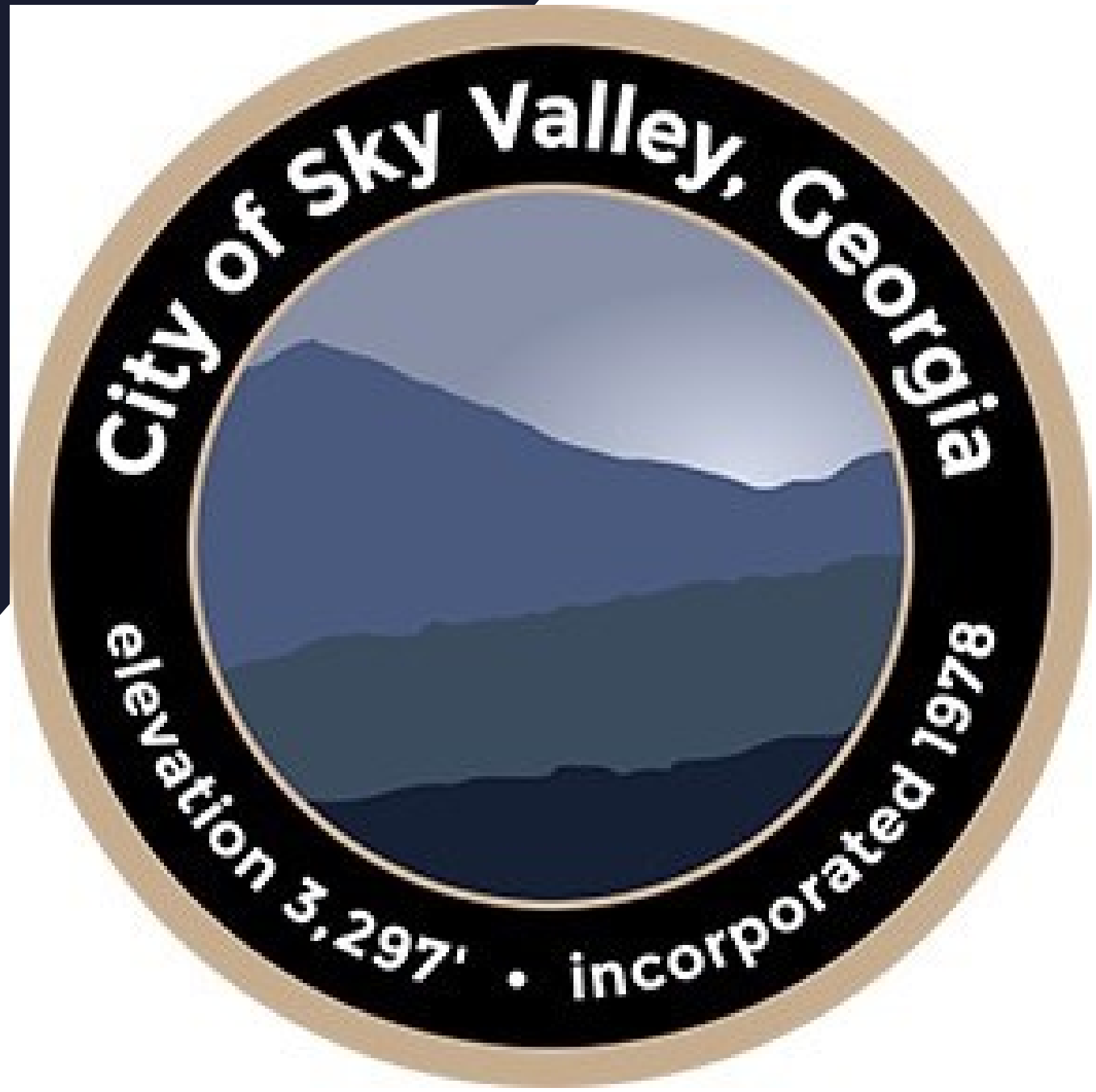


**STATE
OF THE CITY
ADDRESS
2024**





Sky Valley Pickleball Courts

New contiguous Court and resurfacing all existing courts with fencing and additional wind screening

COST:

\$44,340

FUNDING:

Budgeted Capital Expense



**Added TWO additional lighted
flag poles at City Hall**

- **United States Flag**
- **State Flag**
- **City flag and Purple Heart
City Flag**



Web Cameras + WiFi

2 – post office, City Pavilion

2 – Compactor/Tractor Barn



STATE RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS



Used to determining the City's Insurance Costs and reduces possible injury & Liability Litigation

Replaced and remounted all city stop signs and poles
GA DOT approved signs at the required height.

