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2014-15 **ANNUAL REPORT**



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West Florida Public Library Superheroes



OUR MISSION

The mission of Escambia County government is to provide efficient, responsive services that enhance our quality of life, meet common needs and promote a safe and healthy community.



Left to right: District 1 Commissioner Wilson Robertson, District 5 Commissioner Steven Barry (2014/15 Chairman), District 2 Commissioner Doug Underhill & District 3 Commissioner Lumon May. *Center:* District 4 Commissioner Grover Robinson (2015/16 Chairman)

Your Board of County Commissioners



The Board is the governing body of the county. The powers delegated by the state legislature are exercised by enactment of ordinances and resolutions, setting policy and through the county administrator, giving direction to county departments, commissions and agencies.

Wilson Robertson, District 1



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Commissioner Wilson Robertson currently serves as Commissioner for District 1. Robertson served two previous terms on the Escambia County Commission as the representative for District 5, from 1988 to 1992 and 1996 to 2000. In 2008 and 2012, he was elected as the District 1 Commissioner. Additionally, Robertson has served on the board of the ECUA, West Florida Regional Planning Council, Marcus Pointe Homeowners Association and 25 years with the Waterfront Rescue Mission Board. He is the 1986 recipient of the God in Government Award.

Doug Underhill, District 2



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Commissioner Doug Underhill was elected to serve the citizens of District 2 on the County Commission in November 2014. He is a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, currently serving as a Commander in the Naval Reserve. As a civilian contractor, he leads a team of cyber security analysts providing services to the Department of Homeland Security. Underhill has served his community as a baseball and basketball coach, trustee at the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church, and in numerous positions with the Boy Scouts of America.

Lumon May, District 3



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Commissioner Lumon May was elected to serve as Commissioner in November 2012 and was appointed chairman for 2013/2014. Commissioner May is a member of the Southern Youth Sports Association, Community Action Program Committee, Inc., Juvenile Justice Council, and Council on Aging. May's parents taught him that he could change the world if he could change his neighborhood. Applying that lesson to life, Commissioner May has served area youth through sports and academics for more than 25 years. He has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others.

Grover Robinson, District 4



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Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, is a seventh-generation Pensacolian who currently serves as Escambia County’s District 4 Commissioner. Robinson has served on the County Commission since 2006, and was

appointed chairman in 2010 and 2016. He also served as chairman for the Florida Gulf Consortium for the RESTORE Act, vice chairman of the Florida Association of Counties Federal Committee and immediate past president of the Florida Association of Counties. Robinson has been actively involved in the community, serving as a current or past board member for the Pensacola State College Foundation, Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, United Way of Escambia County and Baptist Health Care Foundation, among others.

Steven Barry, District 5

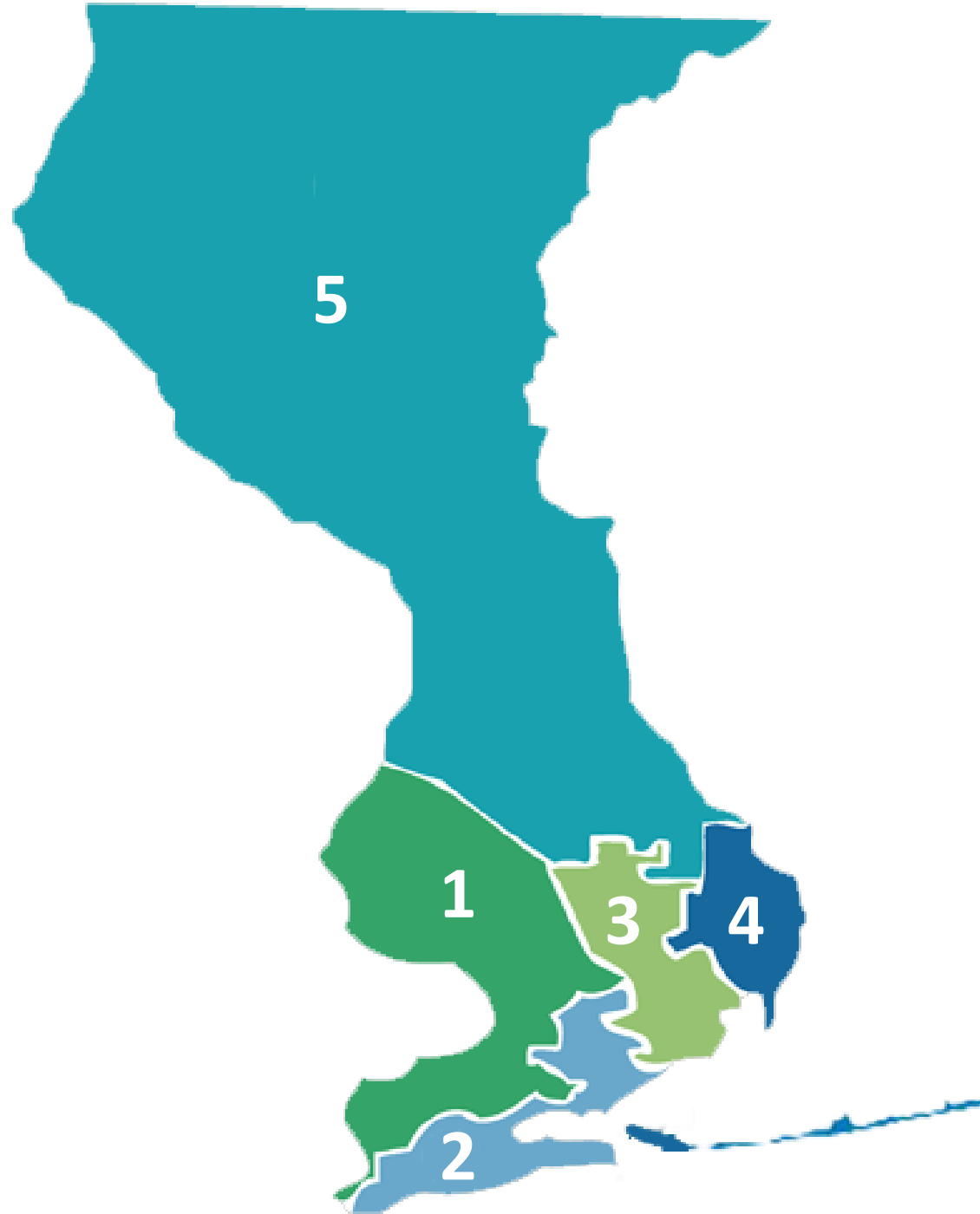


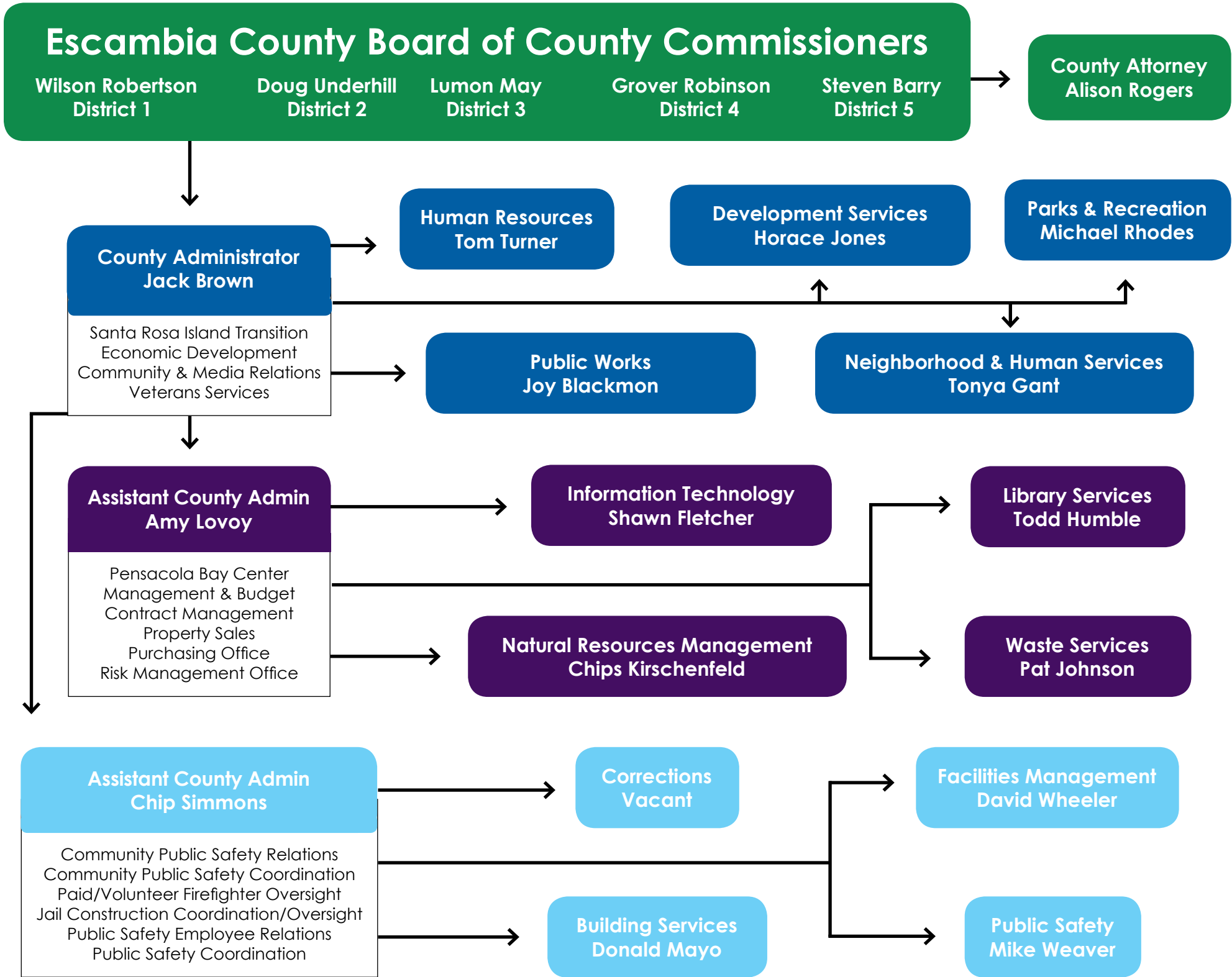
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Commissioner Steven Barry was elected to represent Escambia County’s District 5 in 2012 and was appointed chairman of the commission from 2014 to 2015. Barry has served on the Escambia County Planning Board, Escambia County Citizens

Environmental Committee and has chaired the Escambia County Fire Services Citizens Advisory Committee. He has been active with local community groups, including the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, Rotary Club of Cantonment, Pace Center for Girls and Covenant House Leadership Council.





