

MONTHLY REPORT

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City Manager's Report March 2026

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TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2026

RE: City Manager's Report – March 2026

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Chief Executive Office - City Manager

The City Manager serves as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City and is responsible for the day-to-day operations. As City Manager, Ms. Miller-Thornton ensures that legislative decisions are translated into the administrative and operational execution of city services. Many of the departmental activities and initiatives that are found in this report are accomplished and/or performed subject to collaboration with, guidance by, and/or oversight of the City Manager.

Contracts

- March 2, 2026 – Interim Chief of Police Employment terms were entered into with Interim Chief Orrin Hamilton \$10,425/month. The service period is Mar 2, 2026 through April 9, 2026. Total value of services is \$13,552.50 (to include FICA).
- March 12, 2026 – Consulting Services Agreement between the Georgia Municipal Association and the City of Clarkston for facilitation of the 2026 Spring Council and Staff Retreat on 03/27/2026 in amount of \$1,000.

Project Initiatives

The City Manager participates in project initiatives to offer connectivity between high-level policy and organizational vision and day-to-day operations. The goal is to ensure that the vision set by the elected officials is translated into project results that benefit the community.

- The City Manager participated in the following as related to current and/or upcoming project and plan initiatives:
- The City Manager continues with bi-weekly/regular Project Management Team meetings for:
 - Phase I of the City's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) – Safety Action Plan
 - Safety Action Plan – PMT Meeting 03/04/2026
 - Safety Action Plan – PMT Meeting 03/18/2026
 - Phase I of the City's Greenway Trail Project – Conceptual Design
 - Trail Design – PMT Meeting 03/04/2026
 - Trail Design – PMT Meeting 03/18/2026
 - Clarkston's Annexation Study
 - Annexation Study Progress Meeting – 03/18/2026

- Clarkston's 2046 Comprehensive Plan Rewrite
 - PMT Monthly Meeting 03/10/2026
- Clarkston's Norman Road Dam Rehabilitation Project
 - Monthly Project Meeting – 03/18/2026
- Clarkston's Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - Project Management Team Meeting 3PM-4PM
 - Vision Phase Workshop – 03/24/2026
- Economic Mobility Initiative – ICMA
 - Upward Mobility Framework Follow-up 03/04/2026
 - ICMA EMO Special Assistants Meeting – 03/18/2026
- In collaboration with the Planning and Development Director, Public Works Director, Special Projects Manager and City Engineer, the City Manager conducted RFP discussion for the Facilities Master Plan on 03/13/2026.
 - Facilities Master Plan proposal interview – 03/19/2026
 - Facilities Master Plan proposal interview – 03/26/2026

Meetings

- Bi-weekly Executive Leadership Team meetings continue to be held. The City Manager provides for these meetings as a way to maintain connectivity across departments, to aid in continuity of process in front-office to back-office systems, and to engage in project specific initiatives that require the Team's involvement to ensure success of the initiative. Meeting was held 03/04/2026 and the 03/18/2026 meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts.
- The City Manager conducts periodic meetings during each month with department staff to brief regarding department specific operations and/or concerns: (03/09 Communications and Special Projects; 03/10 Planning and Development; 03/10 Public Works infrastructure update; 03/11 Parks & Rec; 03/16 Human Resources. Meetings are also held with department directors and managers on March 12 and 13, 2026 to discuss department specific plans and initiatives, service updates, etc.
- On March 24, 2026 the City Manager attended an all-staff meeting with Clarkston Police Department. The purpose of the meeting was to update the department on current status of open and proposed positions – to include the Police Chief Position. The meeting was also conducted as a goals and expectation setting session.
- On March 25, 2026 the City Manager served on an interview panel for the position of Police Chief for the City of Clarkston. Five candidates were interviewed for the position. Continued screening of two of the candidates is on-going.

In addition to scheduled and real-time meetings attended and/or held relative to the day -to-day administrative and operational affairs of the city, the City Manager also attended and/or participated in the following meetings.

