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Wakulla County Participates in Tallahassee Capital Regional Stimulus Package and Has Their Shovels Ready!



Since December 2008, in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan initiated by President Obama, Wakulla County has been participating in dialogue with its regional neighbors in anticipation of the federal stimulus effort. A series of meetings were held with leaders from Leon County, City of Tallahassee, City of Quincy, Gadsden County, Jefferson County, Local School Boards, Area Hospitals, and Higher Educational

Institutions to determine how to approach the potential funding opportunities. The goal of assembling this group was to present one united regional stimulus request. In order to submit projects, the group set out specific criteria and categories such as “shovel-readiness”, job creation, environmental sensitivity, and eligible project start dates.

After consideration of the criteria, the list of eligible stimulus projects submitted as a part of the Tallahassee Capital Regional Stimulus Package include:

- U.S. Hwy 319 Transportation Improvements-\$2.9 Million
- Storm Water Plan-\$1 Million
- Courthouse Renovation/Expansion-\$4.75 Million
- Bridge Construction Projects-\$3.1 Million
- Expanded Solid Waste Transfer Station-\$ 3 Million
- Community Center/ EMS/Fire Facility-\$5.5 Million
- Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion & Plant-\$22 Million

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009 a press conference was held where key leaders rolled-out the regional stimulus package. “It’s a proud moment when governments successfully work together to achieve a common goal, and look forward to the outcome of our regional efforts,” commented Chairman Howard Kessler.

To learn more about the projects submitted in this regional effort, please visit our website at www.mywakulla.com.