

DISCOVER



BEFORE



AFTER

By the Numbers

Creek Cleanup



Total Project Cost:
\$1.3 million



Storm-Damaged
Trees Removed:
800 - 1,000



Truckloads of
Debris:
91

FREE FLOWING

Cleanup Efforts Yield Beneficial Results

A portion of Cahaba Valley Creek (also known locally as Bishop Creek) is now flowing much more freely. A significant component of the debris removal project is now complete and provided some much-needed maintenance to remove storm and construction debris from the creek bed and its banks. The project area stretched from Chandalar Drive to U.S. Highway 31, approximately 1.3 miles.

The debris removal was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The City of Pelham applied for and received the grant, agreeing that the federal government would pay 75 percent of the cost and the City of Pelham would contribute the remaining 25 percent. On July 25, 2022, the Pelham City Council approved the funding of \$266,000 for the City's portion of the work. The estimated cost of the project was \$1.3 million.

Between 800 and 1,000 trees were removed from the creek and surrounding floodplain, totaling 91 truckloads of debris. That equates to 6,370 cubic yards of trash or 1,592.5 tons. Do the math, and that's 3,185,000 pounds. The contractor pointed out that two of those truckloads were nothing but construction and demolition debris that had been swept away from yards and property adjacent to the creek. City leaders urge landowners to be mindful of what is stored on property that is in a flood-prone area.



A Welcoming Gateway

As we welcome people to Pelham, we certainly want to make a good first impression. Work has begun on a new, more aesthetically pleasing gateway to the city. Heavy equipment is on site demolishing an existing structure and old asphalt to make way for a beautifully landscaped area that will complement the new Pelham city limit signage planned for the space. This gateway is located on Highway 31 South, near the Southgate Village Shopping Center. André Bittas, Director of Development Services and Public Works, said the demolition should be finished in about two weeks. After that, the location will be seeded and grassed. Long-term plans currently in the design phase include new lighting and signage.

Your City at Work

Here are some of the recent items approved by the Pelham City Council. For the complete text of the agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions, please visit www.pelhamalabama.gov.

- 2021 Building and Fire Codes and International Property Maintenance Codes were reviewed, with a public hearing tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2023.
- Agreed to a three-year investment commitment in support of the Shelby County Chamber's "Forward Shelby County" campaign.
- Voted on a 3% pay increase for City employees.
- Annexed 20.67 acres of real property, located at the intersections of Shelby County Highways 33 and 35 into the Pelham city limits. The property owner requested the annexation.
- Voted to authorize a real estate agent to market city-owned property located at 1297 Shelby County Highway 52E, the site of old Fire Station No. 3.
- Accepted a bid for the Canterbury Road Storm Sewer Replacement Project.
- Accepted a bid for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station B Dry Prime Pump Replacement Project.
- Accepted the lowest quote to replace the Bradford pear trees along both sides of Chandalar Drive in front of Carroll Park.
- Accepted quotes for the purchase and replacement of leaking fire hydrants within the city.

