

# SALES TAX PROJECTS

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**Project Number:** 26  
**Project Name:** Northeast Connector Corridor  
**Total Project Cost:** \$36,300,000

**Total Project Cost Notes**

Trail costs are based on Project #9: Implement the Greenways Master Plan.

**Executive Project Summary:**

The Northeast Connector Corridor project encompasses a holistic approach to transportation capacity improvements, regional mobility, connectivity to existing/proposed amenities, and enhances the water quality of the Bradfordville area. This project includes the widening of Bannerman Road (Thomasville to Tekesta) to four lanes as well as constructs a multi-use path along the entire roadway to connect to regional amenities. This roadway has been identified as a significant benefits project. To date the County has spent in excess of \$1 million on the preliminary design study and reached out to area residents for their comments on the proposed corridor study.

In addition, the project constructs sidewalks for Killearn Lakes Plantation as well as the northern portion of the Meridian Road Trail. This connection provides an efficient route between the Northeast to the Northwest existing pedestrian and bike networks.

**Actions Taken by the Committee:**

March 28, 2013: Moved the project to a second round for consideration.

April 26, 2013: Moved the project to Priority Level 1.

June 13, 2013: Moved the project to Tier 1.

**Themes**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility/Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Vitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Water Quality      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Infrastructure      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gateways          |

**Detail Project Description**

The Northeast Connector Corridor Project proposed improvements include the following:

- Widen the roadway between Tekesta and Thomasville to four lanes. This road serves a large concentration of residents and residential communities as well as a thriving commercial activity center of retail stores, restaurants, and other neighborhood services.

This project widens the section between Tekesta Drive and Thomasville Road to four lanes. This section will have paved shoulders, provisions for future transit, center landscaped median and landscaped between the edge of pavement and right of way with gentle swales for water quality enhancements and preservation of the more rural character of the area. The current level of service for between Tekesta Drive and Thomasville Road is Level E but is forecast to deteriorate to Level F by 2035 without the proposed improvements. The adopted level of service standard for this segment is D. Following construction, this would achieve a Level of service B.

- Construct multi-use path with sidewalk extensions to Killearn Lakes and Bull Headley boat landing at