Department Breakdown with Divisions



Jack Brown



Amy Lovoy



Chip Simmons

**Development Svcs
Horace Jones**

Development Review
Geographic Information
Systems (GIS)
Planning & Zoning

**Human Resources
Tom Turner**

Benefits, Classification,
Records, Employee Relations,
Policies & Procedures, Union
Negotiations, Recruitment,
Veterans Services Officer

**Parks & Recreation
Michael Rhodes**

Community Centers
Equestrian Center
Park Maintenance
Park Construction
Recreational Services

**Public Works
Joy Blackmon**

Design/Traffic: Bob Sikes Toll
Bridge, Mass Transit, Surveying
Roads/Bridges: Construction,
Engineering, Fleet-Fuel,
Stormwater, Pensacola
Beach Public Works

**Neighborhood Svcs
Tonya Gant**

Neighborhood Enterprise,
CRA, Community Resource
Centers, Direct Assistance,
Indigent Burial, Job Skills
Training, Safe Neighborhoods

**Information/Technology
Shawn Fletcher**

Applications/Help Desk
Infrastructure/Data Center
Network/Telecom

**Library Services
Todd Humble**

Branch Libraries, Children's
Services, Circulation Services,
Computer Services, Outreach
Services, Reference Services,
Support Services

**Natural Resources
Chips Kirschenfeld**

Environmental Enforcement,
Extension Service,
Marine Resources,
Mosquito Control, Natural
Resources Conservation,
RESTORE, Water Quality/
Land Management

**Waste Services
Pat Johnson**

Engineering/Environmental,
Fleet Maintenance, Gas
Collection, Palafox Transfer
Station, Perdido Landfill, Waste
Services Administration, Waste
Services Operations

**Building Services
Donald Mayo**

Animal Services
Building Inspections

**Facilities Management
David Wheeler**

Custodial Services
Design/Construction
Maintenance
Utilities

**Public Safety
Mike Weaver**

Emergency Communications,
Business Operations, Emergency
Management, Emergency
Medical Services, Fire Rescue,
Lifeguards

**Corrections
Vacant**

Community Detention
Community Corrections: Check
Diversion, Community Work
Release, Community Services
Work, Misdemeanor Probation,
Pre-Trial Diversion, Pre-Trial Release

DEAR RESIDENTS,

I am pleased to present the Escambia County Annual Report. Although many of our activities are often not visible, your county staff can be found working behind the scenes every day to protect, promote and improve the quality of life for all in our county.

As a resident of Escambia County, you are Escambia County! We work for you. Our pledge is by working together, we will make Escambia County an even better place to live, work and play.

In the following pages, you will find an overview of many county activities and achievements from the past year. I wish I could report to you that we are where we want and need to be; but while we are making progress, we still have challenges and issues on which we can improve. I specifically acknowledge that we must improve the safety of our inmates and work to move forward with reconstruction of the Central Booking and Detention facility. That said, there were many accomplishments we do want to recognize.



- Escambia County voters passed a Local Option Sales Tax, often referred to as LOST, with 64.77 percent in favor of continuing the one-cent tax through December 28, 2028. LOST proceeds benefit residents by providing for public safety facilities and equipment, including law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. The tax also enhances the overall quality of life in the county through transportation and drainage improvements, public facilities like libraries and parks, infrastructure projects, economic development and natural resource preservation.
- The Storm Water Advisory

- Team helped identify critical stormwater project needs and assisted in strengthening the land development code from a 25-year flood standard to a 100-year flood event requirement.
- It was a banner year for 4-H in Escambia County with the dedications of the Langley Bell 4-H center and the Chalker Road 4-H facility.
- The board worked to improve safety in high-crime areas through their Night Light initiative, partnering with Crime Stoppers and the Escambia County Sheriff's Office to provide much-needed lighting in Community Redevelopment Areas.
- Fire Services continue to improve as full-time firefighters and volunteers worked together to streamline the process for volunteers to become certified firefighters. Additionally, the board took steps to fund 36 new full-time firefighter positions.
- In an effort to help increase awareness of firefighting and correction careers, the board

partnered with the Escambia County School District to start the Escambia County Firefighting Academy and the Criminal Justice Academy through a \$50,000 donation.

- This year, we welcomed the Santa Rosa Island Authority's public works and public safety departments as part of Escambia County staff. They continue to perform in an outstanding manner as part of our public works and public safety departments.

Becoming the government our county deserves requires strong community engagement, partnerships and collaborations. I want to extend my appreciation to the commission, our staff, the constitutional officers, city, town and all of our community partners for their commitment to work together.

Sincerely,

Jack R. Brown
County Administrator

Jack Brown, County Administrator

Jack Brown is the county administrator for Escambia County and has served as the chief administrative officer since June 2014. Brown’s responsibilities include implementing all decisions, policies, programs and motions made by the Escambia Board of County Commissioners, as well as recommending an annual county operating and capital improvement budget. Brown previously served as county administrator and a county commissioner for Taylor County, Fla., and was recruited as the director of administration and development at the Florida Center for Reading Research at Florida State University. Brown has held several leadership positions for many organizations, including the Aucilla Regional Landfill Board of Directors and Taylor County Economic Development. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Florida Association of Counties Foundation and the Florida Association of County Managers.

Amy Lovoy, Assistant County Administrator

Amy Lovoy serves as assistant county administrator and has been with the county for nearly 20 years. Lovoy oversees library services, waste services, natural resource management and information technology, along with the offices of management and budget services, purchasing, risk management, property sales, contract management and the Pensacola Bay Center. Prior to being appointed assistant county administrator, Lovoy served as director of management and budget services and a county budget analyst.

Chip Simmons, Assistant County Administrator

Chip Simmons serves as assistant county administrator, having joined the administration in August 2015. In his role, Simmons oversees county corrections, facilities management and building services, as well as public safety and Escambia County Fire Rescue. Simmons began his career in law enforcement in 1984 as a corrections officer for the Escambia County Sheriff’s Department. Simmons spent 29 years with the Pensacola Police Department and was appointed chief of police in June 2010.



9 Citizen's Guide to the Adopted FY 14/15 Budget

1 Escambia County Governance

Board of County Commissioners

Steven Barry, Chairman

District 5 Commissioner

Grover C. Robinson, IV, Vice Chairman

District 4 Commissioner

Lumon May

District 3 Commissioner

Doug Underhill

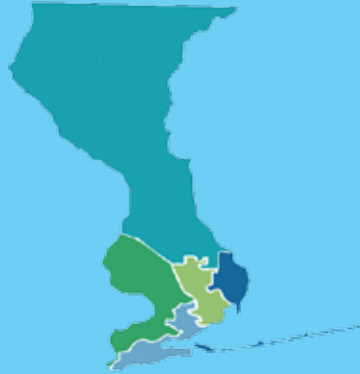
District 2 Commissioner

Wilson Robertson

District 1 Commissioner

Jack Brown

County Administrator



2 Our Goals

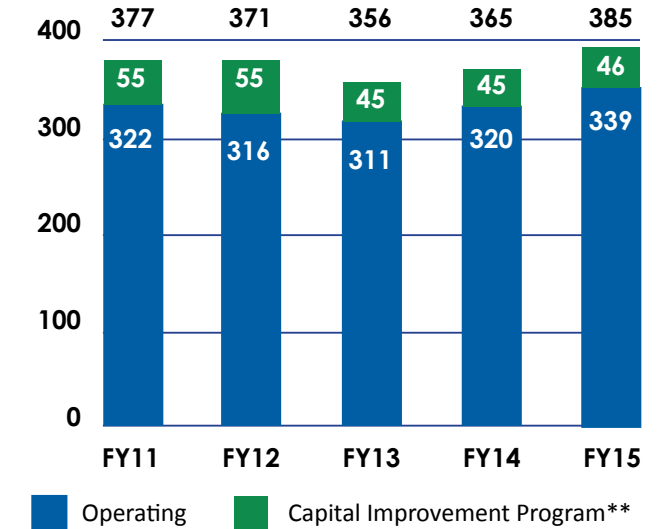
- ✓ Improve Customer Service
- ✓ Increase Public Trust, Confidence
- ✓ Promote Economic Development
- ✓ Maintain Infrastructure
- ✓ Uphold Fiscal Accountability

Vision

Exceeding expectations and leading the way through excellence in service and quality of life.

3 Total Budgets FY11-15

\$ Millions



** Capital Improvement Program includes Capital and Debt Service

4 Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?



FY15
Escambia County
(Unincorporated)

Escambia County
42.3 Escambia County
3.1 Sheriff MSTU
2.3 Library MSTU

47.7¢

Districts
.2 Water Management

.2¢

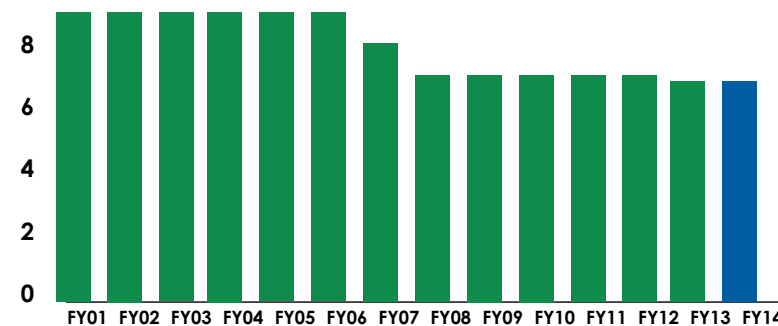
Escambia County School Board
37.3 School (State)
14.8 School (Local)

52.1¢

5 Millage Rate*

Escambia County's FY14 county-wide millage rate is 6.6165. Other Florida millage rates range from 3.1380 (Monroe County) to 10.0 (Dixie, Hamilton, Liberty, Madison and Union Counties).

10 Escambia Countywide Millage Rate



FY14 Millage Rates for Municipalities and Districts in Escambia County

City of Pensacola = 4.2895
Town of Century = 0.8707
NWFL Water Management = 0.039
Escambia School District:
By Local Board = 2.085
By State Law = 5.237

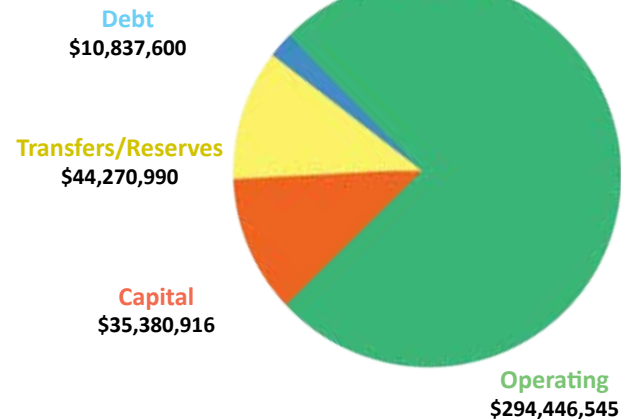
***Millage Rate** - the tax rate that is applied to the assessed value of real estate. One mill is equivalent to \$1 in taxes per \$1,000 in taxable value. For example, if your property has a taxable value of \$100,000, and you are assessed a 1 mill tax rate, you'll pay \$100 in taxes. To calculate your actual tax bill based on the millage rate, take that rate, multiply it by the taxable value of your property, then divide by 1,000.

