

City of Fort Smith

Neighborhood Board Meeting
Ward 1 – FSPS Rogers Center
January 26, 2015



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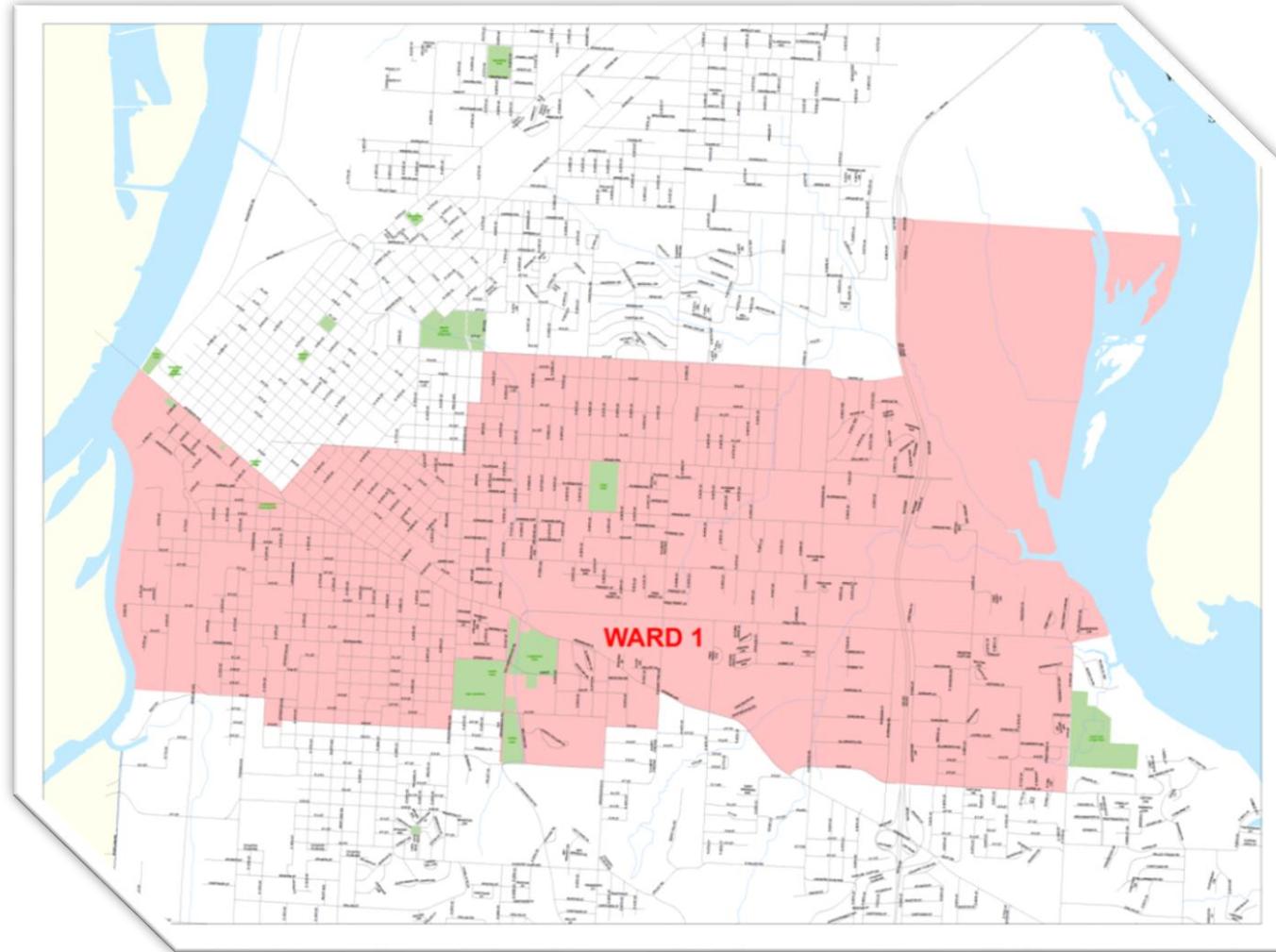
Mayor Sandy Sanders

Director Keith Lau
Ward 1 Representative

City Board of Directors

Citizens Academy
Alumni Association

Ray Gosack
City Administrator



Parks & Recreation

Jeff Dingman

Deputy City Administrator





Tilles Park

Playground Expansion - October, 2014

River Park Pavilion

Building Improvements & Splash Pad



MLK Park Softball Field



**SOFTBALL FIELD
MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**



Greg Smith Riverwalk



**RIVER WEST TRAIL
REST NODE**



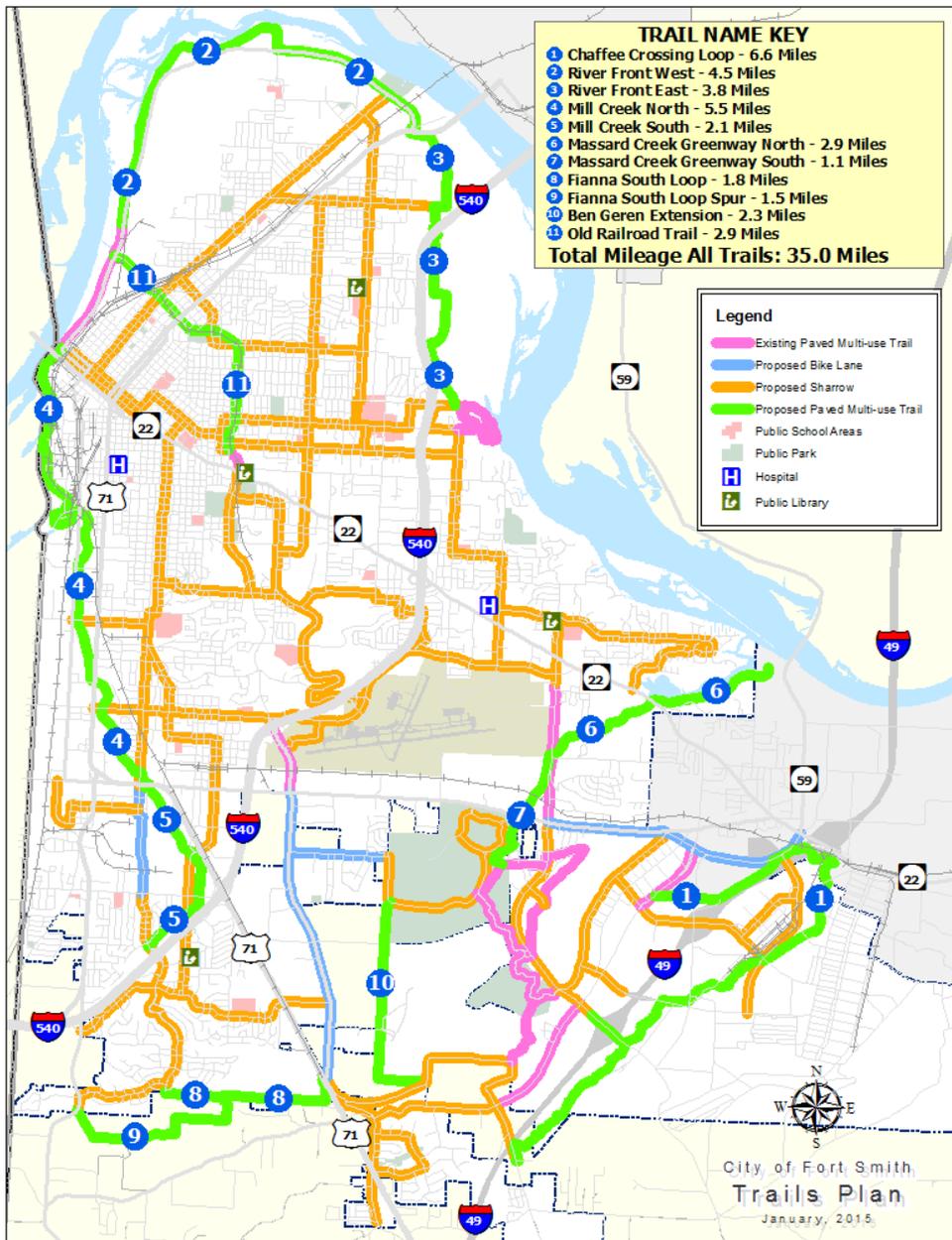
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Trails & Bikeways