- On March 4, 2026 the City Manager hosted a meeting with Dr. Clare (CJ) Avory. Dr. Avory is the Director of DeKalb Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the heads of agencies, and for Dr. Avory to update the city regarding emergency management changes and resources.
- On March 13, 2026, the City Manager met with staff to discuss the protocol and safety needs for the city. This meeting yielded great ideas surrounding employee and visitors safety in the event of an emergency.
- On March 17, 2026 the City Manager met with Davenport (the City's Financial Advisors) regarding the discussion of topics for the presentation for the upcoming Spring Retreat of City Council and Staff and to discuss other items.
- On March 24, 2026 the City Manager met with Davenport to review the presentation draft for the upcoming Spring Retreat of City Council and Staff.
- On March 26, 2026 the City Manager (along with City Clerk Hanson) attended a Digest and Billing Discussion meeting with representatives of the Dekalb Tax Commissioner's Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any changes in special assessments (ie. Stormwater, Sanitation, et.) and any anticipated changes in process or legislation that might effect the millage rate adoption process.
- On March 26th, 2026 the City Manager and the Finance Department team conducted a meeting with third party finance support and a representative of Mauldin & Jenkins (the City's Auditors). The purpose of the meeting was to provide a status update on the City's FY2024 audit. It was determined that final reports were to be submitted to the auditor during the week ending April 3rd, 2026.
- On March 27, the City Manager, Mayor, City Council and Executive Leadership Team held our retreat to review accomplishments from January 2025 to present. Future goals were discussed as well.

Legal Administration

The City Manager works in collaboration with Attorney Stephen Quinn to administer the legal affairs of the City. Ms. Miller-Thornton collaborated with Attorney Quinn in review of ordinances and resolutions presented to Council during April 2026 for consideration. The City Manager also works to review all contracts, service agreements, and purchase agreements as proposed. Currently there is one agreement proposed and under review for the Atlanta Regional Commission as a revised version of the City of Clarkston Housing Summit Memorandum of Understanding.

Legislative Considerations

City Manager Thornton has been tracking State Legislation that has the potential to impact cities.

HR 1114, a proposed Constitutional Amendment, and HB 1116, the enabling legislation if the Constitutional Amendment were to pass are a significant concern to local governments' ability to fund municipal services. House Resolution 1114 is the constitutional amendment allowing for the elimination of property taxes statewide. It is accompanied by the enabling legislation, House Bill 1116 known as the, 'Homeownership and Market Equalization Act of 2026'. The legislation is contingent upon the passage of the constitutional amendment. Both aimed to reduce or eliminate homestead property tax. SB 382 became the revised version of HB 1114.

HB 1116 did not pass, but SB 382 (renamed SB 33, as an entirely amended version) passed the Senate passed on late April 2nd, with property tax language from the former HB 1116. The new Senate version of **SB 33, AM 59 0041** is as follows:

Senate Bill 33, newly named as the, 'Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026, aimed to reduce homestead property tax. The key components of the bill include:

- Creates the LHOST, a 1 percent sales tax, to be split between counties and cities for property tax relief for homesteaded properties. To adopt the LHOST, a Local Act is required with a following local voter referendum. The LHOST is in addition to other local sales tax but an alternative to the FLOST.
- Makes the floating homestead exemption established in HB 581 (2024 session) mandatory for all local governments, including cities, counties, and school systems. This exemption limits rises in taxable value of homesteaded property to an annual rate of inflation.
- As a result of the HB 581 homestead exemption, all local governments are eligible to pursue a FLOST. FLOST revenues would also be shared between cities and counties to provide general property tax relief.
- Revises the dates which a special election may be held on a local government's increase in revenue. This change will impact the available dates for SPLOST and TSPLOST elections.

Events

On March 20, 2026, the Clarkston Police Department, City Manager, and members of the Executive Leadership Team and City staff, hosted the annual Coffee with a Cop. The event is designed to allow our residents and business owners to interact with our police in an information setting.

Upcoming Events

Event: Food Giveaway
Date: April 17, 2028
Location: Starnes Center
Time: TBD

Event: Earth Day
Date: April 22, 2026
Location: Clarkston Municipal Building, 736 Park North Boulevard, Suite 120
Time: 9am to 3pm

ADMINISTRATION

City Clerk's Office

2026 Business License Update

- Business license applications for new and renewed businesses are continually being processed. During the month of March forty-six (46) applications have been issued including business, coin operated amusement machines, hookah, and alcohol, with another sixty-one (61) applications currently being processed.
- The City Clerk's Office met with the Planning Director and Finance Department to determine the best possible strategy for expediting the process, as well as keeping up with the records and status for each application.

Licensing and Permitting Software Implementation

- Application needs for the licensing software are in the process of being entered for Sages to build the program. Implementation of the licensing portion of the software will be determined at a later date.

