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# YOUR PENNY AT WORK DECEMBER 2021 UPDATE



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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# ABOUT

In April of 2019, the citizens of Hattiesburg voted to approve a 1% tax on hotel/motel/restaurant transactions to create dedicated revenue streams for parks and recreational facilities/projects for the City of Hattiesburg and to support the renovation of Reed Green Coliseum. It is split evenly between the two.

Since 2019, the additional revenue has generated a total of **\$3,356,735** for the City of Hattiesburg's portion and has resulted in several parks and recreation projects. This three-year report highlights all completed projects, projects in progress and those that are in the pipeline.

## REVENUES GENERATED

		TOTAL REVENUE	CITY REVENUE
FY 19	Aug	\$232,445.02	\$116,222.51
	Sept	\$241,889.76	\$120,944.88
FY 20	Oct	\$238,127.25	\$119,063.63
	Nov	\$218,305.53	\$109,152.77
	Dec	\$231,739.98	\$115,869.99
	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
FY 21	Oct	\$224,286.34	\$112,143.17
	Nov	\$232,617.57	\$116,308.79
	Dec	\$240,083.40	\$120,041.70
	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
	May	\$293,373.24	\$146,686.62
	Jun	\$287,724.90	\$143,862.45
	Jul	\$295,671.41	\$147,835.71
	Aug	\$286,614.62	\$143,307.31
	Sept	\$300,801.22	\$150,400.61
FY 22	Oct	\$273,415.31	\$136,707.66
	Nov	\$290,974.10	\$145,487.05

## TOTALS

[FY 2019]

**\$237,167.39**

[FY 2020]

**\$1,287,817.51**

[FY 2021]

**\$1,549,555.39**

[FY 2022]

**\$282,194.71**

*Fiscal years begin in October.*

# 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

## /// DEWITT SULLIVAN PARK SPLASHPAD

*Completed: 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

## /// TATUM SOCCER IMPROVEMENTS

*Completed: October 2021*

Updated lighting to LED on fields 13 and 15.

**Total Cost:** \$405,000

**Construction:** Chain Electric Company

## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

### /// KAMPER PARK PLAYGROUND

*Anticipated Completion:*

Repair and upgrade current playground elements and ground materials.

**Anticipated Cost:** \$15,500

**Construction:** Gray Builders, JA Dawson

### /// 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

### /// 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:** \$300,000

### /// MIDTOWN GREEN

*Anticipated Completion: Summer 2022*

This project is a 4.2-acre park with the primary entrance accessible from Crestmont Avenue. It will feature a well-lit walking trail, exercise stations, a small performance stage, children's play area, picnic areas, site furniture and parking with additional overflow made by possible by University Baptist Church. An additional amenity, which will be the first of its kind throughout the City, is an inclusive-accessible playground.

**Anticipated Cost:** \$1M

**Funding Sources:** \$500,000 Land and Conservation Grant from MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks; Forrest County Board of Supervisors



## PROJECTS SLATED TO BEGIN

### /// CHAIN PARK AMPHITHEATER

*Anticipated Completion: Summer 2022*

This project will construct a permanent stage to support large and small special events within the park. Project is currently in the design phase with project bidding to take place this Winter.

**Anticipated Cost: \$365,000**



## NEXT PROJECTS SLATED FOR FUNDING

/// Other projects slated for funding include:

- Miracle League inclusion field for children with special needs
- Hattiesburg High softball field
- Timberton Park splash pad & pocket park
- Additional blue way access point on Leaf River