6 Major Revenues

	FY14 Adopted Budget	FY15 Adopted Budget
Property Taxes (Ad-valorem)	96,295,430	100,907,115
Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)	34,480,493	34,997,700
Half-Cent Sales Tax	20,828,568	21,061,000
State Revenue Sharing	7,083,669	7,541,758
Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT)	6,910,000	6,850,000
Commercial Hauler Tipping Fees	9,125,000	9,375,000
Electric Franchise Fees	10,500,000	10,400,000
Tourist Development Tax	7,513,900	7,589,039
Fire MSBU	11,300,000	11,591,000
Library MSTU	4,872,300	5,105,949
TOTAL	\$208,909,360	\$215,418,561

7 Adopted Total Budget

Total \$384,936,051



DEFINITIONS

Debt - Funds used to account separately for the principal and interest payments on bonds, commercial paper and other debt.

Capital - Purchase of land, construction of buildings, major improvements and construction of basic infrastructure.

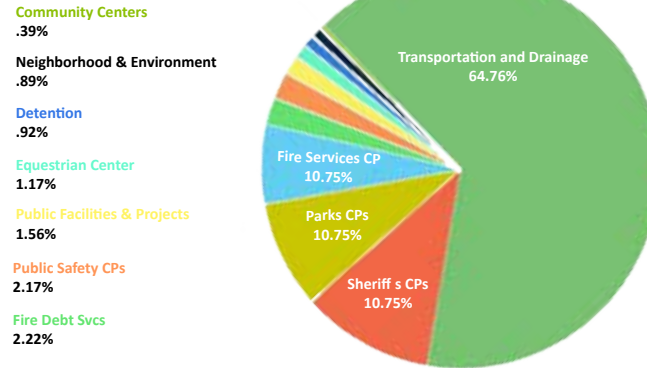
Reserves - Funds that cannot be appropriated and spent or that are legally limited to use for a particular purpose.

Transfers - Funds transferred from one fund to another to assist in financing the services of the recipient fund.

Operating - expenses that are ongoing costs of providing government services as well as the maintenance and operations of facilities and infrastructure.

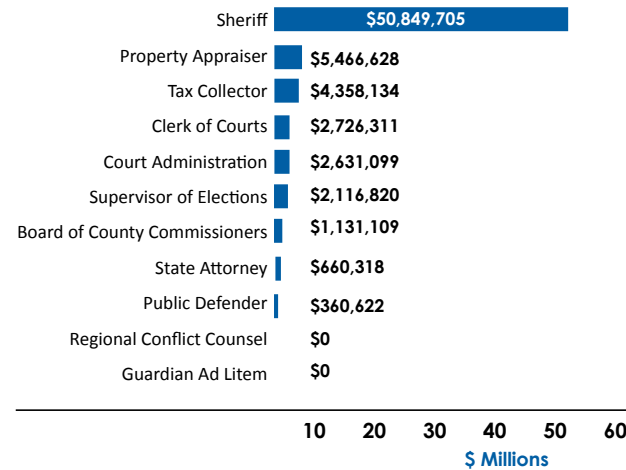
8 LOST Capital Improvement Projects by Department

Total \$33,652,815



Departments	FY15 Adopted Budget
Public Facilities and Projects	\$525,473
Transportation and Drainage	\$21,794,167
Neighborhood and Environmental Projects	\$300,000
Detention	\$310,000
Community Centers	\$131,866
Fire Services Capital Projects	\$2,154,380
Fire Lost Debt Services	\$748,658
Public Safety Capital Projects	\$731,188
Parks Capital Projects	\$2,944,586
Equestrian Center LOST	\$395,281
Sheriff's Capital Projects	\$3,617,216

9 Constitutional Officers' Total Budgets



10 Adopted Budgetary Cost Summary

Constitutional Officers and Other Boards/Agencies	FY15 Adopted Budget	% of Total Budget	FTEs
Property Appraiser	5,466,628.00	1.42%	70.00
Tax Collector	4,358,134.00	1.13%	100.00
Clerk of Courts	2,726,311.00	0.71%	41.63
Sheriff	50,849,705.00	13.21%	689.00
Supervisor of Elections	2,116,820.00	0.55%	15.00
Tourist Development	7,759,587.00	2.02%	0
County Attorney	1,397,336.00	0.36%	13.00
Medical Examiner	847,370.00	0.22%	0
Public Health Unit	337,649.00	0.09%	0
Merit System Protection Board	48,000.00	0.01%	0
Board of County Commissioners	1,131,109.00	0.29%	10.00
State Attorney	660,318.00	0.17%	0
Public Defender	360,622.00	0.09%	0
Court Administration	2,631,099.00	0.68%	9.00
Regional Conflict Counsel	0.00	0.00%	0
Guardian Ad Litem	0.00	0.00%	0
Sub-Total	80,690,688.00	20.96%	947.63

Departments (BCC Controlled)

Department	FY15 Adopted Budget	% of Total Budget	FTEs
County Administration	830,281.00	0.22%	8.00
Corrections	44,871,124.00	11.66%	616.00
Community Affairs	1,670,288.00	0.43%	22.00
Community and Environment	12,552,041.00	3.26%	50.00
Human Resources	24,569,185.00	6.38%	15.00
Information Technology	3,582,965.00	0.93%	20.00
Management and Budget	10,192,965.00	2.65%	19.00
Development Services	1,923,269.00	0.50%	27.00
Facilities Management	9,554,013.00	2.48%	66.00
Public Works	21,958,125.00	5.70%	201.00
Public Safety	34,613,591.00	8.99%	398.00
Parks	1,370,886.00	0.36%	26.00
Public Information	373,480.00	0.10%	4.00
Economic Development	879,514.00	0.23%	0
Escambia County Area Transit	11,407,578.00	2.96%	0
Grants	624,047.00	0.16%	0
West Florida Public Libraries	5,052,052.00	1.31%	77.00
Solid Waste/County Landfill	15,386,148.00	4.00%	47.00
Building Inspections	2,291,304.00	0.60%	34.00
Pensacola Bay Center	7,088,835.00	1.84%	0
Sub-Total	210,791,691.00	54.76%	1,630.00

Total Operating Budget	291,482,379.00	75.72%	
Total Non-Departmental	50,617,711.00	13.15%	
Local Option Sales Tax	33,652,815.00	8.74%	
Total Debt Service	9,183,146.00	2.39%	
Total County Budget	384,936,051.00	100.00%	2,577.63

Around the County

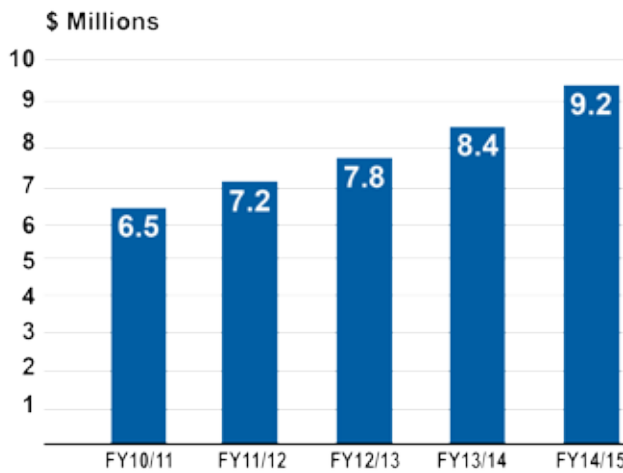
Top 10 Industries

		Establishments	Employees
1	Health Care and Social Assistance	812	21,328
2	Retail Trade	1,226	17,180
3	Accommodation and Food Services	706	15,326
4	Education Services	93	10,011
5	Admin., Support, Waste Mgmt, Remediation	516	8,923
6	Public Administration	96	8,056
7	Finance and Insurance	401	7,362
8	Construction	888	7,139
9	Professional, Scientific & Technical Svc.	917	6,372
10	Manufacturing	238	5,137

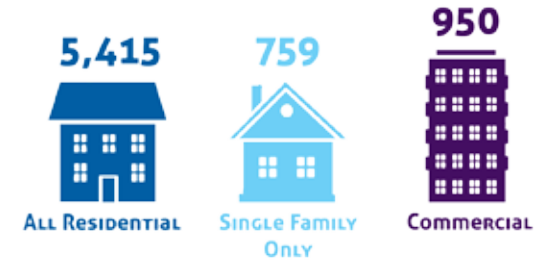
Labor Market Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program



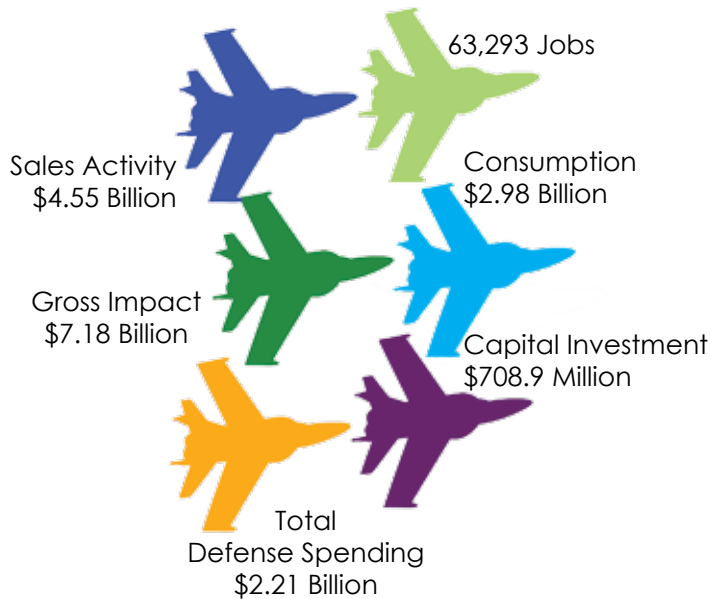
BED TAX COLLECTIONS



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FY14-15

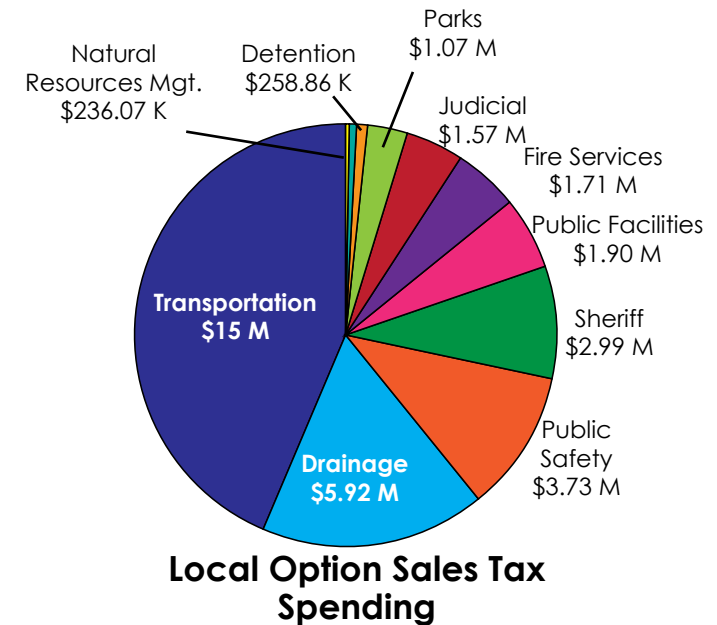


Military Economic Impact to Escambia

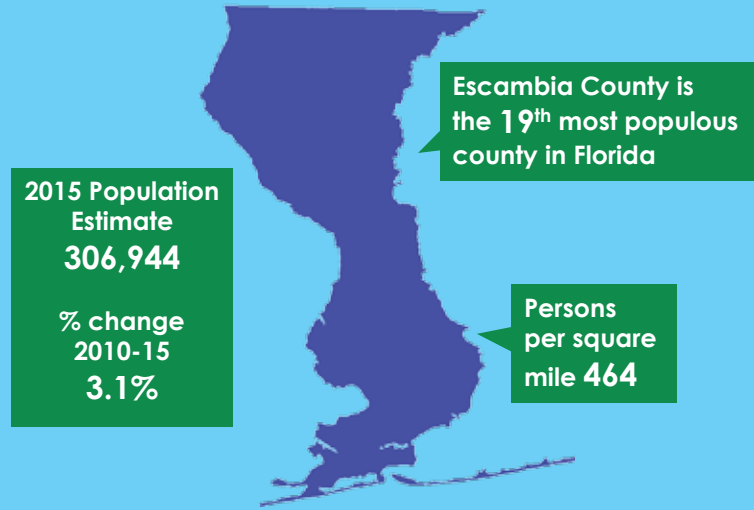


2015 Florida Defense Factbook

Grant Funding to the County



Escambia County Population



How do we measure up?