Open Records Requests

- Number of requests (YTD): 281
- Number of requests received this month: 99

Agenda Meeting Software

- Trained new staff on Civic Plus Agenda and Meeting Management software.
- Met with Civic Plus to discuss how the program is meeting the needs of the city and how to better utilize the software.

Miscellaneous

- Submitted the retirement application for one (1) employee and salary sheets for four (4) terminated employees to Georgia Municipal Association. Completed the 2026 Retirement Census.
- Met with Clayton County Tax Commissioner's Office regarding the upcoming tax digest and billing. The meeting was to discuss any upcoming changes and address questions to ensure that all necessary adjustments are made prior to their deadlines.

Finance Office

Currently the Finance Office is working to complete audit work papers and trial balance submittal for the City's 2024 fiscal year audit. One – two weeks will be needed for the City's auditors to present draft of the audit report to the city's Administration for review and for completion of the Management Discussion and Analysis report. It is anticipated that the audit report will be presented to Council during the April 2026 work session of Mayor and Council.

The City's Finance Department, Finance Support and City Manager's Office are diligently working to conduct reconciliation and review of the City's 2025 financials – while working to maintain day-to-day responsibilities for managing the FY2026 budget.

The City Manager's Office, in conjunction with the Human Resources and Finance Department offices, is working to analysis the City's Government Interlocal Risk Management Association's quote for the City's 2026-27 property and liability coverage. It is anticipated that quote details and any associated budget amendments, as necessary will be presented to Council during the April 2026 work session of Council. Upon preliminary review, the quote as presented is approximately \$40,000 in excess of the expenditure budgeted for 2026.

SPLOST I and SPLOST II reconciliation reports for 2025 have been completed and are under review by the City Manager's office. Official public advertisement of fund expenditures is required by June 30, 2026. Report will be presented to Mayor and Council in advance of publishing.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund is currently being reconciled by the Finance Support team. The Federal Treasury requires report of the fund's activity and expenditures by April 30, 2026. All funds are to be expended by December 30th, 2026. The report will also be presented to Mayor and Council and will be available for public review.

City Manager Miller-Thornton completed registration of the City's Georgia Emergency Management grant application and award profile. The City is currently engaged in application of several grants to include but not be limited to development grants, technology grants, and economic mobility grants.

Human Resources & Risk Management

In March 2026, the Office of Human Resources and Risk Management focused on executing critical recruitment efforts, advancing HR systems evaluation, addressing employee relations matters, and strengthening organizational alignment and risk management practices.

Key Accomplishments

- **Police Chief Recruitment:** Successfully coordinated and executed full interview panel process; candidates vetted and process advancing toward selection
- **City Clerk Recruitment:** Completed application review and provided recommendation to City Manager
- **HRIS Evaluation:** Conducted vendor reviews (Paycom, Paychex, ADP) and delivered recommendation for system modernization to City Manager
- **Benefits & Payroll Oversight:** Identified and initiated correction of AFLAC billing discrepancies; ongoing coordination with Finance
- **Risk & Safety:** Participated in executive-level discussions on emergency preparedness, facility safety, and security measures

Risks/Areas of Focus

- **HRIS Limitations:** Current system continues to present operational inefficiencies and reporting gaps
- **Benefits & Payroll Reconciliation:** Ongoing need for tighter alignment between payroll, deductions, and vendor billing
- **Workforce Capacity:** Recruitment timelines and vacancies require continued monitoring to maintain service levels

April 2026 Priorities

- Finalize Police Chief selection
- Advance HRIS implementation planning
- Continue classification and compensation study alignment
- Maintain focus on recruitment, retention, and workforce stability

COURTS

Lillian Triplett, Chief Court Clerk

Court Sessions

Court was held five (5) times this month.

- Code Enforcement - March 4th, 2026 at 4:00pm
Total Case Count: 149 Total Defendants: 12
Three (3) defendants failed to appear = 75% appearance rate
- Bench Trials – March 4th, 2026 at 5:00pm
Total Case Count: 60 Total Defendant Count: 37
All defendants appeared = 100% appearance rate
- Plea and Arraignment - March 9th, 2026 at 10:00am
Total Case Count: 45 Total Defendant County: 28
Six (6) defendants failed to appear = 78% appearance rate
- Plea and Arraignment - March 10th, 2026 at 10:00am
Total Case Count: 96 Total Defendant Count: 56
Six (6) defendants failed to appear = 89% appearance rate
- Plea and Arraignment - March 19th, 2026 at 10:00am
Total Case Count: 40 Total Defendants: 18
Five (5) defendants failed to appear = 72% appearance rate

Departmental Review

- Clerk Michelle Jimenez has been a wonderful addition to the Municipal Court. She has excelled in performing her job duties and is now ready to sit in plea and arraignment court sessions without supervision. Starting April 1, 2026 she started training on Code Enforcement and Bench Trial court sessions.