Parrot Island Waterpark

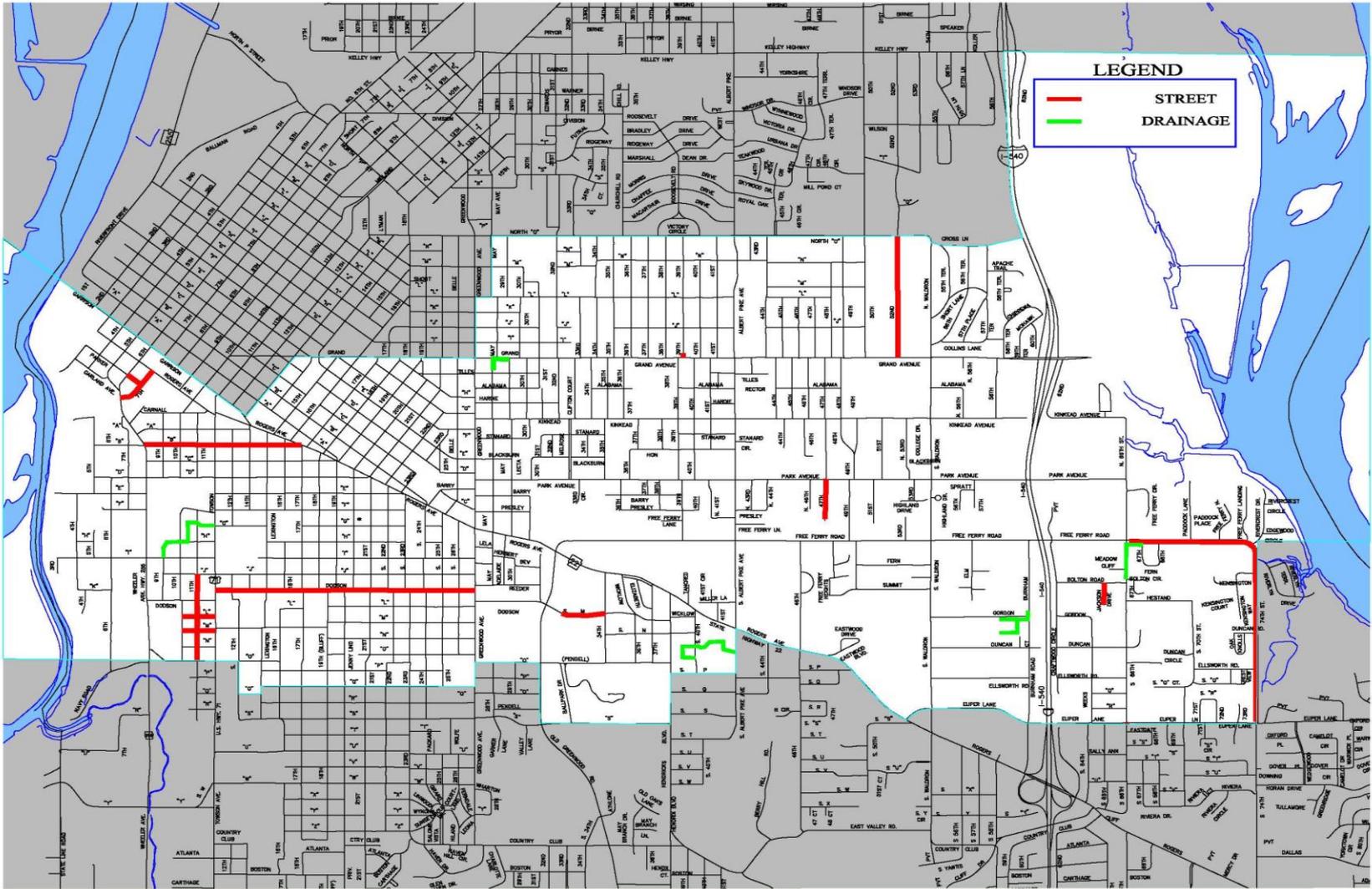


Street & Stormwater Projects

Stan Snodgrass, Director
Engineering Department

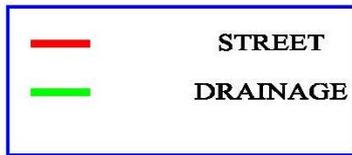


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WARD 1 MEETING - JANUARY 26, 2015
STREET AND DRAINAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**



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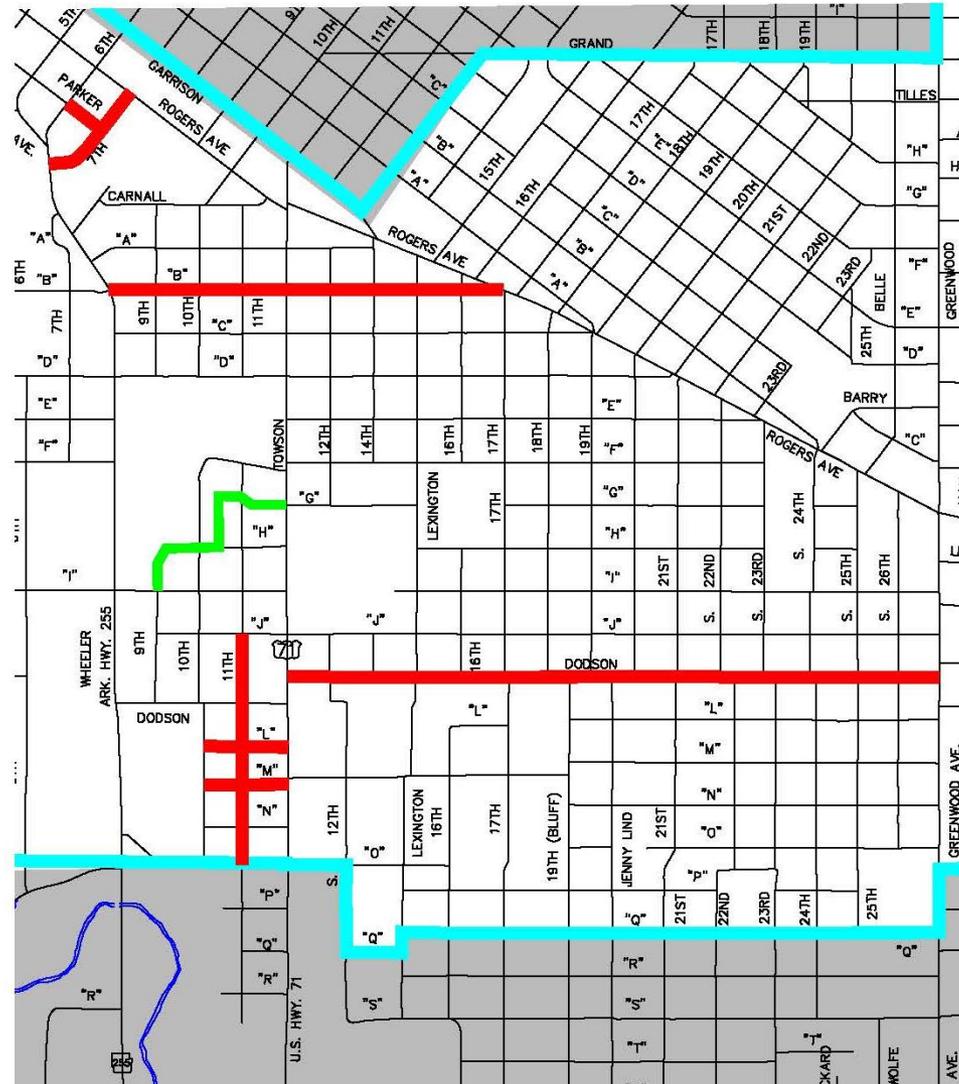


Street Overlays/Reconstruction

Street	From	To
Parker Avenue	6th Street	7th Street
South 7th Street	Wheeler Ave	Rogers Ave
South B Street	Wheeler Ave	Rogers Ave
South L Street	10 Street	Towson Ave
South M Street	10 Street	Towson Ave
South 11th Street	O Street	J Street
Dodson Avenue	Towson Ave	Greenwood Ave