661 Square Miles/Area
225 Miles of Coastline
1,479 Miles of Paved County Roads
80 Miles of County Dirt Roads



BCC Staff to Citizen Ratio

2015 YOUTH ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

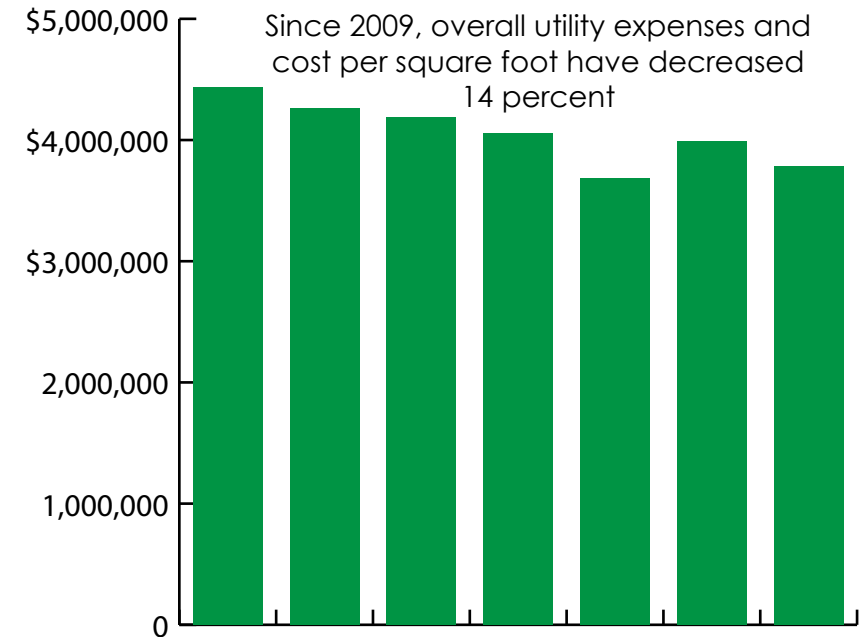


How do we compare?

County	2014 Population Estimate	Population in Unincorporated Areas	2014 Operating Millage Rate	MSTU	Per Capita Taxes Levied
Escambia	303,907	82%	6.6165	0.8374	\$349
Lake	309,736	51%	5.3856	0.9761	\$326
Leon	281,292	34%	8.3144	0.5000	\$438
Manatee	339,545	79%	6.3126	0.4437	\$526
Marion	337,455	81%	3.8400	3.0858	\$299
Osceola	295,553	65%	6.7500	0.8765	\$496
St. Lucie	282,821	25%	7.1388	0.941	\$461

Source: <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/data/data-a-to-z/a-f.cfm>

Utility Expenses



Escambia County Athletic Parks, Community Centers & Libraries

West Florida Public Library System

- 1 Main Library - 239 N. Spring St.
- 2 Century Branch - 7991 N. Century Blvd.
- 3 Lucia M. Tryon Branch - 1200 Langley Ave.
- 4 Molino Branch - 6450 Highway 95A
- 5 Westside Branch - 1301 W. Gregory St.
- 6 West Florida Genealogy Library - 5740 N. Ninth Ave.
- 7 Southwest Branch - 12248 Gulf Beach Highway

Community Centers

- 1 Barrineau Park Community Center - 6055 Barrineau Park School Road
- 2 Beulah Senior Citizen Center - 7425 Woodside Drive
- 3 Boys & Girls Club/Englewood Community Center - 2751 N. "H" St.
Englewood Neighborhood Center - 2749 N. "H" St.
- 4 Brownsville Community Center - 3200 W. De Soto St.
- 5 Byrnesville Community Center - 1701 Highway 4-A
- 6 Carver Park Resource Center - 208 Webb St.
- 7 Davisville Community Center - 10200 Highway 97 N
- 8 Dorrie Miller Community Center - 2819 N. Miller St.
- 9 Ebonwood/Oakcrest Community Center - 3511 W. Scott St.
- 10 Felix Miga Senior Citizen Center - 904 N. 57th Ave.
- 11 Lexington Terrace Community Center - 700 S. Old Corry Field Road
- 12 Marie Ella Davis Community Center - 16 Raymond St.
- 13 Marie K. Young Wedgewood Community Center - 6405 Wagner Road
- 14 Mayfair Community Center - 701 S. Madison Drive
- 15 Molino Community Center - 6450 Highway 95-A N
- 16 Oak Grove Community Center - 2550 Highway 99 N
- 17 Perdido Bay Community Center - 13660 Innerarity Point Road
- 18 Quintette Community Center - 2490 Quintette Lane
- 19 Walnut Hill Community Center - 7850 Highway 97 N

Athletic Parks

- 1 Ashton Brosnahan Park - 10370 Ashton Brosnahan Drive
- 2 Baars Field Athletic Park - 13001 Sorrento Road
- 3 Bellview Athletic Park - 2750 Longleaf Drive
- 4 Brent Athletic Park - 4905 N. Palafox St.
- 5 Cantonment Youth Athletic Park - 681 Well Line Road
- 6 Don Sutton Park - 2320 Crabtree Church Road
- 7 Harvey C. Bradberry Athletic Park - 4760 S. Highway 99A
- 8 John R. Jones Jr. Athletic Park - 555 E. Nine Mile Road
- 9 Lewis Powell Athletic Park - 7000 Rolling Hills Road
- 10 Mayfair Park - 701 South Madison Drive
- 11 Myrtle Grove Athletic Park - 99 N. 61st Ave.
- 12 Quintette Athletic Park - 2490 Quintette Lane
- 13 Raymond Riddles Park - 1704 N. "W" St.
- 14 Santa Maria Plaza - 199 Madrid Road
- 15 Southwest Escambia Sports Complex - 2020 Bauer Road

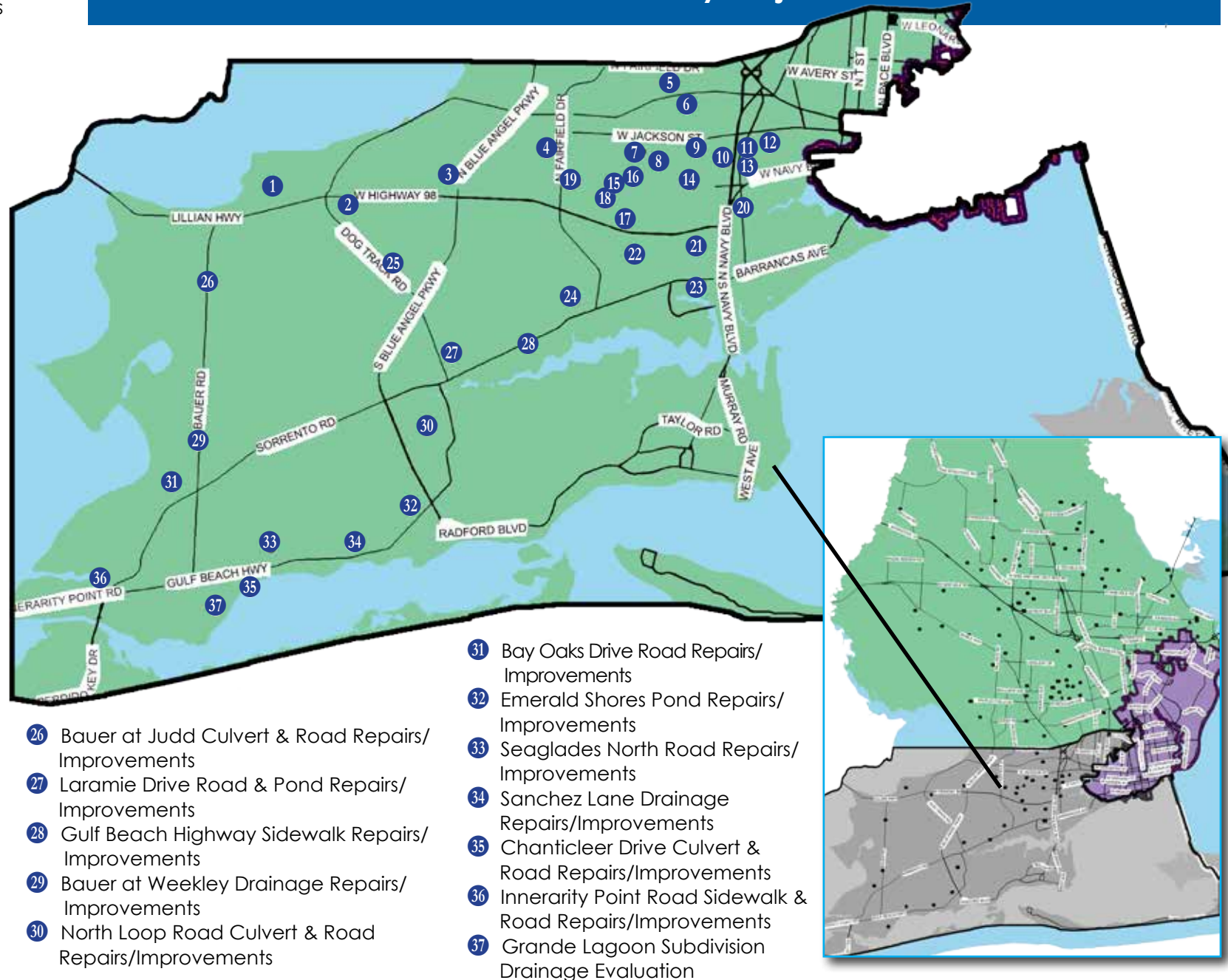


After the Flood: Stormwater Improvement Projects ¹⁴

April 2014 saw historic flooding in the Florida Panhandle. Escambia County was the hardest hit. Repairing and improving our roadways and drainage has been a major undertaking by staff with over \$40.89 million in completed or ongoing projects in the damaged areas. For more information on these projects, visit myescambia.com/projects.

