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DEO Grant Success Stories

Florida Chapter of the
American Planning Association
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Technical Assistance

- Grants to local governments
 - **FY 2014-2015 \$1.6 million appropriation**
 - Competitive Florida Partnership
 - Technical Assistance Grants to 44 local governments
 - **FY 2015-2016 \$1.6 million appropriation**
 - Competitive Florida Partnership
 - Currently working with more than 40 local governments to finalize contracts

Indian River County

- Gifford Community
 - County allocated funds for new landscaping and vegetation but not for planning
 - DEO grant funded the a master plan for landscape and vegetation placement cohesive with the larger area plans
 - This began with maps documenting existing right of ways and adjacent property conditions to develop a design plan, with a final, bid-ready master plan as the end result.

Looking East from 28th Court – Ph 1



Tallahassee

- DEO provided a Technical Assistance grant to assist the City in the commemoration and integration of Smokey Hollow at Cascades Park
- The Smokey Hollow Commemoration at Cascades Park won top honors in the People's Choice awards; a statewide competition hosted by the Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Architects where votes are cast by Florida residents to honor buildings with the most community purpose and impact.



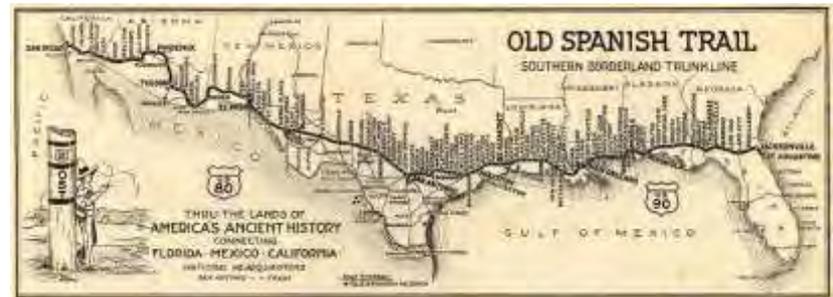
LaBelle



- LaBelle applied for and received a \$25,000 grant to help develop a pilot project to spur Agritourism
- A bus tour was developed with 25 different destinations, and is planned to run between 5 and 6 different schedules
- The City created several reports to determine best locations and routes, scheduling, marketing, and a fully operational business plan

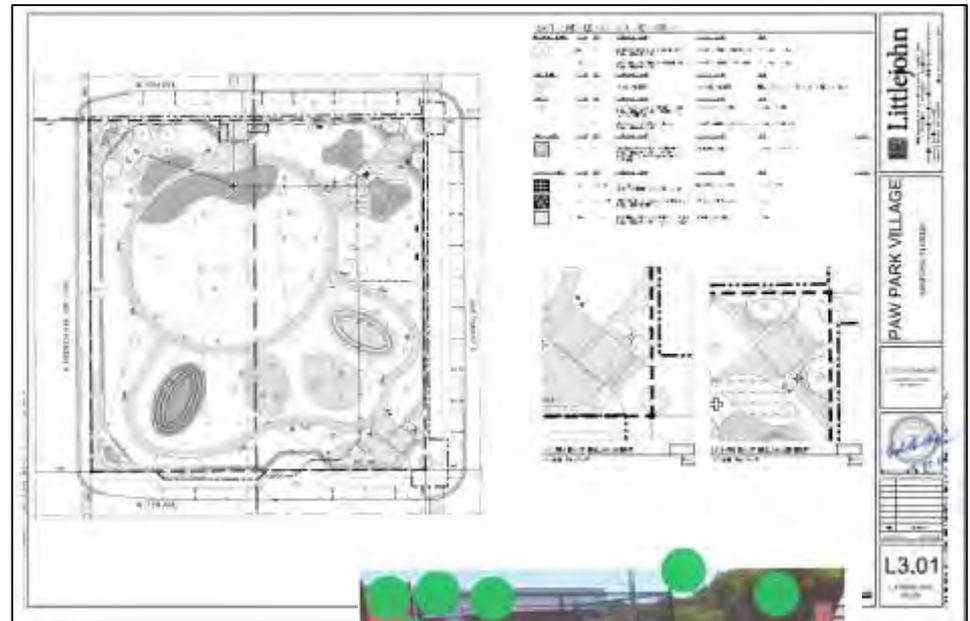
Washington and Jackson Counties

- Each county applied for and received a \$25,000 grant to coordinate and develop a strategic plan for their portions of the US 90 corridor.
- Each county identified stakeholders and assets, providing for an opportunity to meet, prepare a vision statement, and develop recommendations focused on these historical tourism opportunities
- This allowed for a joint inventorying of assets and the creation of a calendar of events to assist with the development of a historic resource guide.



