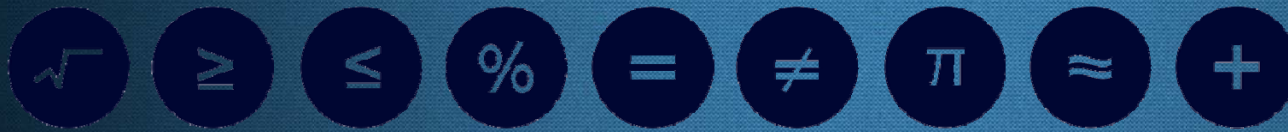




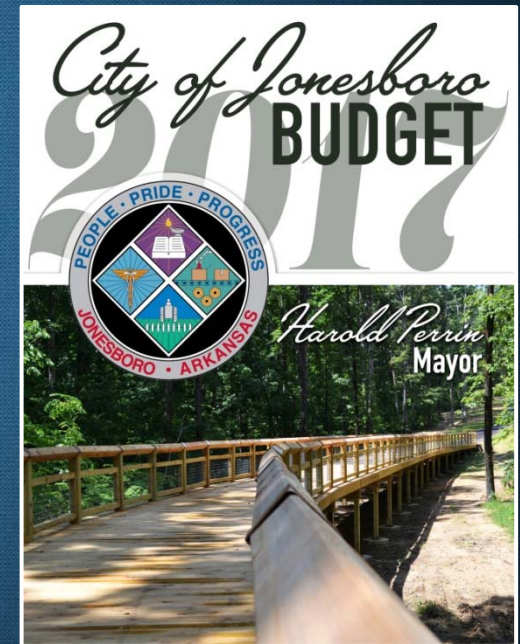
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# Finance Department



- Clean legislative audit
- Diversified investments to earn greater return on revenue
- Operating budget: \$65 million
- Assisted all departments in planning and preparing budgets



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# Fire Department

- 4,462 calls for service
  - 530 fire calls
  - 2,730 rescue and EMS calls
- 27,966 hours of firefighter training and education
- Achieved a “Class 1” Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating
- New ladder truck



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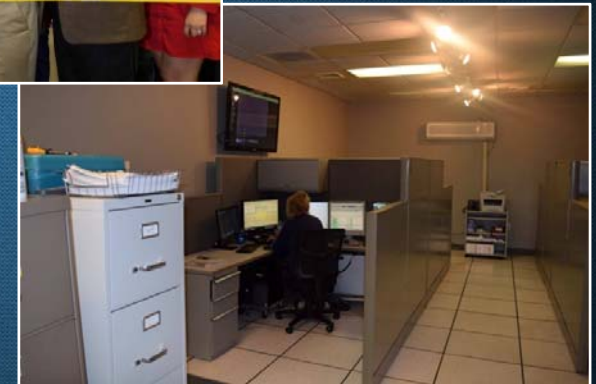
# Police Department

- 78,405 officer dispatches
- Crime 2.5% higher than 5-year average
  - Most significant change was growth in larceny and drop in rape
- Full staff of 159 officers
- Two in-house Police Training academies
  - Graduated 19 new officers
- Two Citizen Police Academy sessions
  - Graduated 70 citizens
- Community Outreach
  - Halloween Trunk or Treat
  - Back to School Cookout
  - Ballgame at Parker Park
  - Hispanic Center
- Shooting sports complex development ongoing



# E911

- 254,392 calls for emergency services
- Facility upgrades
  - All cables replaced and upgraded
  - Four new radio/911 console workstations with full system control functions
  - Two new call-taker workstations with integrated mapping



