



City Administrator's Report

February 27, 2025

Proposition P Update

On April 8, City of Smithville residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Public Safety Sales Tax. This proposition asks voters to consider imposing a citywide ½ percent public safety sales tax to be placed on all retail sales made in the City of Smithville. Funds generated would be dedicated to Police Department related purposes, including the enhancements to officer compensation and benefits to aid in recruitment and retention of officers; fund public safety equipment and staff to support community growth; and implementation of an animal control program.

Informational meetings for the public have been scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 and Wednesday, April 2. Both meetings will be held at City Hall at 6 p.m. Board members are encouraged to attend as they are able.

Additional social media and informational materials have been developed, including:

- Weekly social media posts.
- An informational handout with frequently asked questions.
- An informational flyer to be mailed in March Utility Bills.

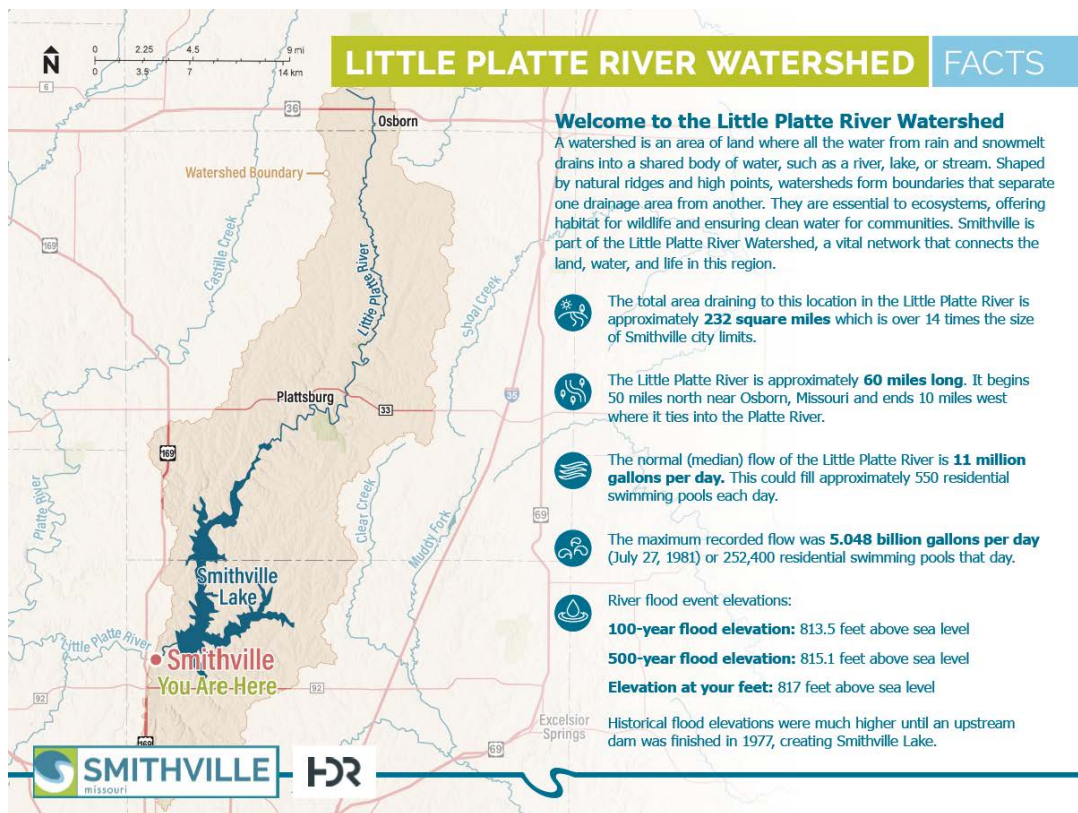
If you have any questions regarding the ballot question, please contact Chief Jason Lockridge jlockridge@smithvillemo.org or Assistant City Administrator Gina Pate gpate@smithvillemo.org.

For more information on the ballot issue, please visit www.smithvillemo.org/PropositionP.

Infrastructure Project Updates

Streetscape Phase III

Progress on this project continues. The new railing should be delivered late next week, with installation anticipated to begin the second week of March. The light poles are coming from Canada and have had some manufacturing and shipping delays. Brick work is underway and the watershed plaque is being installed. Mill and overlay work is tentatively scheduled to occur in next few weeks, depending upon weather.



144th Street Pump Station and West Bypass Update

Bids were opened on Tuesday February 25, 2025. Five bids were received. The most responsive bid was submitted by Engemann Drainage at \$3,390,312. Additional costs will include \$106,000 for Evergy to extend the electric service to the site.

Staff continues to work the Corps of Engineers to finalize the agreement for the \$1,500,000 earmark.

HDR is checking references and financial capabilities to ensure the contractor can complete the project and will provide a recommendation for award. This bid award will be on the March 18 Board Agenda.

Commercial Street Sidewalk

With weather improving, it is anticipated that this project will begin in early April.

Board of Aldermen Retreat

The 2025 Board of Aldermen Retreat is scheduled for Thursday and Friday April 17 and 18. Times of the meeting will be determined in the coming weeks.