretary	8107 MAE STREET, COVINGTON, GA, 30014, USA

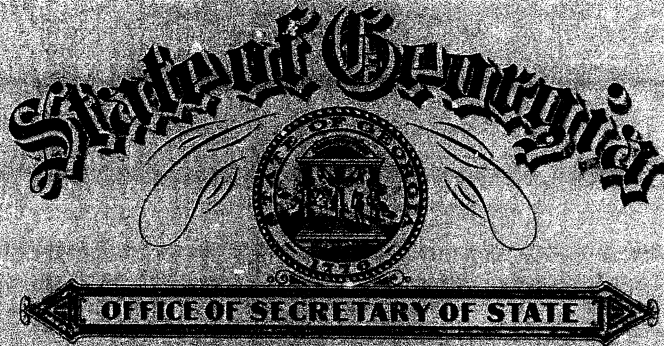
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DUPLICATE



*I, Ben M. Fortson, Jr., Secretary of State of the
State of Georgia, do hereby certify, that*

"OXFORD HISTORICAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC."

was on the 15th day of January, 1965,
duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia by the Superior Court of
Newton County for a period of thirty-five years
from said date, in accordance with the certified copy hereto attached, and that a certified copy
of the charter of said corporation has been duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State and
the fees therefor paid, as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of office, at the Capitol, in the City of
Atlanta, this 22nd day of January, in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty
Five and of the Independence of the United States
of America the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth.

Ben M. Fortson, Jr.

SECRETARY OF STATE, EX-OFFICIO CORPORATION
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

property; and to have such powers as are necessary and convenient to the carrying out of the transactions mentioned in this paragraph and elsewhere in this petition.

7.

The sole object of the proposed institution is to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the natural, civic, literary, and ecclesiastical history of the Oxford cemetery in general and to the maintenance, care and preservation thereof, and to establish and maintain collections in art, archaeology and genealogy pertaining thereto. Further, said institution may acquire, maintain, and conduct buildings and property, to construct buildings for such purposes needed, to engage in any and all types of activities not prohibited by law which shall promote and foster educational and historical activities of its members for the acquiring and retaining of knowledge and understanding and to promote and foster a mutual understanding of good will toward the Oxford Cemetery and to engage in such activities as shall raise the standard of civic morality and community welfare through educational and social facilities and disseminate such knowledge as shall be useful for its members and others inquiring thereon and make said cemetery more proficient in its history and beauty. Said institution will have the right to solicit funds to be for the preservation, maintenance and beautification of said cemetery and shall be empowered to put said funds to interest for said cemetery or encroach upon the corpus of said funds for the betterment and beautification of said plots, slabs, monuments and sarcophagi.

8.

Petitioners desire the right to make all necessary by-laws and to do all other things necessary to carry out the purpose of said corporation.

ORDER

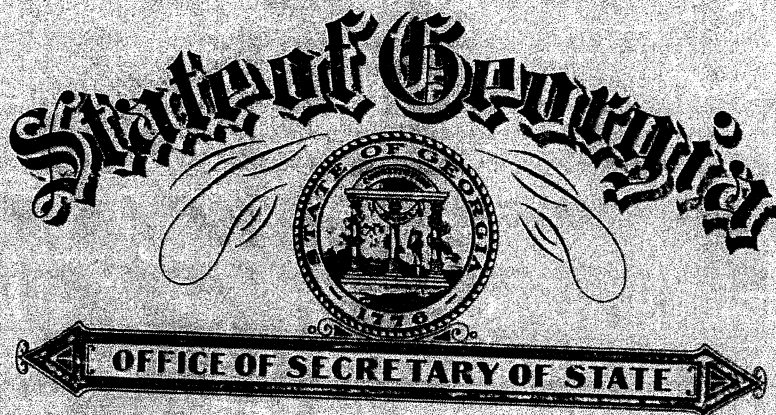
The foregoing petition of CHARLES CANDLER, MRS. EARL RHODES and WILBUR HARWELL, to be incorporated under the name of "OXFORD HISTORICAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC.", has been duly presented to me, and read and considered, and it appearing that said petition is within the purview and intention of the laws of this State applicable thereto; and it further appearing that all of said laws have been fully complied with;

IT IS THEREUPON CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that said petition be and the same is hereby granted; and petitioners, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic under the name and style of "OXFORD HISTORICAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC." for and during the period of thirty-five (35) years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration of that time, and with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities mentioned in said application, and with such additional rights, powers, privileges and immunities as are provided by the laws of Georgia as they now exist or may hereafter exist.

