



# PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

## Mission Statement

To provide safe, efficient, and sustainable roadways and transportation amenities, stormwater facilities, parks and recreation opportunities, and maintenance services throughout Leon County that enhances its livability, environment and economic vitality.

## Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

### Governance

- Through the Operations Division, Leon County constructs and maintains County roads, roadsides, and County-owned drainage systems, provides effective and environmentally sound mosquito control services, prepares for and responds to disasters, and helps ensure the safety of the public by removing downed trees, mitigating flooding, clearing roadways and maintaining roadway signage.
- Engineering Services constructs and maintains infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, and stormwater systems, and monitors water quality at 73 sites, including all major water bodies.
- Fleet Management procures and maintains vehicles and equipment for the Board of County Commissioners and all Constitutional Offices, other than the Sheriff's Office.

### Quality of Life

- Parks and Recreation maintains 3,400 acres of County parks, ball fields, boat landings, greenways, trails, open spaces, and six multipurpose community centers.

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## PLANNING, BUILDING & MAINTAINING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- **A Sense of Place: Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington** – Leon County purchased the Huntington Oaks Plaza on North Monroe Street in 2009. At the time, the shopping center had lost its anchor tenant and had fallen into disrepair. The County had the following immediate goals:
  - » Expand the Lake Jackson Branch Library, located at Lake Jackson Town Center.
  - » Construct a community center for the public's use.
- **Collaboration** – The public was invited to a community workshop to discuss the center and surrounding area. Participants from the Huntington area expressed strong support and a commitment to remain involved in the Huntington "Sense of Place" initiative, and provided a clear image as to how they would like to see their community grow. Leon County translated the community's priorities into three goals:
  - » Create and reinvest in shopping center, and define a sense of place;
  - » Improve the connectivity between the places within the area, with safety for all modes of transportation; and
  - » Take advantage of the surrounding natural and historical resources.



### Did You Know

Leon County Public Works maintains 658.7 miles of road, the distance you would travel to reach Key West, FL.

- **Performance** – Leon County is translating the community's priorities into action.
  - » Activated the town center, a critical component of any placemaking effort. The community recently celebrated the opening of the Leon County Lake Jackson Branch Library in a renovated, expanded section of the renamed Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington, and the opening of a new, state of the art community center adjacent to the library.
  - » Initiated a facelift of the entire center, so that it is more welcoming and functional.
  - » Constructed sidewalks on Fred George Road, from the Town Center at Huntington to Springwood Elementary, providing key connectivity for the neighborhoods.
  - » Added guardrails to enhance safety, and stained the guardrails to blend into the environment for a more aesthetically pleasing roadside.



Timber Lake after improvements

## Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service



Leon County won the Florida American Public Works Association's statewide award for an environmental project under \$5 million with the Timber Lake Flood Relief Project.