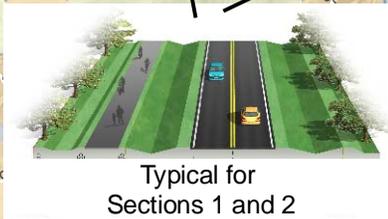
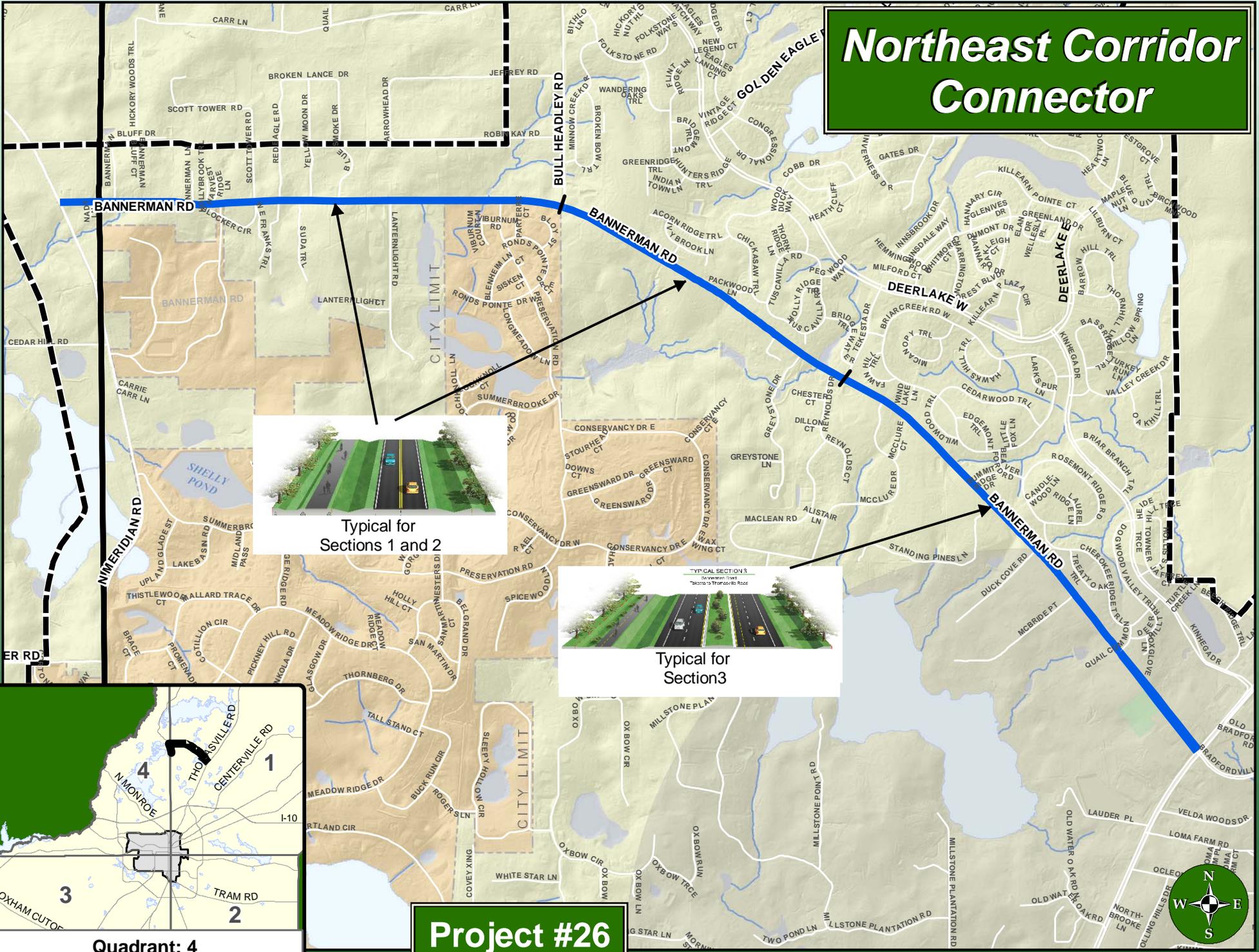
Lake Iamonia. As well as, construct multi-use paths and swales along Bannerman between Thomasville Road and Meridian Road to the Meridian Road Trail as identified in the Greenway Master Plan.

- Construct sidewalk on Beech Ridge Trail between Kinhega and Lawton Chiles Drive to complete pedestrian connectivity between the region and Chiles High School. This project will link residential and commercial areas to the Bradfordville Community Center, the Northeast Library, Chiles High School, and the Bull Headley Boat Landing for a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Interconnect existing internal neighborhood sidewalk network for maximum community connectivity.
- Construct Meridian Road Trail between Bannerman (and future Orchard Pond Road and bike routes) south to the Lake Overstreet property. The project provides interconnectivity for all modes from the proposed Orchard Pond toll road to the west, using the Meridian Road Trail and existing bike and sidewalk networks on Thomasville Road and Velda Dairy Road to the east. This will allow regional travel for bicycles and pedestrians and provide an efficient connection between the Northeast to the Northwest with interconnection to existing pedestrian and bike networks.
- Green Infrastructure enhancements include adding swales in the right of way to improve runoff water quality. The swales in the right of way increase water quality and preservation of the more rural character of the area.