This 15th day of January, 1903.

/s/ Wm. J. Dean
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURTS
STONE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT

DUPLICATE



*I, Ben W. Fortson, Jr., Secretary of State of the
State of Georgia, do hereby certify, that* the name

"OXFORD HISTORICAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION, INC."

is not the name of any other existing corporation now registered in this office, as prescribed
by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the seal of office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this
19th day of November, in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Four and
of the Independence of the United States of America the One
Hundred and Eighty-ninth.

Ben W. Fortson, Jr.

SECRETARY OF STATE, EX-OFFICIO CORPORATION
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Wg RC. 11-19-64

BALLARD AND THIGPEN

Attorneys at Law

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DOVINGTON, GEORGIA 30209
TELEPHONE 786-5123

D. S. KING, SR. 1908-1963
W. D. BALLARD
TROY R. THIGPEN, JR.

January 19, 1965

Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

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BEN W. FORTSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Mr. Fortson:

Enclosed please find two certified copies of the charter petition for "Oxford Historical Cemetery Foundation, Inc." and our check in the amount of \$7.50 for filing fee.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

W D Ballard
W. D. Ballard

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[Enclosures - Petition & Check]

To: *MEAG Power Participants*
From: *Roger Brand – Director of Bulk Power* *Roger Brand*
Date: *August 1, 2025*
Subject: *Annual Subscription for Supplemental Power*

The annual subscription process for supplemental power supply is now underway and attached is your ten-year supplemental power supply estimates based on the latest load forecast and the Year 2026 Annual Subscription Form for Supplemental Power for your review.

After reviewing this information, please complete the subscription form and return to MEAG Power by October 1, 2025. In order to provide time to complete all transactions and agreements the following schedule has been established per the Supplemental Power Supply Policy:

- Release of information to Participants by Power Supply – Aug 1
- Receipt of Authorization Agreement form by MEAG Power – October 1
- Completion of Off-System purchase agreements – Dec. 31
- Completion of Inter-Participant Transfer agreements – Jan. 15

Per the Policy there are four alternatives: (i) a Participant acquires the necessary resources itself, (ii) a Participant acquires the necessary resources itself through an Inter-Participant Transfer (IPT) Agreement or off system purchase power contract, (iii) A Participant subscribes to one or more of the power supply products identified in the attached Nomination Form in specific amounts (ACES has estimated the price ranges for these products to assist in your decision making however the final price is subject to change), (iv) a Participant nominates MEAG Power to act as its agent to acquire the necessary resources to fulfill its supplemental power supply requirements.

Please note that the Supplemental Power Supply Policy specifies that if a Participant Authorization Agreement form is not received by the October 1 deadline or a Participant that has elected the Annual Self-Supply option does not meet the deadline for acquisition of its supply needs, MEAG Power will, acting as Agent, acquire the Supplemental Bulk Power Supply resources on behalf of the Participant.

The projections provided identify needs for both supplemental power and reserves. The supplemental power product reflects the value of capacity with energy priced at the hourly market, while the reserve capacity product is the capacity price only.

The projections include assumptions about large customers that will affect the Participant capacity requirements. A proposed revision to the policy is being prepared that would address interruptible loads. The revision will include the operational requirements and planning approach for a load that commits to being interruptible. Changes related to these policy updates will be taken into account during the final budget and supplemental requirements will be recalculated as needed.

