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PLANNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established Significant Benefit Memorandum of Agreement between the County, the City and the Florida Department of Transportation to streamline how new development pays proportionate share of transportation impacts. Rather than waiting for matching public funding to correct deficiencies, developers can pipeline the sum of their proportionate share mitigation for several smaller projects toward one top-ranked roadway project in four districts. In the four districts, 20% of revenue will be directed toward bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects. Within the Multimodal District around downtown Tallahassee, 100% of revenue will be directed toward bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects.
- Awarded \$2.35 million grant for the Fred George Basin Greenway Project as a reimbursement from the Florida Communities Trust to help acquire five contiguous properties totaling 172 acres in size, collectively known as the Fred George Basin Greenway.
- Completed initial setup of Capital Legacy Website, www. CapitalLegacyProject.org, which was created for the public as a single point of access regarding the five large transportation projects and allows citizens to review meeting materials and provide input from the comfort of their home or office rather than at meetings. This has allowed access for many more citizens.
- Adopted the Primary Springs Protection Zone boundary into the Land Development Regulations, a first important step in the implementation of new Comprehensive Plan policies for the protection of Wakulla Springs and groundwater.
- Received Florida Planning & Zoning Association Award for Environmental Planning Excellence for the report writing and policy development work on new Comprehensive Plan policies for Wakulla Springs protection.
- Received the Florida Planning & Zoning Association's Outstanding Design Award for the Gaines Street Urban Design Guidelines. For development in a prominent, neglected part of downtown Tallahassee, the Urban Design Guidelines provide property owners, developers, builders, architects, and staff with

- guidance and criteria for realizing the community's longstanding "Gaines Street Vision."
- Conducted an extensive public education and outreach effort to inform eligible property owners about upcoming changes to Comprehensive Plan Policy 2.1.9, including sending more than 10,000 individual notices to property owners and conducting four workshops to inform the property owners about the upcoming changes.
- Mailed informational pamphlets to landowners in designated Canopy Road Protection Zones in the City and County to raise awareness about the value of canopy roads and the actions needed to preserve and enhance them.

Did You Know

The Planning Department is developing the implementing ordinances for a Multimodal Transportation District adopted by Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. The goal is to facilitate the use of multiple modes of transportation, leading to a reduction in automobile use and vehicle miles traveled.





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The Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department provides accurate information, creative and effective planning recommendations, and expertise to the County and City governments, the Planning Commission, appointed boards and committees, residents, and businesses in the areas of long-range land use, environmental, transportation planning, and land use administration. Planning staff aims to be responsive to the requirements and needs of those they advise by encouraging full public participation, coordinating efforts with other County and City staff, and adhering to established planning practices and principles.