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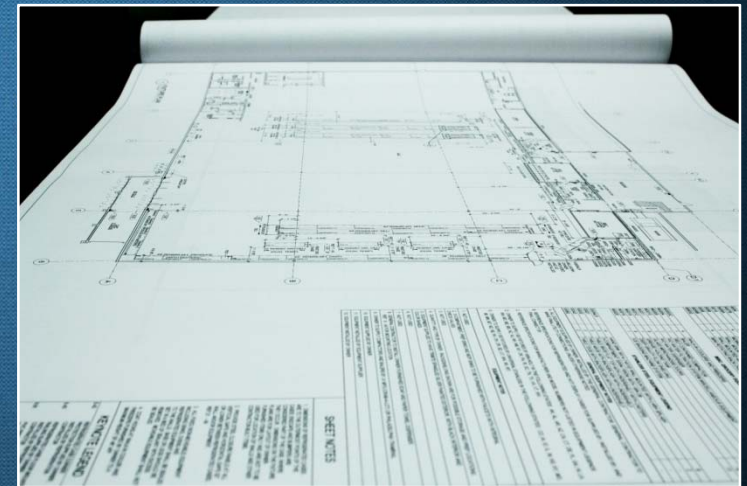
# Animal Control

- More than 500 pets adopted
- Community Outreach
  - Visited local schools to promote animal safety, pet responsibility, animal cruelty and bite prevention
  - Visited nursing homes and retirement homes for stress relief and play time
- Clinics
  - 11 low-cost vaccination clinics provided for upward of 2,000 dogs and cats
  - Four male cat neuter clinics were able to neuter and provide rabies vaccinations to 283 cats



# Office of Inspections

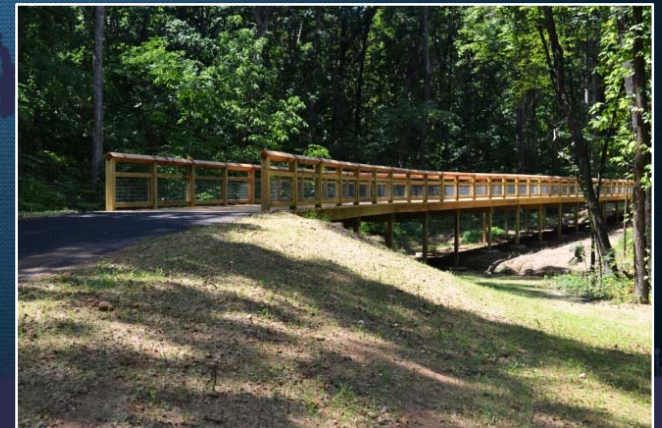
- Residential
  - Single-family: 457 houses
  - Duplex: 39 buildings (80 units)
  - Multi-family: 40 buildings (149 units)
- Commercial
  - 50 buildings
- Total building permits:  
\$184 million, up \$35 million from 2015



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# Parks and Recreation

- Phases 1 & 2 of Greenway Trail at Craighead Forest Park
- Wall of Honor at Miracle League Park
- Synthetic ice skating rink downtown provided by First Community Bank
- Winter Wonderland renovation provided by Leadership Jonesboro 2016 Team B (4,038 visitors)
- Upgrades:
  - New tennis courts at Earl Bell
  - New pavilions and fencing at four parks
  - Erosion control, backstops, fencing, and new scoreboards at Joe Mack Campbell Park and Southside Softball Complex





# JET System

- Ridership of 115,621
  - 8.5% increase over 2015
- Shelter obtained by grant for buses and pre-trip inspections
- Bus advertising will start in 2017



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# Quality of Life/Code Enforcement

- Closed 4,463 complaints:
  - Illegal disposal 688
  - Inoperable vehicles 233
  - Nuisance against public health 36
  - Overgrown grass 2,145
  - Unlawful storage 1,236
  - Unsightly/unsanitary condition 724
- 30 structures demolished
- 21 pending condemnation cases

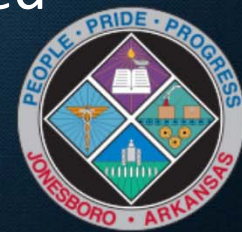


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# Sanitation Department



- 24,302 tons of trash
- 1,600 tons of yard waste
- 400 tons of debris for street department and code enforcement
- 30 tons of waste hauled off following flood



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# Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)



