



2008

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Formed

Independent authority tasked with revitalizing and developing the Auburn business district. With the flexibility to accept grants, apply for loans and issue bonds, the formation was just the beginning.

2010

Acquisition of 16 College Street

Built in 1902 as women's dormitory for the Perry-Rainey Institute, this historic building preservation represents a cornerstone for revitalization of the business district.

2012



Strategic Implementation Plan

Year-long public discussion to develop the vision for a vibrant downtown, resulting in Strategic Implementation Plan, providing a road map for the future.

SPLOST Approval

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) passes, including funding for property for new municipal complex.



2014

Planning & Due Diligence

Even as great recession impacts funding, site selection to fulfill Strategic Implementation and Emergency Reponse Training plans continues.

2016

Renovations

Funding acquired through Georgia's Community Development Block Grant brings renovations to the Perry-Rainey dormitory building.

Economic Development

Partnership with Chitra Subbarayan, Commercial Brokerage & Development, creates opportunities to attract a variety of new businesses to downtown.

2017

Project Management

Partnership with Schmit + Associates to manage planning, design, infrastructure, finance and construction.

Land Purchase

14-acre Hawthorne property purchased with SPLOST funds, as new Municipal Complex site.

2018

Market Study

Bleakly Advisory Group compiled the study that will guide the scale of development.

SPLOST Renewal Approved

Provides funding for construction and infrastructure improvements required for new Complex.

2019

Engineering

Civil engineers work to identify most efficient and cost effective options for roads, water and sewer lines, storm water management.

Architecture

Carter Watkins Architects finalize City Hall building plan.

Perry-Rainey Center Opens

Historic building once again serving as a focal point of the community.

2020

Bond Resolution Passed

Voted by Mayor, City Council and DDA, validated by Barrow County Judge, bonds issued will help finance construction while SPLOST funds are collected.

LCI Study

Funded with Atlanta Regional Commission grant, TSW and city stakeholders develop design options to help qualify for transportation improvement funding.

NEXT

City Hall

- Permitting
- Contracting
- Construction



Development

- Business openings and expansions
- Infrastructure improvements
- New homes constructed