

Operations

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- Completed the final phases of an efficiency consolidation with the Division of Stormwater/Mosquito Control. Savings from the consolidation this year included \$75,000 from the surplus sale of eliminated equipment and an additional \$76,278 in reductions to reoccurring operating costs in the upcoming FY 2009/10 budget.

- Over a six-month period, ten stormwater ponds were serviced with a total of 2,739 linear feet of sand filters being replaced. Filter replacements are an essential aspect to ensuring stormwater ponds function properly and remain in compliance with stormwater operating permits. In addition, the division saved over \$50,000 by using in-house resources to do filter replacement on one of our largest stormwater ponds rather than doing the work under contract.

- Completed special projects such as the Yorktown Pond stormwater project and the Apalachee Regional Trail project. The Yorktown Pond project involved a draw down of the pond, the removal of sedimentation build-up, and the replacement of the pond's concrete control structure. The Apalachee Regional Trail project was done as a joint project in support of the Leon County Parks and Recreation Division, and involved the creation of 1.6 miles of cross-country running trails.

- Conducted a Waste Tire Amnesty Event in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection. The event was well participated in by citizens and resulted in the collection and disposal of more than 1,800 used tires.

- Expanded a successful pilot program to perform contract mowing of the County's stormwater facilities. Stormwater facilities require mowing at least three times per year to function properly and to remain in compliance with required stormwater operating permits. Contract mowing has been shown to be a cost-effective method for maintaining these areas. The pilot program that began in 2008, has led to an expansion that totals 260 acres in 2009.

- Partnered with the City of Tallahassee to sponsor a joint Arbor Day celebration at a passive park/stormwater area located on the corner of Trimble and Pecan Roads.

- Planted 250 Yellow Haw trees through the County's Adopt-a-Tree program.

- Updated the County's Canopy Road Tree Inventory. This inventory is a valuable tool in managing the trees on Leon County's canopy roads, including the documentation of all hazard woods removals during the year.



- Expanded the inventory of landscaped areas on Leon County rights-of-way this year to include the GPS inventory of ADA sidewalk ramps in the unincorporated area of Leon County.

- Completed a safety initiative this year involving the fencing and gating of all Leon County borrow pits. The new fences bring the pits into compliance with Leon County's new Sand Mine Fencing Ordinance.

- Responded to a major storm event and worked with Public Works Administration and FEMA to recover all available FEMA reimbursements from the event, as well as closing out the remaining projects from Tropical Storm Fay.



Did You Know

Seventy-five volunteers turned out for the annual Arbor Day celebration and planted 105 trees in less than two hours. Eleven varieties of trees were planted including Ashe Magnolia, Longleaf Pine and Swamp Chestnut Oak, among others.



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The Division of Operations maintains and manages programs and services supporting transportation infrastructure, right-of-ways, canopy roads, roadside beautification, stormwater maintenance and mosquito control. These programs and services are provided with an emphasis on efficiency, cost-effectiveness and environmental awareness. The Division of Operations includes the following programs: Transportation, Right-of-Way, Stormwater, Alternative Stabilization and Mosquito Control.