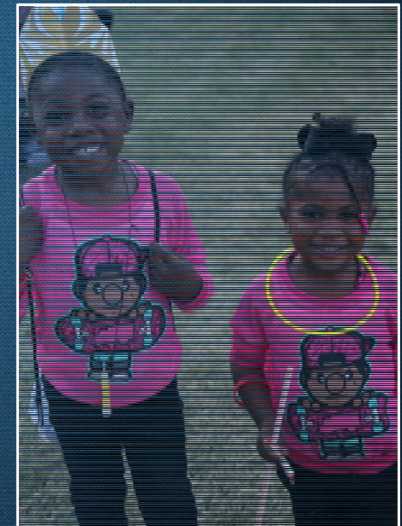
- 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, linked to more than \$140 million in federal funding for local projects
- Brochures and online surveys for community education and engagement
- Created Active Transportation Committee and an Active Transportation Plan, the first of its kind in the region



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# Grants & Community Development Department

- \$15.9 million in active awards
- \$270,000 sidewalks in north Jonesboro
- Homeless taskforce and hotline
  - Awarded \$94,000 “Continuum of Care” Grant
- Jonesboro Community Connection
  - Online volunteer database, [cojvolunteer.org](http://cojvolunteer.org)



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# Planning Department

- Permit totals grew 14% from 2015
- Submittals now accepted and maintained on website
- Digital mapping of annexations
- Hired new Planning Director, Derrel Smith



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# Street Department



- 324 miles of striping on City streets
- \$1.6 million in channelization projects
- 58 miles of major drainage ditches cleaned



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# Engineering Department

- \$500,000 in overlays
- Red Wolf turning lanes at ASU
- Safety improvements at 14 railroad crossings
- Opticom systems and battery backups installed at six new intersections, now totaling 25

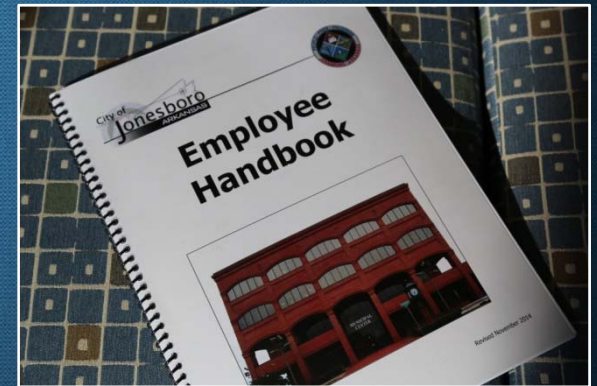


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# Human Resources Department

- Implemented new training curriculum
- Automated certain processes to reduce time & save money
- Hired new HR Director, Dewayne Douglas



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# Communications Department

- Doubled Facebook followers
- New programming
  - Serving Jonesboro
  - Council Conversations
  - Let's Talk Jonesboro (ongoing)
- Hardware and software upgrades for Channel 24 and Municipal Center
- IT Van wrapped to promote City, provided by Haag Brown
- Hired new Communications Director, Bill Campbell



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# Information Systems Department

- Upgraded equipment and firewall for heightened security
- More than 3,000 help desk requests