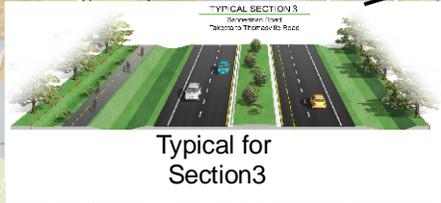
**Cost By Themes**

\$15,800,000	Regional Mobility/Transportation
	Sense of Community
	Environmental/Water Quality
\$700,000	Connectivity
	Economic Vitality
\$19,800,000	Ecotourism/Parks
	Vertical Infrastructure
	Gateways

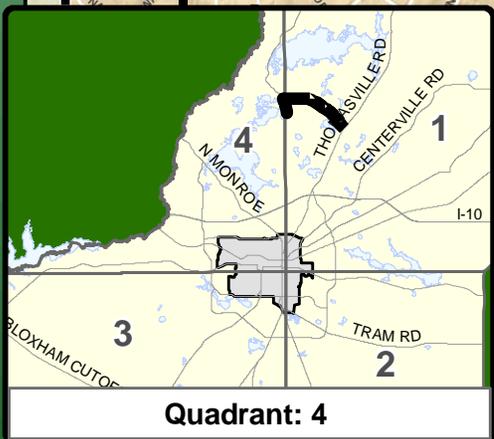
# Northeast Corridor Connector



Typical for Sections 1 and 2



Typical for Section 3



Quadrant: 4

## Project #26



Previous Project Information for:

# **Project #26**

## **Northeast Connector Corridor**

Note: Based on direction from the Committee at the March 28, 2013 Sales Tax Committee meeting, below is a list of previous project(s) that were merged or modified to create a holistic project for the Committee's consideration.

Project Name: Northeast Connector Corridor (*Previously Project #54*)

Ochlockonee River Basins: Stormwater Improvements,  
Groundwater Protection, and Greenway Acquisition (*Previously  
Project #7*)

# Proposed Project for the Sales Tax Extension

**Project #1:** *Northeast Connector Corridor*

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$36.2 million

## **Project Criteria:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Enhancements and Green Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenway Master Plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Capacity Improvements                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Infrastructure                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complements BP2000 Project      |   |

## **Project Description:**

The Northeast Connector Corridor project encompasses a holistic approach to transportation capacity improvements, regional mobility, connectivity to existing/proposed amenities, and enhances the water quality of the Bradfordville area. The project constructs the northern portion of the Meridian Road Trail which will connect to the future Orchard Pond Road. This connection provides an efficient route between the Northeast to the Northwest existing pedestrian and bike networks. This project includes the widening of Bannerman Road (Thomasville to Tekesta) to four lanes as well as constructs a multi-use path along the entire roadway to connect to regional amenities. This roadway has been identified as a significant benefits project. To date the County has spent in excess of \$1 million on the preliminary design study and reached out to area residents for their comments on the proposed corridor study.

The specific elements of the project include the following:

- Widen the roadway between Tekesta and Thomasville to four lanes
- Construct multi-use path with sidewalk extensions to Killlearn Lakes and Bull Headley boat landing at Lake Iamonia
- Construct multi-use paths and swales along Bannerman between Thomasville Road and Meridian Road
- Construct Meridian Road Trail and connect to multi-use path to Bannerman and future Orchard Pond Road and bike routes
- Interconnect existing internal neighborhood sidewalk network for maximum community connectivity
- Construct sidewalk on Beech Ridge Trail between Kinhega and Lawton Chiles Drive to complete pedestrian connectivity between the region and Chiles High School.
- Green Infrastructure enhancements include adding swales in the right of way to improve runoff water quality

## **Project Criteria Detail:**

**Comprehensive Plan:** This project supports both the Mobility and Parks and Recreation elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The areas that the project complies with are listed below.

- Mobility:
  - Goal 1: Establishing and maintaining a safe, convenient, energy efficient, and environmental sound automobile, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation system that is capable of moving people of all ages and abilities as well as goods.
  - Policy 1.2.2: Safe and convenient facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users shall be evaluated for all new road and road widening projects. Specifically, all road projects, including resurfacing projects, shall be evaluated for the addition of bicycle lanes or paved shoulders, and transit shelters where they did not previously exist.

