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## **DeKalb County SPLOST Funds Drive Library Restroom Renovations Across Eight Branches**

DeKalb County, Georgia – June 7, 2024 - DeKalb County's SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) funds are making possible renovations to restrooms in eight DeKalb County libraries. Construction began in November 2023 and is expected to be completed by September 2024. Approximately \$1.3 million from SPLOST has been allocated for these renovations across selected libraries in the county.

“The library interacts with DeKalb County citizens daily,” said DeKalb County Library Director Alison Weissinger. “We aim to provide clean, welcoming environments for our patrons.”

Alison and her team have carefully planned the renovations to enhance the library experience for patrons. They prioritized quality, durability, and surfaces that can be easily cleaned and sanitized. The goal is to ensure that the investment yields long-lasting, high-quality improvements.



*Autaco Developers Project Manager, Robert Shaw, left, and team*



*Flat Shoals Library Renovation underway*

The project includes new flooring, tile walls, lavatories, and countertops. Upgraded lighting with LED fixtures and motion sensors for lights are also part of the renovations. Patrons will benefit from new water fountains with bottle fillers and improved diaper changing tables.

Alison also included thoughtful additions such as the Step and Wash, a fixed, retractable step stool that allows children easy access to sinks, freeing guardians from the need to lift them to wash their hands. Both men's and women's restrooms will have diaper changing stations.



*Step and Wash*



*Completed renovation at Decatur Library*



*Diaper changing station*



*Upgraded water fountain*

With the patron experience top of mind, Alison notes, “these renovations make the whole library experience that much better.”

The libraries included in the project are:

- Chamblee Library
- Clarkston Library
- Decatur Library
- Flat Shoals Library
- Gresham Library
- Lithonia-Davidson Library
- Redan-Trotti Library
- Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library

For more information about other SPLOST projects, visit [www.dekalbsplost.com](http://www.dekalbsplost.com).

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*DeKalb County voters approved a referendum to implement a once-cent Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST). The purpose of the SPLOST is to fund capital projects for both the county government and all municipalities within the county.*