Public Defender Services Contract

- A general contract for Public Defender services has been drafted by City Attorney Stephen Quinn. The contract will be reviewed by City Manager Miller-Thornton and Chief Court Clerk Lillian Triplett. The current public defender Attorney Mari-Lee Chambers stated that due to her busy family law practice, that she would more than likely not be able to attend the Plea and Arraignment sessions that have been moved to 10:00am. Judge David Will is currently speaking with Attorney Chambers and also seeking additional counsel to either fill in or replace Attorney Chambers.

Solicitor Services

- The line item for Solicitor Services has been updated to reflect a monthly allocation of \$2,500.00 (\$500.00 per session). Attorney Julie Kert has provided the following names as pro tempore solicitors for the 2026 calendar year; Karla Brown Dolby, LeRoya Chester Jennings, and Andrea Clark. Attorney Kert has also agreed to provide an annual report concerning Municipal Court operations and results, annually review and make recommended changes to the Municipal Code which relate to Municipal Court and to make recommendations to the City to improve the financial or other operating conditions of the Court.

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PARKS & RECREATION

Michael Duncan, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Visioning Phase Workshop

- On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Perez Planning & Design, LLC met with City of Clarkston staff to advance the visioning phase of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This working session served as an opportunity for the consultant team to gain deeper insight into the City's long-term priorities and to begin shaping the strategic framework that will guide the department over the next decade. During the meeting, the consultant team facilitated discussions on several foundational components of the visioning phase, including:
- **Vision Framework** – Establishing the overarching direction and guiding principles for the future of Clarkston's parks system.
- **Mission & Vision Statements** – Refining statements that reflect the department's purpose, values, and aspirations.
- **Goals & Objectives** – Identifying measurable priorities that will drive decision-making and resource allocation.
- **Programming and Operations** – Evaluating current offerings and exploring opportunities to expand or enhance recreational programs and services.
- **Indoor Facilities Strategy** – Assessing community needs related to indoor recreation and potential facility improvements or additions.
- **Park System Enhancements** – Discussing opportunities for new parks, facility upgrades, missing trail connections, and overall system improvements.
- **Next Steps** – Outlining the upcoming phases of the planning process, including community engagement, data analysis, and draft plan development. City staff provided valuable insight into their vision for the Parks & Recreation Department's evolution over the next ten years. Key themes included expanding equitable access to recreational amenities, strengthening community-centered programming, improving connectivity through trails and greenways, and ensuring that facilities meet the needs of Clarkston's growing and diverse population. This meeting marked an important milestone in the development of the Master Plan and set the foundation for the next stages of analysis and community engagement.

Aquatics Management Partnership – Pool Operations Update

- On March 1, 2026, the Parks & Recreation Department officially launched its contracted partnership with Aquatics Management to oversee comprehensive pool operations for the upcoming season. This partnership is designed to enhance safety, improve facility maintenance, and ensure a high-quality experience for all pool users. Under the terms of the agreement, Aquatics Management will provide the following services:
- **Pool Maintenance** – The contractor will perform routine maintenance three days per week, including debris removal, water quality testing, and chemical balancing. Aquatics Management will supply all necessary chemicals to maintain required health and safety standards, ensuring the pool remains in compliance with state and local regulations.
- **Lifeguard Management** – The company will recruit, train, schedule, and supervise certified lifeguards for all regular operating hours, special events, and private pool rentals. This structure ensures consistent staffing levels and adherence to established safety protocols. Looking ahead, Aquatics Management will remove the pool cover on April 1, 2026, marking the start of preseason preparations. Their team will begin a full inspection of mechanical systems, initiate water-quality stabilization, and prepare the facility for public use. Pre-opening tasks will include:
 - **Cleaning and pressure-washing the pool deck**
 - **Deep cleaning of restrooms and changing areas**
 - **Inspecting and arranging pool furniture on the deck**
 - **Conducting safety checks on equipment and emergency systems**

These efforts will position the facility to open on schedule for Memorial Day Weekend. The department anticipates that this partnership will strengthen operational efficiency and elevate the overall standard of service for the community.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Project Evaluation Update

- The City of Clarkston recently received notification regarding the availability of funding through the DeKalb County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In response, the Parks & Recreation Department has initiated a coordinated effort with City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton and Contracted City Engineer Larry Kaiser to evaluate eligible project opportunities at Milam Park.

