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Wakulla County Receives Grant to Perform Beautification Activities

Crawfordville, Florida – The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners accepted \$19,300.00 in grant funds from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry.

In February 2010, the County applied for this grant under Category 1-Reforestation. The purpose of the reforestation is to perform beautification activities, exercise good environmental stewardship by protecting valuable trees and to enable employment opportunities for local businesses, arborists, landscape architects and others to work with the County to carry out this very worthwhile project. “This grant benefits our County in two important ways; more employment in green jobs and more trees to beautify and cool our parks, streets, and parking lots”, commented Commissioner Lynn Artz.

County staff and several volunteers including Scott Jackson, Gail Campbell, Betsy Melton-Smith, David Copps, Ed Blissard, Gail Campbell, Purple Martin Nurseries, and Just Fruits & Exotics, partnered together to identify locations and tree plans to assist with obtaining the grant. Be on the lookout for these beautification improvements to the following seven sites: Woolley Park, Shell Point, Azalea Park, Rock Landing, the Courthouse, Medart Park, and the Senior Citizens/Health Department area.

Cities, Counties, educational institutions, Native American tribal entities, and non-profit groups throughout the state were eligible to apply for these funds and therefore, Wakulla County is grateful and honored to receive the award. It is anticipated that this project will commence in early June.

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