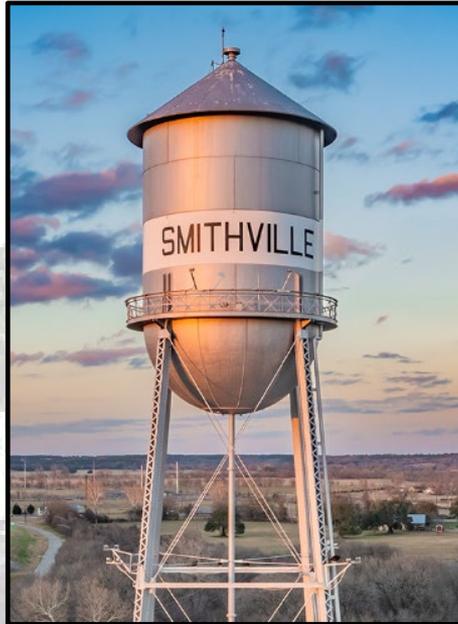


# City of Smithville State of the City Update



**Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

(11:30 am -1:00 pm)

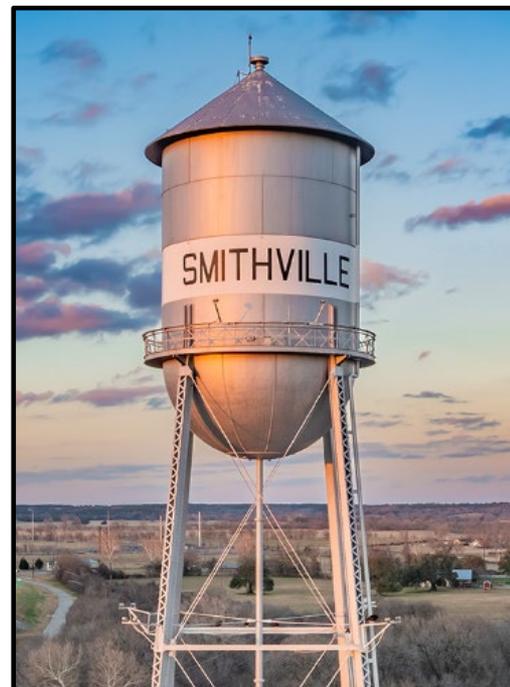


# City of Smithville State of the City Update

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

## Agenda:

- By The Numbers
- Accomplishments / Issues
- Current Projects
- Future Plans
- 5 Things You Need To Know....
- Summary / Q&A



Review accomplishments, issues, projects, and future plans. Answer questions and address concerns.

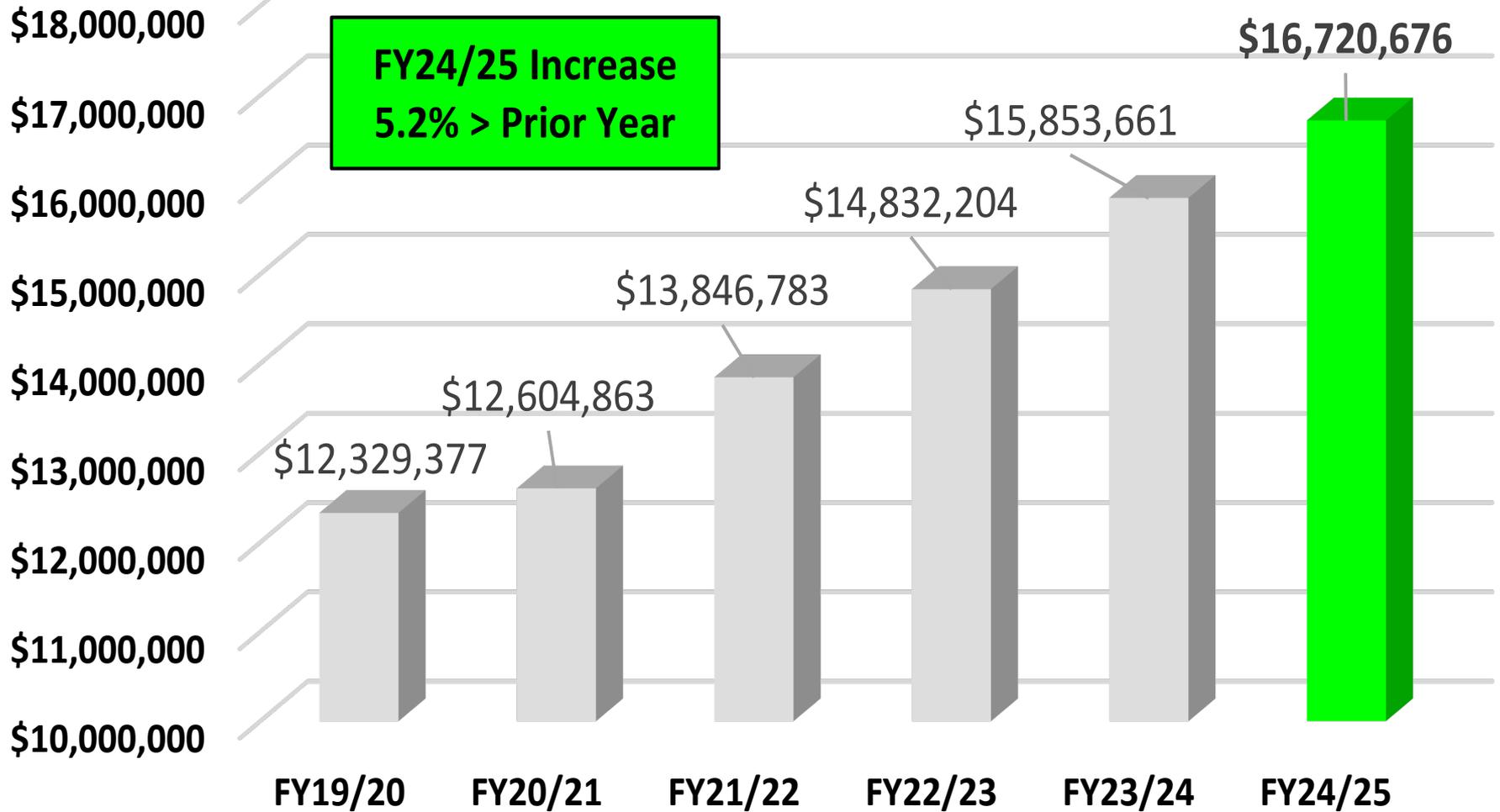
# City of Smithville – By The Numbers

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<u>PRIOR</u>	<u>METRIC</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>TREND</u>
\$866K	<b>SALES TAX</b>	\$891K	
\$45K	<b>HOTEL TAX</b>	\$49K	
\$451M	<b>BCAD VALUES</b>	\$466M	
\$15.8M	<b>BUDGET</b>	\$16.7M	
\$0.5489	<b>TAX RATE</b>	\$0.5889	
\$10M	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	\$9.1M	
35	<b>NEW HOMES</b>	33	

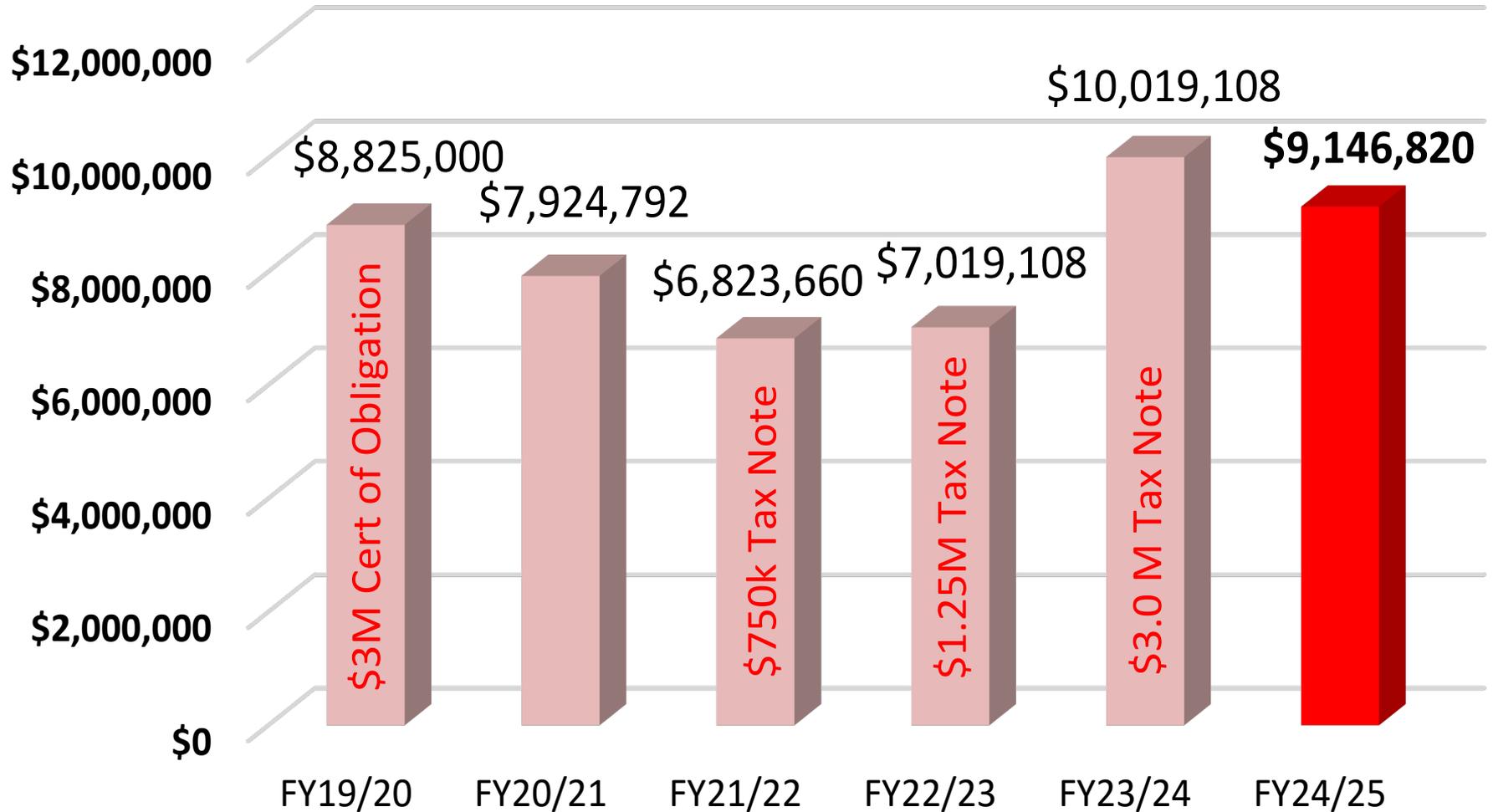
# City of Smithville Budget History

## REVENUES EXCEEDING EXPENSES BY \$200K



# City of Smithville Debt History

## "AA-Minus" Bond Rating



# Accomplishments



# City of Smithville State of the City Update

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## Accomplishments:

- Initiated Comprehensive Plan Process.
- Prepared and adopted FY24/25 balanced budget.
- Received “clean” financial audit for FY23/24. “AA-Minus” Bond Rating.
- Held Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event.
- Completed tub grinding at City leaf & limb (brush) dump.
- Awarded \$3.4M GLO-CDBG MIT-MOD grant funding for Drainage Improvement on Harper Street and SISD high school.
- Began construction of Career Tracks Innovation Center.
- Began construction of NW/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> and Loop 230 Drainage Improvements.
- Completed 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalks and Main Street ADA ramp project
- Acquired Fuel Concession at Smithville Airport.
- Completed WWTF Expansion Study.

