

Wakulla County Economic Stimulus Projects for Consideration

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$2.9 Million U.S. Hwy 319 Transportation Improvements** as identified in the signalization study for Wakulla County. These improvements include (3) specific turn lanes along US Hwy 319 (Crawfordville Highway). This highway serves as the primary North-South road corridor from the state capital and I-10 to Florida's Forgotten Coast (from St. Marks to St. George Island). This main artery serves as a key coastal evacuation route and is vital to economic development toward the coast. Still a two-lane road, state and federal funding is critical to support this corridor's improvement in the near future. Funding will provide for critical turning lanes to improve traffic flow and provide greater safety for residents and nearby schools
- **\$1 Million Stormwater Plan**-This project is comprised of the first comprehensive stormwater study to be performed within Wakulla County. It is estimated to guide further planning and operational efforts to guide growth within Wakulla County's most dense population center that is also prone to stormwater issues during heavy rain events. This study will address cost effective practices that protect public and environmental health.
- **\$20 Million Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion & Plant**- Funding for this project is essential to implement a new \$20 M sewer system in the county's highest density neighborhood within the Wakulla Springs Protection Basin. This is but one of the many initiatives Wakulla County has taken to protect the springs and Floridan Aquifer. For example, the Board recently adopted the toughest water protection ordinance in the state and is expanding the Wakulla Springs Protection zone and continues to partner with our neighbors, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County, to ensure optimal protection of our natural resources. Wakulla County has committed approximately \$1.7 million to this project.
- **\$3 Million Wakulla County Transfer Station**-This project is for the construction of a new transfer station facility at the existing Wakulla County landfill / transfer station. The estimated construction cost for the transfer station is \$3 million. Necessary plans and permits have been obtained and construction of the facility is awaiting funding. This proactive project by Wakulla County in is another example of our ongoing processes to coordinate efforts with our regional partners to increase recycling of all forms of waste and limit the creation of new landfills in environmentally sensitive coastal areas, protecting public health and aquifer water quality.