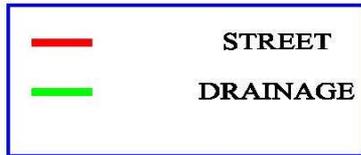
Drainage

South G Street and Towson Avenue



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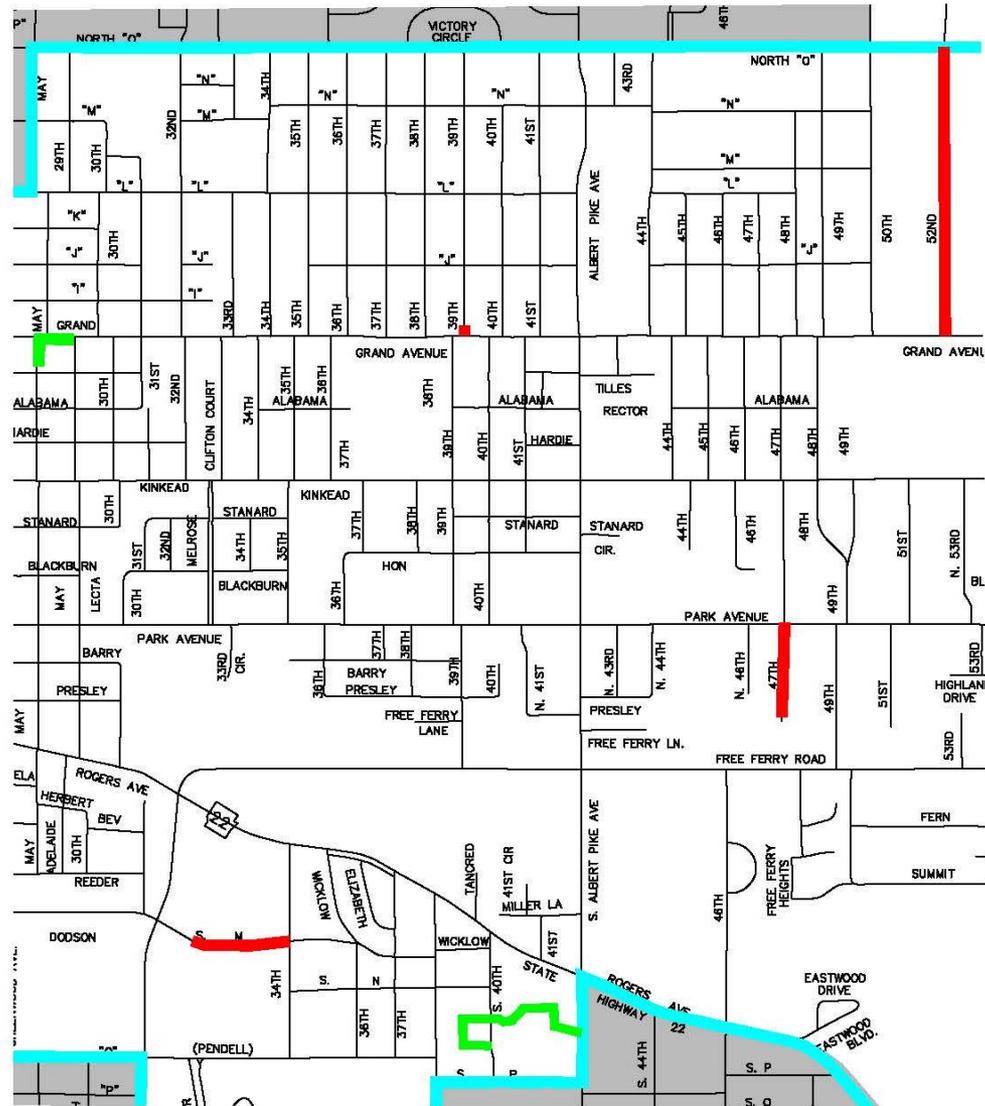


Street Overlays/Reconstruction

Street	From	To
North 39th Street	At intersection with Grand Ave	
North 47th Street	Park Avenue	End of Road
North 52nd Street	Grand Avenue	O Street
South M Street	South 34th Street	Parks Dept Drive

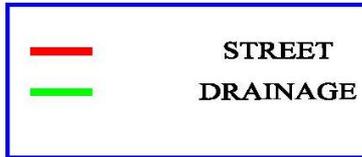
Drainage

1500 Block of South 40th St to Albert Pike Ave
 2800 Block of Grand Avenue



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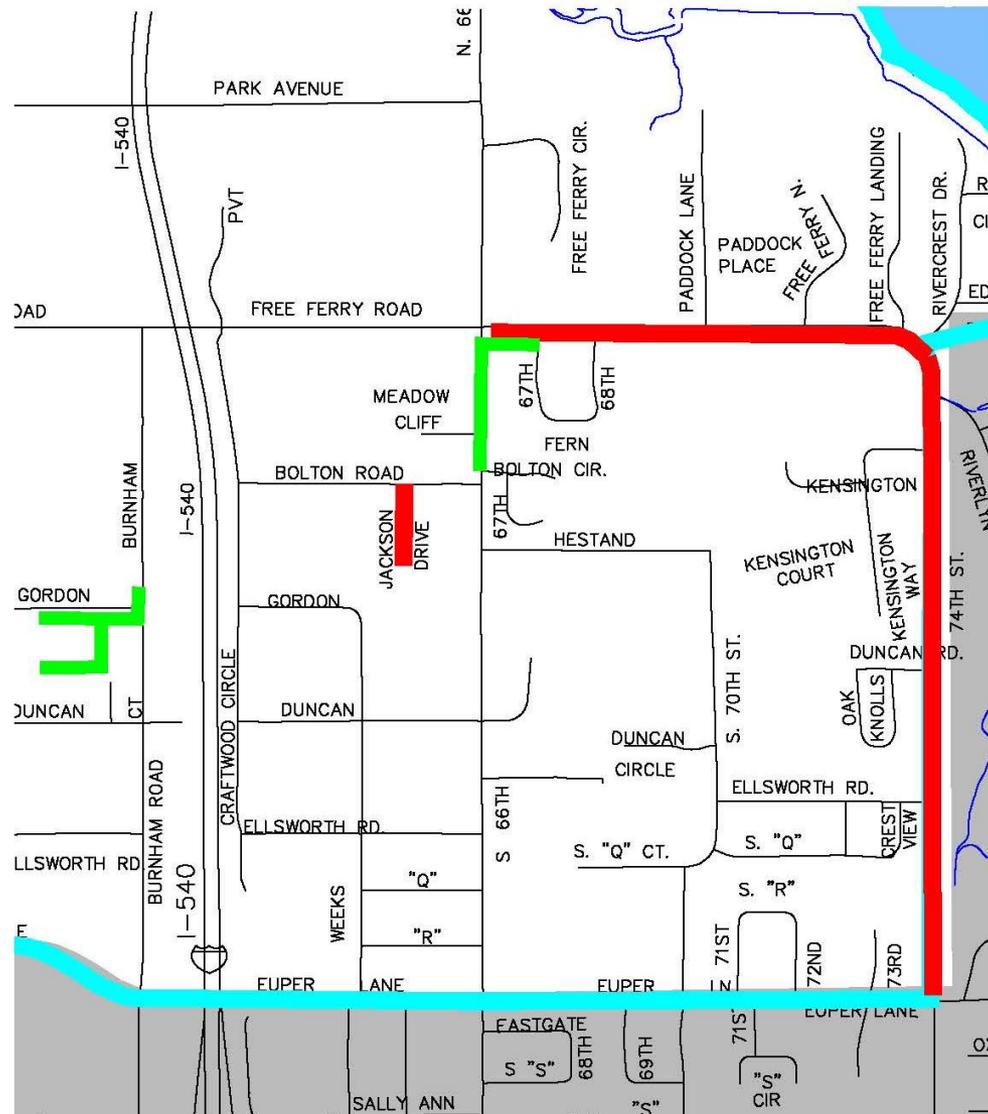


