

# STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2018

## PARKS & TRAILS

### SOUTH LAKE REGIONAL PARK'S CENTRAL WASTEWATER, POTABLE, AND RECLAIMED WATER CONNECTION



LAKE  
COUNTY  
FLORIDA

#### REQUEST

## \$2.5 MILLION

to design, build and connect a wastewater, potable water and reclaimed water system inside the South Lake Regional Park; connecting to the City of Groveland's existing water systems

#### ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Provides for the park's sanitary, potable and reclaimed water needs

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Provides improved protection of the water quality in the Green Swamp Area

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## BACKGROUND

The 141-acre South Lake Regional Park does not currently connect to a water system. The intent of this project is to design, build and connect a wastewater, potable water, and reclaimed water system inside the park to the City of Groveland's existing water systems.

This capital improvement project will provide a permanent solution to the parks sanitary, potable water and reclaim water facilities and provide improved protection of the water quantity and quality in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern.

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## PROBATION

# VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM



**REQUEST**

**\$200,000**

for Lake County's Veterans' Treatment Court Program

### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

The Lake County Veterans' Treatment Court is a court-supervised program that provides eligible veterans an alternative to incarceration

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Includes funding for non-covered mental health or substance abuse treatment services and associated operational costs

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## BACKGROUND

The Lake County Veteran's Treatment Court (LCVTC) is a special division of the Lake County Court system. It is a court-supervised program for those arrested in Lake County who have a mental illness, substance abuse, or other mental health condition related to their military service. The program allows those who need treatment and other services to choose to participate in the LCVTC instead of having their case proceed through the regular court process.

The LCVTC is a problem-solving and hybrid court; meaning it will handle felony cases, cases in pretrial diversion and cases in which sentences have been imposed. There is a particularly high prevalence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Major Depressive Disorder among combat and other veterans.

LCVTC was funded for one year during the last legislative session, but the Court Administration for the Fifth Circuit has asked for another year of funding to continue the program and help address the unique challenges facing these veterans.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

### COUNTY ROAD 466A - PHASE III



**REQUEST**

**\$7 MILLION**

needed for construction of Phase III of County Road 466A

#### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

This would complete the four-lane project from U.S. Highway 27/441 west in Lake County to U.S. Highway 301 in Sumter County

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## BACKGROUND

County Road 466A is within the City of Fruitland Park and unincorporated Lake County, and provides regional traffic connectivity from U.S. Highway 301 in Sumter County to U.S. Highway 27/441 in Lake County.

The proposed improvement completes the construction of four-lanes of this important roadway link. This project will improve traffic flow and will support regionally significant employment centers in The Villages of Fruitland Park, the City of Fruitland Park, Town of Lady Lake, and Sumter County.

Phase I from U.S. Highway 27/441 to Century Avenue was completed by Lake County this year, and Phase II from the Sumter County line to Timber Top Lane was completed by the Villages. The Phase III segment from Timber Top Lane to Century Avenue is needed to complete the project improvement as a four-lane roadway.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

# COUNTY ROAD 437 REALIGNMENT



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**REQUEST**

**\$7 MILLION**

for right-of-way acquisition and construction of the realignment of County Road 437; a Complete Street project

### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

The Wekiva Parkway expansion will impact traffic on local roadways, including County Road 437 and Round Lake Road

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The realignment of County Road 437, along with corridor improvements, will address vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic in the Mount Plymouth and Sorrento communities

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## BACKGROUND

The County Road 437 Realignment Project will help improve the local road network and spur economic activity for the Mount Plymouth and Sorrento communities with the opening of the Wekiva Parkway. These communities will be redeveloped as a destination location and enhance the existing features of the local schools, parks, and trails in the area.

New commercial and retail locations with designated street parking, and the ability to bike and walk for pedestrians, will bring others to the community for business and tourism.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

# SORRENTO AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS



**REQUEST**

**\$850,000**

for redesign of Sorrento Avenue, a Complete Streets project

### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

Sorrento Avenue, currently State Road 46, is anticipated to be transferred to Lake County as part of the Wekiva Parkway project

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The Mount Plymouth/Sorrento CRA has created a preliminary conceptual plan for improving Sorrento Avenue from Orange Street to Estates Ridge Drive

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The plan for the road improvements are four roundabouts, sidewalks, crosswalks, trail, on-street parking, curb and gutter, drainage improvements and turn lanes

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## BACKGROUND

Sorrento Avenue, currently State Road 46, is anticipated to be transferred to Lake County as part of the Wekiva Parkway project.

The Mount Plymouth/Sorrento Community Redevelopment Agency has created a preliminary Complete Streets conceptual plan for improving Sorrento Avenue from Orange Street to Estates Ridge Drive. The planned road improvements will enable safe access for bicyclists, motorist, and pedestrians in the area.

Included in the conceptual plans are four roundabouts, sidewalks, crosswalks, trail, on-street parking, curb and gutter, drainage improvements and turn lanes.

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## PARKS & TRAILS

### EAST LAKE COMMUNITY PARK CENTRAL SEWER CONNECTION



**REQUEST**

**\$1 MILLION**

to fund the connection of the East Lake Community Park in Sorrento, to the municipal wastewater system provided by the City of Eustis

#### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

The East Lake Community Park is located within the Wekiva River Basin Watershed

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Connection to a central sewer system will help address current and future needs at the site, which could include a new fire station and public library

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This is a shovel-ready project and would be a one-time capital expense

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## BACKGROUND

East Lake Community Park is located in Sorrento and is within the Wekiva River Basin Watershed. The park provides active recreation venues for the East Lake County area. The site has also been identified as having the potential to house a fire station and community library.

The project, intended to protect water quality within the Wekiva River Basin Watershed, would include engineering, testing, and installation of a lift station to connect to the City of Eustis Central Wastewater System with a new four-inch force main. Preliminary estimates have been completed. This is a shovel-ready project and would be a one-time capital expense.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

## INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX ALLOWABLE USES



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### REQUEST

Amend the statutory language that limits the uses of infrastructure sales tax

### ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Florida Statutes Section 212.055(2) was amended to define the term “public infrastructure,” to include – Transportation, Drainage, Parks & Recreation, Health Systems, Sanitary Sewer, Potable water, Spoil Disposal Sites, Solid Waste, Educational, and Water Management & Control

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Noticeably absent from the definition was vertical construction

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## BACKGROUND

In 2016, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes pertaining to Infrastructure Sales Tax, was amended to define the term “public facilities” for expenditures of the tax.

The new definition creates uncertainty in the use of the funds because it doesn't address traditional types of vertical construction that governments use to provide needed services, such as libraries, fire stations, general governmental/office and animal shelters.

Lake County seeks to amend the statutory language to better define the use of the Infrastructure Sales Tax fund to address these other types of uses for public facilities.

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