

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
July 28, 2014

PROJECT: Pittsboro Downtown Vision Plan

UPDATE: We have received verbal confirmation from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that the first four (4) elements of the Vision Plan has been approved for \$235,000 of design work and preparation of construction drawings. In a nutshell, the work would involve improvements around the traffic circle as well as the northwest, northeast and southwest corners – curbs, landscaping, narrowing pavement to 24', new splitter island and new crosswalks. The design work will provide firmer cost estimates. A confirmation letter from the NCDOT Transportation Secretary will be arriving early during the week of July 28.

PROECT: Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Inspections

UPDATE: On July 15 and 16 the North Caroline Rural Water Association Staff helped Town of Pittsboro Staff inspect a number of locations in our sanitary sewer collection system to determine where storm water may be entering infiltrating sanitary sewer mains. This process identified locations that could be fixed through normal maintenance and will provide a good springboard for additional I&I work that would be completed as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund “Find and Fix” funding that we hope to utilize this year.

PROJECT: Jordan Lake Partnership (JLP)

UPDATE: We will receive comments from DENR in August regarding the Allocations Application. We recently received a feasibility study for a Western Intake that provides cost estimates for the current method of receiving water from Jordan Lake. Chris Belk of Hazen and Sawyer – one of the authors of the study – will be attending an upcoming meeting to present.

PROJECT: Water Treatment Plant (WTP) – Generator Installation

UPDATE: The new emergency generator is in place and functional.

PROJECT: NC 87 Sidewalk

UPDATE: Survey work is complete and Staff is designing project. We are expecting to bid the project in September. We were notified by NCDOT that we received a grant (Strategic Transportation Investment (STI)) to construct an additional sidewalk on Pittsboro Elementary School Road from NC87 to the school. NCDOT will be sending a grant agreement for an 80%/20% grant to help cover the costs. We expect the Town’s contribution to be provided by Powell Bill funds on hand in the amount of \$10,000.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension

UPDATE: Final design has been approved by NCDOT. The project will be advertised by end of the month with expectation of mid-September construction – depending on whether the bids meet our cost estimates.

PROJECT: Finance Officer Replacement

UPDATE: Nancy Emslie, accepted a position with the Town of Pittsboro as Finance Officer. She is expected to join us on August 4, 2014 after completing notice at her current job. Ms. Emslie's has been working as the Director of Finance and Administration with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the past two (2) years and as Accounting Officer with the Town of Carrboro for six (6) years previous to that. She is highly recommended by previous co-workers, supervisors and Town of Pittsboro Department Heads and looks forward to applying her energy and attention to detail to the work we have ahead of us.

PROJECT: Storm Water Ordinance

UPDATE: Fred Royal, Town Engineer, is developing Storm Water Administrative Manual, pursuant to the Stormwater Management Ordinance for New Development and Redevelopment in the Jordan Lake Watershed. The document compiles the application requirements for permits to discharge stormwater, submission schedule, fee schedule and a copy of the Stormwater Ordinance. Mr. Royal is expecting to Manual this to the Town Board of Commissioners.

PROJECT: Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Consultant Selection

UPDATE: Staff met with consultants to outline the process of completing an updated Unified Development Ordinance for the Town. Staff is currently soliciting interest in the committee and will approach the Board with interested members during the August 11 meeting.