Participant's excess capacity, unless the Participant provides other instructions by the specified deadlines, will be allocated by MEAG Power and sold to deficit Participants. Option (v) (Opt-out of sales) specifies the Participant's choice to retain its' excess resources and not sell excess capacity through the Supplemental process.

Please remember that each Participant is required to carry 15% capacity reserves. If the staff determines that a Participant is not carrying sufficient reserves, we have the responsibility to purchase reserves to fulfill the requirement. The costs would be allocated back to the Participants based on their shortfall of the reserve requirement.

kW at Delivery Point

Deficit Reserve Capacity

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
Year 2026 Annual Subscription
Under Supplemental Power Supply Policy
between
Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
and

(Participant)

In accordance with the MEAG Supplemental Power Supply Policy, the Undersigned Participant hereby elects to: (all Participants must elect one option and return)

- (i) _____ (Opt-out) Acquire the necessary resources for its Supplemental Power Supply Requirements itself;
- (ii) _____ (Annual Self Supply) Acquire the necessary resources for its Supplemental Power Supply Requirements for the Power Supply year itself through an Inter-Participant Transfer (IPT) Agreement or off system purchase power contract;
- (iii) _____ (Subscription) Subscribe to one or more of the power supply alternatives identified in the attached Nomination Form in specific amounts;
- (iv) _____ (Agent – default option) Designate MEAG as its agent to nominate and acquire any combination of resources to optimize their Supplemental Power Supply Requirements. Please specify agency limitations if any, _____; (If no form is returned by specified deadlines, this option will be used by default)

For Participants with excess capacity

Unless otherwise instructed by the specified deadlines, MEAG will allocate excess capacity to be sold to deficit Participants as supplemental at \$59.40/kW-Yr plus the hourly energy market price or for reserves at \$19.80/kW-Yr at DP. Supplemental will be allocated first, then any remaining amounts will be allocated to reserves.

- (v) _____ (Opt-out of sales) Retain excess resources and not sell excess capacity through the Supplemental process.

By executing this Authorization Agreement, Participant understands that MEAG will aggregate all MEAG Participant nominations and attempt to contract for the total amount of Participant supplemental power supply requirements nominated under this Annual Subscription. Participant also understands that MEAG will purchase the capacity necessary to ensure that system planning reserve requirements are met and assign this capacity for one or more years to those Participants deemed capacity deficient. Participant agrees that these reserve capacity purchases may be made at “market” prices from other Participants.

Participant agrees to and accepts the above nomination, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Participant: _____

By: _____

_____,
Mayor or other authorized representative

Law Enforcement Officer Oath of Office

It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the American public. Serving as a law enforcement officer in a democratic society requires officers always perform their sacred duties in a way that recognizes, respects, and protects the rights of the citizens they serve. Failing to perform to these standards erodes the public trust and their agency's legitimacy. It is for these reasons, each public officer takes an Oath of Office prior to assuming their duties. Prior to the 2025 Georgia Legislative session, OCGA 45-3-1, (3), (4), (5) provided specific language for public offices. However, there was no standard format required of police agencies.¹

Specifically, all public officers must:

1. Take an oath of office
2. Take any oath proscribed by the Constitution of Georgia;
3. Swear he/she is not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due to the State or any political subdivision or authority thereof;
4. Swear he/she is not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which he or she is by the laws of the State of Georgia prohibited from holding;
5. Swear he/she is otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; and
6. Swear he/she will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State.

During the 2025 legislative session the language for a police officer's oath of office was specified as:

"I, (name of person taking oath), hereby swear or affirm that I will faithfully, fairly, and without malice or partiality uphold the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as any ordinances which I am authorized to enforce, to the best of my ability and support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia. So help me God."²

In addition, the bill also authorized the oath could be conducted by the chief executive officer of the agency or any authorized judicial official and such oath may be filed in and entered in the records of that agency.

Finally, an agency may administer additional oaths that contain provisions not specifically prescribed and enumerated in this Code section; provided, however, that such oaths, and any language in addition to the language set forth in this Code section, shall be deemed aspirational only and of no legal effect in any civil or criminal proceeding.

