

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES  
AND USE TAX ELECTION ON MARCH 18, 2003

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County on February 14, 2003 and a call for an election issued by the Board of Elections of Chatham County, as Election Superintendent, notice is hereby given as follows:

1. On March 18, 2003, a special election will be held in Chatham County to submit to the qualified voters of Chatham County the following question:

- YES
- NO
- Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be imposed in Chatham County (a) for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years and for the raising of not more than \$229,007,433 for the purpose of funding certain capital outlay projects within Chatham County and the municipalities in Chatham County including (i) drainage capital improvements, (ii) street and sidewalk improvements, (iii) public buildings, (iv) water and sewer capital projects, (v) cultural, recreational, and historic facilities, (vi) public safety and emergency equipment; (vii) open space, greenway/bikeway, and park improvements; and (viii) retirement of general obligation debt; and for road, street, and bridge purposes for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years and for the raising of not more than \$47,620,000.

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Chatham County in the principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 for the above purposes other than road, street, and bridge purposes.

2. All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to levying the tax shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax then the tax shall be imposed beginning October 1, 2003, or the earliest date authorized by law.

3. If such special purpose sales and use tax is to be imposed, Chatham County, acting by and through the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, may issue general obligation debt, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000. The proceeds from such general obligation debt, if issued, shall be used to fund all or a portion of the capital outlay projects described in the foregoing question. No portion of such debt shall be incurred for road, street, or bridge purposes. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such debt shall not exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount Maturing</u>
2005	\$16,000,000

The Board of Commissioners may issue aggregate general obligation debt which is less than \$16,000,000 and reduce the principal amount maturing shown above.

4. Reference is hereby made to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-82-1(d) which provides in part that any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Commissioners or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Commissioners shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Commissioners concerning the use of bond funds.

5. The last day to register to vote in the election is February 17, 2003. Anyone desiring to register may do so by applying in person at the voter registration office located at 133 Montgomery Street Annex, Room 107, Savannah, Georgia, or by any other method authorized by the Georgia Election Code.

6. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Chairman, Board of Elections  
of Chatham County, Election Superintendent

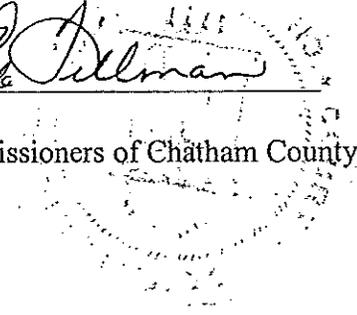
CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, keeper of the records and seal thereof, and certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved and adopted by majority vote of said Board of Commissioners in meeting assembled on February 14, 2003, the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of said Board of Commissioners under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody and control.

I further certify that said meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50, Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(SEAL)

  
Clerk  
Board of Commissioners of Chatham County



STATE OF GEORGIA        )  
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM    )        ORDER

The Board of Elections of Chatham County, Georgia, having been furnished with a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, adopted on February 14, 2003, requesting the Board of Elections to call an election on March 18, 2003, relative to the imposition of a special sales and use tax and issuance of the general obligation debt described in said resolution, does hereby call said election on March 18, 2003, and orders and directs that the form of election notice contained in said resolution and required by law to be published in connection with the election and the issuance of said general obligation debt be published as provided by law.

This February 14, 2003.

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Chairman, Board of Elections  
of Chatham County, Election Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF GEORGIA )

COUNTY OF CHATHAM )

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS BY THE COUNTY  
TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS, FOR  
GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT, AND ROAD, STREET AND BRIDGE PURPOSES

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003, by and between CHATHAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the state of Georgia, hereinafter called the "COUNTY", and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "SAVANNAH"

and (to the extent they elect to be come signatories hereto)

the City of Bloomingdale, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "BLOOMINGDALE", the City of Garden City, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "GARDEN CITY", the City of Pooler, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "POOLER", the City of Port Wentworth, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "PORT WENTWORTH", the Town of Thunderbolt, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "THUNDERBOLT", the City of Tybee Island, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "TYBEE ISLAND", and the Town of Vernonburg, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "VERNONBURG", all of which including SAVANNAH are collectively referred to as "MUNICIPALITIES" and any one of which is referred to as "MUNICIPALITY".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, as authorized by Georgia law ( O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et. seq.), the COUNTY will call an election to be held on March 18, 2003, to request voter authorization for a special purpose local option one percent sales and use tax (hereinafter called "SPLOST") to be imposed for a period of five years for the purpose of raising \$276,627,433 for funding road, street, and bridge improvements, drainage system capital improvements, open space projects, public safety and emergency facilities and equipment, and other capital outlay projects to be owned, leased or operated by the MUNICIPALITIES and the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of said tax, if authorized by the voters, will begin upon the expiration of the one percent sales and use tax currently being levied and collected pursuant to authorization granted in a referendum conducted on June 17, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MUNICIPALITIES wish to provide for the distribution

of SPLOST proceeds to carry out certain road, street, and bridge improvements, certain public safety and emergency equipment capital outlay projects, greenspace projects, certain drainage capital improvements, and other capital outlay projects as specified by this Agreement all of which are to be authorized under the referendum to be held on March 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(a)(1)(D) requires that in order to utilize SPLOST funds for certain categories of projects, a county must, prior to the call for the election, enter into a contract or agreement with one or more municipalities containing more than one-half of the aggregate population of all municipalities within the county; and