## **Project #1: Northeast Connector Corridor**

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- Policy 1.3.4: Design, construct, and maintain transportation facilities to prevent flooding, minimize pollution, and maintain natural stormwater quantity, timing, rate, and direction of flow characteristics consistent with the adopted Stormwater Level of Service Standard.
- Objective 1.4: Connectivity and Access Management: Reduce vehicle trip demand, increase access and safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and preserve the integrity of the transportation system with effective connectivity and access management programs.
- Parks and Recreation Element Policy 1.5.3: The County shall help fund and develop a Greenways Trail System that provides the public opportunities to access a safe and convenient trail system in the unincorporated County. This system should incorporate public lands, right of way, easements on private lands, and open space designated lands to achieve this goal. The trail system will connect to the maximum extent possible existing and future residential areas to employment, education, and activity centers.

Regional Mobility Plan: This project supports the Capital Regional Transportation Authority's long range plan of facilitating the designation of an activity center (Bradfordville Activity Node) and promoting multimodal transportation and regional connectivity.

Greenway Master Plan: This project will connect multiuse paths along Bannerman to the Meridian Road Trail as identified in the Greenway Master Plan.

Connectivity: This project will link residential and commercial areas to the Bradfordville Community Center, the Northeast Library, Chiles High School, and the Bull Headley Boat Landing for a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle network. The project provides interconnectivity for all modes from the proposed Orchard Pond toll road to the west, using the Meridian Road Trail and existing bike and sidewalk networks on Thomasville Road and Velda Dairy Road to the east. This will allow regional travel for bicycles and pedestrians and provide an efficient connection between the Northeast to the Northwest with interconnection to existing pedestrian and bike networks.

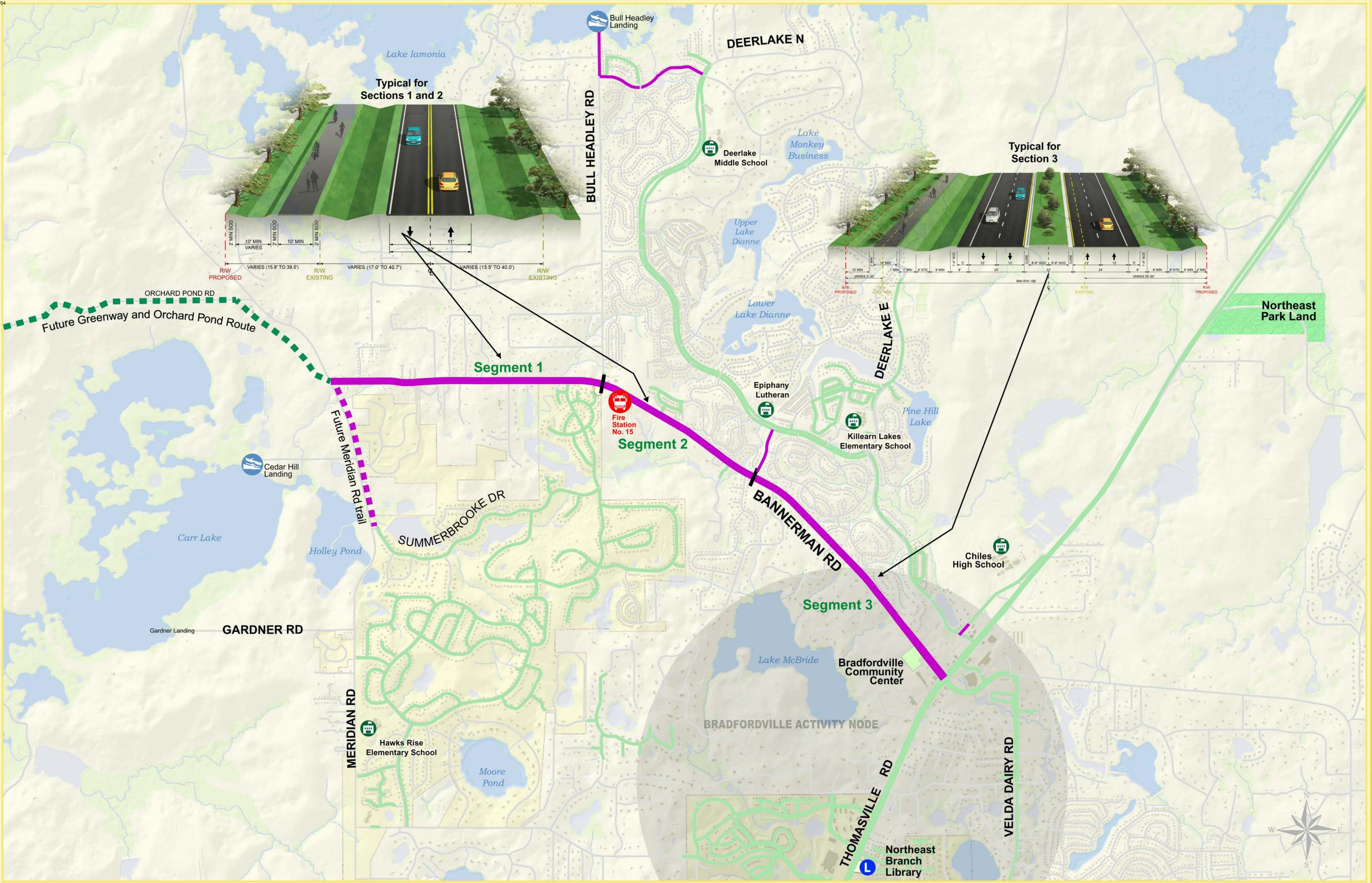
Complements Blueprint 2000 Project(s): There were not any Blueprint 2000 completed in the Northeast.