However, it is not clear if the language outlined in OCGA 45-3-1, (3), (4), and (5), are still applicable. This must be clarified by the legislature. For this reason, it is recommended the language from 45-3-1 be included. A sample oath is included below. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police at 770-495-9650.

¹ OCGA 45-3-1, (3), (4), (5) Oaths Required in Addition to Oath of Office and Constitutional Oath

² OCGA 45-3-7 Oaths of Sheriffs, Deputies, and Peace Officers.

Planning Commission Members – 2025

1) Jonathan Eady

1216 Wesley Street

Oxford, GA 30054

(770) 788-8993

Jonathan.Eady@AGG.com

Term expires December 2021

2) Juanita Carson

1223 Wesley Street

Oxford, GA 30054

(678) 658-7964

Fundy456@cooper.net

Term expires December 2021

3) Mike McQuaide

1026 Emory Street

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mmcquai@emory.edu

Term expires December 2022

4) Mary Glenn Landt

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mgmeghan@gmail.com

Term expires January 2025

5) Troy Willis

1306 Emory Street

Oxford, GA 30054

troy3345@att.net

Term expires June 2026

6) Dave Huber's Term Expired July 2025

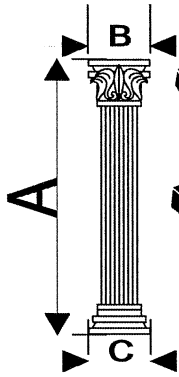
**City of Oxford, Georgia Asbury Street Park Playground Enhancement
Construction of Climbing/Sitting Knee Wall
Call for Bids**

May 15, 2025

The city of Oxford, Georgia seeks a local masonry company to install a stone knee wall as part of an effort to enhance its Asbury Street Park.

- The wall will extend along the curved western, southern, and eastern edges of the playground area, following the existing line between the mulched and grassy areas (see illustration below).
- The height of the wall should be 18"-24" – varying with the topography to create a level top.
- The purposes of the wall will be to provide seating, a safely walkable/climbable playground element for children, and a delineating landscape feature to enhance the natural aesthetic of the park.
- The bid should include PER LINEAR FOOT costs for materials and installations together.
- The actual length of the wall will be based on available city budget, but not less than eighty feet.
- The bid should include costs for TWO STYLE choices: 1) stacked stone veneers over cinder block to match the materials and style on the park pavilion; and 2) stacked boulder/rip rap akin to the wall around the periphery of "The Old Church" front lawn at 1011 Wesley Street Oxford, GA 30054.
- The construction period is preferably through the month of June 2025. The city wishes to have FINAL BILLING on this project by Noon June 27, 2025 so we may pay this project out of our FY 2025 budget.
- Please understand proof of \$1,000,000 in current liability insurance will be required for any qualified contractor.
- We will also need assurance that your company is in compliance with the State of Georgia's E-Verify Program.
- Bids must be addressed to City Manager Bill Andrew at Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, GA 30054 and received by 3:00 PM on TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025. Bids may be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to bandrew@oxfordgeorgia.org
- Contact City Manager Bill Andrew with questions at 770-786-7004 or bandrew@oxfordgeorgia.org (Please note, City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day.)

PLEASE NOTE: Asbury Street Park is located at 104 W. Watson Street, Oxford, GA 30054



DESIGNED INSTALLATIONS

Construction Co.

215 STONE LEA DRIVE OXFORD, GA 30054 PHONE 706-410-8717
EMAIL: timmartin03@gmail.com

ESTIMATE

City of Oxford

DATE: 6-9-25

TO: Jody Reid

RE: Oxford City park knee wall

Mobilization

Construct a 220' long 20" high Knee wall with two 4' openings as discussed.