The team is currently reviewing park needs, cost considerations, and CDBG funding criteria to determine which improvement project(s) would provide the greatest community benefit while aligning with grant requirements. Potential areas under consideration include accessibility enhancements, facility upgrades, safety improvements, and infrastructure repairs that support long-term park sustainability.

As of the date of this report, staff are still in the process of finalizing the recommended project scope. Once a project is selected, the City will prepare and submit the formal grant application ahead of the April 6, 2026, deadline. This funding opportunity has the potential to significantly enhance Milam Park and further the City's commitment to providing high-quality recreational amenities for residents.

GA 100 Pitch Grant Project Update

- The City of Clarkston has received an extension for the GA 100 Pitch Grant, which will support the installation of artificial turf on the upper multipurpose field at Milam Park. This extension ensures adequate time for procurement, contractor selection, and project mobilization. The updated Request for Proposals (RFP) is scheduled for release on Bidnet Direct by the end of March. The solicitation will seek competitive bids from qualified contractors for the full scope of work, including site preparation, turf installation, drainage improvements, and any required field enhancements. The bid submission period is anticipated to close in April 2026, after which proposals will undergo a formal evaluation to confirm compliance with project specifications, budget requirements, and performance standards.

Based on the current project schedule, completion is estimated for September 2026. This timeline will be refined once a contractor is selected and a detailed construction schedule is provided.

The installation of artificial turf will offer long-term benefits to the City of Clarkston by improving field durability, expanding year-round playability, reducing maintenance needs, and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents. Once completed, the upgraded field will serve as a valuable community asset for many years.

Spring Youth Soccer League Ages 3-10 – Program Update

- The Spring Youth Soccer League is scheduled to begin on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**. Registration remains open, and as of Wednesday, March 25, 2026, a total of 96 participants has enrolled across multiple age divisions. Staff continue to actively promote the program through the City's website, social media channels, and outreach to community partners, schools, and local organizations to encourage additional enrollment leading up to opening day. Team practices officially began on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Early participation has been strong, with families expressing enthusiasm for the return of the program and appreciation for the City's continued investment in youth recreational opportunities. Coaches

have reported positive engagement from players, and staff have been on-site to support practice logistics, distribute equipment, and ensure field readiness.

The Parks & Recreation Department anticipates a successful season, with a focus on skill development, sportsmanship, and community building. The strong turnout reflects the community's ongoing interest in youth athletics and the City's commitment to providing accessible, high-quality recreational programming.

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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Richard Edwards, Planning & Economic Development Director

Projects:

- Staff is working to complete a Historic Resources Survey – surveying and photos of homes to take place soon.
- Staff is reviewing the Existing Conditions Report for the Comp Plan, which examines the existing zoning, land use, infrastructure, demographics, and natural resources. The next Community meeting is scheduled for April 8th at the Clarkston Community Center from 5pm-7:30pm.
- Staff is reviewing the preliminary fiscal feasibility models for the Annexation Study. The consultant is working to complete feasibility models for population/demographics, public infrastructure, geopolitical interest, and municipal staffing projections.
- ICMA Co-design for housing is expected to kick-off in April. Staff is working to identify the stakeholders for this year long engagement group.
- The SagesGov Building Permits module is set to go live the week of April 6th.
- Staff has submitted for a CDAP application to complete a Housing Assessment and ARC will be announcing the selected participants in May.
- Staff is reviewing the submitted RFQ for On-Call Planning & Economic Development Services. We received 6 submittals for Planning Services and 12 for Economic Development Services.
- The GSU student working on The Sutton House assessment is making their last visit to the site on 4/1/26 and will begin a full conditions assessment.
- The DDA had their kick-off meeting with Georgia Tech on the DDA Strategic Plan on 3/9/26.