WHEREAS, SAVANNAH contains more than one-half the aggregate population of all municipalities within the COUNTY, and the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(a)(1)(D); and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto anticipate that the COUNTY will enter into agreements with the other municipalities in the COUNTY or the other municipalities in the County will become signatories to this Agreement providing for the distribution of a portion of SPLOST proceeds to such other municipalities to fund allowable capital outlay projects which will be authorized by the referendum to be held on March 18, 2003, if passed; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, the MUNICIPALITIES, and all citizens of the COUNTY will derive substantial benefits from the proposed projects to be funded by SPLOST proceeds distributed pursuant to this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Payment and Use of Tax Funds.** If the SPLOST is authorized by the voters in the election to be held on March 18, 2003, then the proceeds of the tax totaling a projected amount of \$276,627,433 will be utilized in the following project categories:

	<u>Projected Amount</u>
Road, street and bridge projects	\$47,620,000
Drainage projects	79,950,000
Acquisition of Henderson Golf Course and Mighty 8 <sup>th</sup> Air Force Heritage Center	16,000,000
Openspace and Greenway projects (except Savannah)	5,314,987
Other capital outlay projects (To include: public safety and emergency equipment; open space, greenway/bikeway, cultural, recreational, and historic facilities; water and sewer capital projects; public buildings; street and sidewalk improvements; drainage capital improvements; and park improvements and other municipal general obligation debt)	127,742,446
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$276,627,433</u></u></b>

The actual proceeds of the SPLOST will be distributed and utilized according to the following priorities:

a. The first \$17,000,000 of SPLOST proceeds shall be retained by the County for advance funding of priority SPLOST eligible projects.

b. Over the five year period that the SPLOST will be imposed, the actual amount collected shall be disbursed for the balance of projects herein described and also contained in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 for SPLOST eligible capital outlay projects of the COUNTY and MUNICIPALITIES. The actual SPLOST proceeds collected less the amount distributed in accordance with paragraph "a" shall be disbursed by the COUNTY in monthly installments based on each MUNICIPALITY's pro rata share of the designated amount allocated to each municipality and COUNTY as shown in the table below. The COUNTY shall disburse proceeds monthly to all MUNICIPALITIES not later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the proceeds in that month from the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Jurisdiction	For first \$250,136,519 in SPLOST Revenue (after up- front distribution to COUNTY)		For SPLOST Revenue in Excess of \$250,136,519	
	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars (assuming \$26,490,914 in additional Revenue)
Bloomington	1.223978%	\$2,853,540	0.229384%	\$60,766
Garden City	1.721377%	4,013,159	0.127059%	33,659
Pooler	1.721377%	4,013,159	0.127059%	33,659
Port Wentworth	1.061397%	2,474,504	0.086018%	22,787
Savannah	41.165229%	95,971,183	6.302961%	1,669,712
Thunderbolt	1.164199%	2,714,172	0.060719%	16,085
Tybee Island	2.794652%	6,515,354	0.065781%	17,426
Vernonburg	0.172088%	401,200	0.005062%	1,340
Chatham County	48.975703%	114,180,248	92.995957%	24,635,480
	100.000000%	233,136,519	100.000000%	\$26,490,914
Up-front Distribution to COUNTY		17,000,000		
Total		<u>\$250,136,519</u>		

c. A portion of the SPLOST funds may be utilized for information technology and geospatial information system technology suitable for mapping, for making engineering analysis, planning and design, for geodetic surveys, and for flood hazard mitigation and forecasting, which benefit SPLOST eligible projects.

d. For capital outlay projects (i.e. that include but are not limited to roads, drainage, greenway, bikeway, open space projects) that are located wholly within a

MUNICIPALITY, it is agreed that the final design plans shall be approved by the MUNICIPALITY. For such projects, the COUNTY and the MUNICIPALITY may agree in a separate agreement to transfer SPLOST funds to the MUNICIPALITY which shall be responsible for detailed design, construction procurement and construction management of the project.

e. The parties recognize that the projected amount of SPLOST to be utilized for projects specified in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 is based upon projections of the future revenue from the SPLOST on the assumption that future SPLOST revenues will increase at an average annual rate of approximately 5%. Such assumption may not be realized, and the total amount available for such projects may be less than the projection. In the event that the actual revenues are less than the projected amount, the aggregate totals listed in subparagraph "b" will not be achieved. In such event each MUNICIPALITY and the COUNTY will be responsible for securing other funding, or reducing the scope and costs of its projects.