- 1 Crowne Pointe Road Repairs/Improvements
- 2 Millview Estates Pond Repairs/Improvements
- 3 South Bay Subdivision Road & Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 4 North Crow Road Emergency Repair Road Repairs/Improvements
- 5 Almax Court & North 52 Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 6 Meadowbrook Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 7 Myrtle Grove Athletic Park Field Restoration
- 8 Myrtle Grove Athletic Park Parking Lot Paving
- 9 Redwood Circle Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 10 Old Corry Property Purchase
- 11 Hurd Lane/ Jackson Lakes Maintenance Yard Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 12 Jackson Lakes Box Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 13 Idlewood at Railroad Tracks Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 14 Prieto Road Repair Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 15 Lake Charlene Road Reconstruction
- 16 Lake Charlene - Warrington Study
- 17 Quigley Road Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 18 Lake Charlene Ditch Paving
- 19 Templeton Road Repairs/Improvements
- 20 South Old Corry Field Road Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 21 Maggie's Ditch & Patton Lane Fence Repairs/Improvements
- 22 Jones Creek Erosion Repair
- 23 Winthrop West Road & Curb Repairs/Improvements
- 24 Atlanta & Augusta Bridges Repairs/Improvements
- 25 Dog Track Road Repairs/Improvements

South Escambia County Projects



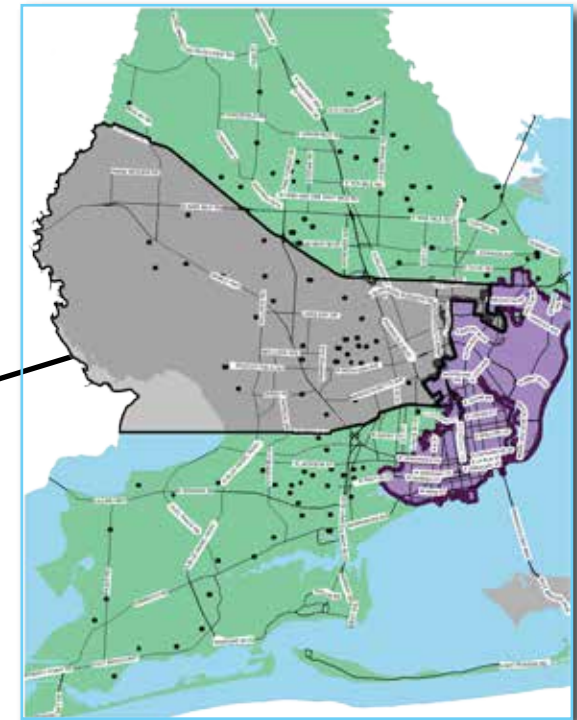
- 26 Bauer at Judd Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 27 Laramie Drive Road & Pond Repairs/Improvements
- 28 Gulf Beach Highway Sidewalk Repairs/Improvements
- 29 Bauer at Weekley Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 30 North Loop Road Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 31 Bay Oaks Drive Road Repairs/Improvements
- 32 Emerald Shores Pond Repairs/Improvements
- 33 Seaglades North Road Repairs/Improvements
- 34 Sanchez Lane Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 35 Chanticleer Drive Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 36 Innerarity Point Road Sidewalk & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 37 Grande Lagoon Subdivision Drainage Evaluation

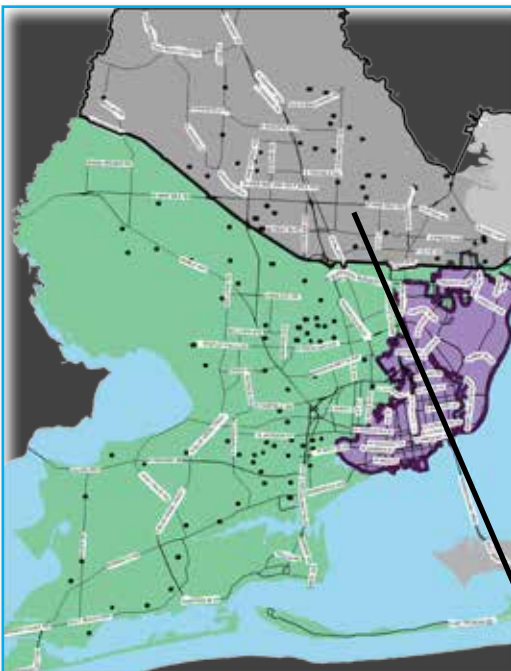
Central Escambia County Projects

- ① Bell Ridge Pond Repairs/Improvements
- ② Ferlon Avenue Road & Shoulder Repairs/Improvements
- ③ Wilde Lake Boulevard Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- ④ Beulah Helms Intersection Road Repairs/Improvements
- ⑤ Beulah School Road Repairs/Improvements
- ⑥ Chimney Pines Road & Pond Repairs/Improvements
- ⑦ Eight Mile Creek Road Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- ⑧ Viver Nell Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- ⑨ Crystal Creek Subdivision Pond Repairs/Improvements

- ⑩ Rolling Hills Road Culvert & Road Repairs/Improvements
- ⑪ Huntsville Avenue Drainage & Road Repairs/Improvements
- ⑫ Bellview Zone Pond Repairs/Improvements
- ⑬ Galvin Avenue Curb & Road Repairs Improvements
- ⑭ Sedimentation Removal from Crescent Lake Right of Way
- ⑮ Constantine Drive/ High Point/ Pine Hollow & Marcus Pointe Pond & Repairs/Improvements
- ⑯ Sedimentation Removal from Crescent Lake Subdivision
- ⑰ Blue Springs Road & Pond Repairs/Improvements
- ⑱ Blue Springs Road Emergency Road Repairs
- ⑲ East Shore Drive Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- ⑳ Blue Springs at Clearwater Road Repairs/Improvements
- ㉑ Mers Lane Endwall Repairs/Improvements
- ㉒ Stormwater Outfalls Repairs/Improvements at Crescent Lake
- ㉓ Blue Springs Road Emergency Access Road Removal

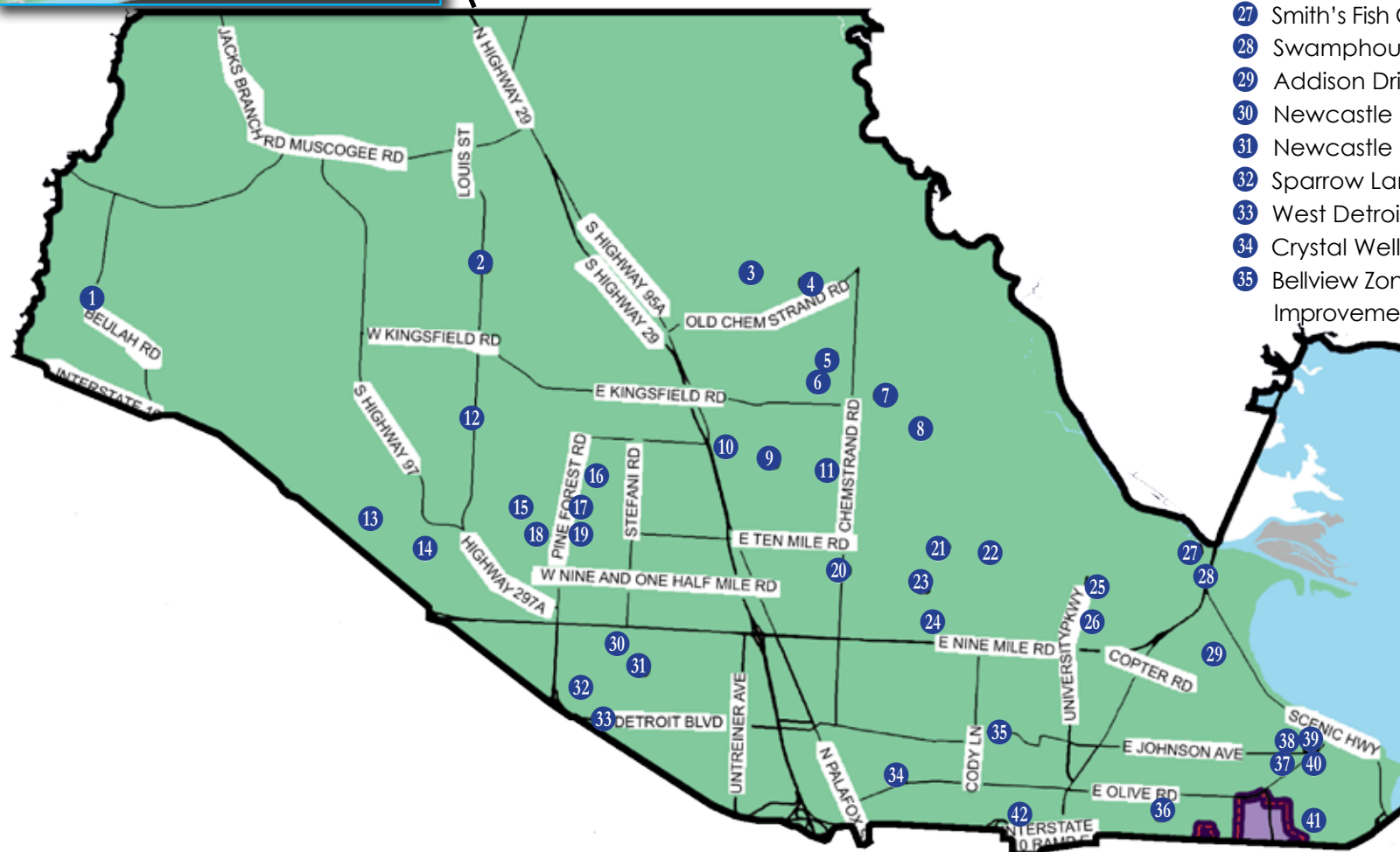
- ㉔ Blue Springs Road Emergency Access Road Repairs
- ㉕ Crescent Lake Dam Repairs/Improvements
- ㉖ Saufley Pines Road Pipe & Road Repairs/Improvements
- ㉗ Shadow Grove Drainage Analysis
- ㉘ Marlene Drive Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- ㉙ Brownsville Pond, Glynn Key & Talladega Pond Repairs/Improvements
- ㉚ Bridgedale Road Repairs/Improvements
- ㉛ Kelly Avenue Intersection Repairs/Improvements
- ㉜ Delano Drainage Repairs/Improvements





- 1 Beulah Road Resurfacing
- 2 CR 297A Box Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 3 Gonzalez Zone Ponds Repairs/Improvements
- 4 Water Oaks Road & Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 5 Rosedown Drive Repairs/Improvements
- 6 Ashford-Turnberry Ponds Repairs/Improvements
- 7 Magnolia Lakes Subdivision Pond & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 8 Tecumseh/Clear Creek Farms Road Improvements
- 9 Chemstrand Road Ditch & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 10 East Roberts Road Ditch & Road Repairs/Improvements
- 11 Calvin and Ronda Road Repairs/Improvement
- 12 CR 297A Ditch Rehab
- 13 Devine Farm Road Bridge Repairs/Improvements

