



# PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: DEPARTMENT OF P.L.A.C.E. | BLUEPRINT 2000

## PEOPLE FOCUSED

Under Leon County government's new organizational structure, the Department of Planning, Land Management, and Community Enhancement (PLACE) was created to realign the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and Blueprint 2000. PLACE is part of the Public Works and Community Development department and emphasizes the desire to create a livable, sustainable community with areas with a sense of place and to better coordinate planning and Blueprint 2000 activities.

The Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency (BP2000) is a division of the Department of PLACE. BP2000 plans, designs, and constructs infrastructure and environmental projects funded from the one-cent local-option sales tax. The Intergovernmental Agency Board consists of the seven Leon County Commissioners and the five City of Tallahassee Commissioners. BP2000 also works with a 13-member Citizens Advisory Committee and technical staff from City and County Departments.

The Department of PLACE is led by Director Wayne Tedder, who began working for the Planning Department in 1997. Tedder is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



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## PERFORMANCE DRIVEN

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- In order to ensure governmental organizations operate effectively and efficiently, BP2000 underwent a joint management review by the Leon County Office of Management and Budget and the City of Tallahassee Office of Budget and Policy. The management review team identified an opportunity to integrate the management of BP2000 and realign the reporting of the Executive Director to the Planning Director. This resulted in the reorganization of the Planning Department and BP2000 into the Department of Planning, Land Management, and Community Enhancement (PLACE).
- BP2000 is committed to the proper management of the community's financial resources and routinely applies for grants in order to supplement funding for its projects. This past year BP2000 has received the following grants:
  - » \$9.2 million from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to extend the widening of Capital Circle Southwest to south of SR 20.
  - » \$2.7 million from FDOT to design future Capital Circle Southwest improvements from Orange Avenue to Springhill Road.
  - » \$4.2 million in Disaster Relief Emergency Funds to construct stormwater improvements along Franklin Boulevard in cooperation with Leon County Grants Coordinator.
- In the pursuit of developing holistic infrastructure, BP2000 is designing and constructing four segments of Cascades Trail, specifically Cascades Park. The park is expected to open in late 2012 and will provide significant stormwater management facilities to abate flooding problems along the St. Augustine Branch as well as a beautiful setting for a world class park. Blueprint conducted numerous tours of Cascades Park this past year showing the ongoing construction of this 24-acre park. In addition, BP2000 worked with citizens to design the Cascades Connector Bridge over South Monroe Street.
- BP2000 continues to develop transportation corridors that incorporate pedestrian and bicycle trails into greenways and includes sidewalks and bike lanes on roadway projects. During the past year BP2000:
  - » Broke ground on another segment of Capital Circle from Woodville Highway to east of Crawfordville Road on May 3, 2011.
  - » Developed plans and acquired the right-of-way for the widening of Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest from US 90 to near Orange Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin early 2012.



### Did You Know

BP2000 and its partners have protected over 2,300 acres of environmentally sensitive lands within Leon County.



*Capital Circle Southeast Groundbreaking Ceremony*