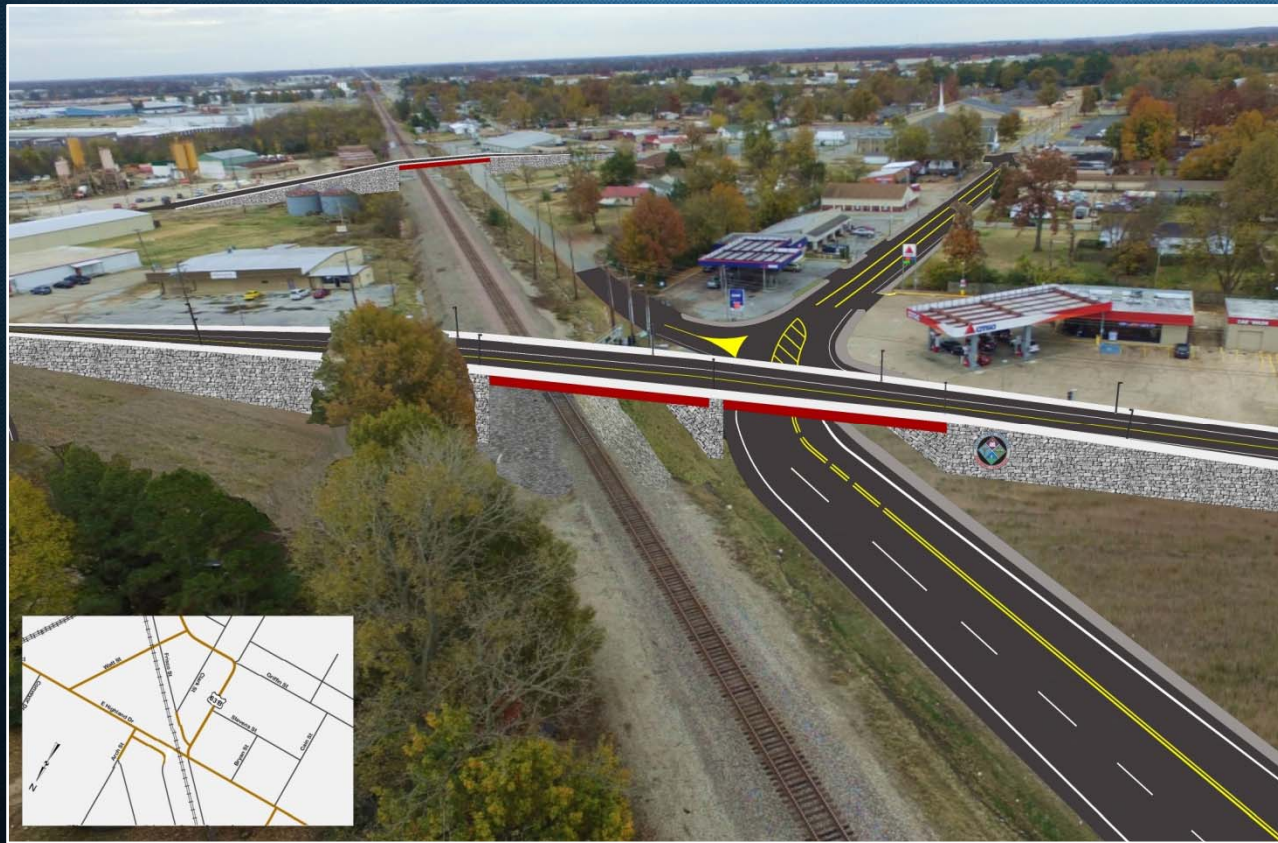
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# 2017 PROJECTS



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# Highway 18 at Nettleton Avenue Railroad Overpass