**THANKS TO ALL  
COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY PERSONNEL,  
AND SUPPORT STAFF!**



# Current Issues



Tin Man / Brush Dump /  
Loop 230 Detention Pond Dirt Hauling / Main Street Road Closure

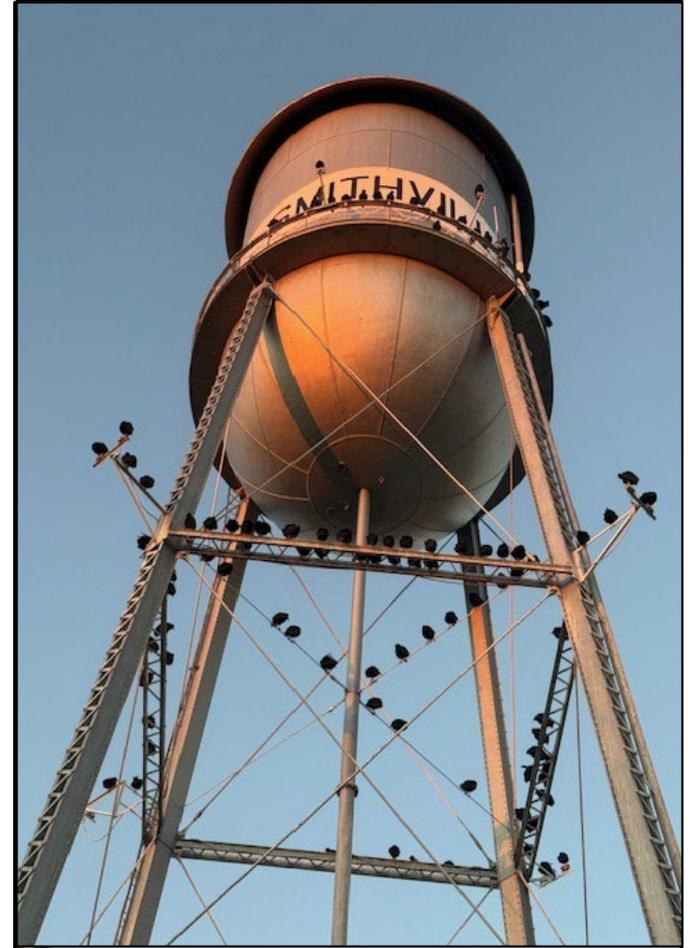


# Current Issues – Tin Man Lighting

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## What's Up w/ the Tin Man?

- Lights on 100k gallon above-ground water tank out.
- Buzzards roosting on lights and railing have caused lights to fail.
- Cost to replace light fixtures is approximately \$8k.
- Need to retrofit rails and light fixtures with buzzard abatement.
- Expect resolution within the next 30-days.



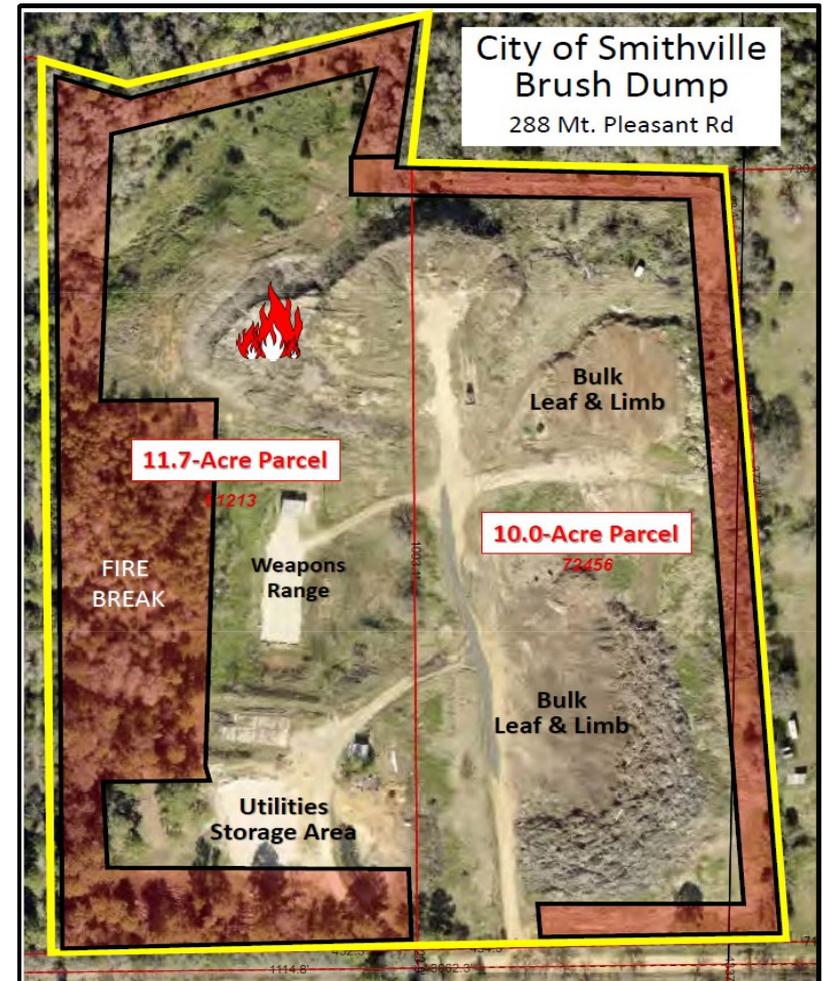


# Current Issues – Brush Dump

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

## Pine Dump Fire – 8/22/24

- Multi-agency response to City Brush Dump when mulch caught fire. Approximately 10-acres burned.
- Brush Dump CLOSED to public. Residential Leaf & Limb service temporarily suspended for 30-days.
- Tub Grinding and mulch removal - \$130k
- Working with Texas Forrest Service to further mitigate fire risk.



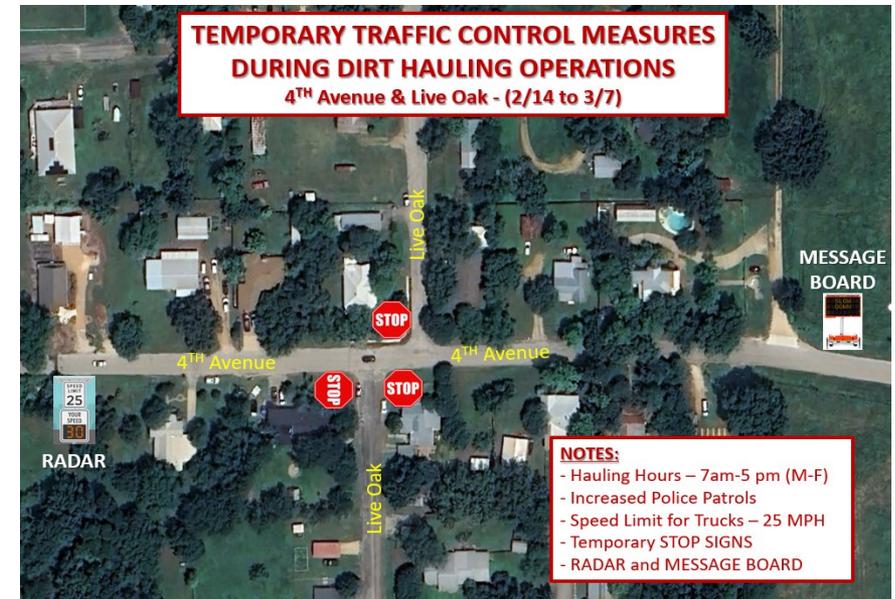


# Loop 230 Detention Pond Dirt Hauling

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## Dirt Hauling Operations

- 50,000 Cubic Yards of Dirt from Loop 230 Detention Pond.
- 150-200 Trucks per day traveling from Loop 230 to City Brush Dump.
- Operating hours are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (M-F).
- Traffic safety measures implemented (e.g., 25-mph speed limit for trucks, STOP signs, and increased traffic patrols along route).

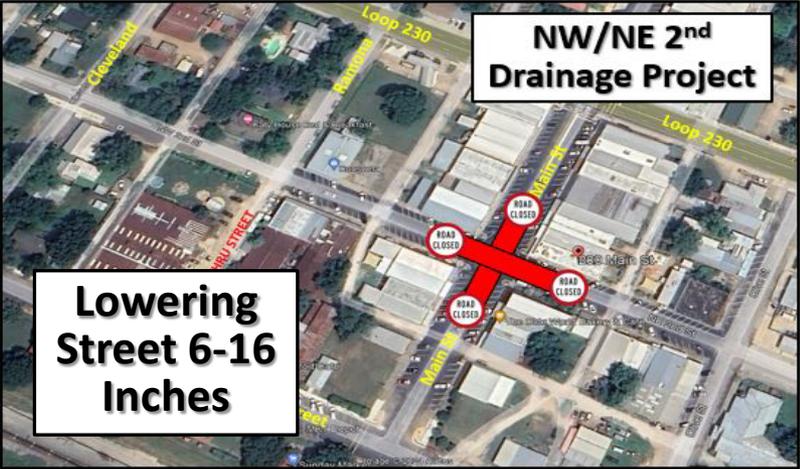




# NW/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Street Closure

## Wednesday, February 26, 2025

**NOTICE – DOWNTOWN ROAD CLOSURE**  
Monday, February 24, 2025 to Friday, March 7, 2025  
(24-Hour Closure)



**Intersection of NW/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Street**  
  **Monday, February 24, 2025 to Friday, March 7, 2025**  
(24-Hours)

WJC Constructors, LLC will begin street renovation on Main Street on **Monday, February 24, 2025**. This will require closure of the intersection indicated above to ensure the SAFETY of all involved.