- 14 Pond Construction for Bristol Creek, Bristol Park & Ashbury Hills
- 15 Copper Forest Drive & Man-O-War Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 16 Alysheba Drive Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 17 Green Hills Road Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 18 Alysheba Circle Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 19 Ten Mile Creek East Structure Repair/Improvement
- 20 Chemstrand Road CR 749 Road Repairs/Improvements
- 21 Sugar Creek Fencing Repairs/Improvements
- 22 Greenbrier Bridge/Shoulder Repair
- 23 Guidy Lane Bridge Roadway & Drainage Improvements
- 24 Stillbrook Bridge Repairs/Improvements
- 25 Woodbridge Manor Culvert & Drainage Repair
- 26 Hillview Drive East Road Repairs/Improvements
- 27 Smith's Fish Camp Road Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 28 Swamphouse (North) Bridge Replacement
- 29 Addison Drive Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 30 Newcastle Green Pit Pond Pipe Replacement
- 31 Newcastle Washout Damage Repair
- 32 Sparrow Lane Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 33 West Detroit Boulevard Repairs/Improvements
- 34 Crystal Wells Outfall Pipe Repairs/Improvements
- 35 Bellview Zone Pond Repairs/Improvements



- 36 Chimney Pines Road Repairs/Improvements
- 37 Gatewood Ditch Repairs/Improvements
- 38 Cypress Point & Glynn Broc Gully Ditch Repairs/Improvements
- 39 Olive Gully Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 40 Olive Road Drainage Repairs/Improvements
- 41 Northpointe Circle Culvert Repairs/Improvements
- 42 Ensley Ponds Repairs/Improvements

Animal Services

Mission Statement

Escambia County Animal Services is dedicated to providing responsive, effective and humane animal care and control services for all residents and visitors to our community. The **Animal Control Division** enforces state and local laws to protect the animals and citizens of Escambia County. The **Escambia County Animal Shelter** provides temporary care for homeless or confiscated animals and makes pets available for adoption at a reasonable cost. Both departments provide humane education to county residents to help them better care for their pets.

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The county is committed to the health and well-being of all animals

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- More than 2,147 pets in Escambia County found new homes through adoption services, with an additional 702 lost pets kept safe until they could be reunited with their families and loved ones.
- Hired an accomplished veterinarian and added an additional veterinary technician to enable all animals at the shelter to be altered prior to adoption instead of scheduling surgeries post adoption.
- Developed and maintained enrichment programs for both dogs and cats during their stay at the shelter to improve their mental health.
- Added facility play yards to allow the dogs to exercise and meet potential adopters off leash.
- Developed a partnership with the Pensacola Humane Society to do trap, neuter and release programs in specific areas to monitor progress and success.
- Investigated more than 4,100 complaints of animal nuisance or cruelty situations.
- Responded to 8,270 calls from concerned county citizens regarding animal control issues.
- Four animal control officers successfully completed courses from the University of Missouri's National Animal Cruelty Investigations School.
- Removed 814 deceased animals from roadways and public areas.

Building Services

Mission Statement

The Building Services Department provides a safeguard for the health, safety and welfare of Escambia County citizens, property owners, businesses and visitors by requiring the certification of individuals engaged in the business of contracting within the county, investigating contractor complaints, regulating contractor licenses, policing unpermitted or unlicensed building activities.

The department also reviews construction plans, issues permits and inspects for code compliance to ensure the integrity of all new structures and major improvements to existing structures built in the unincorporated area of the county, while also ensuring all residential and commercial construction is in compliance with local, regional and state building codes.

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Molino Community Center

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- The Building Services Department continued to ensure all permitted residential and commercial construction activity is in compliance with state and local building codes.
- Expanded opportunities for increased access to the Escambia County Building Inspections Division by accepting and processing permits via email.
- Issued 19,104 building permits; same-day review of 53 percent of plans submitted; and performed more than 28,000 inspections.
- Successfully passed the 2014 FEMA Cycle Audit, resulting in retaining Escambia County's current CRS rating of 6.
- Streamlined permitting by processing applications in a timely manner for issuance.
- Continued public outreach, notices and education by the department's e-Blast announcements and email distribution.



Escambia County Fire Rescue Capt. Ammons being interviewed by WEAR-ABC

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Office of Community and Media Relations proactively facilitates the accurate, effective, timely and consistent flow of public information to internal and external parties, while also providing community outreach and serving as the county's liaison with its media partners. The office provides services to enhance the relationship between Escambia County government, its citizens and the media through positive public and media relations. The department was formerly known as the Public Information Office.

Division Manager: Joy Tsubooka

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- The Office of Community and Media Relations continued to enhance the community's access to Escambia County government, and to promote transparency and accountability.
- Distributed more than 250 news releases, media updates and notices related to county activities, in an effort to provide local citizens with consistent up-to-date information.
- Coordinated more than 20 county-wide special events, including ribbon-cutting ceremonies, park openings, groundbreakings and community meetings.
- Responded to more than 1,000 local, state and regional media requests.
- Broadcasted approximately 50 county commission meetings, workshops and special forums live on ECTV.
- Twitter following increased from 8,054 to 11,515 followers, a 42.9 percent increase.



Escambia County Corrections Staff



Escambia County Road Prison Staff

Mission Statement

The mission of the Escambia County Corrections Department is to provide protective services, ensure efficient delivery of services to citizens and clients alike and provide effective criminal justice alternatives, which promote a safe environment. Department responsibilities include oversight of the **Escambia County Jail, Community Corrections Division** and the **Road Prison**. The department approaches its duties with integrity, character and fairness in the treatment of all inmates, citizens and staff members.

Director: Assistant County Administrator Chip Simmons
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Community Corrections

Mission Statement

Escambia County Community Corrections is a program aimed at relieving jail overcrowding through court-approved sentencing alternatives. Non-violent offenders are placed into community sanctions, rather than in jail, to free up corrections space for more serious offenders. Rehabilitative and monitoring options include substance abuse treatment, monitoring services, substance use testing, community service work and pre-trial release supervision.



Escambia County Community Corrections staff

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Misdemeanor Probation Officers performed investigative work, probation counseling, issued warrants, worked closely with other criminal justice agencies and supervised more than 4,900 sentenced probationers. We provided intensive supervision for 288 defendants via electronic monitoring devices.
- Check Restitution is designed to assist and educate chronic worthless check writers, as well as enable worthless check offenders to pay restitution and fees prior to arrest. This program supervised more than 3,900 cases and collected restitution for Escambia County businesses in the amount of \$407,355.22.
- Work Release houses qualified inmates who have been sentenced to serve a period of incarceration. These inmates are allowed to continue their employment while serving their sentence. The Work Release Program was successfully completed by 253 inmates.
- Pre-Trial Release assists in alleviating overcrowding of the jail and has provided intensive supervision for more than 2,500 defendants. Defendants released to this program must comply with court-ordered conditions while awaiting a date for their case to be adjudicated. Forensic mental health is a component of the Pre-Trial Release Program.
- Pre-Trial Diversion is most often utilized by first-time offenders as referred by the court. Once the offender's required conditions are completed successfully, the case is closed and does not appear on his or her record. More than 1,000 offenders successfully completed the Pre-Trial Diversion Program.
- Community Service is designed to place individuals who are ordered by the court to complete a specified number of community service hours with agencies throughout the county. There were 849 community service referrals.
- Court Services ensured the dispersal of accurate court information and provided courteous customer service to more than 10,000 citizens.

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Escambia County Jail

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Jail and its employees are dedicated to public service and the care, custody and control of the inmates detained. All inmates are treated with fairness and respect, with the primary goal of maintaining a safe, humane, and secure environment for both inmates and staff while overseeing food services, inmate laundry and facility maintenance. In addition, the jail supports former inmates in their attempts to reintegrate into the community by providing programs that will promote a positive attitude and encourage behavioral changes.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Completed work release dorm improvement projects to add interview and timeout rooms, as well as secure loading areas.
- Computer lab for inmate use was completed.
- Design firm was hired for new jail construction project.
- Florida Crime Information Center, or FCIC, and National Crime Information Center, or NCIC, audits were conducted in August 2015, with successful results.
- The Annual Florida Model Jail Inspection was conducted in August 2015 and Annual Florida Model Jail Medical Inspection was conducted in September 2015, both with successful results.
- Inmate kiosks were installed and became operational for ordering commissary and providing information to inmates.
- Pilot program for Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola, Inc., or



Escambia County Main Jail Central Control

REAP, program was formed April 2015 to attempt reducing recidivism. In July, REAP began to assist 10 inmates with making a successful transition from incarceration.

- Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, or FCAC, Onsite Assessment was conducted in November 2015, with successful results.

Division Manager: Selina Barnes, Commander

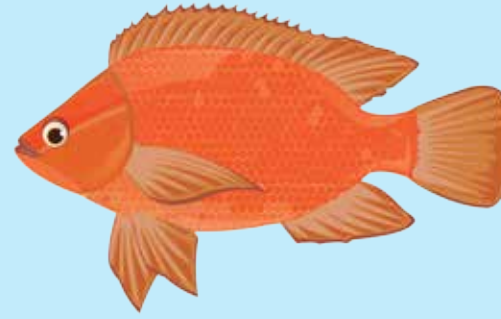
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36,000



Pounds of produce harvested through farm training program

3,500



Pounds of tilapia harvested through aquaculture program

Road Prison

Escambia County Road Prison is the only county-operated work camp in Florida. It prepares inmates for re-entry into society by offering a structured work environment, while teaching accountability and life management skills. The facility models a healthy, well-organized environment that encourages inmates to contribute to their community by providing part of the manual labor workforce for the Road Department, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, Animal Shelter and Facilities Maintenance. Under the supervision of Road Corrections officers, these work crews perform various tasks for the county, such as clearing right of way, grounds maintenance, drainage projects and other aspects of road and stormwater maintenance. In an effort to minimize food expenditures and work toward self-sufficiency, the department also uses inmate labor in its farming, hydroponics and aquaculture programs, and offers re-entry programs.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Provided inmate programs such as G.E.D., Test of Adult Basic Education, or T.A.B.E., testing, life skills, parental class, 40 Days of Purpose and Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Implemented a new jail operating system.
- Provided a welding training program for inmates through our partnership with George Stone Technical Center. Through this program, 54 national certifications were earned by inmates. The American Welding Society, or AWS, certifications will allow these men to weld across the nation.
- Assisted the Road Department in completing more than 6,200 work orders and dispatched an estimated 200 after-hours call outs.
- Hosted annual Southeastern States Manhunt Field Trials, which brought 30 teams from Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida together for a week-long training event.
- In June 2015, a 193-by-30-foot greenhouse was completed. A hydroponics system was implemented and has yielded more than 1,000 pounds of tomatoes to date.

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Escambia County Central Office Complex

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Development Services Department is comprised of three Divisions: **Development Review, Planning and Zoning** and Geographic Information Systems, or **GIS**. The department provides educational opportunities to the public and business community by hosting numerous workshops and meetings throughout the community for purposes of providing information and answering questions for citizens, contractors and developers regarding the many projects, tasks and assignments for which it is responsible.



