PUBLIC WORKS: OPERATIONS



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To provide for the safety and convenience of the public by constructing, maintaining, beautifying and protecting our infrastructure, which includes transportation maintenance, stormwater maintenance, right-of-way maintenance, and mosquito control services.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Environment

- Expanded the Wildflower Pilot Program, in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, Apalachicola National Forest, Liberty County, Wakulla County, and Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. In 2013, Floridians will commemorate the 500th year of Spain's relationship with Florida, and native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of that celebration.
- Continued the Roadside Recycling Initiative, with the quantity of litter recycled from roadsides increasing from nine tons last year to over thirteen tons this year, a 45 % increase. This initiative is focused toward keeping County roadsides looking clean and beautiful, while promoting sustainability within the community.
- As part of Leon County's Tree Bank program, Arbor Day 2012 was celebrated by planting 91 trees at Lake Henrietta, in partnership with the City of Tallahassee and more than sixty volunteers.

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TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Responded to 14,400 requests for mosquito control services following heavy rains associated with Tropical Storm (TS) Debby. Last year, the County responded to over 6,500 service calls. This overwhelming increase in demand stretched resources and initially extended response times. In response, Leon County implemented seven-day-a-week ground spraying, conducted aerial spraying for adult mosquito control in the southern portions of the County, and continued targeted ground spraying in other areas of the County.
- Collected and recycled more than 2,183 discarded tires, which are popular breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- In response to flooding caused by TS Debby, pumped flooded areas to provide access and remove downed trees. In response to TS Isaac, opened four sandbag locations which dispersed over 6,000 sandbags to citizens, and assigned staff to 24-hour emergency activation to remove downed trees and respond to flooding.
- Completed routine maintenance and construction projects for stormwater facilities, including: the Hastings Drive pipe replacement, Apollo Trail ditch replacement, Calle De Santos

conveyance project, Apalachee Regional Park project, Main Library stormwater ponds, Huntington Oaks Plaza stormwater pond, and Stoneler Road Park project.

- Maintained more than 480 acres of landscape and areas throughout Leon County.
- Resurfaced 6.2 miles of road using the Open Grade Mix technique, which reduces maintenance costs, protects the infrastructure investment, and improves the driving experience and safety. Open Grade Mix roads have an environmentally friendly aspect since they treat up to one inch of rainfall within the porous surface of the pavement, thereby requiring less land for stormwater treatment than conventional roads.

Did You Know

During this past year, Operations...

- Repaired over 119 miles of road shoulders
- Installed and repaired over 10,905 street signs
 - Painted over 99,783 square feet of pavement symbols

