

TALLAHASSEE CAPITAL REGION

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS

Dear Tallahassee Capital Region Supporter:

The words of President Obama in his Inaugural Address capture well the effort contained in this unified funding request for the Tallahassee Capital Region:

“But the time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions – that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America.”

For several months, the entities listed here have worked together to craft a cohesive plan for the most beneficial use of resources supplied through the unfolding federal stimulus package. We have worked to align the many requests from Tallahassee Capital Region’s health, education and governmental entities into a single request that meets every goal and criteria that has emerged for the desired impact of federal stimulus funds.

We believe that these projects, which represent the creation of nearly 16,000 jobs, individually and collectively have the ability to improve the lives of all of the citizens of our area, without regard to geographic boundaries. Enclosed in this brochure are a few highlighted examples of projects you will find in the complementary attachment. This publication and associated attachment can be viewed online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Stimulus.

Our signatures affixed to this plan affirm our support for the entire plan and our commitment to work in unison for its enactment. The meritorious efforts initiated over the past few years to address our needs and challenges as a region have paid their first dividend in allowing us to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in presenting a responsible, effective and ready-to-enact plan.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON COUNTY

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

CITY OF GRETNA

CITY OF MIDWAY

GADSDEN COUNTY

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Most Vulnerable

Our region has always considered the care of our most vulnerable residents as an important part of our quality of life. This is highlighted in a large number of projects presented in the attachment. The services provided seek to minimize the influx of homeless people due to the high unemployment rate and high rate of home foreclosures, address infant mortality and low birth rates in our region, and improve the quality and delivery of healthcare to the citizens of the Tallahassee Capital Region. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$95 million and create 1,600 jobs.**



Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (\$540,000). Expansion of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; design is 100% complete.

Gadsden Community Hospital (\$16 million). Renovation and retrofit of the Gadsden County's only hospital.

Water Projects

The Tallahassee Capital Region recognizes that water has no political boundaries. It flows through the terrains providing the most vital natural resource to each one of our communities. For this reason, many unique steps have been taken to protect these resources from pollutants. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$278 million and create 3,889 jobs.**

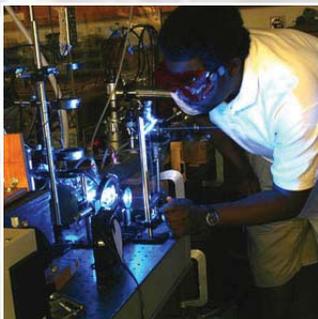
Wakulla Gardens Sewer Expansion & Plant (\$10 million). Rehabilitation of existing lift stations in need of repair and installation/modification of new and existing sewer lines and force mains. The design is 100% complete.

Lake Bradford and TP Smith Sewer Treatment Plant Renovations (\$160 million). Construction of major advance wastewater treatment improvements to the City of Tallahassee's two plants.



School Construction & Repair

One of the things that make the Tallahassee Capital Region so unique is our commitment to K-12 education and research at our higher education institutions, Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and Tallahassee Community College. Although education has experienced significant adverse impacts due to the economy, our region has strived to provide the best learning opportunities for students grow and succeed in all facets of society. Vital renovation projects are a priority for our K-12 school districts in Gadsden, Wakulla, Jefferson and Leon counties. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$193 million and create 3,267 jobs.**



Florida A&M University Pharmacy Research Center (\$33.5 million). Construction of this new facility for needed research space and training of pharmacist and researchers. Design is nearing completion; approximately 445 total jobs would be created from this project.

Florida State University Facility Renovations (\$6.5 million). Renovate numerous classroom, library, and research buildings to address the University's ever growing population of students and research faculty.

Climate & Energy Efficiency

The Tallahassee Capital Region recognizes that climate and energy efficiency does not only make sense environmentally, but also economically. Communities all over our region have raised the torch in an effort to improve their environment and save money, simultaneously. This is illustrated by the volume of projects presented in the attachment. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$155 million and create 895 jobs.**



Leon County Photovoltaic Power Systems (\$19.4 million). Provide electrical power from solar energy to 16 existing County facilities identified as meeting the characteristics for a solar photovoltaic (PV) application. Approximately 54 total jobs would be created.

Schools on Solar Program (\$5 million). Partnership between the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County School District to install solar photovoltaic and thermal systems at local schools. These systems have been successfully installed in two area schools. Would create 150 green jobs.

Road, Bridge, & Transportation Infrastructure

It is generally accepted that good quality infrastructure is a fundamental of economic growth. The attachment provides a great deal of projects that will not only improve the roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure of the Florida Capital Region, but also spur economic growth through job creation. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$215 million and create 3,100 jobs.**

Capital Circle Southeast (\$15 million). Widen approximately 1.53 miles of the existing two-lane Capital Circle SE, from Woodville Highway to Crawfordville Road, to a four-lane urban facility. Approximately 250 total jobs would be created from this project.

Rural Counties Bridge Projects. Unfortunately, the Tallahassee Capital Region is home to several bridges that are need of improvement and repair. Several bridges have been identified by our rural communities for replacement. These projects not only seek to spur economic growth but address the region's crumbling infrastructure.