COST - \$10,028

FUNDING SOURCE- GDOT LMIG



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**REMOVED AND FILLED HOLES OF 600 IN-GROUND GARBAGE
CANS In the city's right-of-way**

COST - \$20,000

FUNDING SOURCE TSPLOST

Sale of city owned properties

Most of these city owned lots have been owned by the city since the 1970s.

These lots were put on GOV-DEALS to sell for the city to place these properties back on the tax roll.

Several purchasers of these lots indicated they are going to build houses.

LOT

Wildbird (Lot 9)

Saddleback

Cobblewood

Alex Mountain

Mockingbird

LaBelle #1

Wildbird (Lots 5-7)

ACCEPTED BIDS

\$47,200

\$15,100

\$ 8,100

\$ 14,300

\$ 10,000

\$ 5,000

\$81,000

\$180,700





ROADWAYS

Road Paved	Cost	Payment Source
Buttons Land	\$13,930	TSPLOST
Saddleback (portion)	\$10,683	TSPLOST
Forest Court	\$14,000	TSPLOST
La Quinta Lane	\$10,500	TSPLOST
Appalachian Point	\$59,000	TSPLOST
Ridgepole Drive	\$416,125	TSPLOST
McClure Lane	\$12,950	TSPLOST
Demorest Lane	\$14,678	TSPLOST
Road Striping	<u>\$10,000</u>	TSPLOST
	\$561,866	TSPLOST



Sky Valley Water System

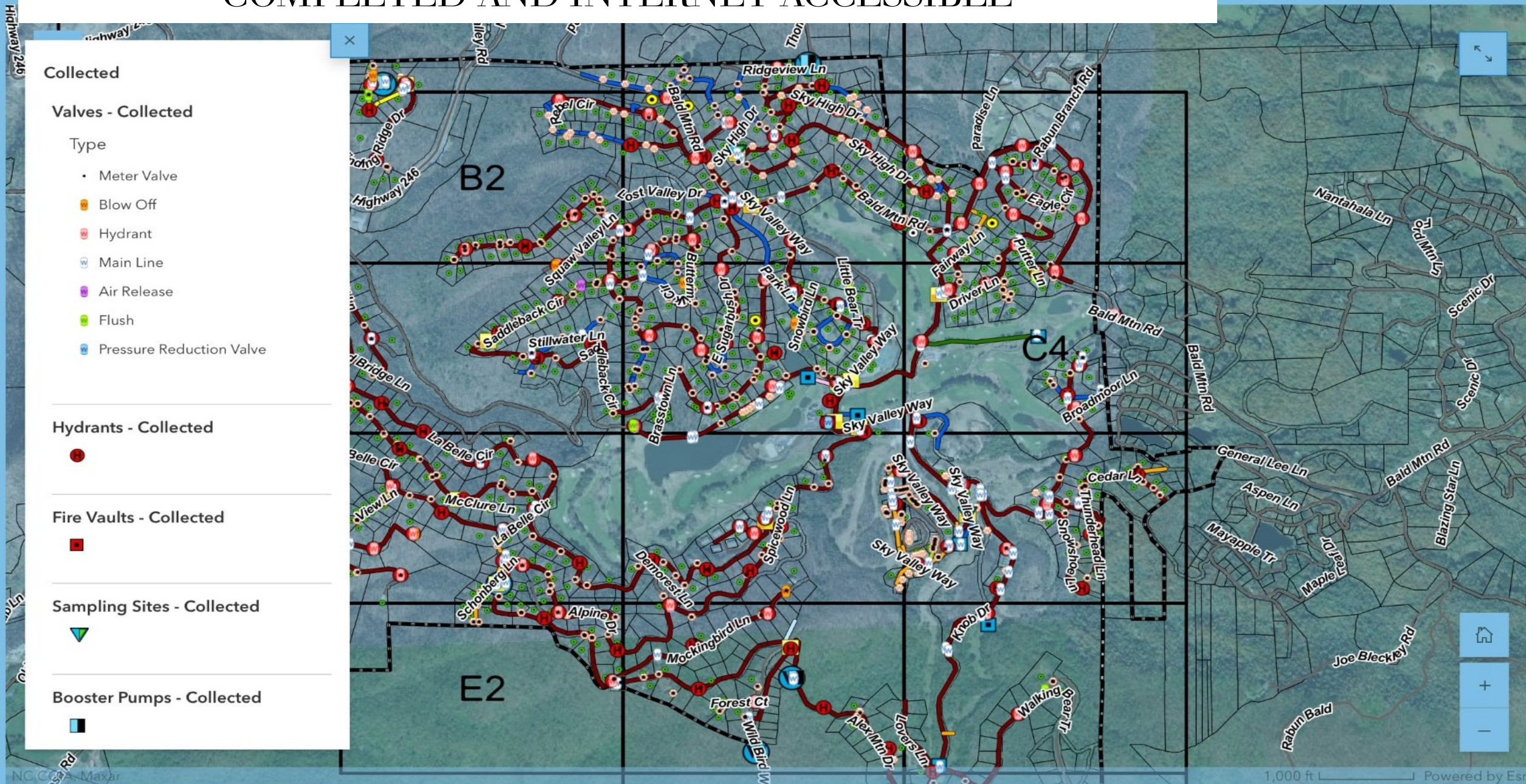
Study Group – Evaluate our water system and suggest improvements for present and our future water system

