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YOUR PENNY AT WORK TWO YEAR REPORT


 THIS TRAIL WAS PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG



2020 DUNCAN LAKE TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

CONSTRUCTED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM - ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY - SUPPORTED BY THE 2019 1-CENT PARKS AND RECREATION RESTAURANT AND HOTEL TAX.

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 MCGOUEEN CONTRACTING INC.



ABOUT

In April of 2019, the citizens of Hattiesburg voted to approve a 1% tax on hotel/motel/restaurant transactions which went into effect the following June.

This additional 1% tax revenue was expected to generate at least \$2.4 million per year in funding. The total amount of new revenue is split between the City of Hattiesburg as a dedicated revenue stream for parks and recreational facilities/projects and The University of Southern Mississippi to support the renovation of Reed Green Coliseum.

Since 2019, the additional revenue has generated a total of \$2,342,447.63 for the City of Hattiesburg's portion and has resulted in several parks and recreation projects. This two-year report highlights all completed projects, projects in progress and those that are in the pipeline.

REVENUES GENERATED

	TOTAL REVENUE	CITY REVENUE	
2019	Aug	\$232,445.02	\$116,222.51
	Sept	\$241,889.76	\$120,944.88
	Oct	\$238,127.25	\$119,063.63
	Nov	\$218,305.53	\$109,152.77
	Dec	\$231,739.98	\$115,869.99
2020	Jan	\$236,923.08	\$118,461.54
	Feb	\$245,330.54	\$122,665.27
	Mar	\$228,939.55	\$114,469.78
	Apr	\$211,682.58	\$105,841.29
	May	\$176,563.50	\$88,281.75
	Jun	\$143,224.29	\$71,612.15
	Jul	\$179,109.08	\$89,554.54
	Aug	\$239,166.32	\$119,583.16
	Sept	\$226,523.32	\$113,261.66
	Oct	\$224,286.34	\$112,143.17
	Nov	\$232,617.57	\$116,308.79
	Dec	\$240,083.40	\$120,041.70
2021	Jan	\$216,378.87	\$108,189.44
	Feb	\$221,896.89	\$110,948.45
	Mar	\$236,636.18	\$118,318.09
	Apr	\$263,026.13	\$131,513.07

TOTALS

[2019]
\$581,253.78

[2020]
\$1,292,224.80

[2021]
\$468,969.05

COMPLETED PROJECTS

/// THAMES ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM

Completed: October 2019

Refinished gym floor, constructed bleachers and purchase/installation of both a floor volleyball and pickleball court system.

Total Cost: \$40,022.81

Grant funding: \$5,000 from the MS State Department of Health

Construction: Hollingsworth Hardwood, LLC

/// 9TH STREET BALL PARK DRAINAGE & LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Completed: March 2020

Repaired storm water drainage. Replaced drainage, grading and lights for fields.

Total Cost: \$81,484

Construction: Southern Pipe, Sports Unlimited Contractors, JRM McQueen.

/// EAST 8TH STREET BASKETBALL, TENNIS + PICKLEBALL COURTS

Completed: August 2020

Constructed basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. Included perimeter fencing and lights.

Total Cost: \$70,272

Grant funding: \$5,000 from the MS State Department of Health

Construction: Warren Paving, Australia Court Works, Jefcoat Fencing of Hattiesburg

/// LIGHTING ON GRODON CREEK/JAYCEE PARK TRAIL

Completed: December 2020

Light pathway from High Street Bridge to Hutchinson Avenue.

Total Cost: \$17,410

Construction: Buckhaults Electrical

/// VERNON DAHMER PARK BATTING CAGES

Completed: January 2021

Constructed two covered batting cages.

Total Cost: \$49,500

Construction: Gray Builders

COMPLETED PROJECTS

/// TATUM PARK TENNIS COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

Completed: October 2020 & February 2021

Replaced lighting and all wind screens.

Total Cost: Lighting - \$80,000; Wind Screens - \$49,900

Grant funding: MS Tennis Association - \$3,500; USTA - \$5,000

Construction: Buckhaults Electric, Gray Builders and Richardson Athletics

/// DUNCAN LAKE TRAIL EXTENSION

Completed: May 2021

Includes construction of an 8 ft.-wide concrete pathway, connecting the trail at Duncan Lake throughout the sand hill area and out to Alcorn Avenue.

Project also includes an archway from the Alcorn Avenue entrance to the trail.

Total Cost: \$330,000 for trail; \$24,900 for archway

Grant funding: \$120,000 from MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks

Construction: JRM McQueen, BW Sullivan

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

/// DEWITT SULLIVAN PARK SPLASHPAD

Anticipated Completion: May 2021

Includes a full-feature splash pad at Dewitt Sullivan Park, adding to the current slate of amenities like its walking trail and pavilion.

Anticipated Cost: \$225,000

Construction: Great Southern Recreation

/// KAMPER PARK PLAYGROUND

Anticipated Completion: September 2021

Repair and upgrade current playground elements and ground materials.

Anticipated Cost: \$15,500

Construction: Gray Builders, JA Dawson

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

/// HATTIESBURG ARTS CENTER, ONGOING REPAIRS

Anticipated Completion: June 2022

Includes multiple repairs, including a new roof, 80% of all air conditioning units, constructed partitions to enable use of The Paper Warehouse, restored electrical power and additional cosmetic upgrades for flooring and more.

Total Cost (thus far): \$220,000

Construction: Malone Roofing and Rowell Roofing, City of Hattiesburg Public Works - Construction

PROJECTS SLATED TO BEGIN

/// TATUM SOCCER IMPROVEMENTS

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2021

Add LED lighting to fields 13 and 15.

Anticipated Cost: \$400,000

Construction: Chain Electric Company

/// FRIENDSHIP PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2022

Add LED field lighting and perimeter fencing around ballfield. This project is currently in the design phase.

Anticipated Cost: \$225,000

PROJECTS SLATED FOR FUNDING

/// *Other projects slated for funding include:*

- Miracle League inclusion field for children with special needs
- Midtown Green, a park space for the Midtown area
- Hattiesburg High softball field
- Chain Park amphitheater
- Additional blue way access point on Leaf River