

# PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES** 

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#### **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 enhance 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 save and repair lives 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 County parks, including ball fields, boat landings, more than 3,400 acres of greenways and trails, and open spaces, as well as five multipurpose community centers.

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## PLANNING, BUILDING & MAINTAINING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Timber Lake Flood Relief Project Leon County started the Timber
   Lake Flood Relief Project in September 2011 in response to 15
   years of excessive flooding. In that time, Timber Lake had flooded
   numbers of times with the most well-known occurrence in 2008
   from Tropical Storm Fay when rain gauges recorded a tremendous
   19.5 inches of rain.
- During Tropical Storm Fay, 35 homes flooded during the storm.
  Streets and homes were flooded for days. The depth of water on the entrance road was estimated at nearly five feet. As a result, evacuations by boat became a necessity.
- Leon County constructed a stormwater pond alongside the community's existing pond. Additionally, Leon County built a small retaining wall to help better control offsite water from flooding adjacent homes, and the lone entrance was raised about 1.5 feet to better withstand future events.
- To fund the project, Leon County received a federal grant worth \$2.4 million to mitigate future disaster-level flooding.
- Leon County also provided a new park and welcoming area for residents to enjoy the expansion of the subdivision's pond.