**NOTES:**

- 1. Sidewalk will remain OPEN at all times.
- 2. Road access along NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from RAMONA to about the midpoint of BELLA'S COTTAGE will be open. Road access from NE 2<sup>nd</sup> from OLIVE to the GENERAL STORE will be open. Otherwise, the intersection of NW/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> and MAIN will remain CLOSED for the duration of this phase of street renovation / drainage project.
- 3. Schedule is approximate and subject to change depending upon the weather.

**Contact City Hall on 512-237-3282 if you have any questions.**

# Infrastructure and Development Projects



# City of Smithville – Infrastructure / Development Projects

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

## Infrastructure Projects:

- Miscellaneous Drainage Projects
- City-wide Water Storage Tank Rehab
- SH95 Expansion / Utilities Relocation
- Main Street / NW 1<sup>st</sup> Sidewalks ADA Ramps
- CDBG MIT MOD Drainage Improvement Project at SISD High School / Jones Road
- GLO-CDBG MIT Regional Drainage Improvement Project(s)
  - NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Improvement – WIP (4a)
  - [Loop 230 Detention Pond – WIP \(4b\)](#)
  - [SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Improvement \(4c\)](#)
  - Bishop / Garwood Drainage Improvement (4d)
- CDBG Wastewater Upgrade on SE 4<sup>th</sup>
- NEW** • FEMA DR-4485 Water Plant Generators
- NEW** • Smithville Airport Lighting Upgrade
- NEW** • Dennis Walker Little League Concession
- NEW** • Camera Installation in City Parks
- NEW** • TDEM-Grid Resiliency Grant
- NEW** • Hurricane Harvey DRRP Grant for WWTF
- NEW** • Brush Dump Fire Mitigation Project
- NEW** • MLK Sidewalk Expansion / Road Repair

## PROJECTS

## Development Projects:

- Hill Road Development – 9 Apartments
- M5 Subdivision – 32 Homes
- The Prairie Subdivision – 27 Homes
- Woodrose Subdivision – 14 Homes
- Enclave Subdivision – 114 Homes
- Garwood Park Subdivision – 16 Homes
- Creekside RV Park – 162 Spaces
- Smithville Industrial Park (69-Acres):
  - Mfg Facility
  - Hotel Chain
  - **Tractor Supply**
- Millspaugh Holdings, Inc.
- SWTC Building Construction
- Gas Station / C-Store / Sonic
- Smithville Solar Two Commissioning
- NEW** • Born-Again Emporium Annexation
- NEW** • TDHCA Home Grant (1 Home)
- NEW** • 35-Acre PDD / Annexation
- NEW** • Loop 230 Detention Pond Annexation
- NEW** • The Yard on Bishop
- NEW** • CARTS Facility Renovation

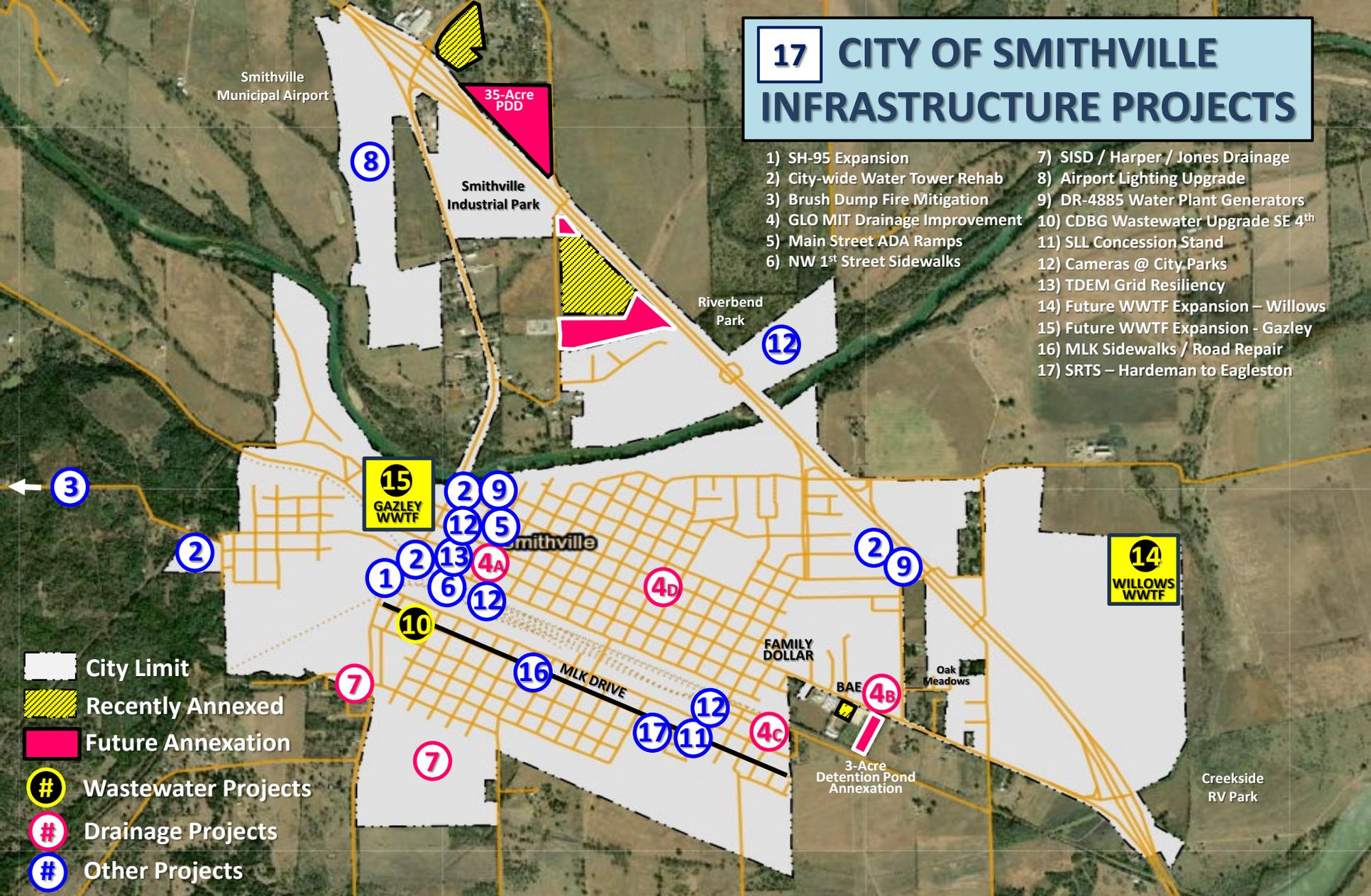
# Infrastructure Projects



# 17 CITY OF SMITHVILLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

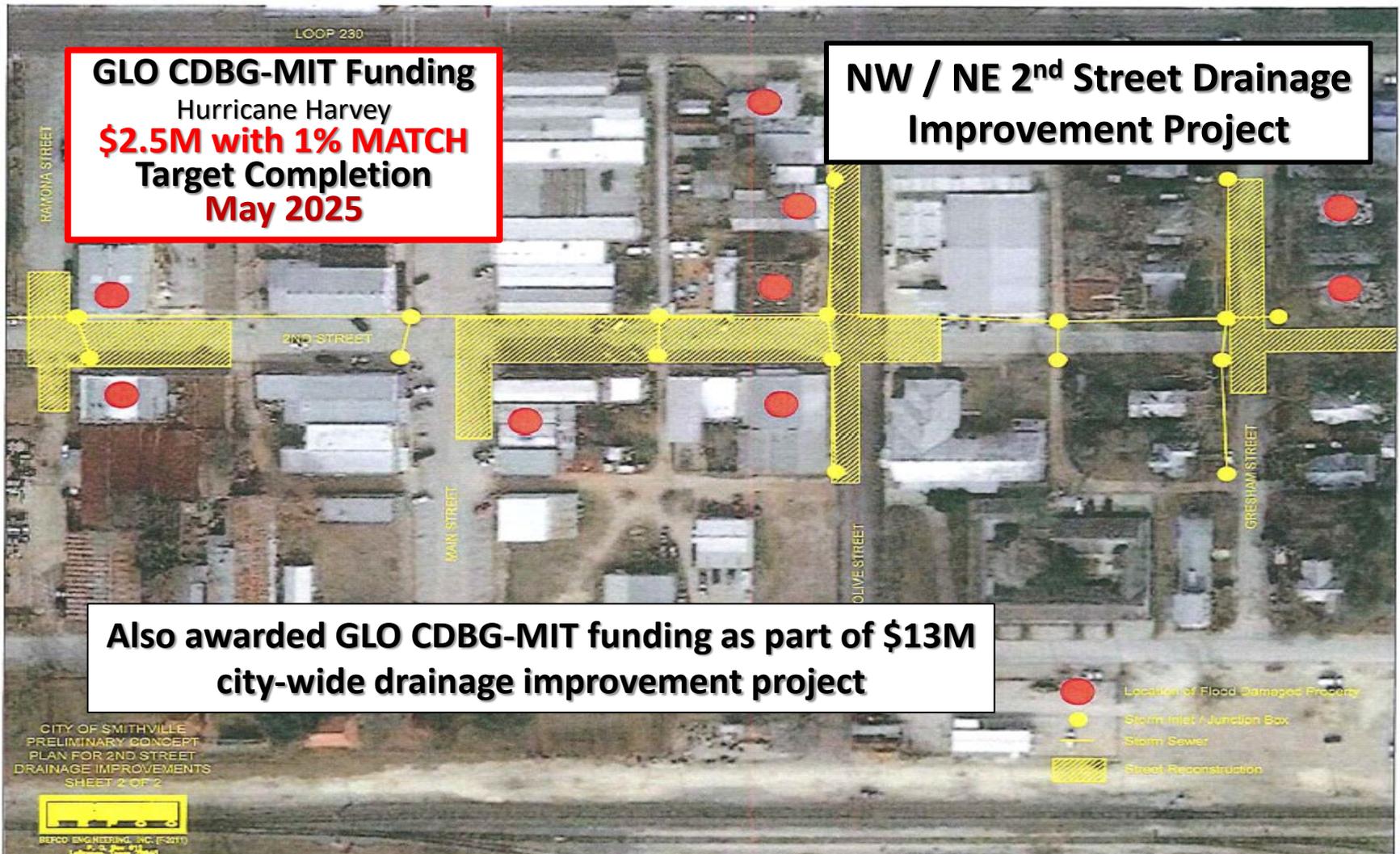
- 1) SH-95 Expansion
- 2) City-wide Water Tower Rehab
- 3) Brush Dump Fire Mitigation
- 4) GLO MIT Drainage Improvement
- 5) Main Street ADA Ramps
- 6) NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalks
- 7) SISD / Harper / Jones Drainage
- 8) Airport Lighting Upgrade
- 9) DR-4885 Water Plant Generators
- 10) CDBG Wastewater Upgrade SE 4<sup>th</sup>
- 11) SLL Concession Stand
- 12) Cameras @ City Parks
- 13) TDEM Grid Resiliency
- 14) Future WWTF Expansion – Willows
- 15) Future WWTF Expansion - Gazley
- 16) MLK Sidewalks / Road Repair
- 17) SRTS – Hardeman to Eagleston

