



PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Mission Statement

To provide safe, efficient, and sustainable roadway and transportation amenities, stormwater facilities, parks and recreation opportunities, and maintenance services throughout Leon County that enhances its livability, environment and economic vitality.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

- Pursue Public Works' American Public Works Association (APWA) accreditation. The department has initiated the first step in the accreditation process, self-assessment. This involves reviewing all policies, revising or developing policies and procedures, and implementing new processes. This process gives the opportunity for the department to evaluate, analyze, and improve every aspect of the departments' operation, management, and administration.
- Conducted a comprehensive review of the overall sidewalk network within the unincorporated areas of the County and identified 64 stand-alone sidewalk segments meeting the Board's adopted Sidewalk Selection Criteria.
- Created a capital projects priority list for the fifth-cent gas tax (program). In order to have an immediate impact on meeting the County's transportation needs, Engineering staff recommended that the fifth cent gas tax be utilized to enhance Community Safety and Mobility (i.e. additional sidewalk projects) and Intersection and Safety capital projects. The prioritized list for FY14 and FY15 helps meet the Board's Strategic Priority for safety and connectivity of our neighborhoods to our schools, parks and trails.

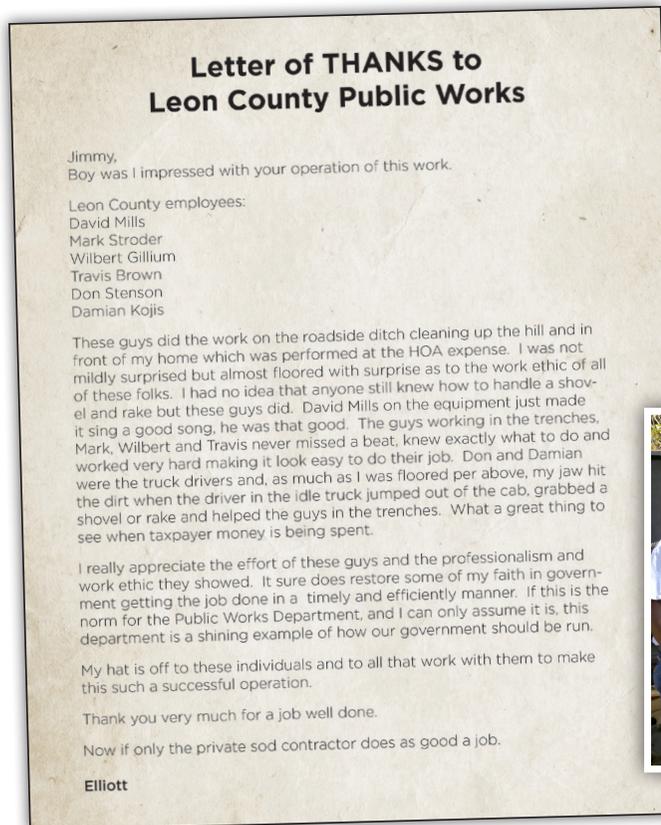
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PLANNING, BUILDING & MAINTAINING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Leon County worked closely with business owners and neighborhood residents to design the Lafayette Street Gateway leading to Cascades Park. Improvements include:
 - » Private sector investment to beautify the back side of the Parkway Shopping Center.
 - » Sidewalks to provide safe pedestrian travel adjacent to the plaza.
 - » Significant drainage improvements for the Suwannee Street to Seminole Drive corridor.

- The Lafayette Street Gateway was the establishing project for Outreach, Partnership and Enhanced Navigation (OPEN) for Business program. Using the program, staff conducted five separate open houses and ten monthly progress meetings throughout the construction process.
- Leon County also developed the *Don't Forget, Shop Lafayette* media campaign to keep the public informed about businesses and shops still open in the area.



Public Works Crew

