

Sewer disposal: \$5 million project underway involving 2 treatment facilities.  
Other capital improvement needs:  
Community recreation centers, \$500,000.  
New city-county building being planned, \$5 to \$7 million.

| <i>Tax rate (mills)</i> |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| City-----               | 17 |
| Schools-----            | 32 |
| County-----             | 12 |

| <i>Bonding capacity</i> |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Total digest-----       | 181,000,000 |
| Bonds outstanding-----  | 5,000,000   |
| Excess capacity-----    | 7,000,000   |

*Augusta*

Population 1950, 71,508; 1960, 75,000.

Urban renewal: 3 projects underway at a total cost of \$6.3 million; 2 additional areas under study, estimated cost amounts to \$8.4 million.

Housing: 3 highrise projects underway for indigent and elderly.

Police: Inadequate jail facilities. Occupancy 70 prisoners 10 years ago, current occupancy is 125 (average daily occupancy).

Parks: 64-acre park improvement planned to include comprehensive recreation facilities.

Transportation: No. 1 problem concerns railroad lines—blocks traffic at 20- to 30-minute intervals. Requested study costing \$75,000. Project is estimated at \$8 million for relocation of railroad tracks.

These rail lines serving two major railroads, Atlantic Coast Line and Southern, are contributing to extensive blight, crime, and health and safety problems in several large areas of the city.

Fire headquarters station needs replacing and is projected at \$400,000 cost.

Water and sewer program underway which includes separation of sanitary sewer throughout the city and building of a treatment plant. This is a \$7 million project.

Additional \$3 million needed to complete sanitary sewer program over the current \$7 million project.

Storm sewer: \$4 million project planned.

Waterworks: Enlargement badly needed, \$2½ million cost estimated.

| <i>Tax rates (mills)</i> |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| City-----                | 15.25 |
| School-----              | 30.00 |
| County-----              | 15.00 |

Debt: \$3,766,000 outstanding, \$7 million excess capacity.

*Douglas*

Population 1950, 7,428; 1960, 10,000.

Urban renewal: Current projects underway in excess of \$2 million will eliminate 75 percent of blighted areas.

Water and sewer: Preliminary estimate of \$1.2 million in water and sewer needs has been submitted to Housing and Urban Affairs Department.

Storm drainage needs: Basic needs amount to \$1.5 million.

Streets: Street paving needs amount to \$1 million.

Education: Junior college improvements amount to \$1 million.

| <i>Tax rate (mills)</i> |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| City-----               | 11.00 |
| County-----             | 26.00 |

<sup>1</sup> Includes schools.

Bonding capacity: Outstanding, \$400,000; excess, \$500,000.

*Decatur*

Population 1950, 21,635; 1960, 21,953.

Urban renewal: Substandard housing units amount to 30 percent of all dwellings. Two active projects in execution at a gross cost of \$5.4 million and plans are underway for two additional projects.