- City Limit
- Recently Annexed
- Future Annexation
- Wastewater Projects
- Drainage Projects
- Other Projects



# Current Infrastructure Projects

UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION





**Bastrop County  
CDBG-DR Funding  
Hurricane Harvey  
\$885k with NO MATCH  
PHASE I  
COMPLETE**

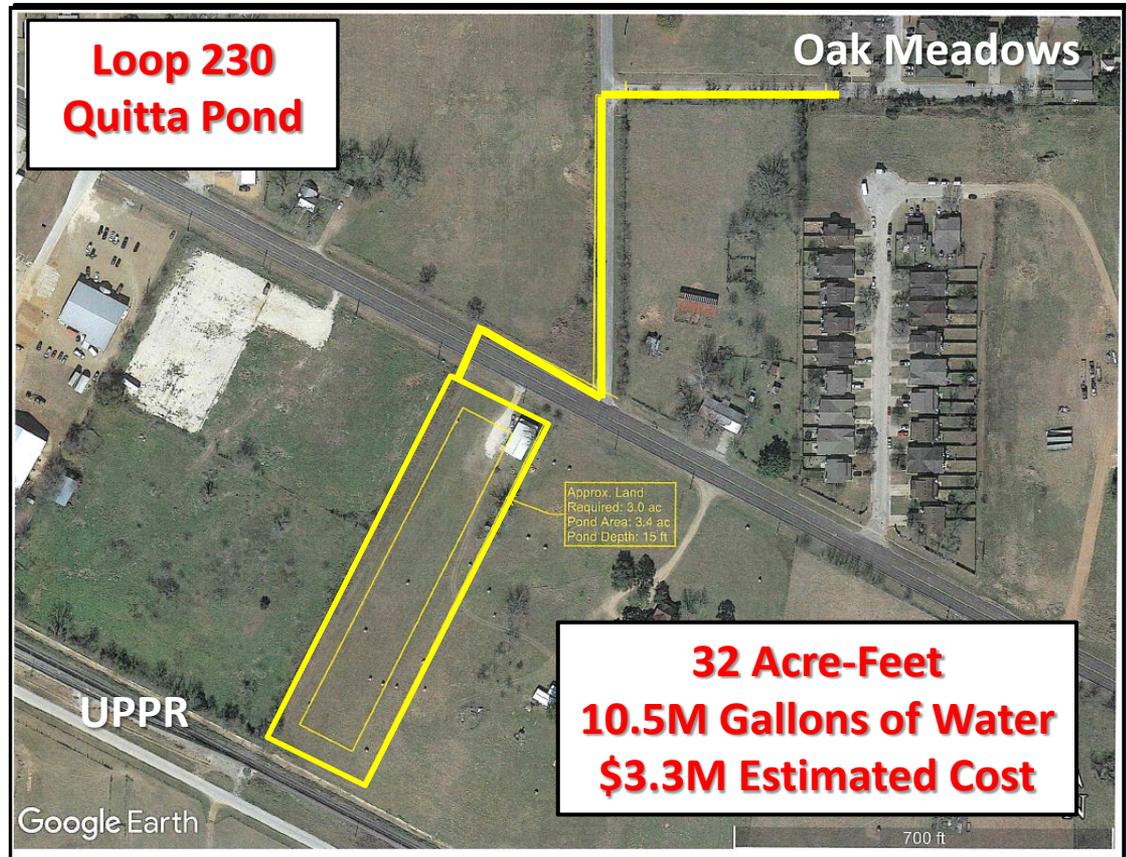


# Current Infrastructure Projects

## GLO CDBG-MIT Drainage Improvements

UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

- **Project 1:**  
NE / NW 2nd Street  
from Gresham to SH95
- **Project 2:**  
SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Drainage  
Improvements
- **Project 3:**  
4th- 6th Street Drainage  
Improvements  
(aka Bishop / Garwood)
- **Project 4:**  
Loop 230 Regional  
Detention Pond  
(Estimated Completion –  
Oct 2025)



**\$13M GLO Grant with 1% Match**

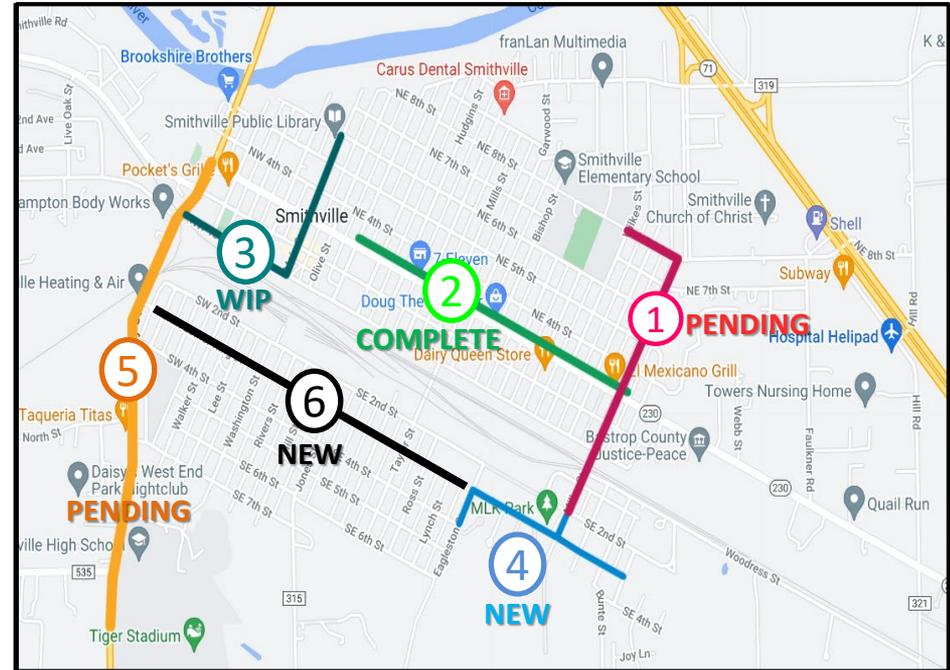
# Current Infrastructure Projects

UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

## Safe-Routes-To-School (SRTS) / TA Set-Aside Sidewalks

- \$2.7M in TXDOT funding for ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps:

- ① • **SRTS Sidewalks** from Smithville Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Marburger / Miller - \$878k  
(PINK LINE - NO MATCH)
- ② • **TA Set-Aside Sidewalks** - Loop 230 from Gresham to McSweeney - \$618k  
(GREEN LINE - \$154k MATCH / FY23)
- ③ • **TA Set-Aside Sidewalks** - Main Street ADA Ramps and 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalks - \$540k  
(TEAL LINE - \$135k MATCH / FY24)
- ④ • **TA Set-Aside Sidewalks** – Hardeman to Eagleston (south) - \$668k  
(LIGHT BLUE LINE - \$120K MATCH – NEW)
- ⑤ • **SH95 Expansion Project** – PENDING
- ⑥ • **MLK Sidewalks and Street Repair** – NEW



### STATUS:

- RFQ Awarded to **KSA Engineering** to design and manage project per Council action on 1/11/21.
- Construction Start: **TBD**

# Current Infrastructure Projects

PENDING

## TRANSPORTATION

Upgrade SH 95 in Smithville to include turn lane with shoulders and pedestrian improvements

### 86(R) SB 1512 – UTILITY RELOCATION

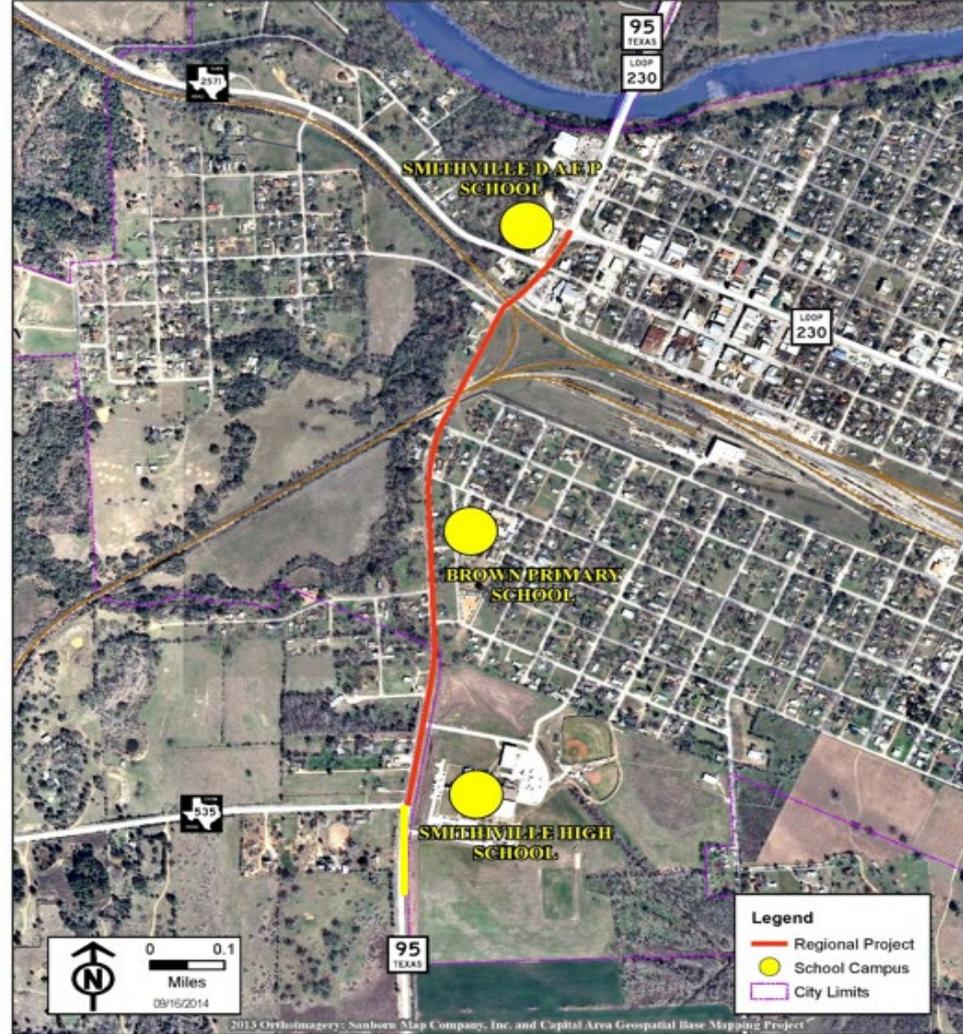
Relating to relief from local matching funds requirements for certain counties.