Street Overlays/Reconstruction

Street	From	To
Jackson Drive	Bolton Road	End of Road
Free Ferry Road	So 66th St	So 74th St
South 74th St	Free Ferry Road	Euper Ln

Drainage

5800 & 5900 Blocks of Gordon Ln
 South 66th Street at Free Ferry Road



2015 City Election

Sherri Gard, City Clerk



Special Election: May 12, 2015

Two Questions:

Renewal City-wide Sales and Use Tax
for Streets, Bridges, & Associated Drainage

Authorization for 5% of tax for Trails & Bikeways

Voter Registration

Sebastian County Clerk, 782-5065



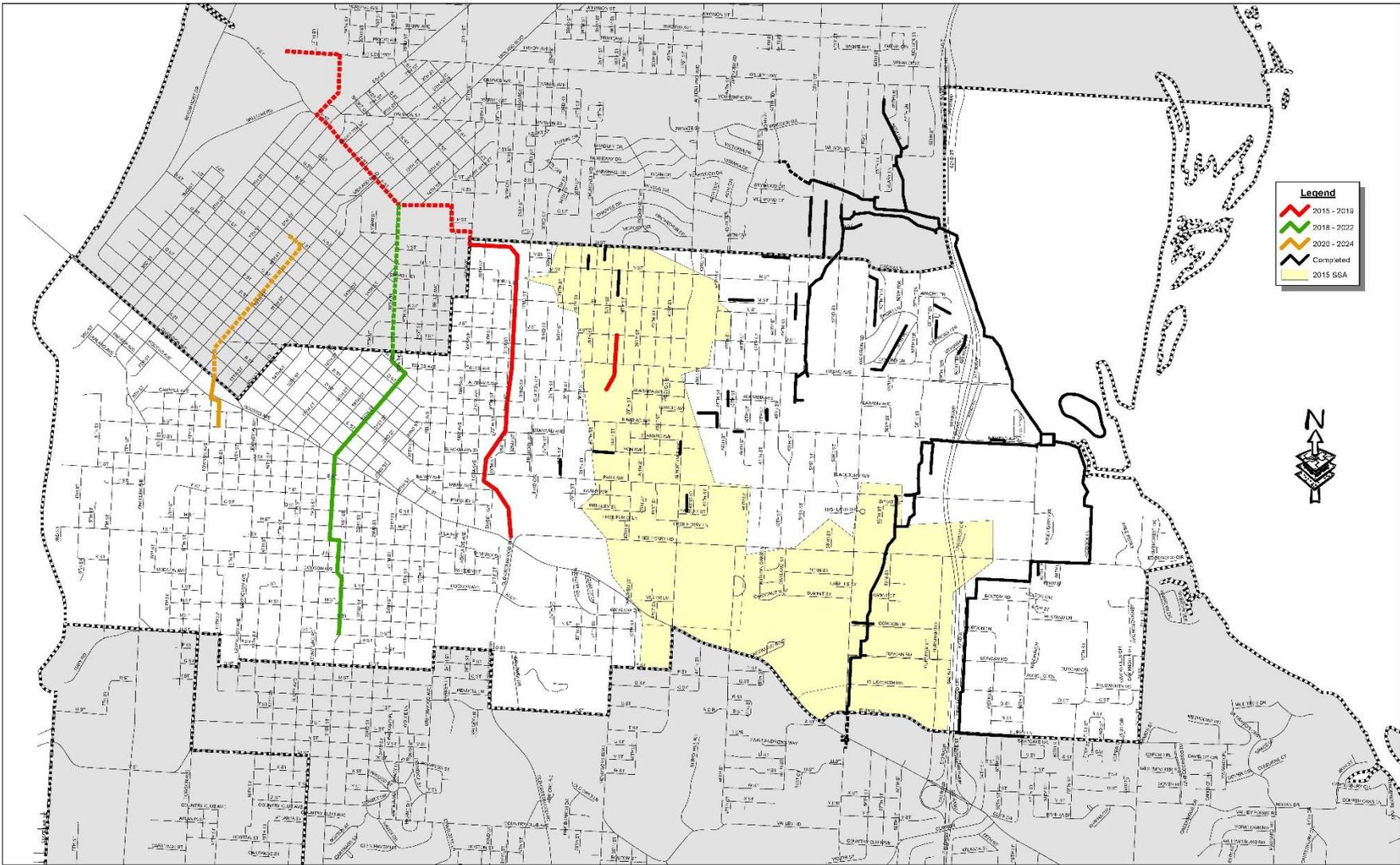
Water & Sewer Utility Projects

Steve Parke

Director of Utilities



Wastewater Improvements Within Ward 1

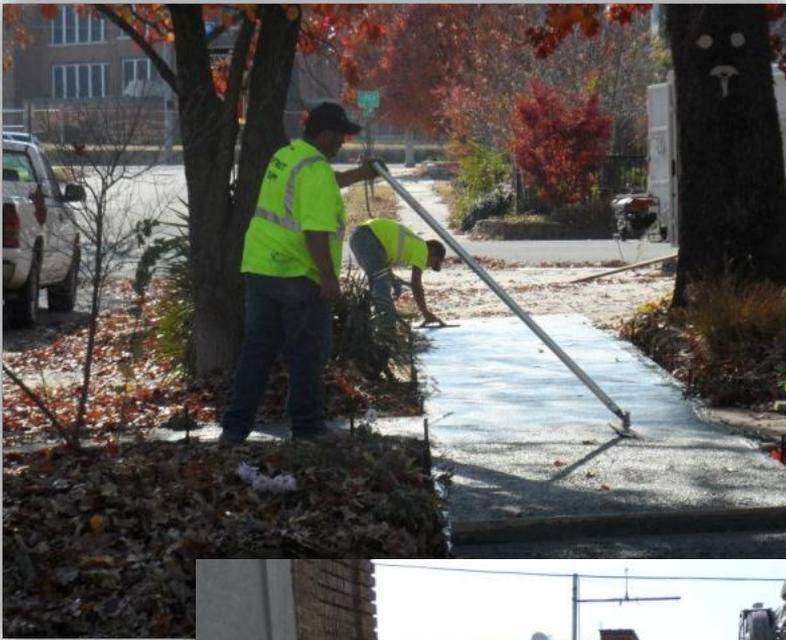


Streets & Traffic Control

Greg Riley

Director of Streets & Traffic Control





Sidewalk Program

- Started 2013: Statewide ½-cent sales tax revenue
- 15 miles of sidewalk replaced city-wide since 2013
- Approximately 5 miles of total in Ward 1 since 2013
- Still have over 20 miles of replacements to do and nearly 50 miles of new sidewalk requests



Neighborhood Services

Jimmie Deer
Building Official

Rick Ruth
Property Maintenance Supervisor





City of Fort Smith Neighborhood Services Division

The City of Fort Smith Board of Directors have adopted environmental and property maintenance codes to protect the health and welfare of its citizens as well as the need for preserving the overall appearance of our neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Services division addresses violations of these codes and ordinances, the parking and selling of vehicles on residentially zoned properties and other restrictions as well.





Neighborhood Services Division 2014 Activity: City Wide

ENVIRONMENTAL CASE FILES:

INSPECTIONS.....	8692
WARNINGS ISSUED.....	8183
ASSIGNED TO CONTRACTOR FOR ABATEMENT..	801

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CASE FILES:

INSPECTIONS.....	5383 *
NEW CASES.....	259
ACTIVE CASES.....	398

* Property Maintenance Inspections include multiple visits to some properties due to ongoing progress.

LEGAL ACTION:

COURT CASES.....	248
FINES.....	\$9200

OVERCROWDING:

INSPECTIONS.....	1
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Neighborhood Services Division 2014 Activity: Ward 1

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CASE FILES:

ENVIRONMENTAL.....	2069 *
INOPERABLE VEHICLES.....	77
GRAFFITI.....	23
PARKING ORDINANCES.....	134
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES.....	72 (New Cases)

* ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS TYPES ADDRESSED:

OVERGROWN GRASS & WEEDS.....	878
TRASH & DEBRIS.....	611
APPLIANCES LEFT OUTDOORS.....	71
INDOOR FURNITURE OUTDOORS.....	466
OPEN STORAGE.....	419
DEAD LIMBS.....	631
DEAD OR DYING TREES.....	55
OTHER *	297

* Blind Corners, Stagnant Water, Rutted Yards, Trash Cans By Curb, Overgrown Alleys, etc.