Water Quality Enhancements and Green Infrastructure: This project constructs the Meridian Road Trail, adds swales in the right of way of Bannerman Road, and creates multi-use paths. The swales in the right of way increase water quality and preservation of the more rural character of the area.

Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements: N/A

Transportation Capacity Improvements: This road serves a large concentration of residents and residential communities as well as a thriving commercial activity center of retail stores, restaurants, and other neighborhood services.

This project widens the section between Tekesta Drive and Thomasville Road to four lanes. This section will have paved shoulders, provisions for future transit, center landscaped median and landscaped between the edge of pavement and right of way with gentle swales for water quality enhancements and preservation of the more rural character of the area. The current level of service for between Tekesta Drive and Thomasville Road is Level E but is forecast to deteriorate to Level F by 2035 without the proposed improvements. The adopted level of service standard for this segment is D. Following construction, this would achieve a Level of service B. Meridian Road to Bull Headley will remain at Level of Service C and Bull Headley to Tekesta Drive will remain at Level of Service D.



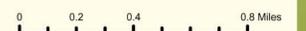
# Northeast Connector Corridor

**Legend**

- Proposed Project
- Existing Sidewalks, Bike Routes
- Parks
- Major Lakes

**Northeast Connector Corridor Project Criteria**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater/Sewer Capacity Improvements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenway Master Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Capacity Improvements
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# Blueprint 2000

## Proposed Sales Tax Projects

**Project Name:** Ochlockonee River Basins: Stormwater Improvements, Groundwater Protection, and Greenway Acquisition (Blueprint 2000 Map 1)

**Project Themes:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Infrastructure      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gateways                     |

**Project Description:**

The primary benefits of this project are greenway connections and protection of groundwater in the northwestern portion of Leon County. Greenway connections between the City’s Northwest Park, four County Parks (Fred George Park, Stoneler Road, Tower Road, and the Tower Road Ochlockonee River Landing) the Lake Talquin State Forest, and the Phipps-Overstreet greenbelt are proposed. This project will link northwestern Leon County to north Meridian Road via Old Bainbridge Road and the existing Orchard Pond Roadway. The project includes trail construction and trail crossings at roadways.

This project will improve ground water quality by restoring the hydrology of the Fred George Sink. Additionally, there are two flood prone areas in Map 1, Stoneler Road and Riverwood Road Swamps. Acquisition and restoration of the active, developed portions of these floodplains will improve water quality and provide passive storage and biological treatment of stormwater, minimizing costs for retrofit in the future. An environmentally sensitive area of old growth forest of about 75 acres off of Old Bainbridge Road is proposed for acquisition.

**Project Map:**