6/10/2019 - Signed by the Governor.

**PROJECT DELAYED** - pending Union Pacific RR review and approval of TXDOT design.

**DESIGN is 95% COMPLETE**  
**CONSTRUCTION START = JUL 2025**  
**COST = NOW \$18M**  
**ESTIMATE \$6.1M FOR UTILITIES**

CAMPO 2018 Call For Projects – Bastrop County  
State Highway 95 from Loop 230 to Farm to Market Road 535



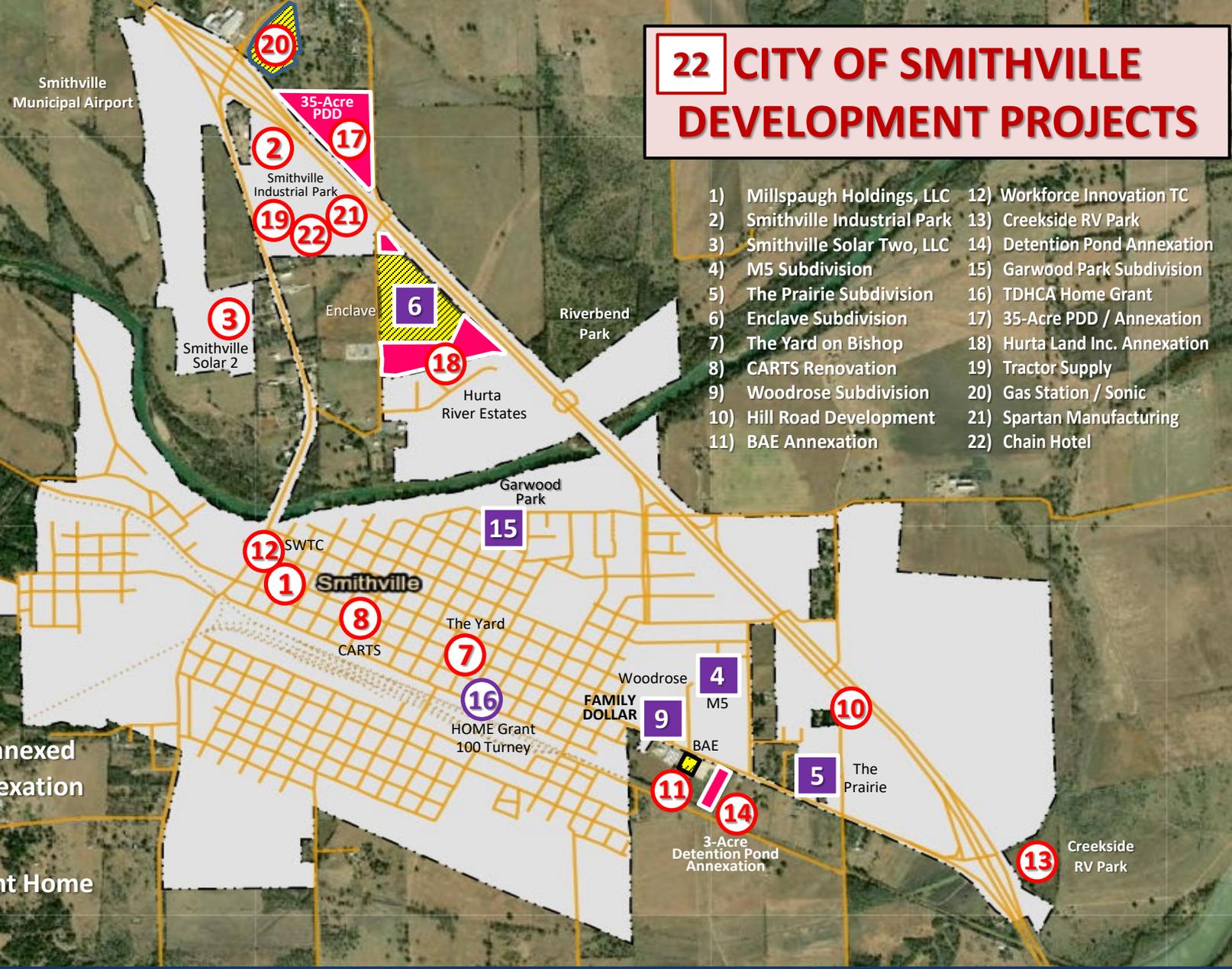
# Development Projects



# 22 CITY OF SMITHVILLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Millspaugh Holdings, LLC   | 12) Workforce Innovation TC    |
| 2) Smithville Industrial Park | 13) Creekside RV Park          |
| 3) Smithville Solar Two, LLC  | 14) Detention Pond Annexation  |
| 4) M5 Subdivision             | 15) Garwood Park Subdivision   |
| 5) The Prairie Subdivision    | 16) TDHCA Home Grant           |
| 6) Enclave Subdivision        | 17) 35-Acre PDD / Annexation   |
| 7) The Yard on Bishop         | 18) Hurta Land Inc. Annexation |
| 8) CARTS Renovation           | 19) Tractor Supply             |
| 9) Woodrose Subdivision       | 20) Gas Station / Sonic        |
| 10) Hill Road Development     | 21) Spartan Manufacturing      |
| 11) BAE Annexation            | 22) Chain Hotel                |

-  City Limit
-  Recently Annexed
-  Future Annexation
-  Subdivision
-  HOME Grant Home
-  Other



# Current Development Projects

PENDING

## Smithville Industrial Park

- 69-Acre Industrial Development on SH95 and Hwy 71. Domain Industries, Inc. (aka Smithville Industrial park).
- Zoning Classification – (I) Industrial
- Mixed Use Commercial Development
- 380 Economic Development Agreement signed 10/13/2016.

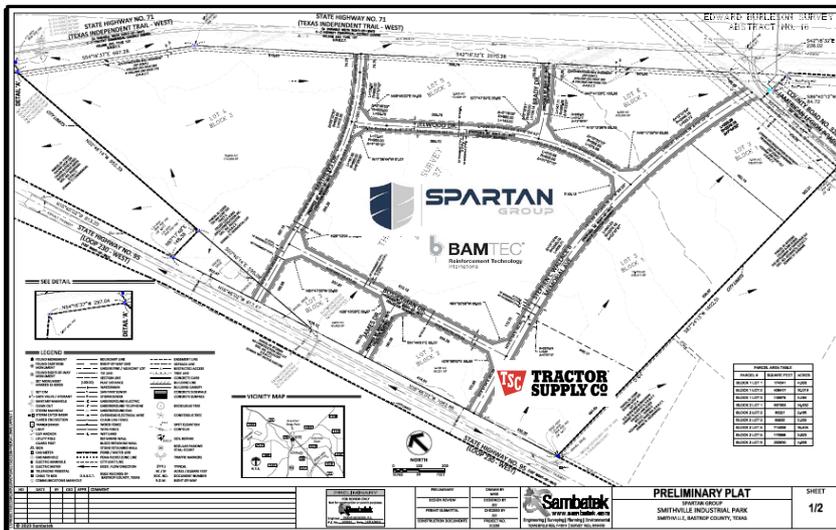


### ISSUES:

- Developer negotiations continue but Economic downturn has stalled project.

### STATUS:

- Multiple variance requests approved by City Council to allow taller building height and block width.
- Preliminary plat submitted / approved by Council on 2/13/23.
- Construction Start: **TBD**



# Current Development Projects

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Workforce Innovation Center

- \$400k St. David's Foundation Grants
- 404 Fawcett – Old Tax Office
- Medical / Dental / Skilled Trades:

HVAC	DENTAL HYGIENE
WELDING	PHLEBOTOMY
PLUMBING	VOCATIONAL NURSING
ELECTRICAL	CDL

- Skilled Trades at Riverbend Pavilion.
- **\$1.25M TDA Grant for Expansion**
- Multiple Partners:



### ISSUES:

- None to Report

### STATUS:

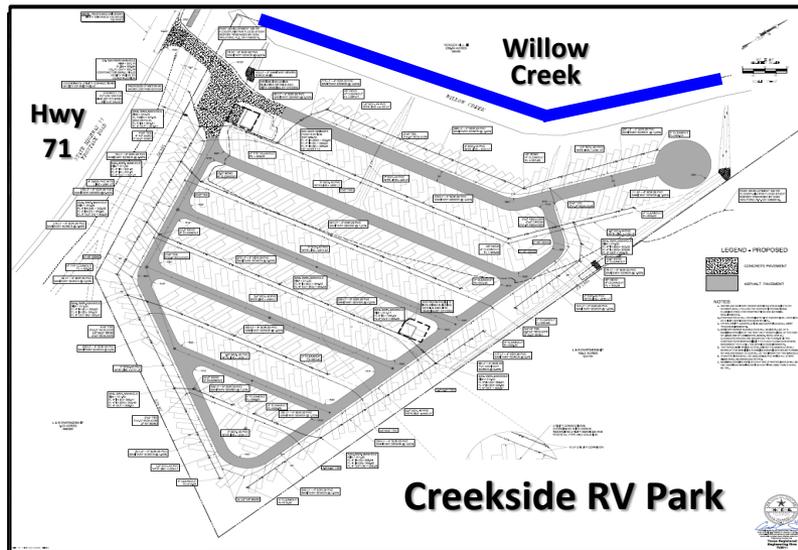
- Hodges Construction - GC
- Construction Start: January 2025
- Construction End: **May 2025**

# Current Development Projects

COMPLETE

## Creekside RV Park

- 162 Space RV Park in Smithville ETJ
- 16-acre tract Hwy 71 East & Loop 230
- \$2.0M Developer Investment
- Development plans approved by County
- 1.5X for utility services (outside city limits)
- Increase tourism / sales tax
- Construction Start: MAY 2022



