



**ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES**

**PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.**

**Mission Statement**

To serve the people of Leon County as a responsible steward of public real estate and building infrastructure necessary to support County operations in a timely, professional and cost-effective manner.

**Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights**

**Quality of Life**

- Constructing the Public Safety Complex, in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff. This is the most integrated and technologically sophisticated construction project ever managed by the County. In 2013, it will house the public safety emergency communications center, a regional transportation management center, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, Tallahassee Fire Department, and the Leon County Emergency Operations Center.
- Constructed the expanded 12,000-square-foot Lake Jackson Branch Library through the reuse and renovation of a vacant big box store at the Huntington Oaks Plaza.
- Redeveloping Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington (formerly Huntington Oaks Plaza), through a sense of place initiative.

**Environment**

- Constructed the Leon County Sustainable Demonstration Center, a net-zero energy use facility that produces at least as much energy as it consumes.

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- Constructed a Veterans Resource Center in the Historic Amtrak Station, which is devoted to connecting veterans with employment opportunities, education benefits, counseling, and on-site job training in partnership with WORKFORCE plus.
- Negotiated a long-term lease to consolidate several locations of the Leon County Supervisor of Elections office into a warehouse and training facility within the Elections' operating budget. This effort reduced the number of facilities used by the Supervisor of Elections from five to two and avoided the construction of a new \$10 million building.
- Leon County is recognized as a leader in sustainability. For example:
  - » The County reused and renovated a vacant space in Huntington Oaks Plaza to house the expanded Lake Jackson Branch Library.
  - » Additionally, Huntington Oaks Plaza property is undergoing reconstruction through a sense of place initiative to make it a destination for the Lake Jackson area. Improvements will include new parking, landscaping, lighting, a bus stop, and some new tenants, including the Leon County Tax Collector, connected to the community by sidewalks on Fred George Road.

- » Leon County transformed the Leon County Cooperative Extension building and grounds into a state-of-the-art Sustainable Demonstration Center, which includes the net-zero energy use building. In recognition, Leon County was a finalist for a Sustainable Florida Best Practice Award in 2012.
- » Design and construction of the Eastside Branch Library at Pedrick Pond Park was completed to LEED Gold standards, and opened in November 2011. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an ecology-oriented building certification program under the auspices of the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED



*Eastside Branch Library*

Certifications are available at four different levels depending on the number of credits earned: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum (the highest).

- To provide safe, clean, and fully functional facilities to support County functions and to meet state mandates for entities such as the Courts, the division completed several midsize renovations and project upgrades throughout the year.



**Did You Know**

The Energy Savings Contracts implemented from 2005-2011 continue to save energy at rates close to \$600,000 a year, and through the last five-year audit have proven to have saved \$2.95 million.