Zoning Cases:

- 3688 W Smith Street – CUP for a community center (zoned Residential Commercial (RC) along a residential street with 5 single-family homes

Permitting:

- 26 permit reviews submitted from 2/26/26 – 3/31/26
- 14 permits issued from 2/26/26 – 3/31/26
- 36 permits pending review/denied

Code Compliance:

- Warning Notices – 40
- Court Summons Issued – 7
- Open Records Requests Completed – 3
- Court Cases – 87 (4/1/26 court date)

Upcoming Public Engagement Events:

- Comp Plan Community Meeting – April 8th (5pm-7:30pm)
- Engagement Event at Refuge Coffee Spring Market – April 18th (9am-4pm)

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PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE

Xavier Todd, Assistant Chief of Police

Part I – Crime Statistics

Reporting Period: February 25, 2026 - March 23, 2026

Offense Type	Number of Incidents
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Assault	14
Burglary	1
Theft	21
Motor Vehicle Theft	5

Part II – Patrol Statistics

Reporting Period: February 25, 2026 - March 23, 2026

Activity	Number
Citations Issued	114
Accident Reports	44
Incident Reports	119
Arrest	26

Training and Professional Development:

- **Leadership in Public Safety: Theory and Practice:**
Officer D. Patterson attended 40-hours of in-person First Responder Training at Georgia Public Safety Training Center.
- Officer Earle attended 16-hours of in-person Evidence and Property Room Management at Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Administrative Updates:

- Interim Chief Orrin Hamilton was sworn in by Mayor Burks.

External Agency Partnerships:

- Assistant Chief Todd attended the Dekalb County Chief Association (DCCA) meeting hosted by Doraville Police Department.
- Assistant Chief Todd attended the Dekalb Municipal Association Policy Committee Meeting.
- Clarkston PD will host the Dekalb County Chief Association (DCCA) meeting on May 13, 2026 at 9:30am.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Marcus Seaton, Public Works Director

Department Overview

The Public Works Department oversees a wide range of essential services including:

- Street infrastructure and right-of-way maintenance
- Stormwater infrastructure and NPDES compliance
- Sanitation services, including yard debris, bulk items, and special trash removal

Public Works aims to deliver responsive and efficient services that meet community expectations.

Milam Park

Public Works staff have begun pressure washing the boardwalk at the entrance of Milam Park to improve overall appearance and safety. Vegetation along the rear fence line has been cleared to enhance visibility and maintenance access. Additionally, outdated benches at the top of the field were removed and replaced with benches relocated from the tennis court area that are in better condition. Staff have also initiated the process of identifying picnic tables, as the existing tables are deteriorating due to wood splintering and loose nails.

Fleet Vehicles

Quotes have been obtained from Hard Chevrolet for the purchase of two replacement vehicles. This includes replacing a 2012 Ford F-150 that has exceeded its service life and has become increasingly costly to maintain. A quote has also been secured for a vehicle for the City Manager. All pricing has been obtained through state contract purchasing and is tax-exempt.

Rivers Alive Creek Clean-Up Event

Public Works staff supported the Rivers Alive Creek Clean-Up event held on March 21 by assisting with event setup and promotion. Banners were placed throughout the city to raise awareness. The Technology and Communications Officer promoted the event on the city website and across social media platforms. The City partnered with Keep DeKalb County Beautiful, who provided volunteers along with supplies including litter pickers, bags, and safety vests. Event photos were shared with the organization and may be featured in the DeKalb County newspaper. Public Works anticipate hosting an additional community clean-up event in May, focused on the downtown area.

Rivers Alive Creek Clean-Up Event (Follow-Up)

Following the Rivers Alive Creek Clean-Up event, Public Works participated in a DeKalb County tire recycling event. Staff successfully disposed of a total of 14 tires, including 13 collected from previous operations and one tire collected during the Rivers Alive event. Coordinated with DeKalb County to come remove all the trash that was collected during the event.

Earth Day Initiative

Public Works has been in coordination with Keisha regarding planning for this year's Earth Day initiative. Staff have agreed to implement a new approach by distributing indoor plants rather than hosting traditional tree planting. This alternative is more environmentally sustainable, requires less labor and maintenance, and is cost-effective. The selected plants are intended to improve indoor air quality, assist with allergies, and provide natural humidifying benefits, while also requiring minimal care from residents.

MS4 Stormwater

FY 2025–2026 stormwater inspections are nearing completion. Public Works recently repaired a damaged catch basin on Sam's Road that had been compromised by a tractor-trailer, creating a potential safety hazard.

Staff also met with a resident at 1060 Jolly Avenue regarding drainage concerns caused by water backup. Upon inspection, sediment buildup was identified as the issue, and a hydrojet contractor has been scheduled to further assess and provide a solution.

Additionally, Public Works responded to a report from maintenance staff at Birch Run Apartments, located behind Brockett Pocket Park, regarding localized flooding. Initial findings determined that leaves and debris were obstructing the drainage system and impeding proper water flow.