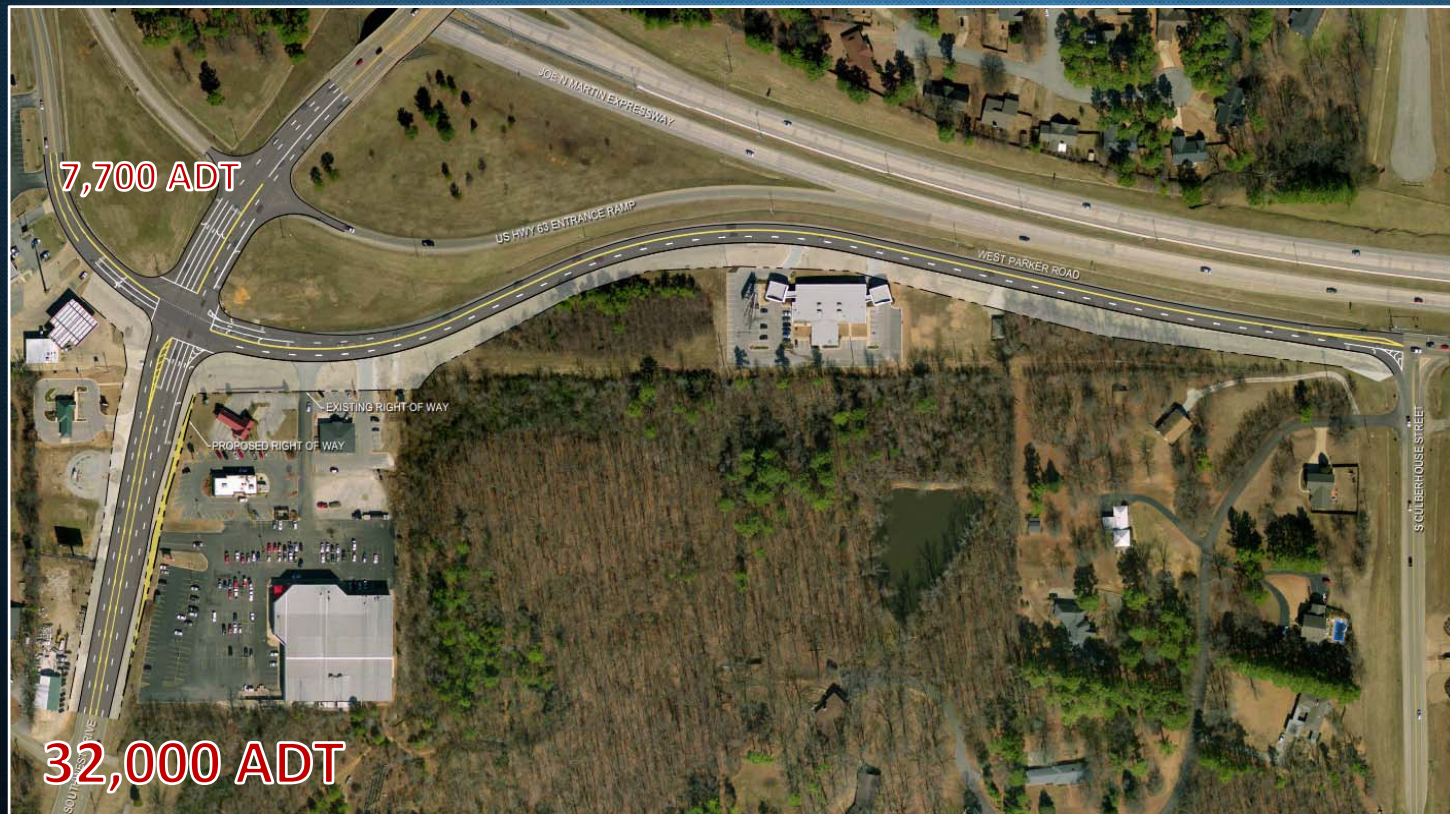


- Using \$1.2M TIGER Grant (2015)
- Design awarded to Bridgefarmer & Associates
- Currently at 90% roadway design plans
- Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations underway
- Bids to be let in September



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# Hwy 49 (Southwest Drive) at Parker Rd



- Estimated project cost \$2.5M
- Estimated bid letting in 2018
- Consultant selection process underway



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# Highway 1 B (Harrisburg Rd) Improvements



- Estimated project cost \$2.5M
- Estimated bid letting in 2018
- Consultant selection process underway



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# Bark Park at Fort Rotary (Craighead Forest Park)



