



Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—February 2026

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Recently Completed:

- Headstone adjustment at Memorial Park Cemetery. Several headstones were adjusted as needed. This can be required every few years as headstones sink, rotate and become crooked and/or unlevel.



- Attended meetings with Lumpkin County Emergency Personnel, GEMA and FEMA regarding record-keeping and potential funding related to Winter Storm Fern.



- Arbor Day recognition at corner of North Park Street and Warwick Street.



Ongoing:

- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk. Retaining wall/sidewalk construction near GA52 beginning soon. Bridge structure is expected to begin arriving the week of March 12.



- Memorial Park Cemetery lot layout. New lots have been preliminarily laid out and await installation of plot markers by volunteers with City staff guidance. Following this, staff will work with City legal counsel to determine following steps to prepare the plots for sale and present to City Council.



- Golden Avenue storm drain. The culvert and street redesign files have been sent to GDOT for coordination into the Yahoola Bridge project.
- Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive.



- Concrete work and resurfacing of Warwick Street between Park and Chestatee.





- Coordination with GDOT regarding Yahoola Bridge replacement, South Chestatee slope repair in multiple locations and the Auraria/Torrington intersection improvements.
- Forest clearing at Memorial Park Cemetery. At this time, there is no interest in gaining burial plots in this area, it is simply a clean up of dead, dying and decaying timber. Before and after photos below:



Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- City Park playground renovation.
- Preliminary procurement work for school to school sidewalk and roundabouts. This is another GDOT Transportation Alternatives project estimated at around \$11m.
- Boat Ramp Picnic Area beautification. The goal is to perform this work to coincide with completion of the Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk.
- Planting of native dogwoods on Park Street to come in several weeks/months as directed by nursery. Scheduled date is March 2, 2026.