

Walker County Resident,

Passing the 2013 SPLOST Referendum will not create a new tax; it is the continuation of the 1¢ sales tax that has been in place for the past 26 years. Funds collected during the next five years will fund capital investment projects without the burden solely on property owners; funds collected via SPLOST will be equal to 4.2 mills of county property tax every year for the next six years.

Past County projects completed with County SPLOST funds include:

- 911 Communications Facility
- 911 Mapping System
- Animal Shelter
- Emergency Shelters
- Fire Stations – New Construction & Improvements
- Historical Preservation – Including Walker County Courthouse & Marsh House
- Recreation Improvements – Including Parks, Ball Fields, & Playgrounds
- Road, Bridge and Transportation Improvements
- Sewer Lines from Rossville to LaFayette
- Walker County Agricultural Center
- Walker County Civic Center
- Walker County Jail Improvements

All have been built with tourist dollars as well as our residents' sales tax dollars.

On November 5, 2013 you will have the opportunity to vote to continue SPLOST once again. During this election you may vote to CONTINUE to purchase item such as roads, bridges, recreation facilities, emergency shelters, communication technology, emergency equipment, fire hydrants and other items that **will increase your family's quality of life for years to come.**

SPLOST HISTORY

The Georgia General Assembly authorizes a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for every county in the State. The first SPLOST Referendum in Walker County was held and passed overwhelmingly in 1987. The voters and taxpayers of this county have supported the idea of everyone who purchases items in Walker County, no matter where they originated, help the County and Cities (Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain, & Rossville) to fund capital improvements that would otherwise not be completed. SPLOST has passed in Walker County each time it has been placed on the ballot; 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007. These five SPLOST Referenda have afforded Walker County progress without having to raise property taxes to accomplish the capital improvements needed to increase the quality of life for the citizens of Walker County.

Registration, Voting & Early Voting Information may be found at www.walkercountyelections.com.



PROPOSED 2013 SPLOST PROJECTS INCLUDE

Chickamauga

Total for ALL Projects: \$1,100,000

- American Legion Building Improvements
- Ball Field Improvements
- City Hall Improvements
- Library Improvements
- New City Park
- Purchase of City Vehicles & Equipment
- Signage
- Street Improvements
- Utility System Upgrades

Rossville

Total for ALL Projects: \$1,500,000

- Fire Hoses
- Green Spaces
- Jaws of Life
- Library Technology
- Public Safety Vehicles
- Public Works Equipment
- Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks
- Sewer System
- Storm Water Management System

Fort Oglethorpe

Total for ALL Projects: \$102,300

- Hospital Sewer Lift Station
- Patrol Cars
- Radio Read Water Meters
- Turn Out Gear

Lookout Mountain

Total for ALL Projects: \$600,000

- Administration Facilities
- Fire Equipment
- Parks & Recreation
- Police Equipment
- Public Works Equipment
- Public Works Facilities
- Sewer and Stormwater Management
- Solid Waste Equipment
- Streets & Public Ways

LaFayette

Total for ALL Projects: \$2,880,000

- City Hall Improvements
- City Lake Improvements
- Construction of Train Depot & Trolley Service
- Library Equipment
- Police-Repeater Radio
- Ross Abney Stadium Renovations
- Splash Park
- Street Improvements
- Technology

Walker County

Total for ALL Projects: \$19,760,000

- 911 – Radio Repeater
- Bridges
- Economic Development – Industrial Park
- Emergency Shelters/Fire Halls/Community Centers, including: Mt. Pleasant, Hinkle, and Cedar Grove
- Fire Hydrants
- Law Force Patrol Cars & Equipment
- Library Renovations, including: LaFayette & Rossville
- Recreation Facilities: ball fields, playgrounds, green spaces, including: Chattanooga Valley, Rock Spring, Peavine, Hinkle, and Cedar Post.
- Road Resurfacing & Capital
- Roadwork Improvements
- Shooting Range – Law Enforcement & Public Use
- State Patrol Safety Equipment
- Technology Upgrades
- Vehicular & Pedestrian Corridors
- Water and Sewage Improvements including: East and West Armuchee

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