Granite option will include sand/Portland joints and footers 16-18" wide \$61,750.00

Manufactured stone option will include a concrete footer, 12" wide CMU wall

Manufactured stone sides and a manufactured stone cap to match existing \$62,850.00

General site cleanup

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Tim Martin

SPLOST 2023 EXPENDITURE REPORT
6/16/2025

	<u>Original Allocation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Remaining Available*</u>
Water and Sewer Improvements	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000
Roads, Streets, Bridges and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 675,000	\$ 105,015	\$ 569,985
Parks and Recreation	\$ 398,496	\$ 46,525	\$ 351,971
Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 250,000	\$ 55,426	\$ 194,574
TOTAL	\$ 2,823,496	\$ 206,966	\$ 2,616,530
*Limited to balance available in checking account			
4/30/2025 Reconciled Bank Balance: \$782,912.49			

Expenditure Detail

Date	Item	Water/Sewer	Roads/Streets	Parks & Rec	Public Safety
2/19/2024	2024 Ford Explorer				\$ 44,210
3/25/2024	Chargers for New Vehicles				\$ 329
6/14/2024	Ford Explorer Uplifting				\$ 9,598
9/20/2024	Graphics for Ford Explorer				\$ 950
9/20/2024	Sidewalks - Soule to USPS		\$ 2,750		
11/4/2024	Two Monitors and Docking for New Position				\$ 340
11/5/2024	Replace cameras at Asbury St. Park			\$ 25,588	
12/23/2024	Sidewalks - Soule to USPS		\$ 1,233		
1/31/2025	Sidewalks - Soule to USPS		\$ 5,508		
4/7/2025	Replace water fountains at Asbury St. Park			\$ 20,937	
4/21/2025	Sidewalks - Soule to Richardson		\$ 95,524		
6/3/2025	Sidewalks - Soule to Richardson		\$ 13,928		
committed FY 25	Sidewalks - Soule to Richardson		\$ 270,482		
committed FY 25	Place sand on green at Asbury St. Park			\$ 7,078	
committed FY 25	Active Threat/Shooter Equipment				\$ 20,000
committed FY 26	3 Trails Project			\$ 314,893	
committed FY 26	Gazebo for Asbury St. Park			\$ 30,000	
committed FY 26	Sidewalks - Soule to USPS		\$ 203,980		
Totals		\$ -	\$ 593,404	\$ 398,496	\$ 75,426

FY2026 Capital Budget Approved 6/2/2025

Project Description	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Five-Year Total	Comments
General							
AV System Council Chamber/Courtroom	300,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	900,000	
Land acquisition	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000	Interest earned from GA Fund 1 set aside for land acquisition
Parks, Landscapes, and Recreation	3,947,516	1,250,000	200,000	-	-	5,397,516	
Catova Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail	1,027,118					1,027,118	\$900K in Congressional funding
Nature Parks on Giles and Little properties		200,000	200,000			400,000	Plan and implement improvements
Coke Street Trail from Watson to Richardson Street		400,000				400,000	Preliminary plan complete; design/engineering and construction remains
2 Trails Project	2,815,398	500,000				3,315,398	\$200K added to original grant amount for contingency cost overruns in original scope
Gazebo for Asbury Street Park	30,000					30,000	cost is a placeholder pending quote
Asbury St. Park Parking	75,000	150,000				225,000	
Streets, Drains, Sidewalks, and Street Lamps	883,579	1,150,000	1,652,991	50,000	2,122,546	5,859,116	
Emory Street Sidewalk Replacement (Post Office to Soule St.)	617,079					617,079	
Street Repairs and Resurfacing (annual schedule)			1,602,991		1,072,546	2,675,537	
E. Clark Street Improvements	100,000	700,000				800,000	FY 26 - engineering, FY 27 - construction costs
Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements	60,000	50,000	50,000		50,000	260,000	audit and prioritization schedule needed
Emory Street/Highway 81 Bridge and Connectivity over I-20					1,000,000	1,000,000	Assumes cost-sharing with GDOT and City of Covington
City-Wide Complete Streets Plan and Development	100,000	400,000				500,000	Might be eligible for GDOT funding
6 foot bush hog (replacement for tractor bushhog)	6,500					6,500	
Electric Utility	440,000	367,500	120,000	-	-	927,500	
Electric System Improvements	140,000	120,000	120,000			380,000	Annual pole replacement and system upgrades
Smart Meters						300,000	
Large Bucket Truck	300,000	247,500				547,500	
Water and Sewer Utility	655,880	2,773,700	798,000	-	-	4,227,580	
Water Line Replacement (CDBG project)	100,000	2,473,700				2,573,700	
Smart Meters	300,000					300,000	
Decommission of transite pipe water line on Wesley Street	50,000					50,000	needs to be taken out of service
Water Line Replacement Godfrey St. (new CDBG project)	100,000	300,000				400,000	engineering in FY 2026, construction in FY 2027
Sewer Easement Rehabilitation Project	80,000					80,000	
Haygood Water/Sewer Line			798,000			798,000	3,192,000 of cost covered by external funds
Turkey Creek Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project	25,880					25,880	
TOTAL	6,226,975	5,691,200	2,920,991	200,000	2,272,546	17,311,712	

