

City of Gainesville

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Infrastructure and Wild Spaces / Public Places Surtax Update (B)

On November 8th, 2022, there will be a Countywide referendum on a 1% surtax to fund critical infrastructure and wild spaces / public places. If approved, 0.5 % will be utilized to continue the existing Wild Spaces / Public Places Program. The other 0.5 % will be utilized to fund existing road improvements, roadway safety projects, critical infrastructure and affordable housing. This would be a 10 year surtax commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2032.

Staff has been preparing a Wild Spaces / Public Places project list and an infrastructure project list. The foundation for the project lists comes from the following sources:

- 1. Neighbor Engagement;
- 2. Capital needs assessment;
- 3. Parks & Recreation Master Plan;
- 4. Fire Station Master Plan; and,
- 5. Pavement Management Plan.

The surtax is estimated to generate approximately \$17.4 million per year. \$8.7 million for Wild Spaces / Public Places and \$8.7 for critical infrastructure.

Strategic Connection:

This project is related to 4 of the 5 Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1: "Equitable Community" - objective 4; Goal 2: "More Sustainable Community" - objective 4; Goal 3: "A Great Place to Live & Experience" - objective 7; and, Goal 5: ""Best In Class" Neighbor Services".

The City Commission: 1) receive an update from staff; and, 2) provide direction, as appropriate.