NOTE: Some properties had multiple violations.



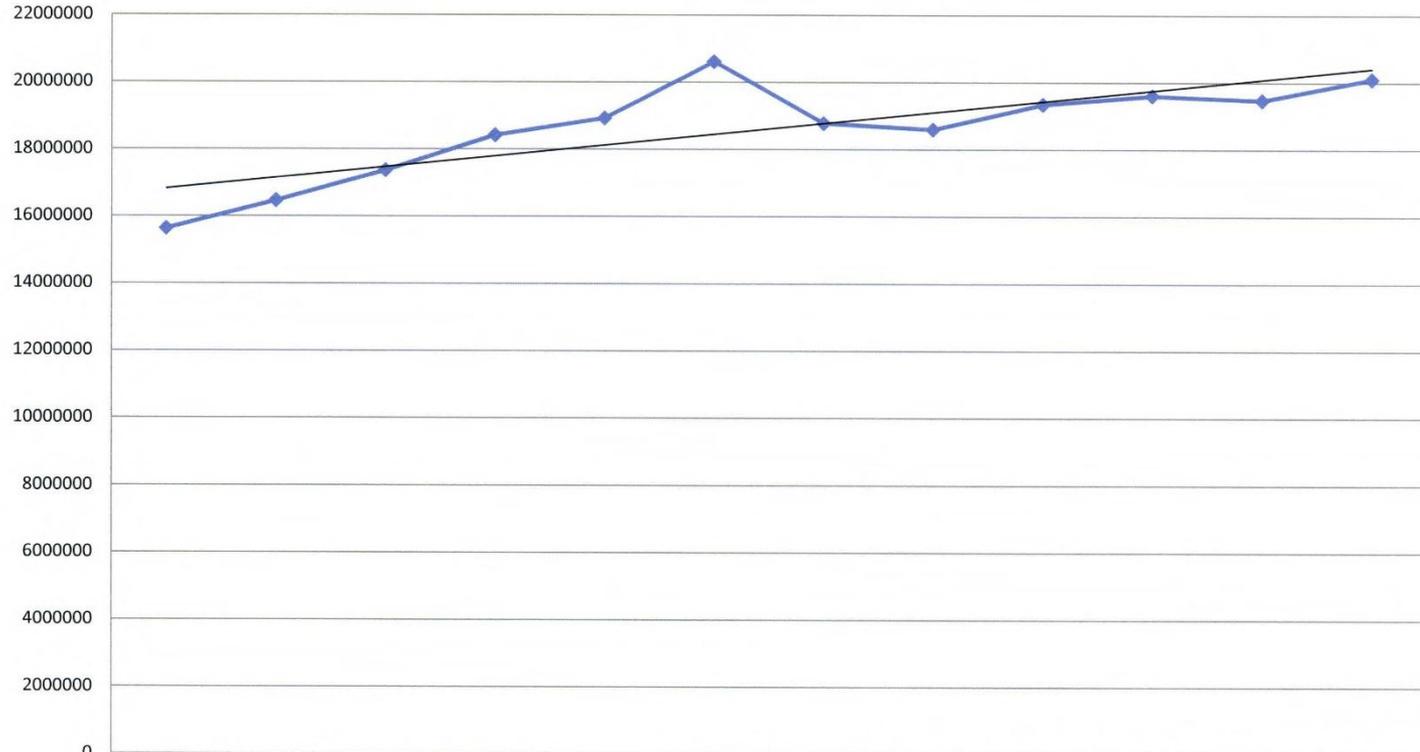
City Budget & Finances

Kara Bushkuhl

Director of Finance



Street Sales Tax

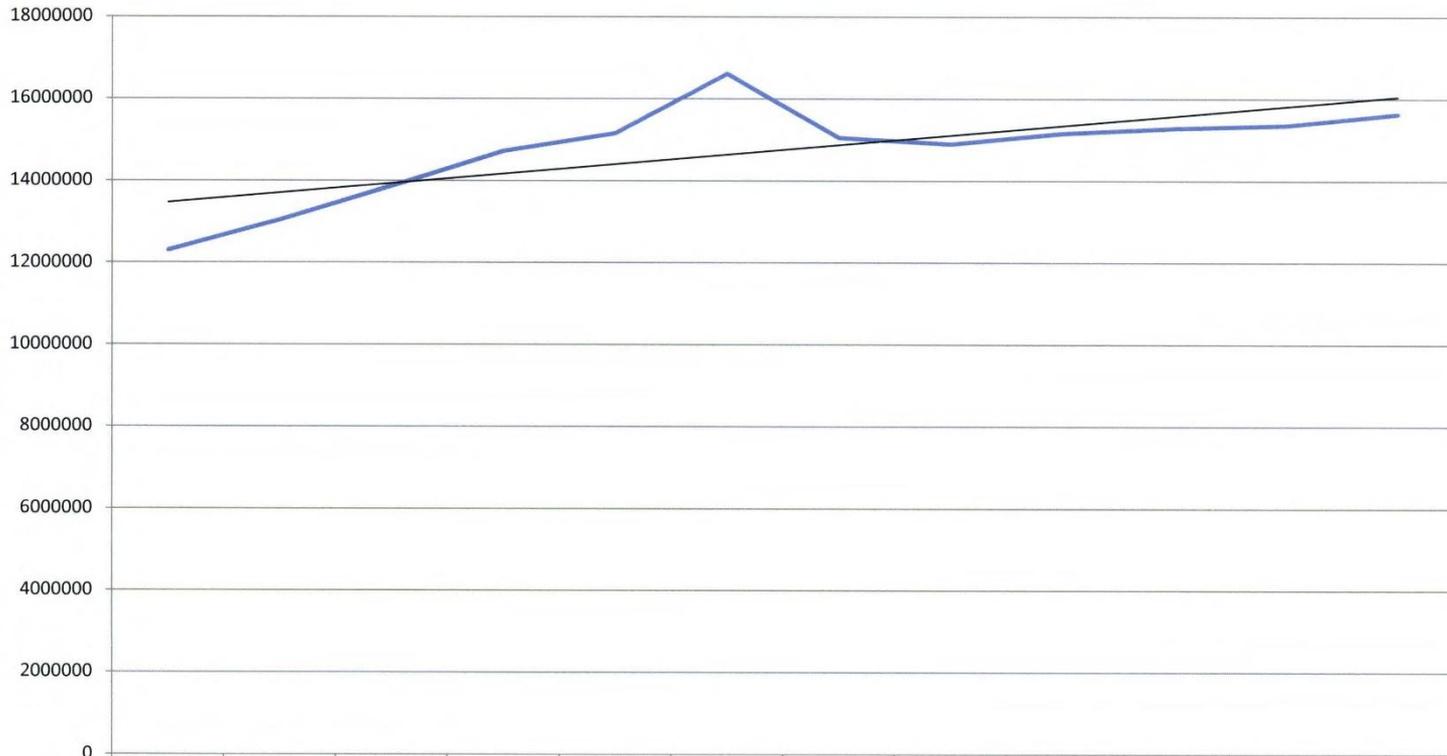


	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Series1	15635325	16465972	17372140	18420915	18929527	20613205	18777493	18599727	19341760	19605123	19468975	20099013

2014: \$20,099,013



County Sales Tax



	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Series1	12295853	13032372	13864325	14718645	15155255	16610714	15046777	14892017	15155032	15279008	15353991	15625636

2014: \$15,625,636

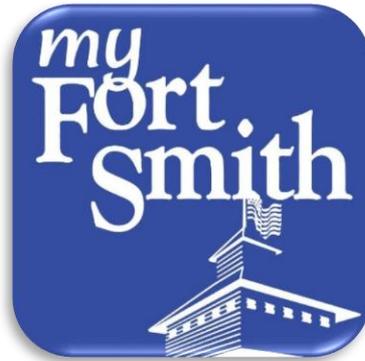


Information Technology Systems

Russell Gibson, Director

Information Technology/Geographic Information Systems



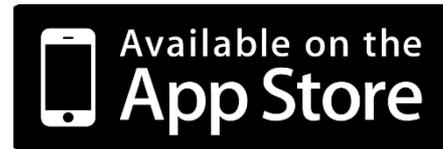
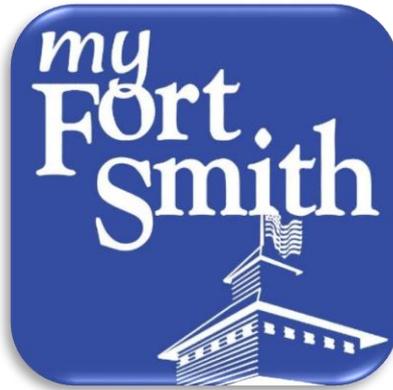


What is myFortSmith?