FY2026 Capital Budget Approved 6/2/2025

Account Number		Project Description	FY2026							
			Cost	Capital/Gold Reserve	Georgia Fund 1	Water/Sewer Capital	Electric Capital	SPLOST 2023 Allocations	External Funds	Totals
350.1500.117100.000		Land Acquisition	150,000		150,000					150,000
350.1565.542500.001		A/V Upgrades in Council Room/Court Room	150,000	150,000						150,000
350.6200.541200.003		Catova Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail	1,027,118	127,118				900,000		1,027,118
350.6200.541200.013		2 Trails Project	2,815,398	500,505				314,893	2,000,000	2,815,398
350.6200.542401.002		Gazebo for Asbury St Park	30,000					30,000		30,000
350.6200.542401.003		Parking for Asbury St Park	75,000	75,000						75,000
350.4200.541200.004		E. Clark Street Improvements	100,000	100,000						100,000
323.4224.541203.003		Emory Street Sidewalk Replacement (Post Office to Soule St)	617,079		413,099			203,980		617,079
350.4210.521500.001		City-Wide Complete Streets Plan and Development	100,000	100,000						100,000
350.4250.541200.019		Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements	60,000	60,000						60,000
350.4400.542100.004		6 foot bushhog (replacement for tractor bushhog)	6,500	6,500						6,500
510.4601.541402.001		Electric System Improvements	140,000				140,000			140,000
505.4400.542500.002		Smart Meters	600,000				300,000			600,000
510.4601.542500.002		Water Line Replacement (CDBG Project)	100,000				100,000			100,000
505.4400.541401.001		Water Line Replacement (CDBG Project)	100,000				100,000			100,000
505.4400.541401.003		Water Line Replacement Godfrey St. (new CDBG project)	100,000				50,000			50,000
505.4400.541401.002		Decommission of transite pipe water line on Wesley St.	80,000				80,000			80,000
505.4331.541400.023		Sewer Easement Rehabilitation Project	25,880				25,880			25,880
505.4331.541400.024		Turkey Creek Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project								
TOTALS			6,226,975	1,119,123	563,099	655,880	440,000	548,873	2,900,000	6,226,975

Reconciled Balances as of 3/31/2025	
Capital Projects + Gold Reserve	1,550,382
SPLOST 2023	782,912
Water/Sewer Capital	2,225,403
Electric Capital	801,826
Georgia Fund 1	3,680,989
Total Local Funds Available	9,041,513
External Sources	3,900,000
Total Funds Available	12,941,513