### ISSUES:

- None to Report

### STATUS:

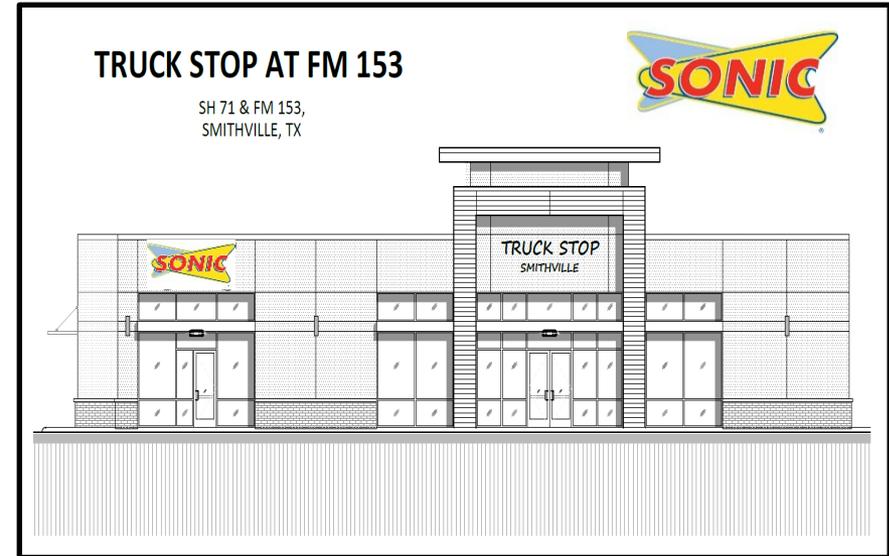
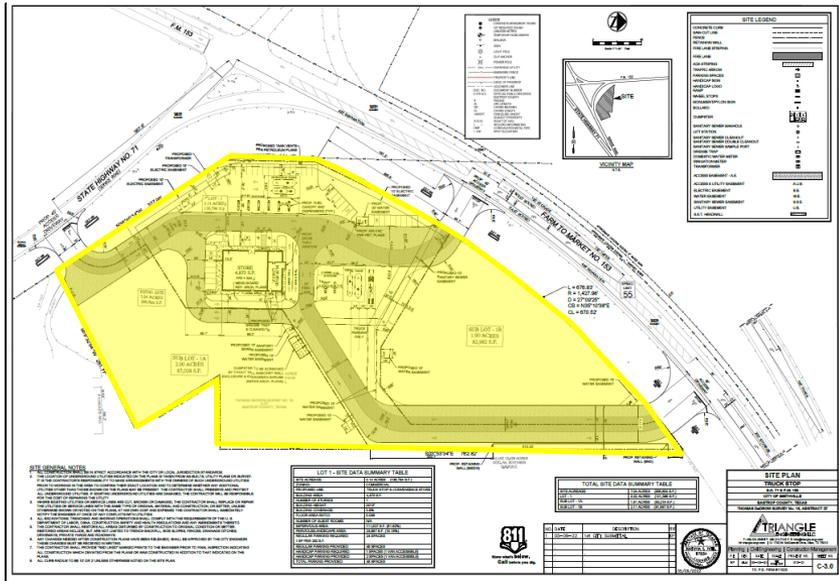
- Water extension (outside City Limits) approved by City Council on 10/21/19 and paid by Developer.
- Construction End: DEC 2024.
- **RV Park OPEN for Business!**

# Current Development Projects

PENDING

## C-Store / Gas Station / QSR

- 7.04-acre tract @ FM-153 & HWY-71
- Voluntary Annexation (380 Agreement)
- \$2M Developer Investment
- 6-10 New Jobs to be created.
- Increase Sales / Property Tax Revenue
- Construction Start: **Summer 2025**



### ISSUES:

- None to Report

### STATUS:

- City to provide Wastewater Service (50% Cost Share)
- Seeking Zone Change from SF1 to C3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party review of construction plans - **COMPLETE**

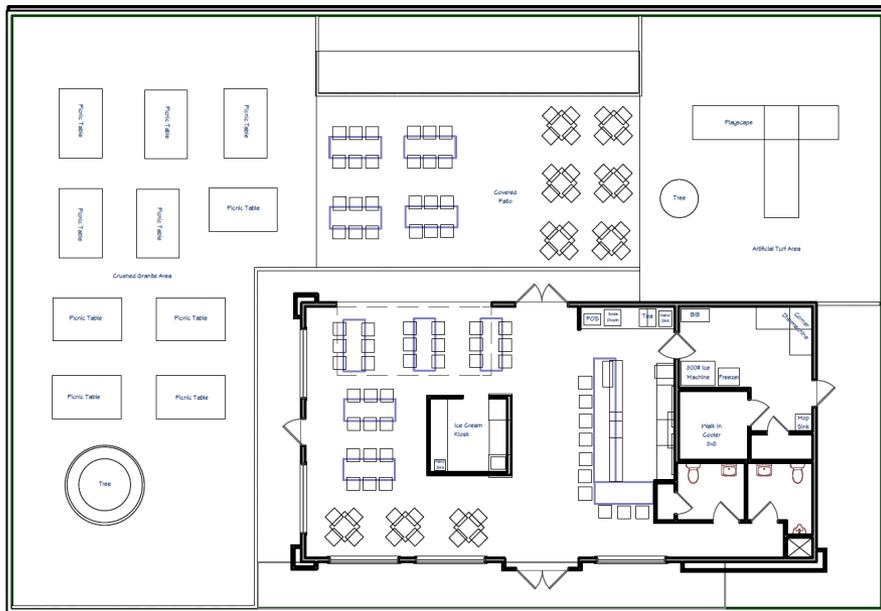
**NEW**

# Current Development Projects

**PENDING**

## The Yard on Bishop

- New Restaurant / Eatery
- Loop 230 and 301 Bishop Street
- Zoned C3 (Highway Commercial)
- \$750k Developer Investment
- Construction Start: **Spring 2025**
- Construction End: TBD



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN



### ISSUES:

- None to Report

### STATUS:

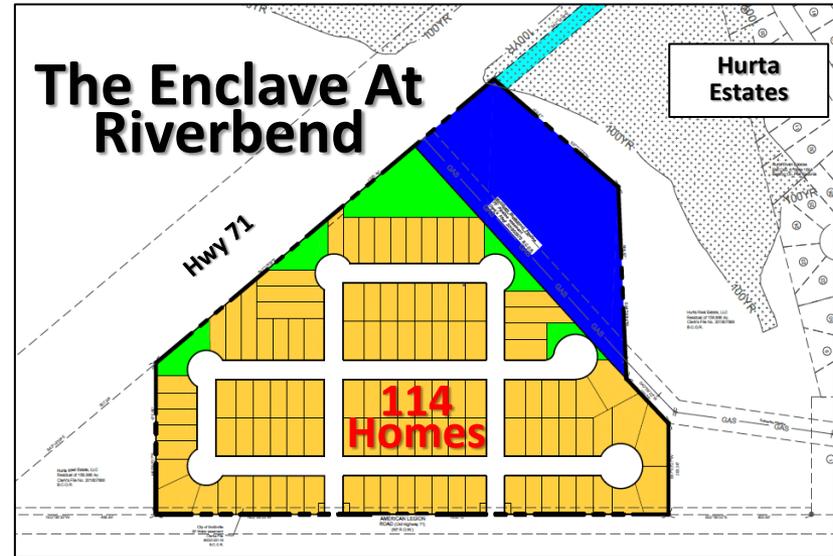
- Variance requests for rear and front-yard setbacks and wooden fence were granted on April 8, 2024.
- Construction plans submitted for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party review by City. Approval - **PENDING**

# Current Development Projects

PENDING

## Smithville Land Partners, LLC

- 35-acre Subdivision – 114 Homes
- Zoning – Single Family Residence (SF1)
- **Estimated Value = \$40,000,000**
- \$4.5M Developer Investment
- Lot Size: 50' x 130' = 6,500 sq. ft.
- 1,500 to 1,800 sq. ft. homes
- Target Price Range = \$350k



### ISSUES:

- Variance requests for 5-ft side-yard setbacks and 50% lot coverage - PENDING

### STATUS:

- Voluntary Annexation, 380 Eco Development Agreement – June 2022. Preliminary Re-Plat approved Dec 2024.
- Construction Plans re-submitted – **PENDING APPROVAL**
- Developer selected DR Horton as Builder and seeking PID. Construction Start - **TBD**

### DR Horton



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**150+**  
**NEW HOMES**  
IN THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS

**GARWOOD PARK / WOODROSE PLACE / ENCLAVE / THE PRAIRIE**

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## FUTURE PLANS



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## FUTURE PLANS (Next 6-9 Months):

- Implement Impact Fees
- Update / Adopt Subdivision Ordinance
- Support and Promote Comprehensive Plan
- Develop Public Improvement District (PID) Ordinance
- Complete NW/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Improvement Project
- Complete Loop 230 Detention Pond Project
- Complete Career Tracks Innovation Center
- Complete TFS Fire Mitigation at Brush Dump
- Notify WMI regarding Solid Waste Contract RFP
- Complete FY24/25 prioritized projects and plans
- Initiate FY25/26 Budget Process



# FY24/25 List of Projects / Plans for Consideration (By Priority)

Item #	Description	Recommend By:	Priority	Category	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Comments	Status
1	Tub Grinding @ Brush Dump	COS	1	Safety	\$110,000	TAX NOTE	\$40k (Grind) / \$70k (Removal)	COMPLETE
2	Develop New Protocols @ Brush Dump	COS	1	Safety	TBD	GF	Brush Dump Closed. Leaf/Limb Ops Suspended	COMPLETE
3	Hire Building Inspector	COS	1	Personnel	\$85,000	GF	Budgeted Expense. 1099 Contractor	COMPLETE
4	Hire Maintenance Worker	COS	1	Personnel	\$55,000	GF	Budgeted Expense. Includes salary + benefits	COMPLETE
5	Update Economic Development Plan	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	\$0	GF	Validate strategy, tools, and KPI's	WIP
6	GLO CDBG-MIT Drainage Improvement	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$130,000	TAX NOTE	Four (4) projects. \$13M w/ 1% MATCH	WIP
7	GLO CDBG-MIT RCP (Comp Plan)	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$0	GLO	\$300k with NO MATCH	WIP
8	SWTC Innovation Center Construction	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	Cost = \$1.4M (\$1.25M TDA grant / COS \$200k)	WIP
9	Install Cameras in City Parks	COS	1	Safety	\$50,000	TAX NOTE	MLK Park, Dennis Walker Fields, <b>Brush Dump</b> , VMP, <b>Riverbend Park</b> , RR Park	WIP
10	Purchase 10k-gallon Fuel Tank at Airport	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$5,000	TXDOT	(\$50k. Match = 90/10 TXDOT RAMP grant	COMPLETE
11	Airport Lighting Upgrade Project	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$154,000	TAX NOTE	New runway lighting and ground beacon	WIP
12	Purchase Hangars @ 84R	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$37,500	TAX NOTE	Three (3) Hangars = \$375k w/ 10% MATCH	COMPLETE
13	Implement ERP / CRM system	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	\$200k (2023 TAX NOTE)	WIP
14	Implement Impact Fees	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	\$15,000	GF / UF	9-12 months to develop Ordinance	WIP
15	Update Subdivision and STR Ordinance	COS	1	Administrative	\$15,000	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
16	Identify Cost Savings. Increase Revenue	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF / UF	Increase Rec Center, Airport, Recycling Revenue	WIP
17	Panic Button / Security Door @ City Hall	COS	1	Safety	\$35,000	ARPA	Door, Panic Buttons, and Access	COMPLETE
18	Attract New Businesses, Jobs, & Housing	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF	Leverage partnerships, marketing, and ED tools	WIP
19	Increase Tourism, Sales Tax, and HOT	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF	Work w/ Chamber, DBA, Bastrop Eco Dev	WIP
20	Complete WWTF Expansion Study	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$165,000	ARPA / CO	Final Study completed and published	COMPLETE
21	Street Paving / Road Repair	COS	1	Maintenance	\$125,000	GF	Repave by condition, priority, and cost	COMPLETE
22	Concession Stand @ Dennis Walker Field	COS	1	Community	\$50,000	TAX NOTE	Build new concession stand	WIP
23	Purchase Patrol Cars for PD	COS	1	Safety	\$130,000	TAX NOTE	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
24	Purchase Capital Equipment for PW	COS	1	Maintenance	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	Backhoe, Mowers, Leaf Machine	COMPLETE
25	Develop / Adopt Balanced Budget	COS	1	Finance	Staff Time	GF / UF	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
26	Maintain SPL Accreditation Status	COS	1	Community	Staff Time	GF	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
27	Develop Prioritized "Grant Seeking" Plan	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	Staff Time	GF / UF	Identify short / long-term needs. WIP	WIP
28	Complete City-Wide Stop Sign Evaluation	COS	1	Safety	Staff Time	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
29	Support Development Projects	COS	1	Eco Dev	Staff Time	GF / UF	Work in Progress - 20+ Development Projects	WIP

