



**Goal Statement**

To provide accurate information, creative and effective planning recommendations, and expertise in the areas of long-range land use, environmental, and transportation planning for the orderly growth of Leon County and the Tallahassee community.

**Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights**

**Quality of Life**

- Updated the Greenways Master Plan, which proposes an extensive system of multiuse trails intended to: connect residential areas to current and proposed greenways and parks where feasible, and identify environmentally sensitive areas for acquisition in order to provide increased flood mitigation and water quality enhancements, and/or critical species habitat. The update includes 29 proposed projects, totaling approximately 139 miles (78 miles within unincorporated Leon County and 61 miles within City limits).
- Constructing the Cascades Park amphitheater, and working with neighborhood representatives regarding their noise level and parking concerns.
- Opened the Design Studio.
- Developed a bike route system, and established a joint City/County Citizen Bicycle Working Group.
- Revised the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, and adopted incentives to generate increased interest in historic preservation.

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PLANNING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY

- Led the Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington ("Town Center") Sense of Place Initiative, which the Board of County Commissioners approved on June 18. The initiative identifies three guiding strategies, developed from Huntington area residents' input during a community workshop:
  - » Continue investing in the Town Center, which was a shopping center that had fallen into disrepair prior to the County's purchase in 2009. County investments have included renovation and construction of a new, expanded Lake Jackson Branch Library and adjacent community center.
  - » Improve walking and biking connections between neighborhoods and the Town Center. Leon County recently completed new sidewalks that connect Springwood Elementary with the Town Center, and improvements to Fred George Road to improve pedestrian safety.
  - » Utilize the area's natural and historic resources.
- Developing a wayfinding system for key destinations that includes pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle route and gateway signage. Besides being functional, this attractive family of signs will help brand and support a sense of place for key areas of the community. An example is the prototype pedestrian sign located on Kleman Plaza.



Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington: Sense of Place Community Workshop

- The Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan embodies a community vision for guiding growth in Leon County, and helps manage growth to ensure the quality of life desired by Tallahassee-Leon County residents. The plan is assessed and amended annually to address changes in local conditions or State policy. Plan amendments that were adopted this year include:
  - » Map amendments that increased development potential on approximately 30 acres of land within the City and County. The majority of this land was already developed and the changes removed barriers to reinvestment.
  - » Changes to the Conservation Element relaxed regulations of significant grades within the Urban Service Area in order to increase opportunities for development in targeted areas while ensuring protection of our community's natural resources.



**Did You Know**

Design Studio staff can informally guide applicants through development regulations and assist with conceptual site designs for properties in Leon County. Staff can also assist in facilitating high quality design ideas that can be included within development projects and enhance the community.