Other Infrastructure

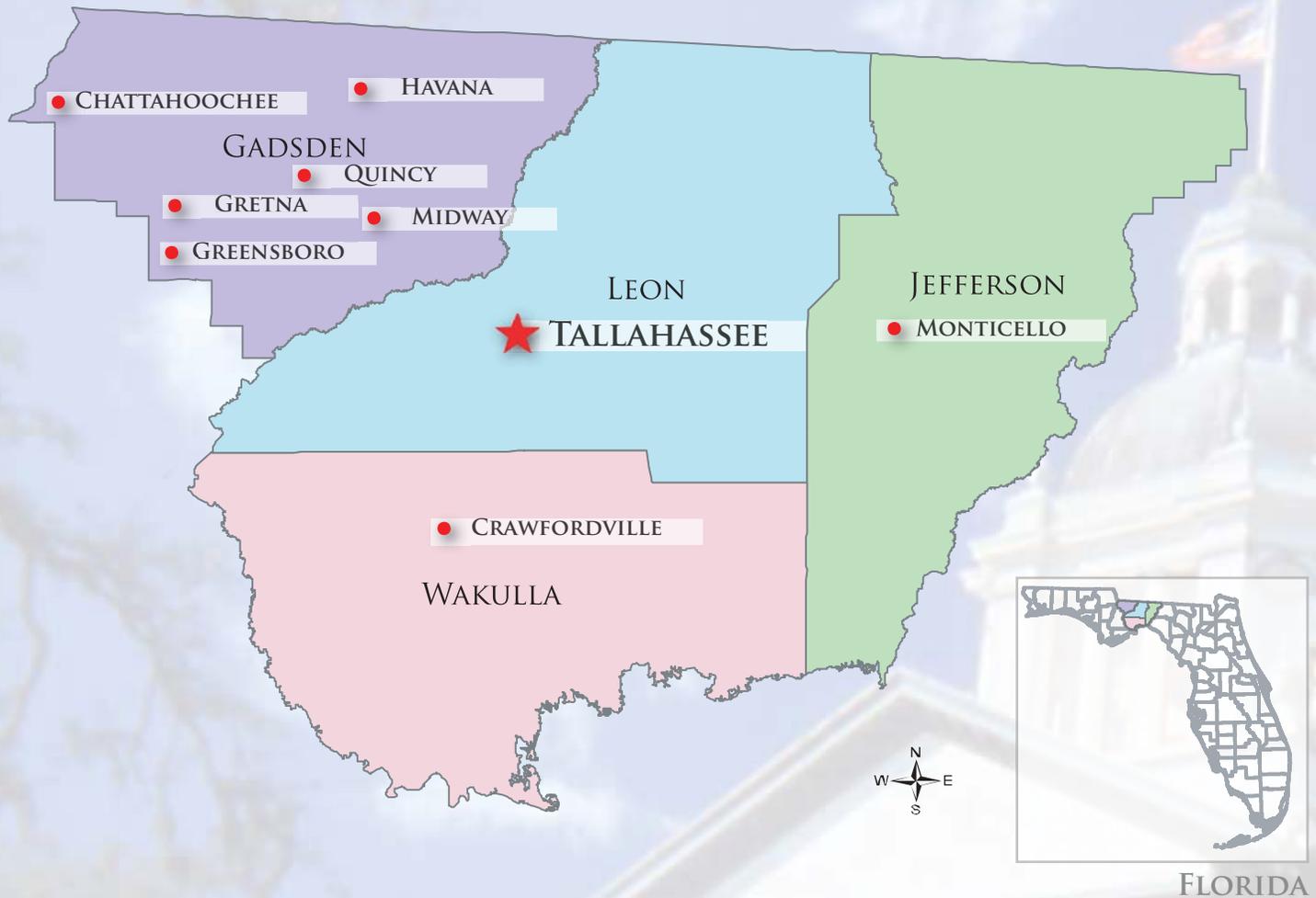


Communities are often described by their commitment to their quality of life. The attachment provided demonstrates the commitment the Tallahassee Capital Region is making to enhance the quality of life of our citizenry through various services, such as expanded digital access to our areas of critical economic concern. **The total projects listed in this section and the attachment will cost approximately \$117 million and create 3,180 jobs.**

Gadsden County Emergency Services Complex (\$1.5 million). Consolidate Emergency Operations (EMS, Fire, and Emergency Management), into one facility that meets State/Federal standards. This project would create 30 jobs.

City of Quincy's Fiber Optic Network Circle project (\$3.8 million). Provides a bridge to the digital highway for all schools, libraries, local governments, hospitals and senior citizens facilities. The design for this project is 100% complete; would create 95 jobs.

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ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS	COST	JOB CREATION
MOST VULNERABLE	\$94.9	1,600
WATER PROJECTS	\$278.4	3,889
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR	\$193.8	3,267
CLIMATE & ENERGY EFFICIENCY	\$155.3	895
ROAD, BRIDGE, & TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	\$215.1	3,100
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE	\$117.2	3,180
* ALL FIGURES CALCULATED ABOVE ARE IN MILLIONS.		
TOTAL	\$1.1B	15,931

Contact information for specific projects can be found in the associated attachments. For general information regarding Tallahassee Capital Region's Economic Stimulus Projects, please contact Ken Morris at (850) 606-5300. This publication can be downloaded online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Stimulus