

SPARC: A Progress Report

June 2011



A Presentation by the Office of Mayor Jacques Roy

S.P.A.R.C. is the **largest infrastructure reinvestment initiative in Alexandria's history.**

S.P.A.R.C. is **evidence-based and represents a studied, disciplined approach.**

Investing in infrastructure is **the most appropriate and most effective way for the public to provide the “building blocks” for private-sector growth and job creation.**



S.P.A.R.C. is, at its core, **a catalytic series of construction projects:** New and renovated public parks, walking trails, fire stations, streetscape enhancements, and utilities upgrades, all projects that **improve our basic quality of life and ensure our economic competitiveness.**



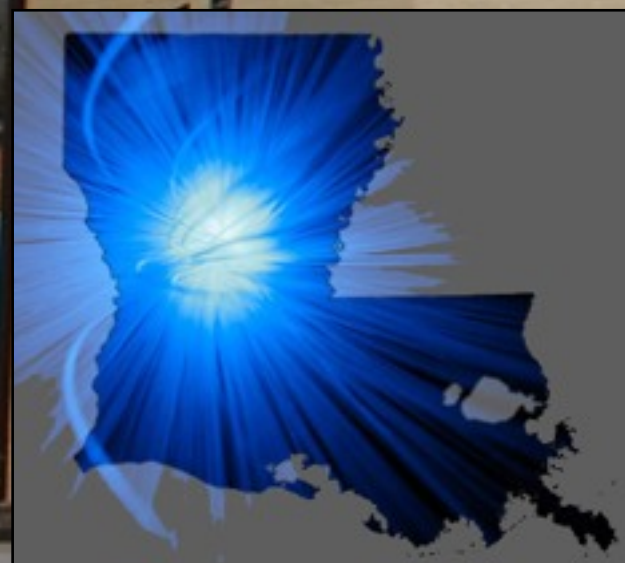
Because of S.P.A.R.C., construction is nearly complete on The Gates at River Chase, the largest private-sector investment in the Lower Third neighborhood in over three decades.

Our Progress

City-Wide Projects

Gateway & Wayfinding Signage: Masonic Drive Recreational District has been targeted for prototypical design for future projects. Plans and specifications are 90% complete. Anticipate letting for construction in July. Project estimate is \$400,000.00.

Fire Station Relocation: Plans and specifications for Fire Station No. 5 are complete and are being reviewed for budgeting. Property division with Rapides Parish Police Jury is being finalized for final location. Anticipate letting for construction in October.



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Third Street Enhancements: Stage 0 (Project Feasibility) has been approved by LaDOTD and FHWA (12 May). Consultant is developing preliminary plans from information gathered at Public Input/Presentations. Anticipate letting in April 2012. Project estimate is \$2,500,000.00.

Hodges Stockbarn: Housing development component under construction and near completion. Applications for leasing are being accepted. Opening in July.

Sugarhouse Road Reconstruction: To be completed in two packages: 1) Outfall improvements and 2) Roadway Reconstruction and Utility Relocation. Anticipate letting Package 1 in August, depending on ROW acquisition. Roadway plans have been submitted to LaDOTD for geometry and hydraulic review.

Sugarhouse Road Extension: Environmental Assessment has been completed and submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers for review. Permit request will not be made until funding has been allocated.