- ✓ **A smart-device/web application which brings city services to citizens' fingertips and enables bi-directional communication between area residents and Fort Smith City government**
- ✓ **myFortSmith allows users to communicate issues and concerns directly to the appropriate City department and receive timely-feedback as the request progresses through the resolution process**
- ✓ **Requests are geo-enabled, or tied to a known address, and may include user-submitted comments and pictures**

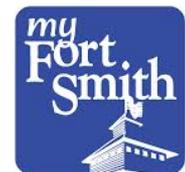
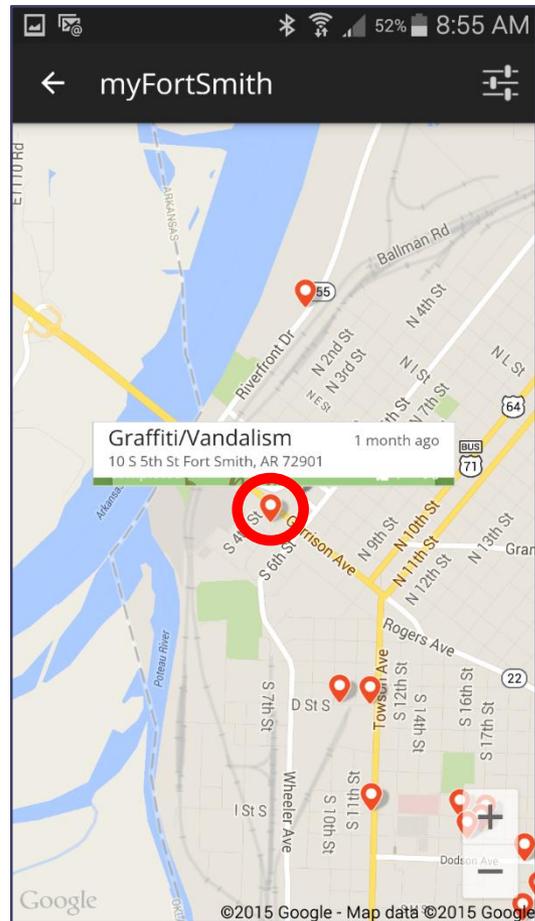
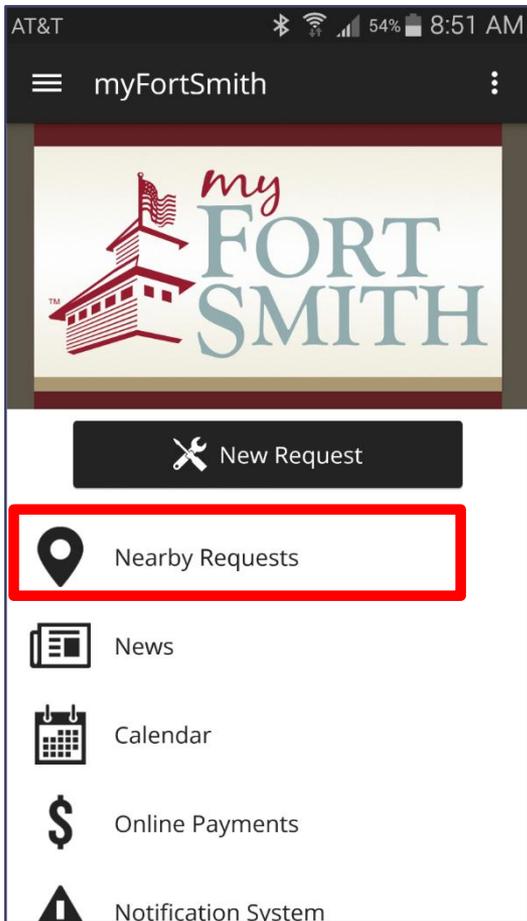