estimate 600,000 additional receipts by end of FY 2026

City Manager Update Notes – August 18, 2025

- 1) **Groundswell - Solar For All Grant** – For an update on this funding, please see the attached emails from Groundswell staff. It is anticipated we will discuss this further in executive session.
- 2) **Bids for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)** – Four bids (totaling over 350 pages) were received by Carter and Sloope for the AMI system we are looking to install for water and electricity. The engineers are putting together a synopsis of the bids and will be setting up an effort to further evaluate the bids so we may plan to discuss awarding the AMI project at our Work Session on September 15 and a vote being on October 6.
- 3) **Whatcoat Street Update** –As reported earlier, the lighting plan was approved, and the fixtures are on order. The price for the light fixtures, wiring, and installation is \$87,887.50. This currently leaves us with a balance of \$167,707.50 in that project account. Unless we encounter some unknown issue, we do not anticipate any other costs and will be well under budget for this project. The original contract budget for this project was \$620,864.
- 4) **Stormwater Project for Emory Street, near E. Wade Street** – You may recall the flooding caused by the angle of the sidewalk and lack of drainage infrastructure south of the intersection of E. Wade Street and Emory Street. This project has been permitted, and we are working on releasing a Request for Proposals on August 23/24 in the Covington News and the State Procurement Registry. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$37,778 with an additional 20% contingency of \$7,556 for total estimate of \$45,334.
- 5) **Emory Street Sidewalk Phase 2** - This application was originally submitted in August of 2024. On May 15, 2025, I signed the final GDOT construction permit for the second phase of the sidewalk project, which will replace the old, substandard sidewalk with a five-foot width and the decorative lighting from W. Soule Street to the US Post Office. The construction plans were approved by GDOT on June 13, but we are still waiting for the approval for the utility permit. We have put Peach State on notice for a budget meeting to work on an updated budget as costs have changed from when pricing was originally put together. Updated final quantity data has been sent to Peach State so they can review this information and make a final comparison with their original pricing. We will be working to get these new costs incorporated into a contract for the Council to consider. Keck and Wood have asked GDOT to provide a contact we can work with to learn why this permit has not yet been granted.
- 6) **Economic Development Plan and Marketing with ECG**
 - a. On July 17, Robert Lane (Main Street Land & Properties) and I met with the economic development team from ECG. They are working with us to market the Whatcoat Building and the Town Green.
 - b. ECG has suggested the DDA consider using their staff resources to participate in a visioning process to create a cohesive and updated understanding of the mission and goals of the DDA.

From: [Michelle Moore](#)
To: [Ronald Newman](#)
Cc: seruralpower@groundswell.org; [Matthew Wesley Williams](#)
Subject: UPDATE AS OF THIS MORNING Re: Update on EPA Announcement re Solar for All (SE Rural Power)
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Good morning, everyone.

I'm writing you all with a timely update and an initial brief on Groundswell's plan forward.

As of last night, EPA distributed termination letters to all Solar for All awardees, including Groundswell. Importantly, the Solar for All program is and has been fully contracted since the middle of last year, and the T&C do not allow for termination for convenience (only for cause). As such, Groundswell, and most if not all of the 60 Solar for All awardees, will be contesting the termination.

In the interim, our team will be continuing to move this important work forward so that ***WHEN*** the Solar for All program is able to move forward once again, we are poised and ready to roll.

In the near term, that means that we will continue forward as planned, including completing the initial selection process based on our RFP that closes today. We have 24MW of local power projects across the Southeast ready to get built, and we are committed to making sure those projects are shovel ready with commitments in place and contracts ready for final signatures as soon as the path forward is cleared. From the responses already in, we are seeing some very good pricing on these projects, and we will be able to talk with you all next time we're together on a call about our strategy here.

Groundswell has experience contending for our region. We are currently pursuing a similar path on a \$20 million grant to six counties across West Georgia and Central and East Alabama to repair homes with energy efficiency and build local resilience hubs with local mayors. In that instance, I would add that our commitment to ***MAINTAIN MOMENTUM*** has welcomed additional resources and partners into the good work - strengthening community development, fixing more houses, and savings more on bills.

As many of you know, this work is how I practice my faith and the call to love our neighbors as ourselves. So at a personal level, this is a calling for me, not a job. I'm gonna keep moving forward in the Spirit and in unity, and I am grateful to work alongside each and all of you in this good work of serving the people and places we love.

With gratitude,

~Michelle

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