PRIORITY	DEFINITION	
1 = High	"Must Do" in current budget Year.	
2 = Medium	"Might Do" in current budget year if funding and resources available.	
3 = Low	"Nice to Do" in future budget year if funding and resources available.	

Priority 1

45% COMPLETE

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## Number

### WASTEWATER RATES CALCULATED BY USING 3-MONTH "WINTER" WATER USE AVERAGE



- Wastewater rates set by using a three (3) month "winter" water use average between DECEMBER and FEBRUARY.
- Monthly Sewer Rate – Residents pay \$15.00 base rate plus \$4.00 per 1000 gallons of water used.
- Cut back on water use to save money.

# City of Smithville State of the City Update

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Number

**PROPERTY OWNERS  
MUST RE-FILE TO  
RECEIVE HOMESTEAD  
EXEMPTION. SB-4  
FILED TO INCREASE  
EXEMPTION TO \$140K**



- Over-65 tax freeze is a freeze on tax dollars....not property value.
- Preliminary analysis indicates estimated SAVINGS of **\$250-275 / year**.
- City Council adopted resolution to freeze taxes for 65 and older in November 2021.

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CITY SIGNED 1-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PHI AIR MEDICAL, LLC FOR "NO COST" EMERGENCY AIR TRANSPORT OF ANY CITIZEN LIVING INSIDE CITY LIMITS

PHI Air Medical, LLC



- Average cost of emergency air ambulance transport is **\$45-50k**.
- City Council Approved 1-Yr Service Agreement (\$15k) in April 2024.
- Five (5) citizens transported YTD.

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	Position	Candidate	Term Lenth	Term Expires	Election Type	Candidate Status
City of Smithville	Alderman - Place 1	Tyrone Washington	2-Years	May 2027	General	Unopposed
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	Alderman - Place 3	<b>Jimmy Jenkins</b>	2-Years	May 2027	General	<b>Incumbent</b>
Brian Wells		Challenger				
SISD	Trustee - Place 5	Josh Magden	3-Years	May 2028	General	Unopposed
	Trustee - Place 6	Candice Parsons	3-Years	May 2028	General	Unopposed
	Trustee - Place 7	Michael Hancock	3-Years	May 2028	General	Unopposed

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- City Council Place 1, 2, 3 / SISD Place 5, 6, and 7
- No Election for SISD – Incumbents Unopposed
- Early voting April 22, 2025 to April 29, 2025
- Election Day is **Saturday, May 3, 2025** (7:00 am to 7:00 pm).

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# 5

Number

**“NOTIFY ME”  
CITY WEBSITE  
TOOL FOR  
INFORMATION**

**CITY ALERTS  
AGENDAS  
CM UPDATES  
BURN BAN**

- City Website feature to enhance communication, improve community engagement, and increase transparency.
- Citizens can receive automatic notification via text and/or email for a variety of city notices, meetings, and events.



# EMERGENCY ALERT

## Notify Me®

1. Sign In
2. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select **Save**.
3. To subscribe or unsubscribe click  and/or  next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

## Your Profile Information



### Email Address

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I prefer to receive HTML emails when available



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### ▼ Notify Me®

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	City Manager Monthly Report	The City Manager publishes a monthly report that details past, current, and future projects in the City of Smithville.

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### ▼ Agenda Center

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	City Council	
 	Historic-Preservation-Design-Standards	
 	Planning and Zoning	
 	Smithville Cultural District Public Meetings	

### ▼ Alert Center

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	2024 Comprehensive Plan	Alerts associated with the 2024-25 Comprehensive Resiliency Plan Program
 	Cultural District	Public meetings, calls to artists, and other alerts related to Smithville's Richard D. Latham Cultural District
 	Site Alerts	

## Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon



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## WHAT:

- Platform for Citizens to Report Issues using Smart Phone
- Low-Cost Engagement Solution
- Create, Assign, Process, and Track Work Orders via CRM and/or Smart Phone App

## BENEFITS:

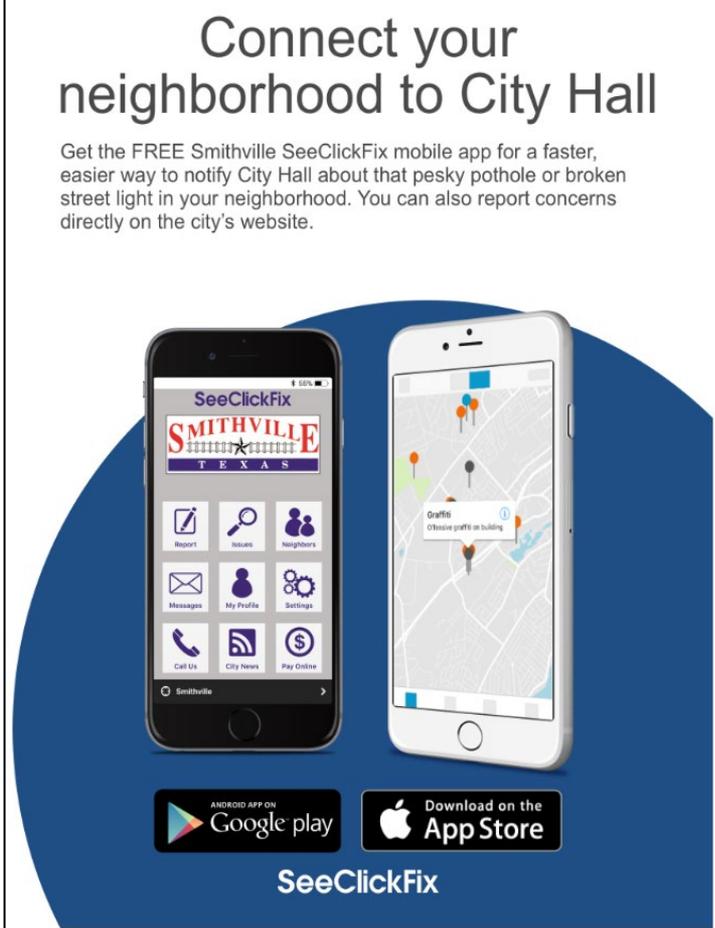
- Increase Productivity / Efficiency
- Enhance Customer Service

## HOW:

- Partner with SCF to Customize platform for City Use

Connect your neighborhood to City Hall

Get the FREE Smithville SeeClickFix mobile app for a faster, easier way to notify City Hall about that pesky pothole or broken street light in your neighborhood. You can also report concerns directly on the city's website.



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**In Loving Memory – RIP Officer Salazar**

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- Husband / Father
- Competitive Dirt Bike Rider
- Hunter / Fisherman
- Business Owner
- Master Plumber
- Building Inspector
- Permit / Plan Review
- P&Z Support
- Building Code Updates



Doug Berryann

## City of Smithville Building Inspector

Office Hours - Tuesday / Thursday (8-5)

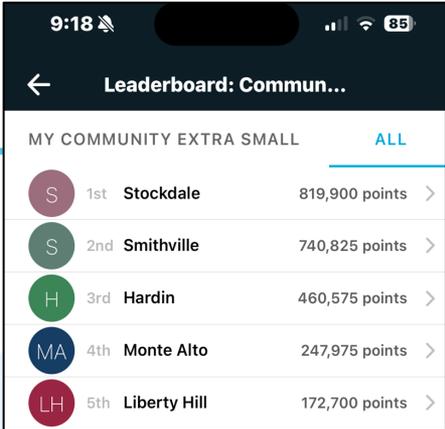
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**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**  
POWERED BY HEALTHIER TEXAS



January 13 - March 9, 2025

## THE HEALTHIER TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

A free, eight-week competition that unites Texans to build a healthier Texas! For all Texans. For all health levels.

**STOCKDALE IN 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE w/  
SIGNIFICANT LEAD**

## NEXT HHW COLLECTION EVENT

**BASTROP & LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS:**

# SAVE THE DATE!

**MAR 15<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-NOON**



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY**

**VOUCHERS REQUIRED**

**109 TAYLOR ST  
SMITHVILLE**



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**SOUTH  
SIDE  
PRIDE**

HELP SHAPE THE SOUTHSIDE HISTORY PROJECT!  
SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

**FEBRUARY  
20.2025**

6:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL KITCHEN TABLE TALK PRESERVATION WORKSHOP TO EXPLORE THE SMITHVILLE SOUTHSIDE HISTORY PROJECT, LEARN ABOUT THE CITY HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM, AND COLLABORATE ON PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S RICH HISTORY. WITH WARM DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

**SMITHVILLE FOOD PANTRY  
301 LEE ST., SMITHVILLE, TX 78957**

YOUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL IN PRESERVING AND CELEBRATING SMITHVILLE'S SOUTHSIDE HISTORY!  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOSE AT CITY HALL: (512) 237-3282 EMAIL: JRIVERA@CI.SMITHVILLE.TX.US  
LET'S HONOR OUR PAST AND SHAPE OUR FUTURE - TOGETHER!



**MARCH 20, 2025  
FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**



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## Summary:

- Actively preparing for (and responding to) anticipated growth.
- We must manage growth in a **CONTROLLED** manner that preserves and protects our small-town look, charm, and feel without jeopardizing our “uniqueness”.
- Our **PEOPLE** are our most valuable asset.



