

SALES TAX PROJECTS

Project Number: 46A

Project Name: Operating Costs for Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds: County Portion

Total Project Cost: \$16,500,000

Total Project Cost Notes

Total project cost reflects the current annual operation and maintenance cost of the County Parks over a 15 year period. The annual operating and maintenance cost for these parks is \$1.1 million.

Executive Project Summary:

As a result of the holistic infrastructure planning and sensitive land purchase program, Blueprint 2000 has purchased and participated in partnerships to acquire properties that are intended for park space in Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. These park spaces, and their associated operation/maintenance obligations, are turned over to the City and County at project completion. This project seeks funding for the operation of Parks built with Blueprint 2000 funds. This project description details the operating costs for the parks maintained by Leon County.

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

Detail Project Description

Florida Statutes 212.055 (2) allows for a portion of the sales tax proceeds to be used for the operation and maintenance of parks and recreation programs or facilities which have been constructed with the proceeds of the sales tax throughout the duration of the sales tax levy. The statute states: "a county having a population greater than 75,000 in which the taxable value of real property is less than 60 percent of the just value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes for the tax year in which an infrastructure surtax referendum is placed before the voters, and the municipalities within such a county, may use the proceeds and interest of the surtax for operation and maintenance of parks and recreation programs and facilities established with the proceeds of the surtax throughout the duration of the surtax levy or while interest earnings accruing from the proceeds of the surtax are available for such use, whichever period is longer."

For the most recent year, the County's just value was \$23.54 billion and the taxable value was \$13.38 billion or 56.87%. Therefore, the County qualifies for sales tax proceeds to be used for the operation and maintenance of parks and recreation programs and facilities that were constructed with sales tax funds.

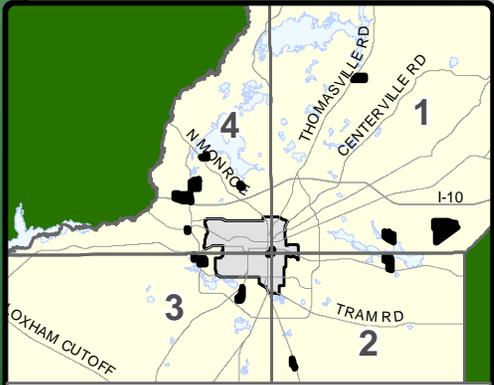
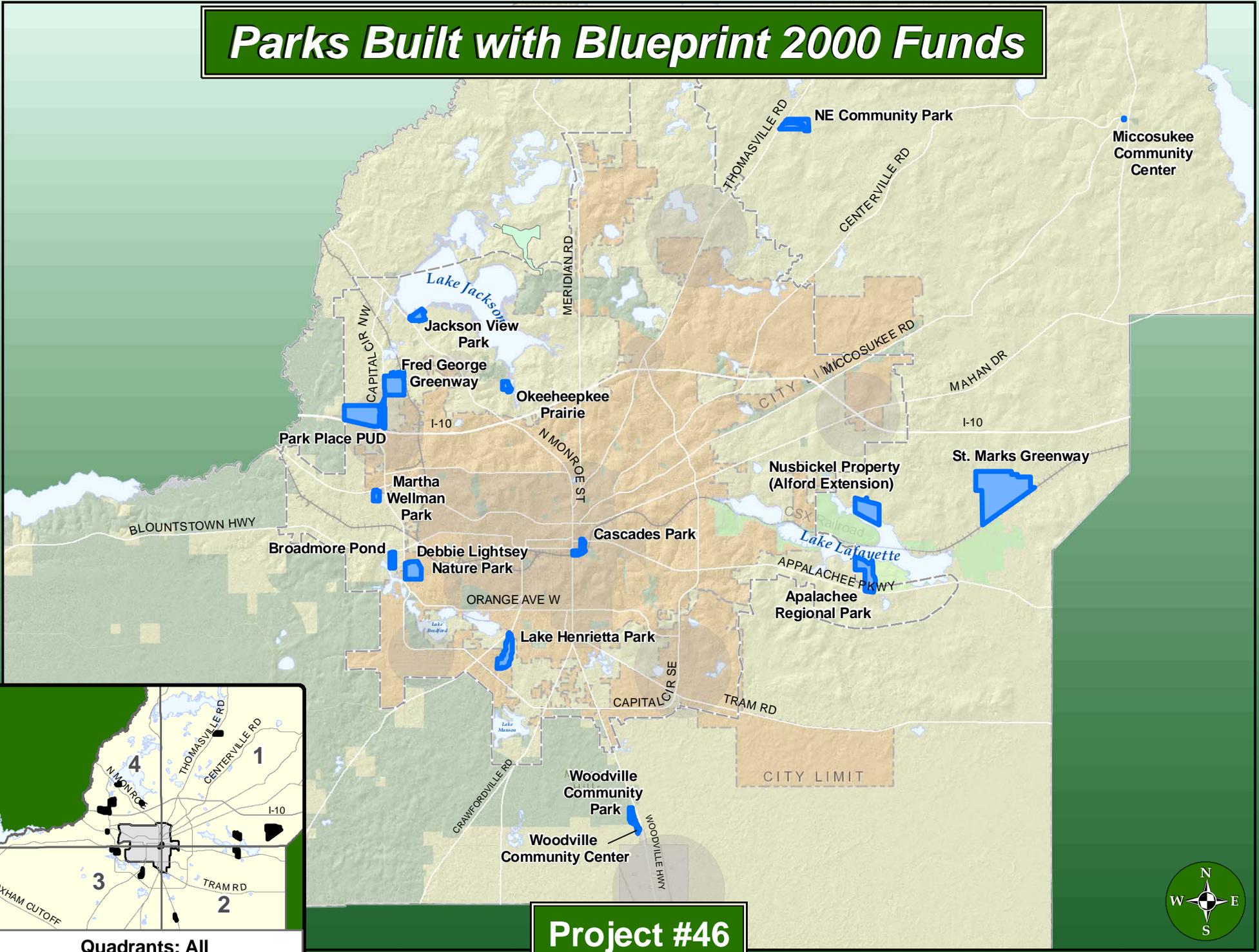
In Leon County, there are seven facilities open to the public which utilized sales tax funds for all or a portion of the costs to purchase or enhance the property including, Apalachee Regional Park, Jackson View, Lake Henrietta, Martha Wellman Park, Miccosukee Community Center, Woodville Community Center, and Woodville Community Park. Together, these facilities have an annual operating cost of \$365,400 for only the sales tax funded portion. There are seven facilities that are not yet open to the

public but were purchased or will utilize sales tax funds. These parks include Broadmoore Pond, Fred George Greenway, NE Community Park, Nusbickel Property, Okeeheepkee Prairie Park, Park Place PUD and the St, Marks Greenway. Together, these facilities have an estimated annual operating cost of \$700,600. The combined current and future annual operating cost of the park facilities in Leon County is estimated to be 1.1 million dollars.

Cost By Themes

	Regional Mobility/Transportation
	Sense of Community
	Environmental/Water Quality
	Connectivity
	Economic Vitality
\$16,500,000	Ecotourism/Parks
	Vertical Infrastructure
	Gateways

Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds



Quadrants: All

Project #46



Proposed Sales Tax Projects by the Community

Project Name: Operating Costs for Parks Built with Blueprint 2000 Funds (Project #73)

Project Themes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility/Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Vitality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks |
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Project Map:

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