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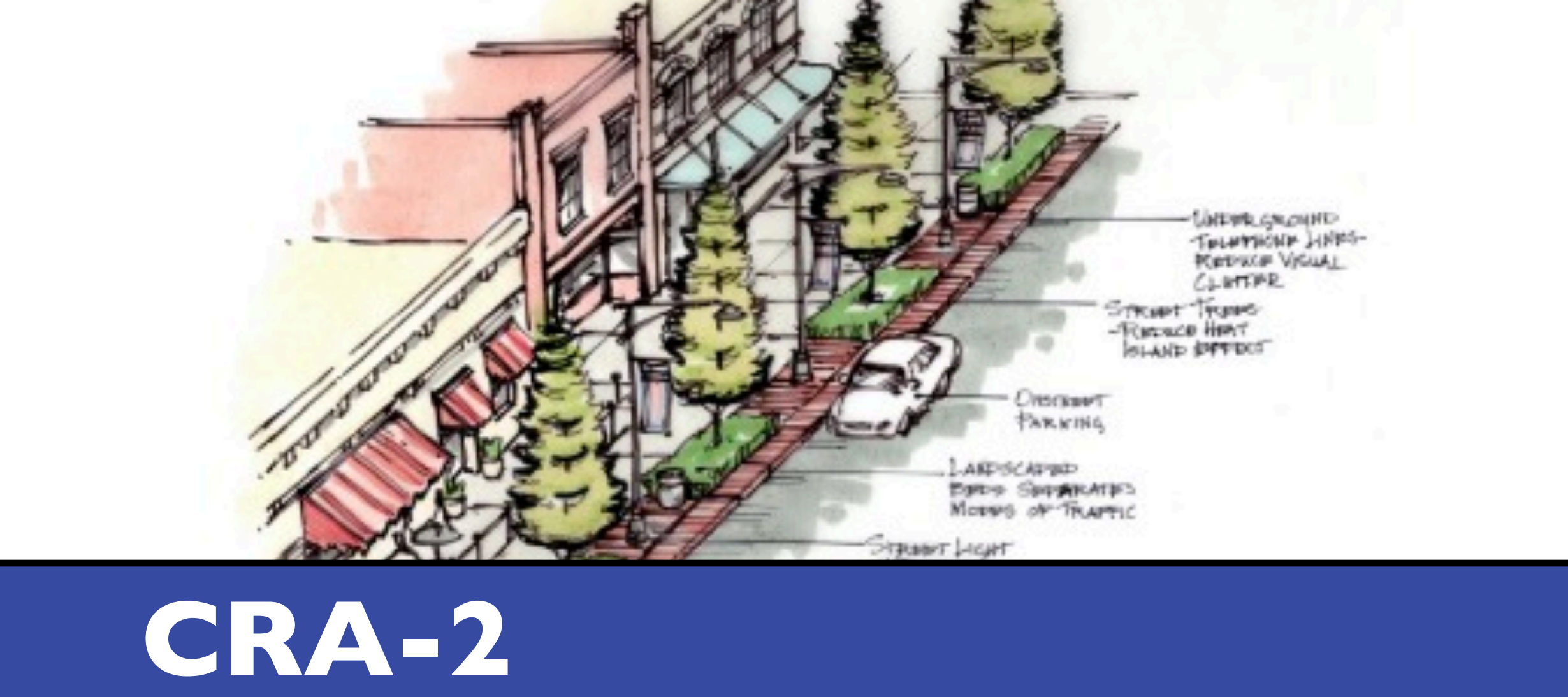
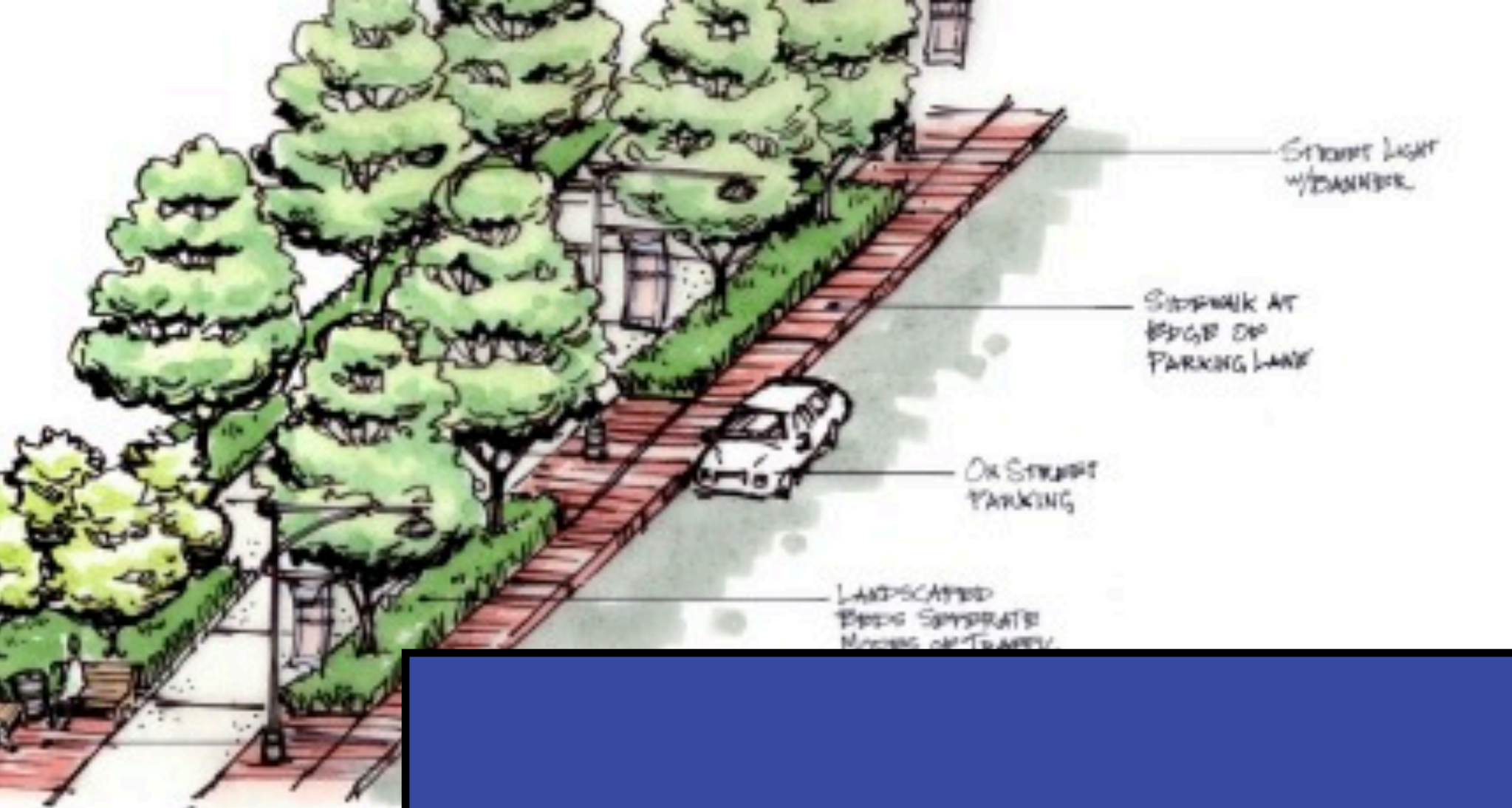
Downtown Hotels Initiative: Developer negotiations underway; awaiting purchase of the Hotel Bentley. The Mayor's Office is re-scoping this project this month for new options and will forward those to all RFP participants and the general public.

