

## Wakulla County Economic Stimulus Projects for Consideration

### INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING REQUEST	PHASE
<b>U.S. Hwy 319 Transportation Improvements</b>	The improvements are identified in the signalization study for Wakulla County, which 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.	<b>\$2.9 Million</b>	1
<b>Stormwater Plan</b>	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. Specific nodes of concentrated study include the areas of Panacea, Crawfordville, and Wakulla Station. This study will address cost effective practices that protect public and environmental health.	<b>\$1 Million</b>	1
<b>Courthouse Renovation/Expansion</b>	This project is to fund the expansion of the Wakulla County Courthouse, which was constructed in 1948, with an additional space of 9,500 ft. sq. with an additional courtroom. The renovation/expansion of the courthouse will enhance the criminal justice process and expedite the flow of cases. The County has doubled in size since the last renovation to the Courthouse, and adding another Judge and courtroom is high on the list of Court Administration. Current security efforts are difficult with the security equipment being placed in a hallway designed over 60 years ago. At the recommendation of security analysis team the	<b>\$4.2 Million</b>	1

	<p>project will include a sallyport and separate entrance for inmates, thus improving the safety of the public with easier access to the Court facilities by eliminating the congestion at the point of entry. LEED building guidelines and requirements will be followed in order to conserve energy, save public funds, and set an example for our constituency. Conservation efforts of the project include incorporating energy efficiencies such as: the new planned HVAC chiller system includes a payback of the upgrade costs in 12 years; lighting upgrade is anticipated to payback of 4 years, and the plumbing materials will be upgraded to water conserving fixtures. Approximately \$550,000 in State Funding has previously been appropriated for this project. This project has a construction management firm in place and will have all architectural and engineering plans completed and be ready for bid by January 31, 2009.</p>		
<p><b>Bridge Construction Projects</b></p>	<p>This funding request is for the construction of two bridges in need of major repair. The first project is to construct a new bridge to access the Buckhorn Creek Subdivision. The existing bridge is in great need of replacement. The estimated construction cost for the new bridge is \$150,000. The second project is to construct a new bridge to cross Syfrett Creek on Smith Creek Highway. The estimated construction cost for the new bridge is \$3 million.</p>	<p><b>\$3.1 Million</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>Expanded Wakulla County Solid Waste Transfer Station</b></p>	<p>This project is for the construction of an expanded transfer station and closure of the Class III landfill at the existing Wakulla County landfill / transfer station site. The estimated construction cost for the transfer station project is \$3 million. This proactive project by Wakulla County is another example of our ongoing processes to coordinate efforts with our regional partners to increase the solid waste disposal and 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.</p>	<p><b>\$3 Million</b></p>	<p>2</p>

**PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE**

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<p><b>Community Center/ EMS/Fire Facility</b></p>	<p>With the addition of this facility, Wakulla County would have a much needed centrally located Public Emergency Facility and Center to be used in the event of hurricanes, tornadoes, epidemics, civil defense and all other situations where a large portion of the community would need assistance. The most vulnerable of our community, the young, elderly and economically disadvantaged would have a shelter that would meet all of their needs in an emergency situation – shelter, food, medical services, communication, and access to state and federal agencies as needed, etc. in one location. With three of the county’s most needed services, EMS, Fire Facility, and Community Center, located in one area this would ensure “real-time” coordination and communication to protect Wakulla citizens especially our most vulnerable. The economic injection of much needed jobs, into the Wakulla County job market, will stimulate this small community (with regional significance) within 18 to 24 months and provide immeasurable services and benefits on a long-term basis.</p>	<p><b>\$5.3 Million</b></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion &amp; Plant</b></p>	<p>Funding for this project is essential to implement a new \$22 M sewer system in the county’s highest density neighborhood within the Wakulla Springs Protection Basin (Wakulla Gardens). This is but one of the many initiatives Wakulla County has taken to</p>	<p><b>\$10 Million</b></p>	<p>1</p>

<p><b>(PHASE 1)</b></p>	<p>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. This project contains a water reuse element with the ability to limit withdrawal from the aquifer.</p> <p>Phase I activities consist of rehabilitating existing lift stations in need of repair and installation/modification of new and existing sewer lines and force mains prior to beginning Phase II to accommodate the increased capacity related to the total project. Wakulla County has committed approximately \$1.7 million to this project.</p>		
<p><b>Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion &amp; Plant (PHASE II)</b></p>	<p>Funding for this project is essential to implement a new \$22 M sewer system in the county's highest density neighborhood (Wakulla Gardens) 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. This project contains a water reuse element which will guarantee reduced withdrawal from the aquifer. Wakulla County has entered into an inter-local agreement with the City of Sopchoppy to accept all of their sewer influent assuring that the cities wastewater will be treated to public access reuse standards. The additional capacity will also allow the decommissioning of Talquin Electric Cooperatives aging wastewater treatment plant at Oyster Bay by hooking onto the County's system, thus assuring public access reuse treatment of the wastewater along Wakulla coastal regions.</p> <p>Phase II activities consist of implementing additional collection system in Wakulla Gardens and the Sewer plant upgrade to a 1.6 mgd plant capable of public access reuse treatment. Wakulla</p>	<p><b>\$12 Million</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>

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<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST</b>		<b>\$41.5 Million</b>	