Development Services staff

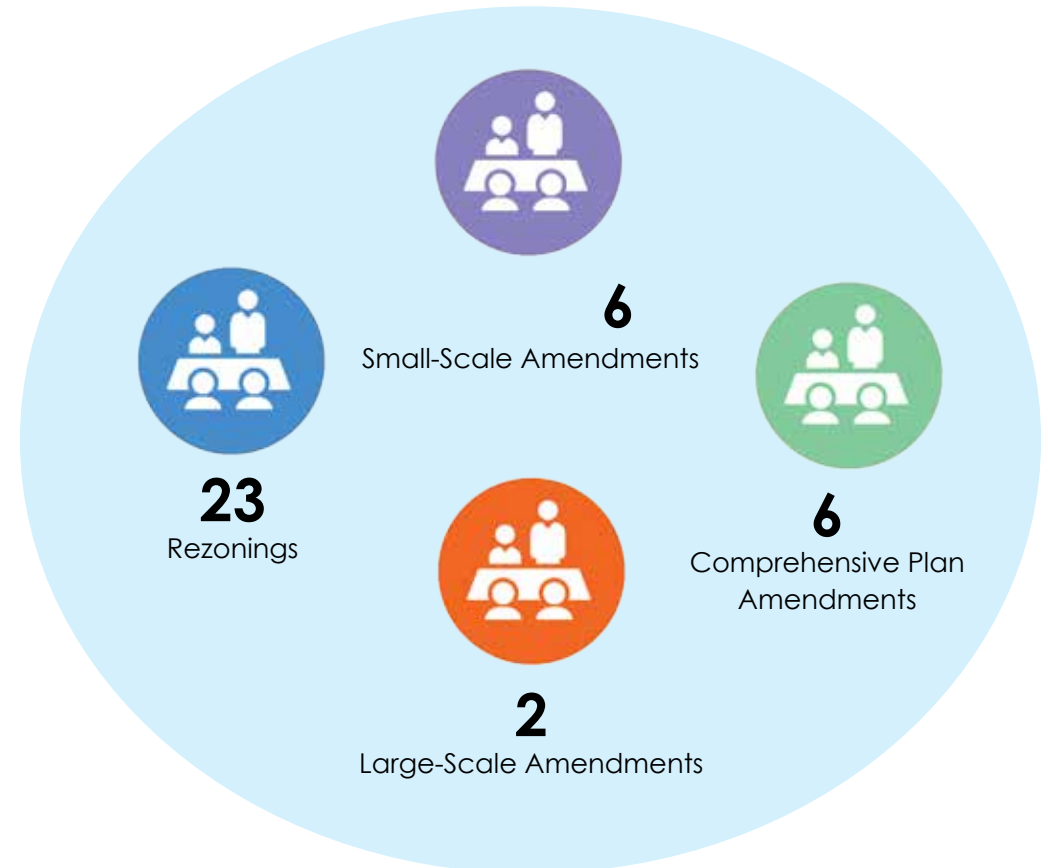
Director: Horace L. Jones, DSD

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- The Development Services Department processed 184 cases, which included a total of 124 DRC projects:
 - 124 DRC Projects
 - ♦ 1 Construction Plan
 - ♦ 6 Final Plats
 - ♦ 5 Unplatted
 - ♦ 3 Master Plans
 - ♦ 4 Preliminary Plats
 - ♦ 12 Preliminary Plats/Construction Plans
 - ♦ 67 Site Plans
 - ♦ 5 Borrow Pits
 - ♦ 21 Minor Site Plans
 - 23 Board of Adjustment (BOA) Cases
 - ♦ 0 Administrative Appeals
 - ♦ 14 Conditional Uses
 - ♦ 0 Extensions to Development Orders
 - ♦ 9 Variances
- Re-wrote the Escambia County Land Development Code, restarted the Perdido Key Master Plan process and consolidated zoning districts.
- Migrated to Internet provided GIS Services allowing internal and external use of online GIS and reducing reliance on expensive license purchases.
- Upgraded Accela GIS for permit tracking other required/related county actions.
- Assisted with surplus property and escheatment tracking.
- Issued more than 1,000 addresses, including unassigned subdivisions.
- Purchased GIS software upgrade to operate on new mobile application, which is under development.

Planning Board Cases



- Conducted borrow pit and landfill studies.
- Developed training program for mobile map service users.
- Created a damage assessment tool for building inspections staff, with training to commence in February 2016.
- Reviewed pre-delivery 2015/2016 Aerial Photography Flight Plans for pre-flight and DoR funded new aerial flight.

Mission Statement

The goal of the Escambia County Facilities Management Department is to provide safe, clean and comfortable facilities for county departments, agencies and the citizens who frequent them. The department is also responsible for the maintenance, repair and security of county-owned and leased buildings, utilities, capital lease management, space needs planning and the oversight of capital improvement and renovation projects.

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Langley Bell 4-H Center

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- 4-H Stefani Road:** The facility is approximately 9,050 square feet and includes a multi-purpose room/auditorium with stage, kitchen, offices and reception area, life skills room, science room, volunteer resource room with technology lab, county council/club meeting room and storage. The project was completed in May 2015 at a cost of more than \$1.6 million.
- Fire Station Flood Repairs:** The project included flood repairs at Warrington Fire Station, West Pensacola Fire Station and Ensley Fire Stations and included work related to interior steel studs, gypsum drywall, insulation, resilient wall base, painting, ceramic tile flooring, reinstalling existing casework and equipment, ceiling repairs, mechanical work, and miscellaneous electrical and plumbing. The Warrington Fire Station included new plumbing fixtures, ceramic tile work and new doors. The West Pensacola Fire Station included sitework, paving, flashing and sheet metal, and roofing. The projects were completed in September 2015 at a cost of \$359,875.
- Escambia County Old Courthouse:** The project work includes the partial removal of a 1950s addition to the west side of the existing historic courthouse building and the interior restoration of the second floor court room space, previously used as the Board Room of the County Commissioners. This is Phase IV of the restoration work, partially funded by a State Historic Preservation Grant from the Florida Department of Historic Resources. Construction documents are completed and the project is currently being solicited for a general contractor to perform the work. The project's budget is \$700,000 and is anticipated to be completed in July of 2016.
- M C Blanchard Judicial Shell Space Build Out:** Shell space was built out and completed, with work including two finished courtrooms and jury deliberation rooms on the third and fourth floor, as well as an added courtroom and two judges' chambers on the fifth floor. Approximately 10,400 square feet of space was renovated, with the project completed in June 2015 at a cost of \$2.48 million.



Escambia County Human Resources staff

Mission Statement

The Human Resources Department collaborates with county leaders to effectively meet the personnel needs of county employees, as well as external customers. To accomplish this, the department develops and administers programs and services that support the success of the county's mission and contribute to the achievement of the county's goals. The department provides services, innovative HR leadership and operations to county employees and managers in the areas of classification, compensation, training and development, recruitment and placement, employee and labor relations, and employee benefits.

The department also ensures compliance with all applicable employment-related local, state and federal laws and regulations. Additionally, human resources administers the group medical, dental, life, retirement, deferred compensation and cafeteria plan benefits to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and other county employees.

Director: Tom Turner

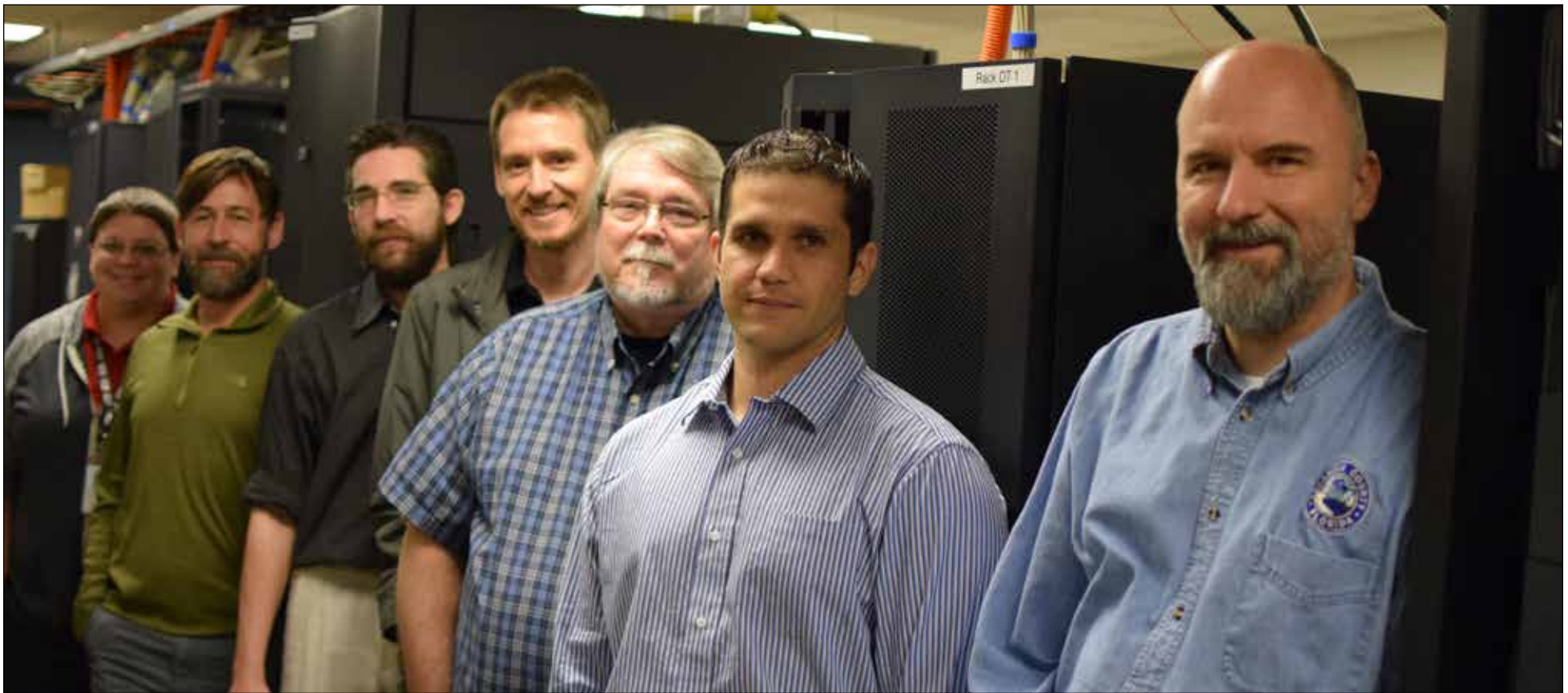
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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- The Escambia County Human Resources Benefits Division marketed the county's health insurance. The process consisted of the creation of a request for proposal, or RFP, and benefit selection committee. The decision was made to move from fully-funded to self-funded continuing with the current healthcare carrier, Florida Blue, resulting in a 14 percent reduction in costs. As part of the winning proposal, the pro-share gains under the agreement between Florida Blue and the Escambia Board of County Commissioners increased from 75 to 100 percent, with the last year of the agreement ending Dec. 31, 2015.
- The department transitioned to Efin+ software. Human resources and the Clerk of Court IT staff teamed up to meet the goal of providing all employee information in one system. This transition also consisted of the creation of new vendor interfaces and an electronic Personnel Action Form.
- Tasked with transitioning 26 Santa Rosa Island Authority, or SRIA, public works employees and 50 public safety employees to Escambia County employment. The HR staff was present for three days on-site to provide badges, collect new-hire paperwork and discuss policies with employees.
- Established a job-related education assistance program policy to provide a tool for managers and employees to support workforce planning and development. The policy allows departments the ability to reimburse for education expenses.
- Performed a national recruitment process for a corrections director and library director.
- Implemented a process to track intermittent FMLA leave usage. This process will assist employee relations in managing intermittent leave.



