



Some of the planned SPLOST VIII projects

- ✓ \$7 million toward filling gaps in the Highlands to Islands trail system;
- ✓ A new library for East Hall;
- ✓ An indoor planetarium and classroom at Elachee Nature-Science Center;
- ✓ Road improvements such as the planned Sardis connector between West Hall and North Hall, widening of Spout Springs Road in South Hall, countywide road resurfacings and traffic improvements;
- ✓ Public safety funding for new ambulances, police cars, fire station renovations, and fire engines;
- ✓ New parking deck near the downtown Gainesville library;
- ✓ Land purchase for a new senior center in South Hall;
- ✓ Enhanced cybersecurity;
- ✓ Mulberry Creek and Friendship Road sewer systems;
- ✓ Expansion of Hall County landfill.

Hall County SPLOST VIII The One-Penny Local Sales Tax

Hall County and its municipalities have never voted down the one-penny local sales tax, or SPLOST. Can you imagine our community without the fire stations, roads and bridges, parks, libraries, and more that have been built or improved with \$671 million in SPLOST pennies since 1985?

We're not alone. Across the state, every county but three have the SPLOST in place.

On Nov. 5, 2019, we will vote whether to continue SPLOST in our community for the eighth time. A Yes vote will "keep a good thing going" for another six years.

Here's what you should know about SPLOST VIII

- SPLOST VIII would primarily fund key infrastructure needs such as road improvements, public safety and fire services, building renovations, parks, and technology – the foundation of our local economy and everyday life.
- Without SPLOST, the likely alternative would be higher property taxes, unfairly shifting the tax burden onto the backs of local property owners.
- Even those who don't own property are affected, potentially facing higher apartment and office rents without the one-penny SPLOST.
- The one-penny SPLOST is paid by everyone who shops or purchases goods in Hall County. It is estimated that up to 40% of sales taxes are paid by our expanded daytime population of workers, shoppers and tourists from outside our community.
- For many of the proposed projects, SPLOST revenues are used to leverage millions of dollars in matching state and federal grants.
- In our daily shopping around town, we hardly notice paying an extra penny on the dollar. But over the next six years, all those pennies would add up to a projected \$216.96 million – money that is collected locally, then invested right back into our community.
- To ensure accountability, a citizens' oversight committee will review and audit all SPLOST expenditures.