



# Proposed 2014 SPLOST Projects



## LEVEL TWO PROJECTS (SERVES ALL RESIDENTS):

911 Technology and Equipment	200,000
Government Building Improvements and Equipment (serving all residents)	900,000
Facility and Equipment Improvements at Law Enforcement Complex	900,000
Economic Development Projects	1,000,000
Facility and Equipment Improvements at Jim Blackburn Training Center	1,200,000
Previously Incurred General Obligation Debt	<u>2,120,000</u>



**Total Level Two Projects    \$ 6,320,000**

## REMAINING FUNDS COUNTY 60% / CITY 40% POPULATION SPLIT:    \$38,680,000



**(State Law mandates funding split with City to be based on 2010 Census)    \$45,000,000**

Ware County 60%	21,663 (population per 2010 Census)	\$23,208,000
Waycross 40%	<u>14,649</u> (population per 2010 Census)	\$15,472,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,312</b>	

**A Penny for Progress  
November 5, 2013  
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## COUNTY PROJECTS:

Roads, Bridges & Drainage Improvements and Equipment	15,708,000
Public Safety Vehicles, Equipment and Improvements	3,250,000
Building Equipment and Improvements	1,500,000
Public Works Equipment and Improvements	1,000,000
Recreation Equipment and Improvements	900,000
Public Safety and County Departments Vehicle Fleet with Equipment	600,000
Information Technology Equipment and Software	<u>250,000</u>
<b>Estimate</b>	<b>\$<u>23,208,000</u></b>

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## CITY PROJECTS:

Building Equipment and Improvements including Demolition or Acquisition	6,422,000
Roads, Bridges & Drainage Improvements and Equipment	5,740,000
Fire and Special Purpose Vehicle Fleet	1,500,000
Water and Sewer Rehab	1,000,000
City Parks	435,000
Downtown Waycross Development Authority Project	250,000
Information Technology Equipment and Software	<u>125,000</u>
<b>Estimate</b>	<b>\$<u>15,472,000</u></b>



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**Estimates indicate that 42% of \$45,000,000 in SPLOST revenues come (FROM OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS) which would amount to: \$18,900,000.**

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## About SPLOST

On **November 5th, 2013**, the citizens of Ware County will be asked to vote on a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum. The SPLOST will be collected as one penny for every dollar of sales in Ware County. **Estimates indicate that 42% of \$45,000,000 in SPLOST revenues come (FROM OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS) which would amount to: \$18,900,000.** Collecting funds from sales tax is a fair way to collect from those who use our community's resources but do not live in Ware County. SPLOST helps keep property taxes stable in our community (**Ware County lowered from 16.549 to 15.8 mills in FY13**). While funds for capital projects and investments would otherwise be raised through taxes on property, SPLOST enables governments to collect funds from all citizens and visitors who utilize roads and services provided by Waycross and Ware County governments through a tax on sales, **reducing the burden on LOCAL property owners.**

### Intergovernmental Agreement

If approved by voters, the SPLOST will be collected for six years for an estimated \$45,000,000. Funds will be shared in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement consented by the governments of the City of Waycross and Ware County. In the agreement, each party agreed to the distribution of collected SPLOST revenues and how to fund the much needed projects in our community.

Under the agreement, the Level Two Projects **\$6,320,000** will be spent on projects that will benefit all residents of the County, \$23,208,000 will be spent on Ware County Projects and \$15,472,000 will be spent on City Projects.

### Projects of Mutual Benefit Level Two

Level Two Projects that jointly benefit the City of Waycross and Ware County include: \$2,120,000 for paying off the General Obligation Debt, \$1,200,000 for Facility and Equipment Improvements at Jim Blackburn Training Center, \$900,000 for Facility and Equipment Improvements at Law Enforcement Complex, \$900,000 for Government Building Improvements and Equipment (serving all residents), \$1,000,000 for Economic Development Projects and \$200,000 for 911 Technology and Equipment.

### SPLOST Means Progress

If the SPLOST is approved, the City of Waycross and Ware County will have the much needed funds to improve roads and other infrastructure needs, capital equipment, capital improvements to buildings, pursuit vehicles, fire trucks and ambulances. A large portion of those funds will come from visitors to our community, saving local taxpayers millions of dollars and ensuring that progress continues for the next six years. SPLOST really spells local taxpayer relief for community related needs.