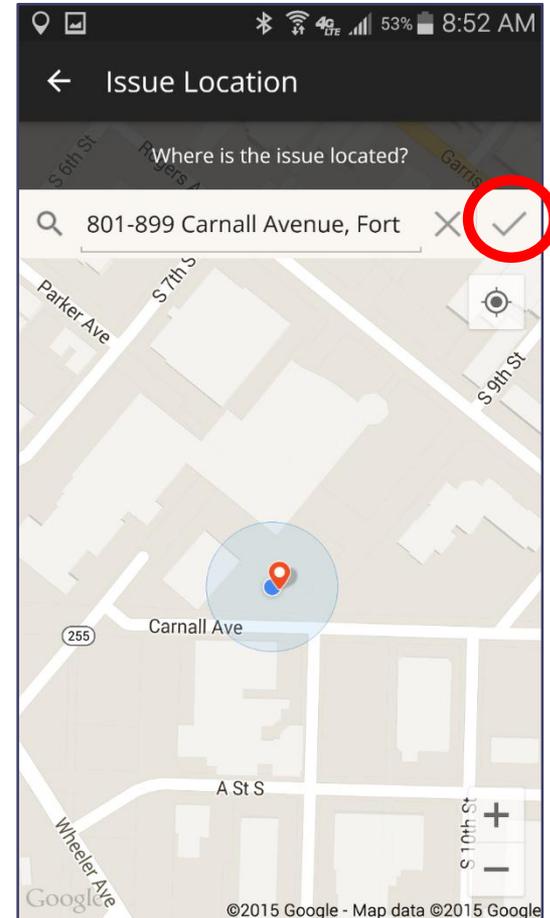
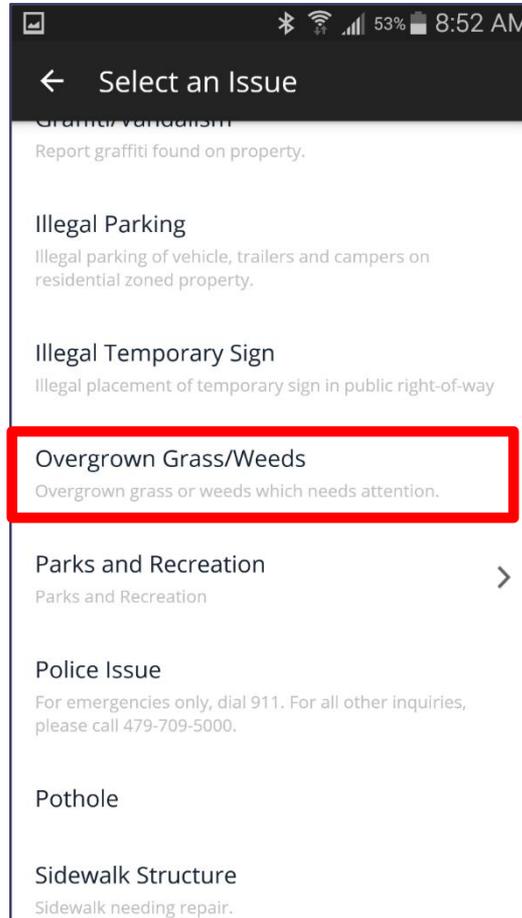
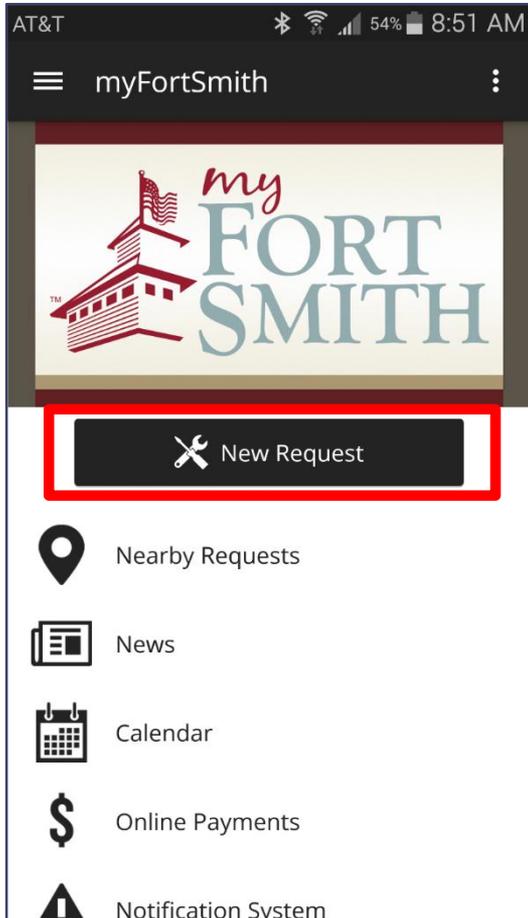
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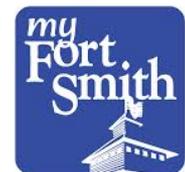
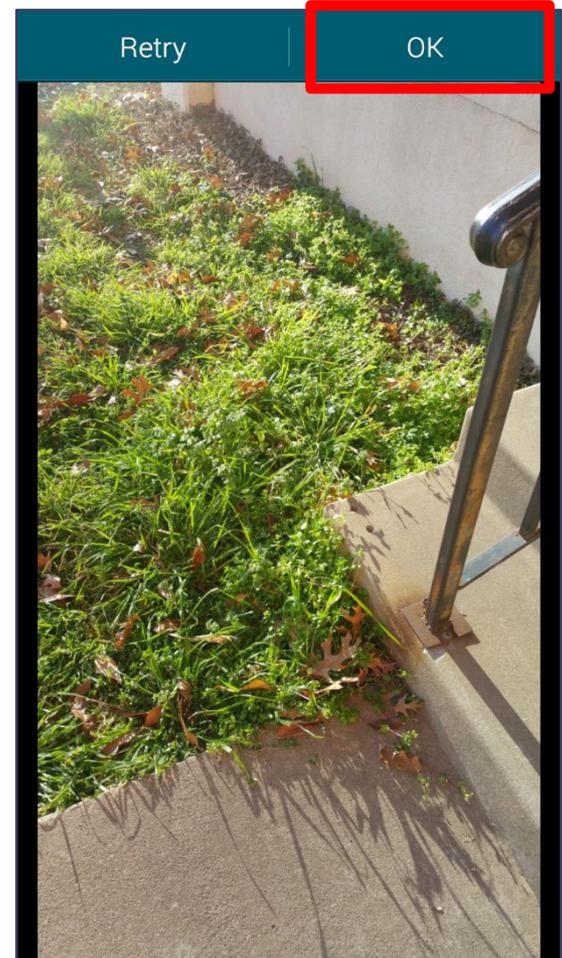
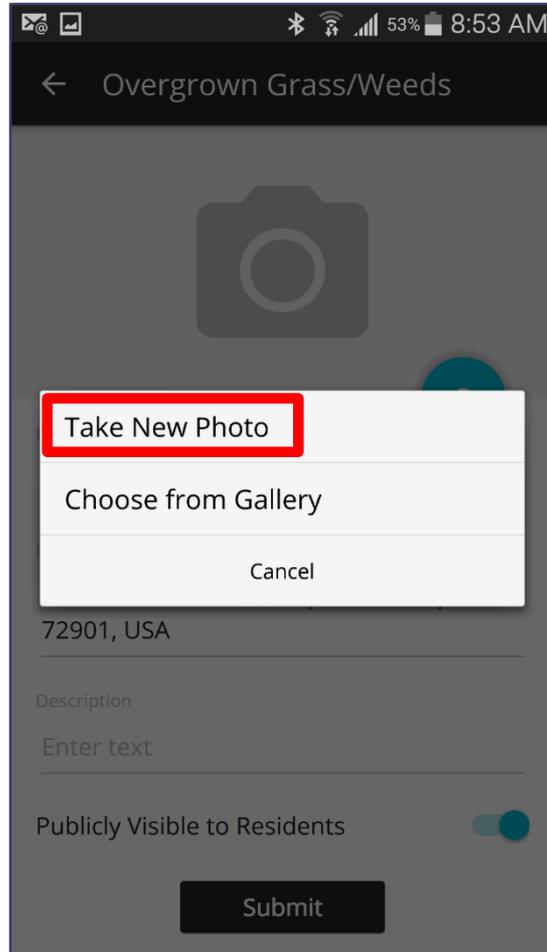
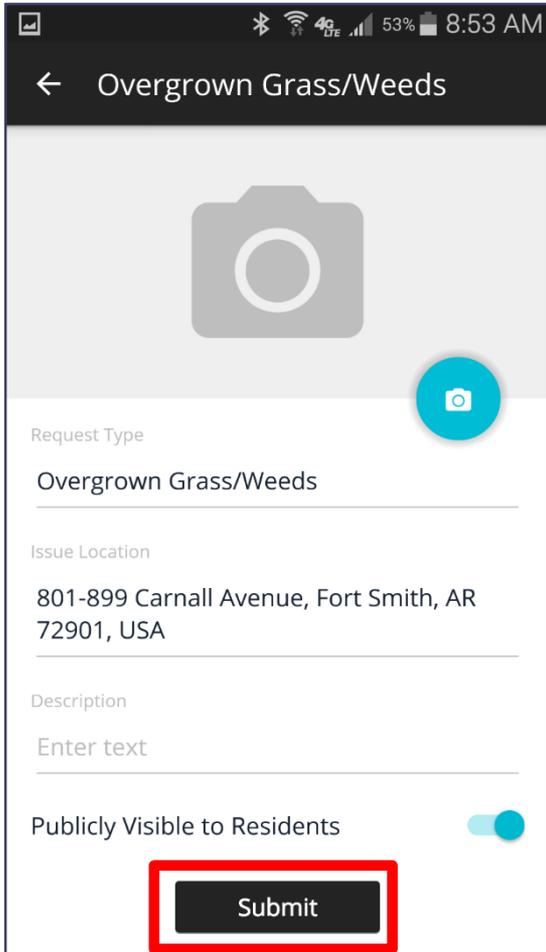


