



ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMERAS

**BUDGET PRESENTATION
MAY 12, 2026**



ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMERA PROGRAM

The Illegal Dumping Camera Program is managed by our **Community Service Section** under **Public Works**.

Community Services Probationers are used to clean these areas as well as policing the city, removing litter.

Currently, we have 19 illegal dumping sites on our list.

A site is identified based on the number of complaints received at a given location.

Currently, we have 96 locations on schedule for litter maintenance and add to this weekly.

Camera placement is based on factors such as site visibility, dumping activity, traffic speed and volume, and southern sun exposure.

ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMERA ISSUES

Because the cameras rely solely on **solar power**, they require an average of **60% daylight sun exposure** to operate 24/7. Extended periods of **cloudy or rainy weather** can disrupt continuous site monitoring.

The most common reasons a citation is not issued for illegal dumping at camera sites include:

The vehicle tag is not visible.

The vehicle tag address is incorrect or invalid.

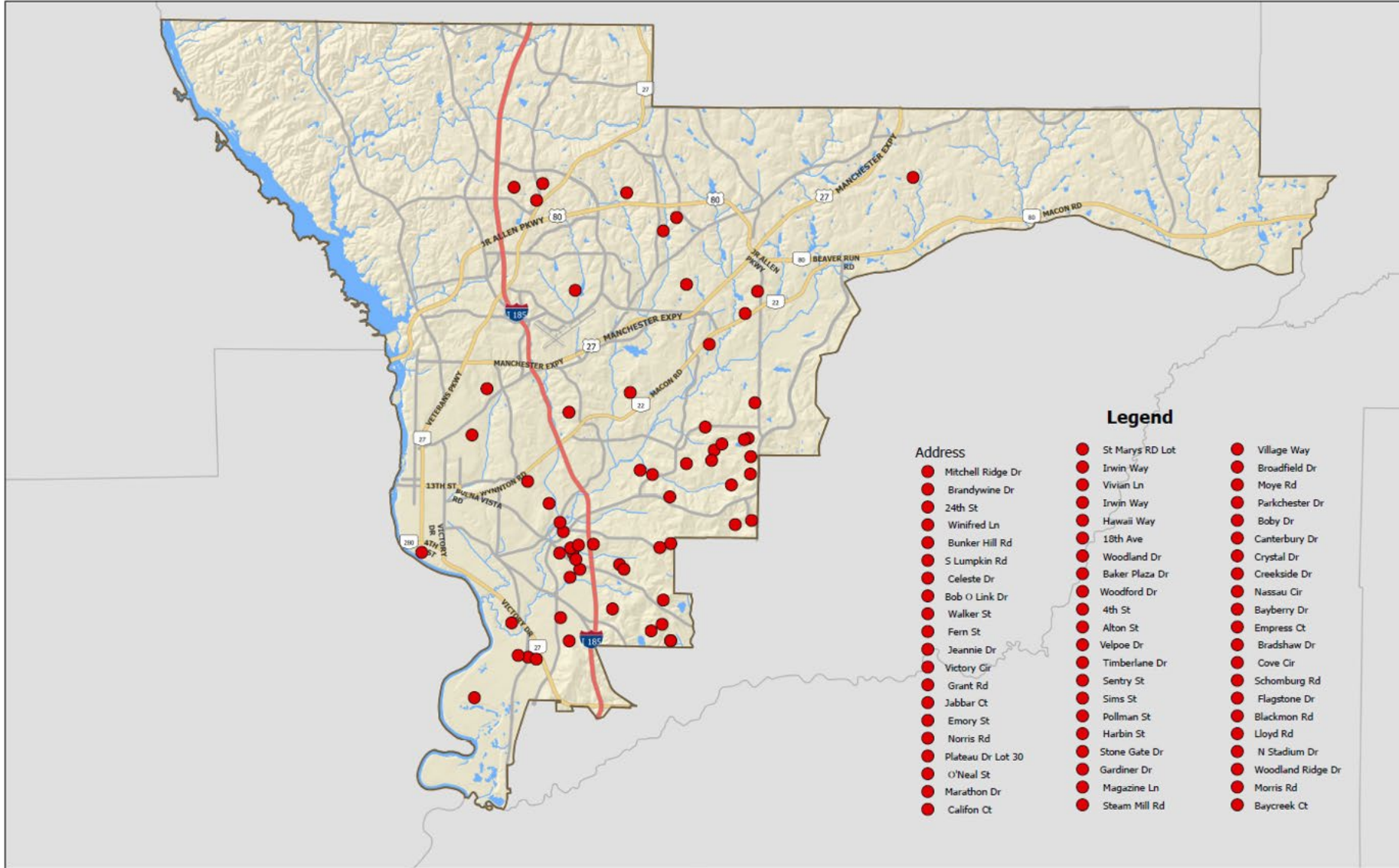
The vehicle tag is not registered in Muscogee County.