**2. Restrictions as to Use of Tax Funds.** The MUNICIPALITIES and the COUNTY shall comply with all requirements of Georgia law pertaining to all SPLOST funds each receives, including but not limited to the following:

a. All SPLOST funds and interest received may only be used for projects similar to those enumerated in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121(a)(1). If circumstances arise which dictate that a project which initially seemed feasible and is no longer so, then the governing body to which the SPLOST funds for such project were allocated under this Agreement, may use its lawful discretion to make adjustments in its plan of capital projects. In the event that the cost to complete projects in a category is less than the amount allocated to that category under this Agreement, then the governing body to which the SPLOST funds for such category were allocated, may use its lawful discretion to make adjustments in its plan of capital projects to utilize the funds in other categories provided for in this Agreement.

b. All SPLOST funds received shall be accounted for in a separate fund and not commingled with other monies prior to expenditure for allowable uses.

c. Interest earned from the investment of SPLOST funds prior to their disbursement for allowable expenditures shall be considered SPLOST funds and used under the same restriction for SPLOST funds as set forth in subparagraph a.

d. Any SPLOST funds received by MUNICIPALITIES (except Thunderbolt) may not be used to retire general obligation debt nor for general operating expenses. However, SPLOST funds may be used to repay loans made to temporarily fund SPLOST capital projects in anticipation of receipt of SPLOST funds.

**3. Election Notice.** Attached hereto as Attachment 5 is the form of the election notice which shall be used to advertise the March 18, 2003, election and ballot question.

4. **Audit Requirement.** As required by Georgia law, the MUNICIPALITIES and the COUNTY shall each include within its audited annual financial report specific information about its use of SPLOST funds. A schedule shall be included in each annual audit which shows the amount estimated for each project authorized by this Agreement, amounts expended in prior years, amounts expended in the current year, and the estimated percent of completion for each project. All MUNICIPALITIES and organizations will provide to the COUNTY a copy of their annual audit with a cover letter certifying that the SPLOST funds received have been spent for SPLOST eligible capital improvement projects.

5. **Retention of Records.** The parties agree to retain all records pertaining to the SPLOST funds for a period of four years subsequent to the expiration of the SPLOST and to make such records reasonably available to each other upon request.

6. **Certification of Use.** The COUNTY, MUNICIPALITIES and organizations that receive SPLOST funds shall provide certification to the COUNTY that the funds shall be used only for SPLOST eligible projects. The COUNTY may withhold distribution of SPLOST funds until certification is made to the COUNTY.

7. **Other Requirements.** The parties agree that they each will abide by any other requirements regarding the use and accounting for SPLOST funds as specified by Georgia law, and in the event that any party fails to follow all applicable requirements of Georgia law, it shall hold all other parties harmless for any such failure.

8. **Agreement with Municipalities.** The COUNTY shall enter into separate agreements with MUNICIPALITIES that are not signatories to this Agreement and other organizations upon such terms as appropriate to ensure that funds will be used for SPLOST eligible projects and meets the requirements of the law.

9. **Agreement Effective When Executed by SAVANNAH and COUNTY.** This Agreement shall be effective when executed by SAVANNAH and the COUNTY. The COUNTY may enter into separate agreements with MUNICIPALITIES that are not signatories to this Agreement and other organizations upon such terms as appropriate to insure that funds will be used for SPLOST eligible projects and meet the requirements of the law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the MUNICIPALITIES and the COUNTY have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date first written above.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: Priscilla D. Thomas  
Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice-Chairman  
Chatham County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman  
Sybil E. Tillman  
Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

[Signature]  
County Attorney

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

BY: Michael B. Brown  
Name: Michael B. Brown  
Title: City Manager

ATTEST:

Dyanne C. Reese  
Name: Dyanne C. Reese  
Title: Clerk of Council

## **ATTACHMENT 1: Drainage Capital Improvement Projects (\$79,950,000)**

Costs eligible for payment using SPLOST funds include all reasonable costs necessary to place the capital improvements in service including (but not limited to) planning, engineering design, land acquisition, right-of-way acquisition, easement acquisition, appraisals, construction, construction inspection and supervision, construction materials and supplies, construction labor, pumps and related structures, equipment installation, auxiliary generators, personal equipment, legal fees, financing fees, interest and construction management supervision.

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Certain SPLOST funds received under this Agreement will be used for drainage capital improvements and other capital outlay projects including the following:

### **CHATHAM COUNTY (\$28,800,000)**

Capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal drainage basin to include but not limited to partial funding of a pump station.

Other Miscellaneous Drainage Capital Improvements affecting Unincorporated Chatham County.

