Recent and Future Public Investment Projects

HOT SPRINGS THERMAL BASIN FIRE DISTRICT

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Downtown evening Sanitation route

Sanitation launched the city's only evening route in order to collect trash downtown daily and keep sidewalks clean. Cost is approximate, as labor levels vary.

Cost: $13,000 annually ***Completed January 2014***

Downtown emergency warning siren system

Five sirens on 55-foot poles, located on Whittington, Park and Central Avenues, will be primarily used to warn people outdoors of impending weather threats or other emergencies.

Cost: $119,960 ***Completed April 2014***

Downtown parking meter removal

Downtown parking is now meter-free on Central Avenue from Ouachita to Whittington avenues, including the Exchange Street Parking Plaza. The cost is in lost revenue.

Cost: $6,000 annually ***Completed June 2014***

Mountain Street electronic pedestrian crossing

Cost: $1200 ***Completed June 2014***

Whittington Valley Community Rain Garden

In a public-private partnership between the city's Stormwater Division and Weyerhaeuser that is the first of its kind for Hot Springs, a low-impact rain garden alleviates flooding, improves stormwater quality and adds aesthetic beauty to the community.

Cost: $7500 ***Completed June 2014***

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Hot Springs Creek Tunnel repairs

Federally funded project to alleviate downtown flooding by removing obstructions in tunnel.

Cost: $600,000 ***Estimated completion October 2014***

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects

Downtown sidewalk repairs, improving connectivity to area neighborhoods; improvements to facilities (Webb Center, Housing Authority Community Center and Baseball Trail Park), enhancing quality of life; and analysis of fair housing impediments.

Cost: $631,591 ***Estimated completion December 2014***

Downtown security cameras

A total of 11 cameras in the Exchange Street Parking Plaza and other areas throughout downtown are monitored for public safety by the Hot Springs Police Department and the city's Traffic Division. Two more will be installed in 2014 at an additional cost of $9,000.

Cost: $50,000 ***Completed December 2013; more in 2014***

Wayfinding connection project

Federal funds will provide wayfinding connections in the form of a decorative brick path between the Hot Springs Creek Greenway North Trailhead (in the Transportation Plaza) and Hot Springs National Park's Grand Promenade and Bathhouse Row.

Cost: $92,400 ***Estimated completion December 2014***

Water main upgrade

Installation of 2000' of a 12-inch water main on both sides of Central Avenue downtown (West side: Whittington Avenue to Mountain Street; east side: Park Avenue to Fountain Street).

Cost: $500,000 ***Estimated completion December 2014***

Downtown hanging baskets

For the last 20 years, hanging baskets have enhanced downtown historic light poles (now 127 baskets, 80 lbs. each). The cost includes a savings of $7,000 every other year for basket rebuilding by area volunteer master gardeners.

Cost: $10,000 annually ***Completion date: Ongoing***

Private volunteer downtown improvements

Volunteers from Mission Hot Springs, a local church initiative, have refurbished tree grates, park benches and trash receptacles for the last three years.

Cost: $0 ***Completion date: Annual***

Citizens Police Academy graduate volunteer patrol

Graduates of the Police Department's Citizen Police Academy are commissioned to patrol downtown, assist visitors with information and be "eyes and ears" to the HSPD.

Cost: $1750 ***Completed June 2014; Ongoing***

811 Park Avenue Green Space project

Demolition of vacant, decrepit motel to create a half-acre community park that also serves to enhance stormwater quality, infiltration to mitigate flooding and beautification of the city's Park Avenue corridor.

Cost: $180,000 ***Estimated completion 2016***

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