Only **50% of illegal dumping cases** result in a citation due to these limitations.

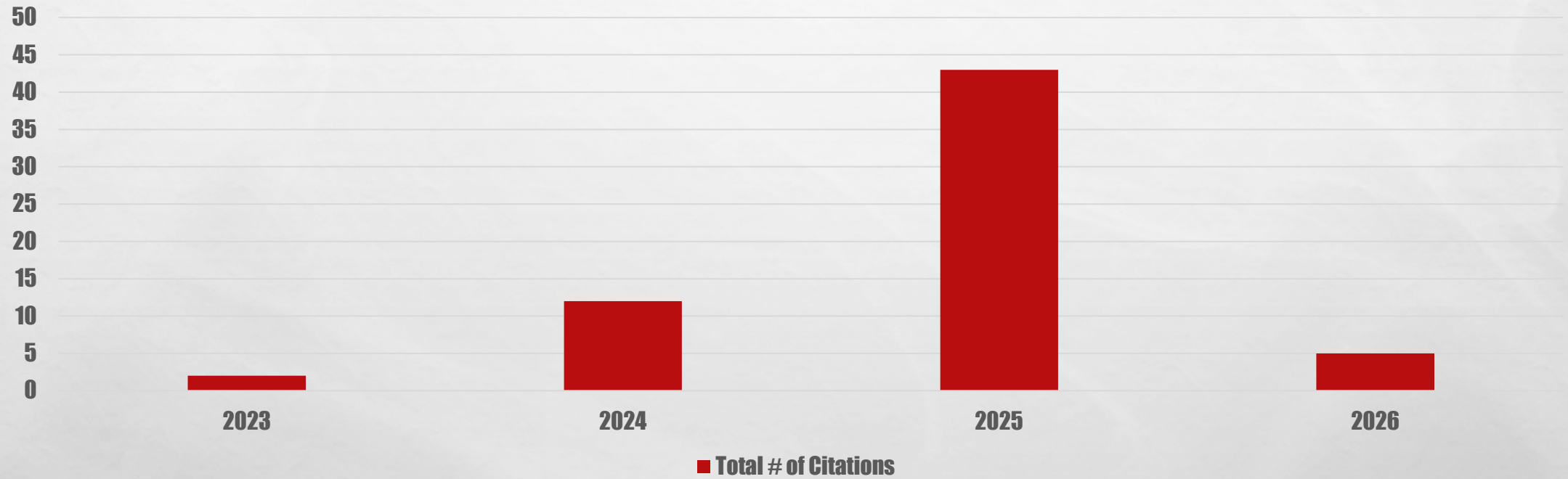
ILLEGAL DUMPING CASES

- **Most common illegal dumping citation is for tires.**
- **A total of 62 citations have been issued since illegal dumping cameras were installed in July 2023.**
- **\$1,000 fine for illegal dumping.**
- **If cited and the citizen does not show up to environmental court, a “bench warrant” is issued. if the case returns to court, an additional \$100 fine will be imposed for contempt of court.**

Citation Locations



TOTAL NUMBER OF CITATIONS



FY'27 ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMERA PROGRAM

**10 Cameras have
been
recommended in
the FY'27 Budget**

**Would like to start
the process of
phasing in cameras
throughout our
parks.**

ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMERA COST

The cost to install one illegal dumping camera:

- solar panel:
- visual camera:
- tag reader:
- utility pole:
- labor cost:
- Stationary camera initial cost: \$14k each location



CITIZEN INPUT IS KEY



- **THE BEST WAY TO CURTAIL ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER IS TO GET OUR COMMUNITY TO ASSIST. OUR EMPLOYEES **CANNOT** DO IT ALONE. WE NEED **'ALL HANDS ON DECK'** IF WE WANT CLEANER COMMUNITY.**

ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTLINE

- **706-225-3001**

An aerial photograph showing a cluttered outdoor area. In the center, a silver pickup truck is parked on a paved surface. To its right, a green dumpster with the letters 'WWI' on its side is visible. The surrounding area is covered with various pieces of trash, including a tire, a white box, and other debris. In the background, there are buildings and utility poles. The overall scene suggests a state of disarray or a recent incident.

QUESTIONS?

Mobile 19