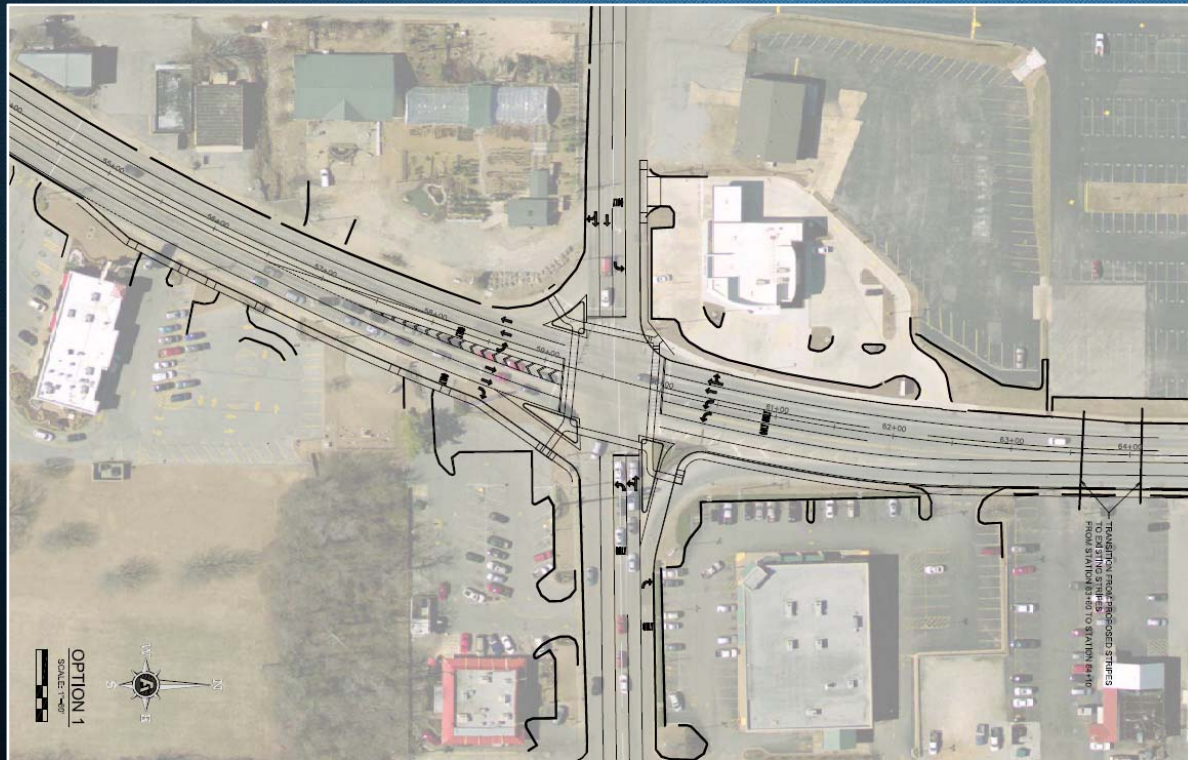
- Public-private partnership with ongoing fundraising



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# Southwest Dr at Main/Highland