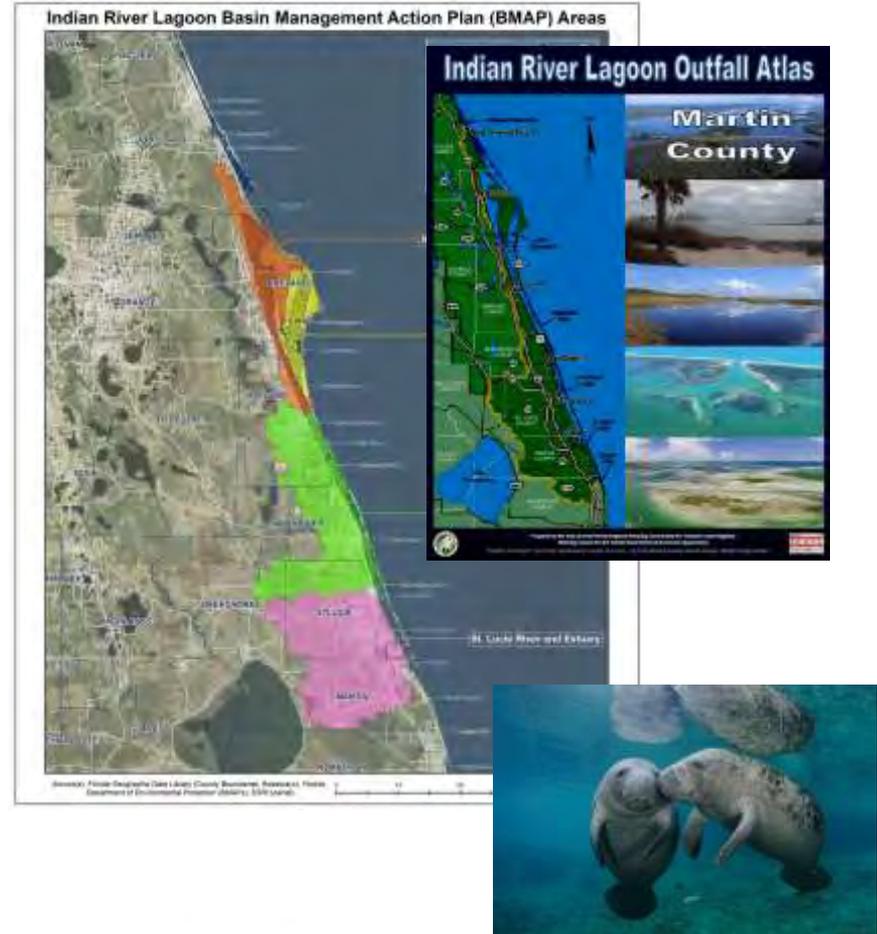
Sanford

- A few blocks away from the courthouse is a well-known dog park.
- The City of Sanford thought it was time for improvements and saw this as an opportunity to use the park to stimulate and frame redevelopment of the historic district.
- With a grant from DEO, Sanford held a visioning meeting with stakeholders and developed a master plan for improvements.
- The design of the park was tailored to provide both canine and human enjoyment, with specialized landscaping, irrigation, and other inventive features.



Indian River Lagoon

- Together, the East Coast Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council received a \$75,000 grant to conduct a regional assessment of the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River and Estuary Basin Management Action Plans,
- Using information from the water management district, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City, and the County, they mapped the location of the outfalls to the four basins,
- This information can be used to prioritize locations and types of storm water treatment projects to meet BMAP requirements and to prepare a draft report identifying potential impediments to their implementation.



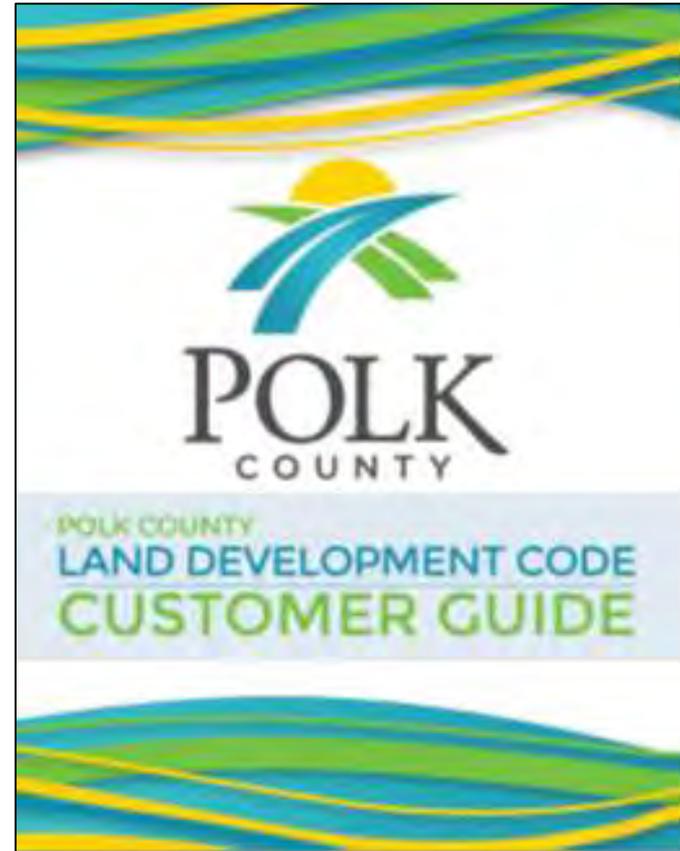
South Bay

Designed a conceptual Master Plan for Tanner Park, Cox Park, and the SR80 Corridor to be considered by the City for future implementation.



Polk County

- Prepared a customer friendly, easy-to-use guide to the Polk County Land Development Code (LDC)
 - What can I do with my property?
 - What is the process for project approval?
 - How do I need to construct my project?
 - How do I bring my property into compliance with the LDC?
- English and Spanish versions of the guide



Technical Assistance

In many ways, collaboration often utilizes diversity and perspective as advantages, and challenges every party to make a meaningful and significant contribution. Through such efforts, lasting, innovative solutions can be found.

