



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To provide accurate information, creative and effective planning recommendations, and expertise in the areas of long-range land use, environmental, and transportation planning for the orderly growth of Leon County and the Tallahassee community.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Constructed the Design Studio within the Tallahassee-Leon Department of PLACE (Planning, Land Management, and Community Enhancement), to enhance customer service in many ways:
 - » Helps property owners, developers and design professionals create and review development plans that meet local design guidelines.
 - » Eases the permitting process for property owners and developers by offering advice and review services intended to save the developers' time by ensuring development plans are consistent with local guidelines prior to project design completion.
- Developing the bicycle route network for Leon County, the first step in achieving an interconnected and formally marked bicycle network. Public input will be critical in helping to expand and refine the network. The proposed routes will be presented to the public for feedback at community meetings this fall.

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- Took the lead role in sense of place projects, such as the redevelopment of Huntington Oaks Plaza and Gaines St.
- As part of the implementation of the Greenways Master Plan, Leon County purchased property which will link the Alford Greenway to the Goose Creek Preservation Area. The purchase price was \$100,000, of which only \$10,000 was cash. \$90,000 was donated by the seller, which included Observation Pointe Homeowner Association and the subdivision's developer.
- Created the Urban Design Studio, through internal restructuring, to meet the demand for this work.
- Enhanced Midtown to further develop a sense of place, in cooperation with City and County Public Works Departments, including gas lighting along 7th Ave., the 5th Ave. Plaza, and Gadsden St. streetscape and pedestrian safety enhancements.
- The Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan embodies a community vision for guiding growth in Leon County, and helps manage growth to ensure the quality of life desired by Tallahassee-Leon County residents. The Plan is assessed and amended annually to address changes in local conditions or State policy. Plan amendments that were adopted included:
 - » Instituted a new Mobility Element, which updated the policies to address land use coordination and streets which cater to all users regardless of age, ability, or travel mode.



Did You Know

Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department staff developed the design concept for the Smokey Hollow Commemoration site within Cascade Park. The commemoration site will include "spirit houses" to symbolize the structures that once stood in the area.

- » Redefined the Urban Fringe areas on the outskirts of the City, which increased the predictability of the type of development that occurs in the Urban Fringe area. This policy action continues to focus future development within the Urban Service Area to increase urban services efficiencies and protect the rural character of areas further from the City center.
- » Map amendments that increased development potential on a total of 8.75 acres in the City, designated 161 acres of open space within the County, and designation of a new high intensity activity center on 172 acres at the corner of I-10 and Highway 90.



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