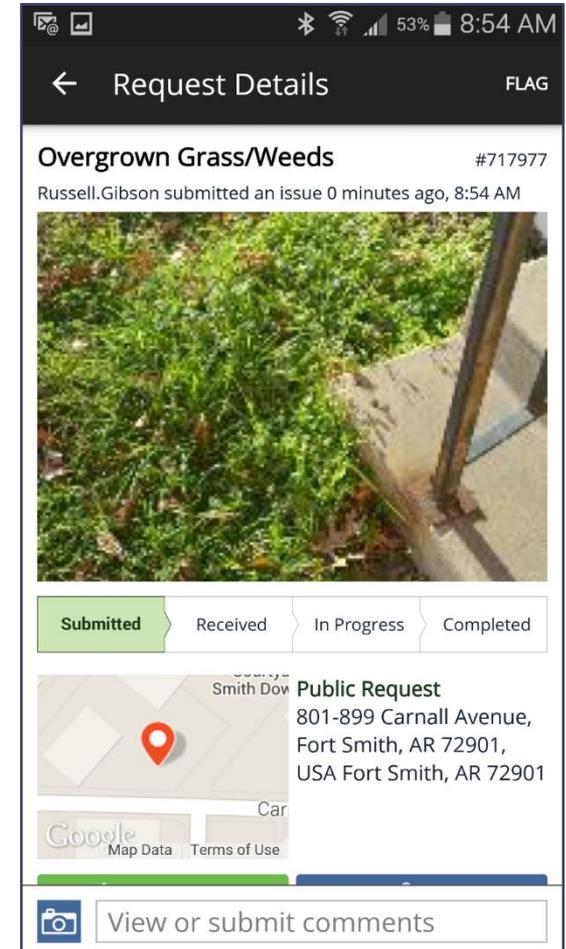
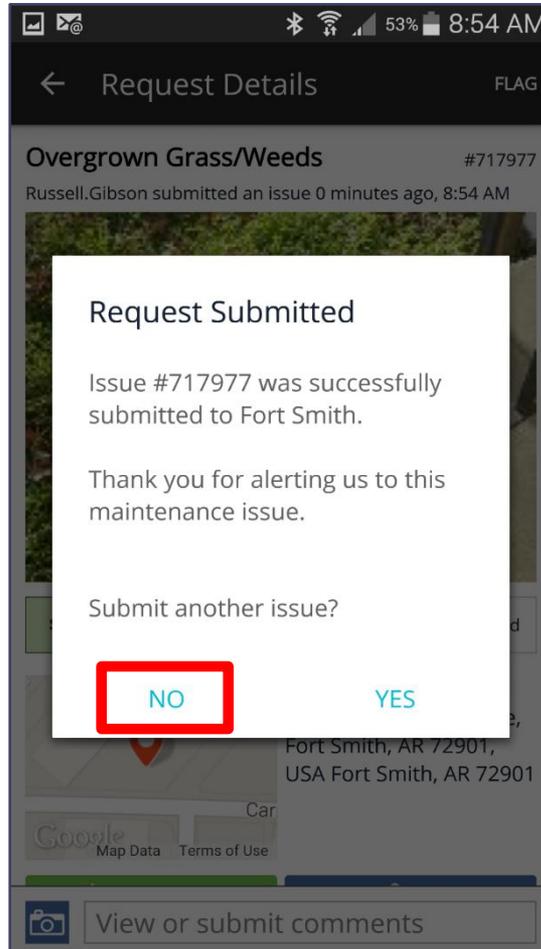
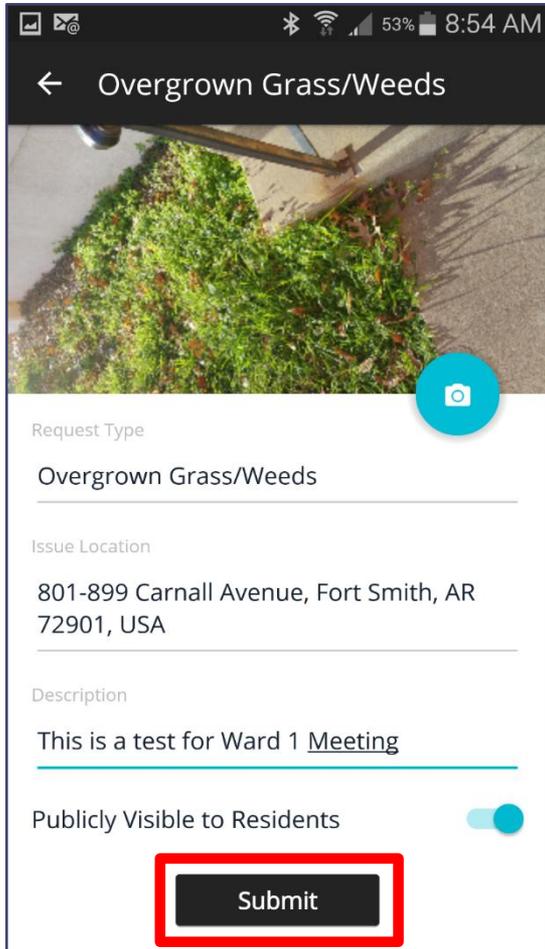
- ✓ Freely-available from the iTunes Store and Google Play
- ✓ Accessible via smart-device (e.g. iPhone/iPad or Android device) and City of Fort Smith website at: (www.FortSmithAR.gov)
- ✓ Since launch in Spring, 2014, there have been nearly 1,000 downloads for iPhones and Android devices
- ✓ To-date, there have been nearly 400 requests made City-wide with 96 of those within Ward 1
- ✓ Within Ward 1, overgrown grass/weeds has been the most-frequently reported issue (20) followed by signage issues (10).

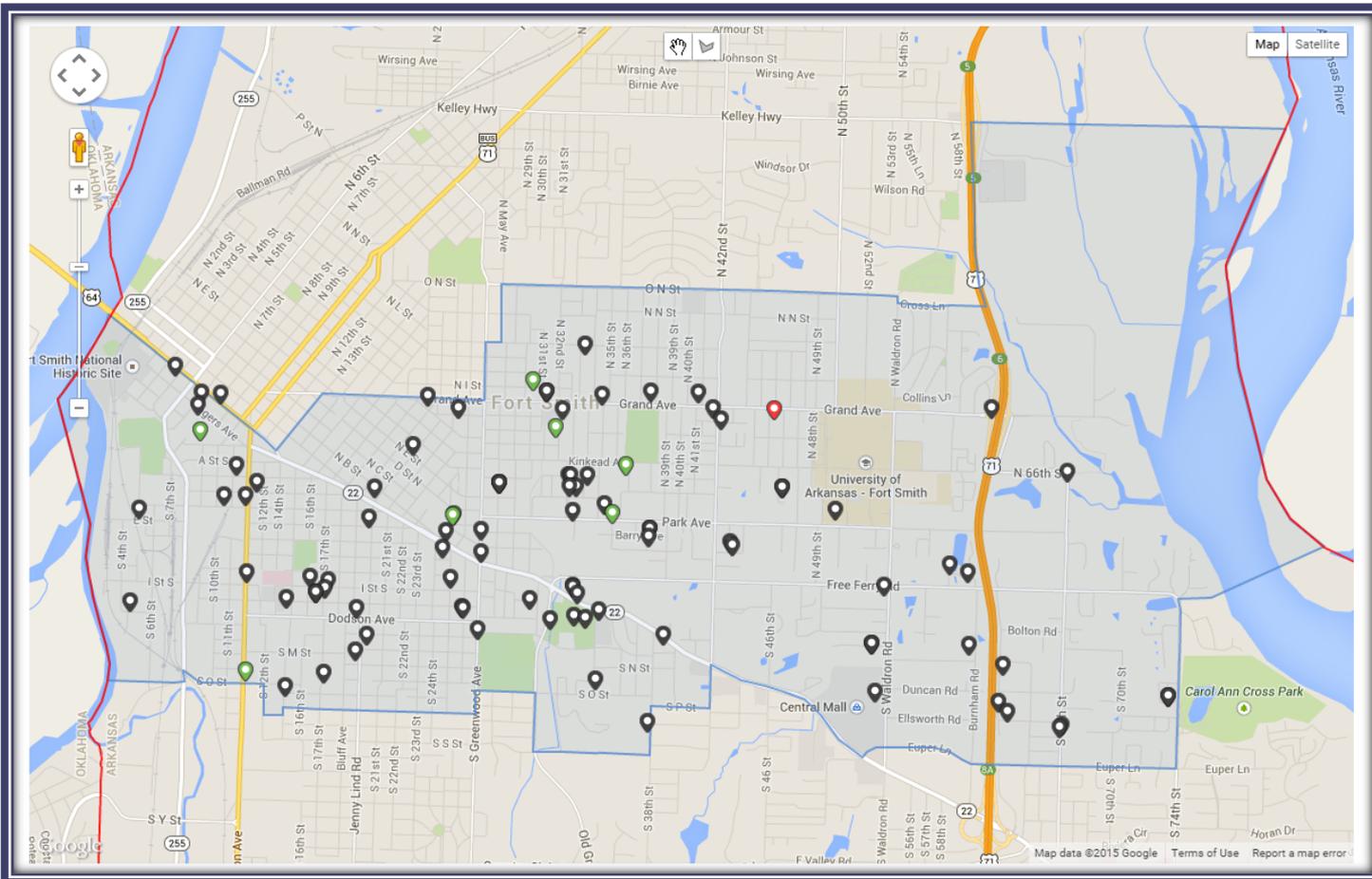












Powerful analysis and reporting dashboard allows City staff to quickly assess issues and identify potential problem areas and hotspots.

96 requests to-date within Ward 1



Questions?

Citizen Q&A with Mayor, Board, & City Staff