### **CITY OF SAVANNAH (\$51,150,000)**

Placentia Canal - Fernwood

Brick Line Replacement - City wide

Casey South

Springfield Basin - Phase II

Harmon/Chippewa

Wilshire-North Branch Improvements

Bilbo - Alice & Tattnell

Other Miscellaneous Drainage Capital Improvements affecting Savannah

## **ATTACHMENT 2: Roads, Street and Bridge Projects (\$47,620,000)**

Costs eligible for payment using SPLOST funds include all reasonable costs necessary to place the road, street and bridge projects in service including (but not limited to) planning, engineering design, land acquisition, right-of-way acquisition, easement acquisition, appraisals, construction, construction inspection and supervision, construction materials and supplies, construction labor, pumps and related structures, equipment installation, auxiliary generators, personal equipment, legal fees, financing fees, interest, and construction management supervision.

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Certain SPLOST funds received under this Agreement will be used for road, street and bridge projects including the following:

### **CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY (CUTS) (\$20,000,000)**

- Truman Parkway, Phase 5 (partial)
- Benton Boulevard - Extended from Jimmy DeLoach Parkway to SR 30 Interchange at US 80 and I-16
- Extend Dean Forest Road (SR 307) from US 17 to Veterans Parkway
- Widen Dean Forest Road (SR 307) from I-16 to US 17
- Traffic Safety Improvement for Bull Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard along Victory Drive
- Islands Expressway High Level Bridge
- Other CUTS road, street and bridge projects

### **CHATHAM COUNTY (\$14,000,000)**

- Construct and pave roads throughout Unincorporated Chatham County

### **CITY OF SAVANNAH (\$13,620,000)**

- Street Reconstruction Program
- Gwinnett Street Improvements
- Martin Luther King Boulevard-Montgomery Street Corridor Improvements
- Sidewalks
- LaRoche/Delesseps Avenue Widening

**ATTACHMENT 3: Authorized Open Space Projects and Greenway/Bikeway Projects  
(\$5,314,987 except for Savannah which is included in Other Capital Outlay)**

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Certain SPLOST funds received under this Agreement will be used for open space projects and greenway/bikeway capital improvements.

## **ATTACHMENT 4: Other Capital Outlay Projects (\$143,742,446)**

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Certain SPLOST funds received under this Agreement will be used for other capital outlay projects including the following:

### **CHATHAM COUNTY (\$88,058,125)**

- Cultural, Recreation and Historical

  - Tom Triplett Park

  - Runaway Point Park

  - Mother Mathilda Beasley Park

  - Library

  - Boat Ramps

- County Courthouse

- Public Safety and Emergency Facilities and Equipment

- Chatham Area Transit (Equipment and Vehicle, Bus Shelters)

- Diversion Center (Work Release Program)

- Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the County's Adopted CIP Plan

- Capital Improvement Projects associated with Chatham County Police merger with City of Savannah

### **CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE (\$2,800,000)**

- Recreational

- Local Street Improvements

- Public Safety Facility

- Improvements to City Hall

- Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY (\$3,979,500)**

Drainage Capital Improvement Projects  
Local Road, Street and Bridge Projects  
Open Space and Greenway/Bikeway Projects  
Municipal Complex  
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**CITY OF POOLER (\$3,979,500)**

Recreational Park  
Visitors Center  
Gymnasium Expansion  
Public Safety Facility  
Public Parks Facility  
Local Road Purposes  
Drainage Capital Improvement Projects  
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH (\$2,454,426)**

Waste Water Treatment Facility  
Local Road Purposes (i.e. Richard Road Extension)  
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**CITY OF SAVANNAH (\$32,870,895)**

East Wing of Moses Jackson  
Ben Van Clark - Infrastructure & park  
Neighborhood Redevelopment  
Minick Youth Complex  
Cultural Arts Center  
Regional Recreational Facility Improvements  
West Savannah Renewal  
Battlefield Park  
Ellis Square Revitalization  
Public Safety  
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT (\$2,700,000)**

Drainage Capital Improvement Projects  
General Obligation Debt  
Public Works Facility  
Local Road Purposes  
Recreational  
Public Safety  
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the Town's Adopted CIP Plan

**CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND (\$6,500,000)**

Drainage Capital Improvement Projects

Public Safety Facility

Beach Renourishment

Cultural (Tybee Island Marine Science Center)

Recreational (Bike paths, playground, tennis courts)

Local Road Purposes

Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the City's Adopted CIP Plan

**TOWN OF VERNONBURG (\$400,000)**

Public Safety (fire hydrant system)

Local Road Purposes

Water Quality Improvement Project

Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Projects in the Town's Adopted CIP Plan

**ATTACHMENT 5: Form of Election Notice**

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This \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Chairman, Board of Elections  
of Chatham County, Election Superintendent