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The Public Works Department serves the residents of Leon County by planning, developing, and maintaining quality infrastructure. The Department delivers both environmentally sensitive and cost-effective products and services. Public Works includes Administration, Engineering, Operations, Solid Waste, Parks & Recreation, Fleet, and Animal Control.

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The Division of Animal Control works to improve animal and human well-being through education, prevention, and enforcement programs, and to provide humane animal care and control services for the citizens and animals of Leon County.



## Public Works

### ADMINISTRATION & ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Administration

- Worked with County Administration to identify and complete a variety of projects for which Federal Stimulus funds were sought and awarded. Projects included three sidewalk projects and two intersection improvements.
- Coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Florida to receive over \$1 million in reimbursements for Tropical Storm Fay that occurred in August 2008, and the unnamed event that occurred in March/April 2009.
- Primary department involved in the joint effort to update the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

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## Did You Know

Public Works has more than 240 employees serving the needs of Leon County residents.

- Coordinated with Florida Department of Transportation to design the future landscaping plan for Mahan Drive to retain and enhance the historic, original concept of landscaping throughout the corridor.
- Completed the Kerry Forest/Ox Bottom inter-connection round-about which was a joint project with the City of Tallahassee.
- Prepared documentation and participated in the presentation of several major Board workshop issues, including (I) Emergency Management Preparedness and Status Report on Tropical Storm Fay, (II) Stormwater/Transportation Infrastructure Improvements to Address Flooding Issues, and (III) On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems and Establishment of Standards in the Primary Springs Protection Zone Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Animal Control**

- Responded to 10,113 requests for service from 14,698 calls.
- Investigated 426 reported animal cruelty complaints.
- Investigated 12 dangerous or aggressive animal petitions, a 50% increase over last year's petitions.
- In partnership with the Leon County Health Department, the division handled a record year in animal bite cases. The increase in bites resulted in a Rabies Alert being issued for a portion of the City of Tallahassee due to wildlife attacks on humans and the animals having tested positive for rabies.





## Did You Know

Leon County Animal Control was awarded the Outstanding Agency of the Year from the Florida Animal Control Association for 2008.