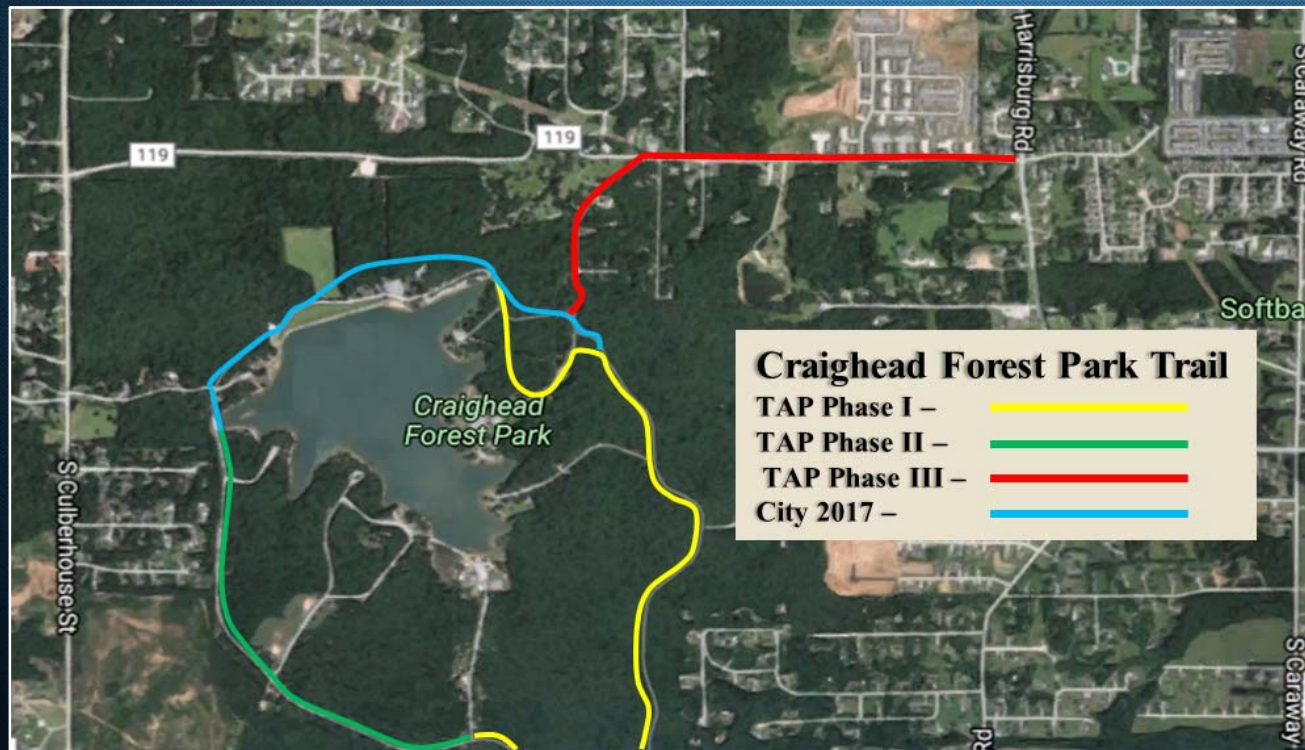


- 30% plans submitted
- Estimated cost: \$1.2 million
- Estimated bid letting fall 2017



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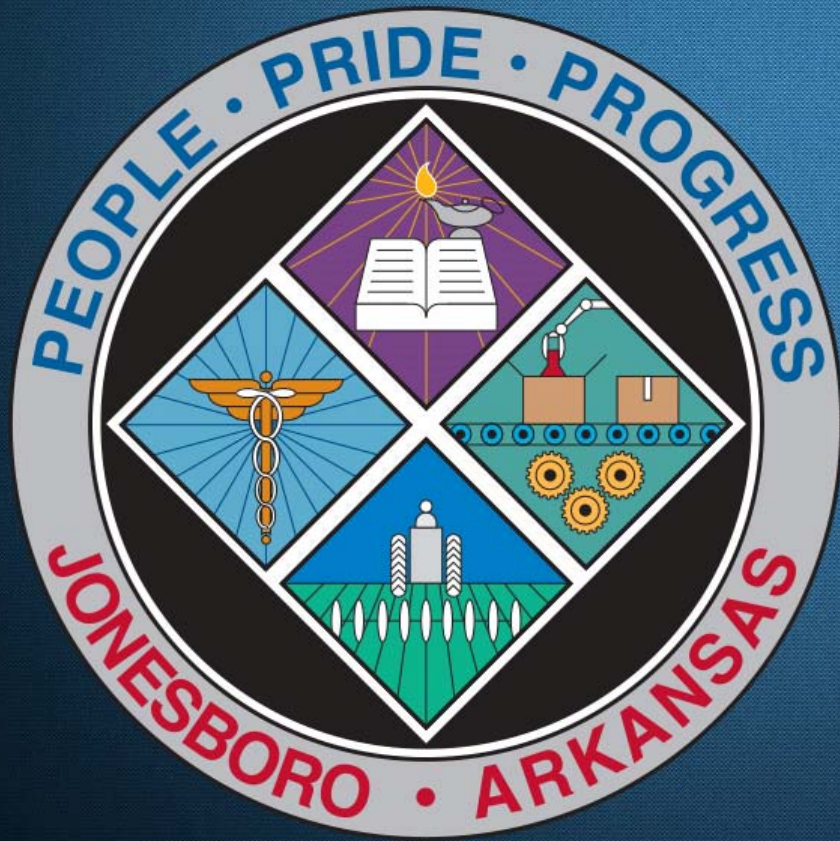
# Greenway Trail (Craighead Forest Park)



- 2017 construction includes new road, roundabout at park entry, workout stations, and completes 3.2-mile walking/biking trail around park



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