



*Future Grayson Precinct*

### Public Safety

The new **Grayson Police Precinct** is scheduled to begin construction by mid-year 2009 and to open sometime in 2010. This new Gwinnett County police precinct will be located at Bay Creek Park in Grayson. This project will be a one-story building, approximately 13,000 square feet, with 100 parking spaces. The additional precinct in Grayson will assist in provision of police services for that area.

**Fire Station 28** in Loganville is typical of the public safety improvements funded by SPLOST programs. This new station has two truck bays, offices, living quarters, and storage for a fire engine and a future ambulance. Other stations underway include a relocated **Fire Station 7** in Duluth and **Fire Station 18** in Hamilton Mill, which will include three bays and a new ladder company. **Fire Station 29** is a new station under construction in the Braselton area. Construction will begin in 2009 on **Fire Station 30** in the Grayson/Tribble Mill area.

### SPLOST and the 2008 Budget

Gwinnett County's capital and operating budgets for 2008 show the dramatic impact that SPLOST programs have had. 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. For example, the County added 95 new jobs in this year's operat-

ing budget, with 61 of them going to public safety, the sheriff's department, and the courts.

Operating Budget	\$ 873,031,009
Capital Budget	\$ 774,152,958
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,647,183,967</b>

Cities in Gwinnett will receive an estimated \$97.3 million from the current SPLOST program. Revenues 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	\$180,001,500
Parks and Recreation	\$180,001,500
Public Safety	\$ 87,577,640
Libraries	\$ 13,800,500
Cities Share	\$ 97,307,187
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$558,688,327</b>

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## About SPLOST

One penny of every dollar spent in Gwinnett County pays for specified capital improvements throughout the county. The current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program went into effect in April 2005.

The four-year program is expected to raise about \$604 million, to be shared between County and city governments and used for transportation, parks and recreation, public safety, and libraries. By using sales tax funds for these improvements, the County has been able to minimize long-term debt and hold property taxes steady.

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.

Gwinnett voters have approved a series of previous SPLOST programs since the mid-1980s that have paid for such projects as the **Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center**, the **Gwinnett Center**, many acres of greenspace, new parks and recreation facilities, **Sugarloaf Parkway**, **Satellite Boulevard** and hundreds of other road improvements, new police and fire stations, and libraries around the county.

This brochure highlights just a few of the County's SPLOST-funded projects that are currently underway. These and many other improvements will continue to have a dramatic 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) is underway. Construction on section two from 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.

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



*Sugarloaf Parkway Extension Construction*

## Parks and Recreation

Scheduled to open in late 2008, **Club Drive Park** is located in the central portion of Gwinnett County off of Club Drive in Lawrenceville. Highlights of this 25-acre park include a 4.5-acre lake, 1/3-mile paved multi-purpose trail, fishing pier, gazebo, comfort station, two half-court basketball courts, 8,300-square-foot playground, open lawn area, and two picnic shelters. Funding for

the \$3.2 million project was funded through the 2005 SPLOST.

A new 60-foot rental pavilion, picnic tables and benches will be added to **Graves Park**, located in western Gwinnett. Originally opened in 2006, this neighborhood park also features a two-acre dog park where dogs can play off-leash in a fenced-in area, two tennis courts, a sand volleyball court, playground, open play area, and a one-mile paved multi-purpose trail. The \$250,000 renovations to Graves Park were made possible through the 2005 SPLOST and will be completed by spring of 2009.

Located in east Gwinnett, **Bay Creek Park** is currently undergoing \$3.6 million in improvements that will be unveiled summer 2009. Funded through the 2005 SPLOST, additions to the park include a teen area with a 20,000-square-foot lighted skate complex, four lighted tennis courts, two lighted half-court basketball courts, sand volleyball court, open play area, 60-foot rental pavilion, and a trail extension that will connect to the existing paved multi-purpose trail at the park.

**Rock Springs Park**, located in northern Gwinnett between Dacula and Duluth, is a \$6.9 million park funded through the 2005 SPLOST that is scheduled to fully open in early 2009. This "sister park" will complement offerings at Collins Hill Park and will feature a football field with a lighted walking track and concession stand, six lighted tennis courts, an open play area, playground, and a 60-foot rental pavilion.



*Ivy Creek Greenway*