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# FY24/25 List of Projects / Plans for Consideration (By Priority)

Item #	Description	Recommend By:	Priority	Category	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Comments	Status
1	Tub Grinding @ Brush Dump	COS	1	Safety	\$110,000	TAX NOTE	\$40k (Grind) / \$70k (Removal)	COMPLETE
2	Develop New Protocols @ Brush Dump	COS	1	Safety	TBD	GF	Brush Dump Closed. Leaf/Limb Ops Suspended	COMPLETE
3	Hire Building Inspector	COS	1	Personnel	\$85,000	GF	Budgeted Expense. 1099 Contractor	COMPLETE
4	Hire Maintenance Worker	COS	1	Personnel	\$55,000	GF	Budgeted Expense. Includes salary + benefits	COMPLETE
5	Update Economic Development Plan	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	\$0	GF	Validate strategy, tools, and KPI's	WIP
6	GLO CDBG-MIT Drainage Improvement	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$130,000	TAX NOTE	Four (4) projects. \$13M w/ 1% MATCH	WIP
7	GLO CDBG-MIT RCP (Comp Plan)	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$0	GLO	\$300k with NO MATCH	WIP
8	SWTC Innovation Center Construction	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	Cost = \$1.4M (\$1.25M TDA grant / COS \$200k)	WIP
9	Install Cameras in City Parks	COS	1	Safety	\$50,000	TAX NOTE	MLK Park, Dennis Walker Fields, <b>Brush Dump</b> , VMP, <b>Riverbend Park</b> , RR Park	WIP
10	Purchase 10k-gallon Fuel Tank at Airport	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$5,000	TXDOT	(\$50k. Match = 90/10 TXDOT RAMP grant	COMPLETE
11	Airport Lighting Upgrade Project	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$154,000	TAX NOTE	New runway lighting and ground beacon	WIP
12	Purchase Hangars @ 84R	COS	1	Eco Dev	\$37,500	TAX NOTE	Three (3) Hangars = \$375k w/ 10% MATCH	COMPLETE
13	Implement ERP / CRM system	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	\$200k (2023 TAX NOTE)	WIP
14	Implement Impact Fees	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	\$15,000	GF / UF	9-12 months to develop Ordinance	WIP
15	Update Subdivision and STR Ordinance	COS	1	Administrative	\$15,000	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
16	Identify Cost Savings. Increase Revenue	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF / UF	Increase Rec Center, Airport, Recycling Revenue	WIP
17	Panic Button / Security Door @ City Hall	COS	1	Safety	\$35,000	ARPA	Door, Panic Buttons, and Access	COMPLETE
18	Attract New Businesses, Jobs, & Housing	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF	Leverage partnerships, marketing, and ED tools	WIP
19	Increase Tourism, Sales Tax, and HOT	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	TBD	GF	Work w/ Chamber, DBA, Bastrop Eco Dev	WIP
20	Complete WWTF Expansion Study	COS	1	Infrastructure	\$165,000	ARPA / CO	Final Study completed and published	COMPLETE
21	Street Paving / Road Repair	COS	1	Maintenance	\$125,000	GF	Repave by condition, priority, and cost	COMPLETE
22	Concession Stand @ Dennis Walker Field	COS	1	Community	\$50,000	TAX NOTE	Build new concession stand	WIP
23	Purchase Patrol Cars for PD	COS	1	Safety	\$130,000	TAX NOTE	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
24	Purchase Capital Equipment for PW	COS	1	Maintenance	\$200,000	TAX NOTE	Backhoe, Mowers, Leaf Machine	COMPLETE
25	Develop / Adopt Balanced Budget	COS	1	Finance	Staff Time	GF / UF	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
26	Maintain SPL Accreditation Status	COS	1	Community	Staff Time	GF	Work in Progress	COMPLETE
27	Develop Prioritized "Grant Seeking" Plan	COUNCIL	1	Eco Dev	Staff Time	GF / UF	Identify short / long-term needs. WIP	WIP
28	Complete City-Wide Stop Sign Evaluation	COS	1	Safety	Staff Time	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
29	Support Development Projects	COS	1	Eco Dev	Staff Time	GF / UF	Work in Progress - 20+ Development Projects	WIP

**PRIORITY**

1 = High

2 = Medium

3 = Low

**DEFINITION**

"Must Do" in current budget Year.

"Might Do" in current budget year if funding and resources available.

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Priority 1

45% COMPLETE

## FY24/25 List of Projects / Plans for Consideration (By Priority)

Item #	Description	Recommend By:	Priority	Category	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Comments	Status
30	Update Personnel Manual	COS	2	Administrative	\$2,500	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
31	Publish Boards & Commission Handbook	COS	2	Administrative	\$2,500	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
32	Publish Ethics Policy	COUNCIL	2	Administrative	\$2,500	GF	Work in Progress	WIP
33	Purchase Additional Playground Equip.	CITIZENS	2	Community	\$50,000	TAX NOTE	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
34	Create / Expand Eco Dev Department	COUNCIL	2	Eco Dev	\$0	GF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
35	Hwy 95 Expansion / Utilities Relocation	COS	2	Infrastructure	\$50,000	TXDOT	(\$14.0M TXDOT / COS \$4.2M)	WIP
36	Build TDHCA HOME Grant Home	COS	2	Community	\$6,000	TDHCA	\$150k / Home (TDHCA). City Match = (\$6k)	WIP
37	TXDOT SRTS Sidewalk Project	COS	2	Infrastructure	\$0	TXDOT	NE 8th / Marburger / Miller \$878k. NO MATCH	WIP
38	FEMA DR-4485	COS	2	Infrastructure	\$65,000	TAX NOTE	Emergency Generator(s) for Water Plants. Cost = \$650k. Match = \$65k (TAX NOTE)	WIP
39	GLO CDBG-MIT MOD	COS	2	Infrastructure	\$0	GLO	drainage improvement at SISD and Jones Road = \$3.7M with NO MATCH	WIP
40	Complete ISO Survey	COS	2	Community	\$5,000	GF	Evaluate of Fire Protection & Emergency Serv.	COMPLETE
41	TDEM-DOE GRG Project	COS	2	Infrastructure	TBD	TDEM	Downtown underground electric service	WIP
42	TXCDBG FAST ROW Project	COS	2	Community	\$0	TDA	18 SUV's. Non-emergency transport.	WIP
43	Identify funding for WWTF Expansion	COUNCIL	2	Infrastructure	\$5,000,000	TBD	C of O / TWDB Grant / DRRP Funding (\$10M)	WIP
44	Build Boat Ramp @ Riverbend Park	COUNCIL	2	Community	TBD	GF	Identify possible grant funding for public parks and/or emergency response (FD river rescue)	WIP
45	Remove Dead Trees @ Oak Hill	CITIZENS	2	Community	\$30,000	GF	Remove 40 dead trees. Grind stumps.	COMPLETE
46	Sealcoat and Re-stripe Main St	COS	3	Maintenance	\$65,000	GF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
47	Shade Cover For Playscape @ Riverbend	COUNCIL	3	Community	\$75,000	TBD	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
48	Shade Cover For Skate Park	CITIZENS	3	Community	\$150,000	TBD	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
49	Build Community Pool	COUNCIL	3	Community	\$2,500,000	TBD	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
50	Splash Pad @ MLK Park	CITIZENS	3	Community	TBD	TBD	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
51	Re-pave MLK and Add Sidewalks	COUNCIL	3	Infrastructure	\$2,000,000	TBD	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
52	Hire Economic Development Director	COUNCIL	3	Personnel	\$125,000	GF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
53	Hire Assistant City Manager	COUNCIL	3	Personnel	\$100,000	GF / UF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
54	Consider Re-Opening Ramona Street	COUNCIL	3	Infrastructure	\$250,000	GF / UF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
55	Improve Rodeo Arena / Ballfield @ Riverbend	COUNCIL	3	Community	TBD	GF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
56	Cover Structure over BB Courts @ MLK	COUNCIL	3	Community	TBD	GF	Not in current budget	CANCELLED
57	Identify Location/Funding for New Library	COS	3	Community	Staff Time	TBD	Work in Progress	WIP

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46% WIP or  
CANCELLED

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[www.ci.smithville.tx.us](http://www.ci.smithville.tx.us)  
 Address: 317 Main Street,  
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## Smithville, Texas: Your Gateway to Growth

### ABOUT US

Located at the heart of Central Texas, Smithville offers quick access to major markets like Austin, Houston, and San Antonio while preserving an authentic small-town charm. With robust infrastructure, a skilled workforce, and business-friendly incentives, we're the ideal launchpad for your next venture.

Smithville, Texas, is a dynamic small town with big opportunities, providing businesses with a strategic location, cutting-edge connectivity, and a thriving workforce. With a supportive community, pro-business policies, and a high quality of life, Smithville is ready for your next business venture or expansion. for a couple of seconds.

### STRATEGIC LOCATION

Smithville's strategic location provides swift access to major Texas markets—just 35 minutes from Austin, 1 hour from San Marcos, 90 minutes from San Antonio, 2 hours from Houston, and 3.5 hours from DFW—plus seamless regional air travel and competitive fuel pricing at Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport.

- 35 mins to Austin     90 mins to San Antonio
- 1 hr to San Marcos     3.5 hrs to DFW
- 2 hrs to Houston

**Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport:**  
Seamless regional air travel with competitive fuel pricing.

### TECH-READY PRO-BUSINESS CLIMATE

-  **Gigabit City**  
Ultra-fast fiber supports advanced manufacturing, R&D, and creative industries.
-  **High-Value Incentives**  
Explore New Market Tax Credits, Foreign Trade Zone benefits, Chapter 380/381 agreements, and more.
-  **Streamlined Permitting**  
Launch projects quickly with support from our city leadership.

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### TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL CAREERS IN HIGH DEMAND

### SKILLED WORKFORCE & TAILORED TRAINING

Through the Smithville Workforce Training Center's custom curricula and strong partnerships with Smithville ISD and regional institutions, businesses benefit from a skilled, future-ready talent pipeline.

### Smithville Workforce Training Center SWTC:

Custom curricula for specialized skill needs.

**Pipeline of Talent:**  
Collaborations with Smithville ISD and nearby institutions.

### QUALITY OF LIFE THAT ATTRACTS TOP TALENT

Smithville's vibrant historic downtown, abundant outdoor recreation at Buescher State Park and along the Colorado River, and affordable living paired with easy access to major cities create a quality of life that naturally attracts and retains top talent.

-  **Historic Downtown & Culture:**  
Vibrant arts, year-round festivals, unique local shops.
-  **Outdoor Recreation:**  
Buescher State Park and the Colorado River for hiking, kayaking, and scenic escapes.
-  **Affordable Living • Big-City Access:**  
Enjoy small-town charm while staying close to urban conveniences.

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### Scan to Explore Available Properties

Explore our diverse range of available properties tailored to meet any size or style of business expansion.