R.I.V.E.R. Act: Project scoping has been revised to support the Alexandria Riverfront Center improvements as a part of the Downtown Hotels Initiative.

Ruston Foundry: Due diligence and title abstracting underway. Phase I Environmental Assessment update of adjacent KCS property currently underway.

Cotton Street Bridge: Preliminary plans have been received; ROW acquisition is being negotiated. Pending ROW acquisition, final alignment may need adjustment. Construction funding will need to be programmed to determine construction start. Project estimate is \$5,330,000.00.

Sixth & Foisy Extension: Project scoping to continue in 2011.



Landscape Development For:

City of Alexandria

Bolton Avenue Corridor Enhancement

Alexandria, Louisiana

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Bolton Avenue Enhancements: Plans are being developed in packages based upon street components identified in the Conceptual Plan and public input. Core Zone (Monroe Street to Elliott Street) plans are being developed. Anticipate letting for construction in January 2012. Project estimate is \$940,000.00. Development of other component to follow this winter.

MacArthur Drive Enhancements: Additional project scoping is underway.



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Bolton Ave. Streetscape Character Studies
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Masonic Drive Corridor Enhancements: Phase 1 completed in April 2011. Phase 2 (Texas Avenue to South Circle) engineering agreement is being finalized. Funding for construction has been awarded from LaDOTD Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Anticipate letting in July 2012. Project estimate is \$1,200,000.00. Phase 3 (Gilbert to Texas Avenue) engineering agreement is being finalized. Funding for construction has yet to be determined so letting for construction cannot be established.

Lee Street Enhancements: Project scoping is underway. Prototypical intersection layout has been designed. Program budget is being developed. Construction letting TBD.

Deerfield Recreational Trail: Project is 90% complete. Final grading and landscaping are underway. Last major item is fencing. Anticipate opening trail and playground in late June.

Fire Station No 4. Renovation: Construction completed in March 2010.