Our Public Works Director, our Sky Valley - Certified Water Specialist, a Water Specialist Engineer MPE (mechanical, Pumping, Engineering), our Rep to the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority, Council Representative, City Manager, and Mayor.

FINDINGS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Our **16 current Pressure Reducing Values** - need to be repaired or replaced
- Purchase **Deep Water Well Pump motors** to have on hand in case of failures
- Investigate enlarging **capacity of our current Water Tanks**
- Contract with a **Hydro Geologist** to identify property for an addition deep water well site
- Begin **Permitting Process** for an additional deep water well (is a 2 year process)
- Will need **Additional Staff with additional certification**
- Add **telemetry** to include all our water tanks (6 tanks – 3 need telemetry)

COMPLETED AND INTERNET ACCESSIBLE



PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

NOT WORKING CORRECTLY, BROKEN, COST MORE TO REPAIR, DANGEROUS

- **Flail Mower Arm Attachment - \$1400**
- **Industrial Turbin Blower - \$6200**
- **2 Commercial 60" Zero Turn - \$22,000**
- **Big Tex Trailer to move the Excavator,**
- **Skid Steer - \$19,000**
- **Hydrovac Machine - \$61,000**
- **2023 F- 350 - \$75,000**

TSPLOST FUNDING - \$184,600



- **Chief Estes resigned will teach Criminal Justice Classes at South Dakota State University**
- **Budgeted Capital Lease/Purchase Purchase of Police Car**
- **Currently have 6 full time officers – added coverage**
- **Grant awarded (\$9000) to purchase police car compouters**
- **Officer Dottie Clark was awarded best Rabun County First Responder for the 2nd year.**



YEAR	Millage RATE	Gross Digest
2015	16.2570	60,430,656
2016	16.0830	60,994,465
2017	16.1100	61,183,370
2018	16.0980	61,384,039
2019	15.6080	61,513,565
2020	15.6080	62,018,209
2021	15.6080	67,659,938
2022	12.9914	80,641,622
2023	11.5542	90,178,495



MILLAGE RATE – ONE MILL = TO \$1 IN PROPERTY TAX WHICH IS LEVIED PER \$1000 OF PROPERTY DETERMINED TAXABLE VALUE.

GROSS DIGEST – TOTAL OF PROPERTY CLASS AS WELL AS THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT, ETC.

THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUE TO SEARCH AND APPLY FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



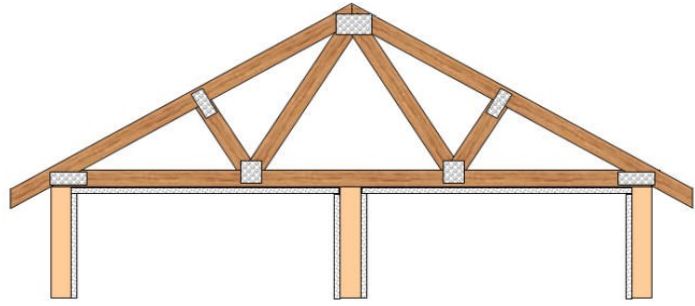
G-DOT
LMIG
\$10,028

TSPLOST
\$786,466

TOTAL GRANT
FUNDS USED -
(not from our city
operating funds)

\$766,466

2025 LMIG - SPLOST – T-SPLOST



MEDIAN PRICE - JUNE 2024
HOUSES SOLD = \$530,500

5 new homes permitted and currently under construction

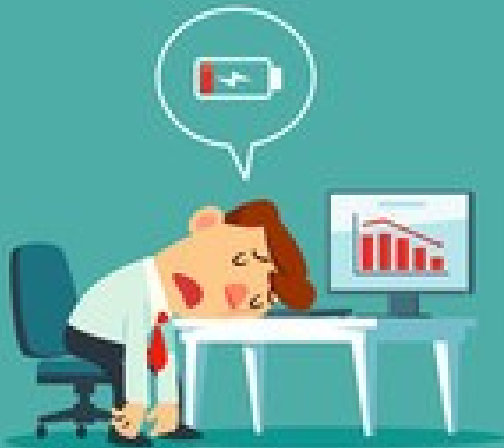
Ridgepole Drive, Schonberg, Evergreen, Knob Drive, Cedar Lane

3 More new homes soon to be permitted pending necessary documents

Wild Bird Lane, Saddleback Circle, LaBelle Circle

5 Certificates of Occupancy have been issued in last 12 months

14 McClure Lane, 81 Bayberry Lane, 58 Buttons Lane, 387 Alpine Drive, 449 Bayberry Lane



Our Code Enforcement Officer / Building Inspector Officer has been **VERY BUSY!**

- **Checking construction, repairs, trees cutting, etc.**
- **239 permits have been issued**

Sky Valley Planning and Zoning Commission

CURRENTLY REVIEWING AND REVISING/UPDATING OUR

BUILDING CODES

developments will not allow non-traditional developments and is in compliance with the State of Georgia codes.

TREE ORDINANCE

Protect our trees/native plants

SOLAR POWER ORDINANCE

Legal and usable ordinance for future solar power installations

REVIEWING CURRENT ZONING AND LAND USE MAP

SKY VALLEY SHORT TERM RENTALS

CURRENTLY 81 REGISTERED STRS WITH CITY

**GRANICUS (INTERNET PARTNER WITH SKY VALLEY)
REPORTS A POSSIBLE 121 UNITS – INVESTIGATING AND
WILL START SENDING OUT CITATIONS
FOR VIOLATORS OF OUR STR ORDINANCE**

**PLEASE CALL THE SKY VALLEY POLICE NON-EMERGENCY
PHONE NUMBER FOR COMPLAINTS (NOISE,
ANIMALS, TRASH, ILLEGAL PARKING, ETC.**

(706) 782-7777

**CALL CITY HALL (DEPUTY CLERK) FOR
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**



SEPTIC TO SEWER PLANS UPDATE

The goal is to service the Valley area and enable some additional development lieu to failing drain fields that continue to be saturated which pose an unhealthy environment and health risk by polluting ground water and streams.

**Working with
an
Engineering
Firm**

Changed original design plan from “over the mountain to Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority site, and Aeration pond system, to a Self-Processing Discharge Facility.

The EPD Permit has tentatively been approved

A tentative location has been identified – facility will not be visible to the public, will work facility into a wooded area with city owned roadway for PW vehicles.

THE CITY is WORKING WITH HARRISON MERRILL and...

- **Professional Planners**
- **Architects**
- **Investors**
- **Civil Engineers**
- **Water and Sewer Engineers**

DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN – keeping in mind our citizen needs and commitment to keep our Mountain Resort Environment.

When plan is complete the details will be presented to the Citizens, Planning Zoning Commission, and Council.



**THIS IS STILL IN THE BEGINNING STAGES
OF CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT**





**THESE ARE EXCITING
TIMES IN SKY VALLEY**

**THANK YOU FOR COMING TO
HEAR ABOUT YOUR CITY'S
"DOINGS" SINCE LAST JULY**

**I TRIED TO HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS
...YOUR CITY IS HARD AT WORK!**

**THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE ON
OUR WEBSITE**