- The Human Resources Department and Amalgamated Transit Union negotiated a contract for two years expiring Sept. 30, 2017. There were several pay grade adjustments made to specific job classifications. In preparation, an analysis of the market was done to establish a pay range that would allow the county's facilities department to be able to competitively recruit.

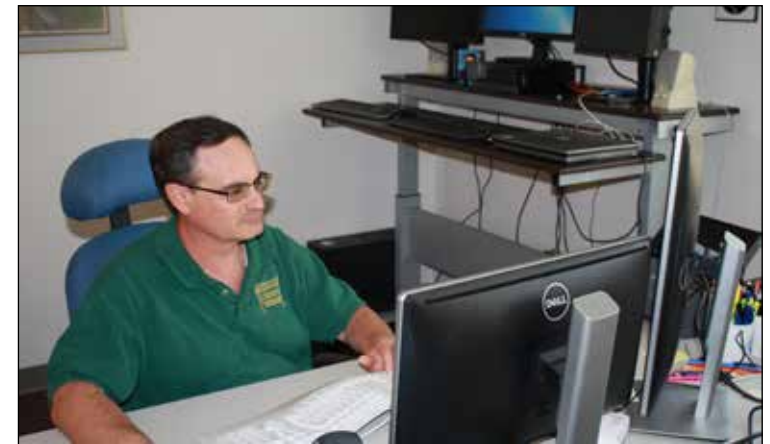


Escambia County Information Technology staff

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Information Technology Department provides an efficient and well-coordinated computing environment through integrated business systems, wired, wireless, local and wide-area networks and manages servers and storage systems and personal computer systems.

The department is comprised of four divisions, including **Administration, Applications and Helpdesk, Infrastructure and Data Center,** and **Network and Telecommunications**, all of which ensure the county is provided an efficient, secure and well-coordinated information technology environment that supports daily business.



Information Technology Manager Chris Karp

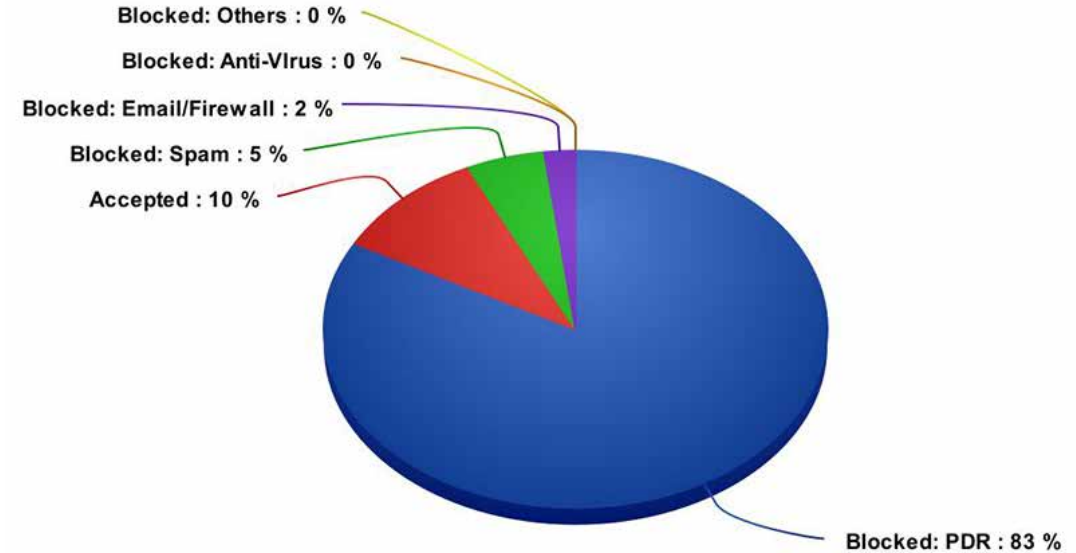
Director: Shawn Fletcher

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Assisted in finalizing the migration of the 911 dispatch system to a more modern version of their software. This included a more user-friendly web interface and mapping features.
- Deployed more than 33 new copiers and printers to the Jail on a lease program to save money and keep the devices on a regular renewal cycle.
- Hired an Information Security Officer to develop policies and procedures for a more secure environment. This person also audits email and virus logs to be more proactive instead of reactive.
- Implemented SentryFile for EMS to begin scanning in their paper documents so that they can be truly paperless. This will make the process of finding medical records more efficient as well as prevent misplaced medical records. The security of this product is such that other departments could utilize its functionality also.
- Hired a web coordinator to begin the development of the new website as well as maintain the old website. This person will also work on other future development projects.
- Department teamed up with Cisco to provide server training for public sector employees.
- Began Certified Public Manager training for all of the Information Technology managers along with other managers throughout the Board of County Commissioners, constitutionals and other state agencies.

Emails Sent to BCC/Constitutional Officers



- 90 percent of all emails destined for Board of County Commissioners and constitutional officers were blocked as related to spam, viruses or malware. On an annual basis, the County email filters receive more than 90 million emails, with only 10 million allowed through.



Information Technology Technician Hazen Gilmore



The library's Passport Pals program days educated children about other cultures.

Mission Statement

The mission of the West Florida Public Libraries is to act as the community's independent learning center for residents of all ages who live in Escambia County. The library strives to meet the informational, recreational and educational needs of the community by providing free access to reading, audio-visual materials and serving as an information portal offering public computing, database and Internet access technology. Our libraries serve all of Escambia County by providing free and open access to information and enrich, empower and inform citizens by providing educational and recreational resources and experiences for citizens. Programming and resources support school readiness, lifelong learning, research and development, and help improve quality of life for local residents.

Director: Todd J. Humble

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- Local libraries hosted nearly 750 different programs for children, young adults and adults with more than 20,000 residents of Escambia County attending the events. The programs included summer reading events, lectures, concerts and author signings, all of which are provided at no charge.
- Library collection grew by 3.5 percent to an inventory of 298,979 items. Circulation of materials increased by 2.5 percent to 708,800 item uses.
- Passport Pals helped more than 500 children learn about and experience the cultures of over a dozen different countries, which included crafts, music, clothing and snacks. Children received a stamp in their passport after completing each experience at over 20 events. Our diverse community allowed children to actually meet people from these various countries that are now residents of Escambia County. The Pensacola Museum of Art helped by providing trunks of objects related to the cultures being discussed.
- The library's Loopy Loomer's Yarn Club created more than 300 warm and heartfelt projects to give back to the community, with premie hats, adult hats for area nursing homes and scarves for the Greater Vine Homeless Shelter, to name a few.
- Michelle's Magical Poodles was the library's summer reading club's most attended performance, with more than 670 people attending a single performance in June 2015 at Big Lagoon State Park.
- The Music for Families Event with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra reached more than 1,600 people with library assistance.
- Library computers and Wi-Fi connections were utilized by our citizens in over 155,000 sessions.



Clifford the Big Red Dog visits with West Florida Public Library patrons.

- Clifford the Big Red Dog took a vacation in Escambia County visiting all five districts in September 2015 and helped the library system gain nearly 1,000 new library card holders that month.

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Office of Management and Budget Services is responsible for all aspects of the budgetary accounting system, including budget preparation, expenditure and revenue forecasting, monitoring and reporting. The office supports the policy and program initiatives of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator by providing professional municipal finance and budget analysis assistance to functions under the Board.

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Escambia County Office of Management and Budget staff

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Adopted the Escambia County FY 14/15 budget in the amount of \$384,936,051.
- Received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY 14/15 budget from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- Processed 285 budget amendments, totaling nearly \$285 million in various funding allocations, while also managing 21 agreements and miscellaneous appropriations for local nonprofits and outside agencies.
- Sold a total of 15 properties through foreclosures and escheatment to the county. Generated \$123K in revenue by property sales through foreclosure and escheatment to the county.
- Received 0 Truth in Millage, or TRIM, violations during FY 14/15.
- Maintained a total of 183 Municipal Services Benefit Units, or MSBUs, by department, and collected more than \$1 million in revenues from 180 MSBU's annually.
- Reviewed more than 1,003 Personnel Action Forms to confirm budgeted salary and position, and correct cost center.
- Developed and adopted through administration and board action the FY 15/16 budget in the amount of \$412,201,220, per F.S. Chapter 129.
- The FY 15/16 budget is in compliance with TRIM Certification for Escambia County, per F.S. 200.065.
- FY 15/16 millage rates remained the same from the previous fiscal year (6.617 County-wide, .685 Law Enforcement MSBU and .359 for the Library MSBU).

Office of Purchasing

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Office of Purchasing is responsible for providing centralized procurement of all materials, equipment, supplies and services to the client departments, vendors and taxpayers of the county. This division oversees a purchasing process that assures impartial and equitable evaluation of bids and proposals from vendors and helps agencies to establish fair and reasonable contracts.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Prepared and advertised a total of 100 formal solicitations for contracts in excess of \$50K.
- Implemented changes in purchasing policies for local preference and single source purchasing in FY 14/15.
- Participated in the two outreach programs for vendors in Escambia County, the Gulf Coast Chapter of National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Reverse Trade Show and the MatchMaker for Minority and Women Business Enterprises with the Florida DMS/DSD at the University of West Florida.

Office of Risk Management

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Office of Risk Management protects the county's assets by minimizing compensable exposure through risk identification, analysis, avoidance, control and financing, along with preserving operational continuity from risks and safety hazards that may arise from activities/events and affect the county.

Risk Manager: Robert Dye

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Recovered more than \$45K in funds due to the county as a result of damage to county property.
- Developed and implemented wildland personal protective equipment training curriculum for mutual aid response to pit fires at privately-owned facilities.
- 178 general liability claims investigated.
- 123 accident investigations conducted.
- 116 general liability claims processed.
- 253 workers' compensation claims processed.
- Three pre-purchase inspections were conducted on property acquired by the county.
- Three Incident Review Board meetings, with eight incidents reviewed.
- 72 county facilities inspected, 77 county parks inspected.
- 228 certificates of insurance reviewed.
- 156 agreements/contracts reviewed.

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Department of Natural Resources Management, or NRM, is responsible for conserving, restoring and protecting the county's natural and built environments through ecologically sound and sustainable development principles. The department ensures compliance with policies, codes, rules, regulations and permits in a proper, timely manner, as prescribed by the law and enforcement codes. The department consists of the following county divisions: **Marine Resources, RESTORE, Environmental Enforcement, Natural Resources Conservation, Extension Service, Mosquito Control and Water Quality & Land Management.**

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Escambia County Interns help build oyster reefs at Mahogany Mills Boat Ramp

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Obtained permits for new artificial reef sites, constructed new boat ramps and completed waterways management projects.
- Procured more than \$30 million in competitive grants for natural resources projects, including water quality and habitat improvement projects.
- Coordinated the RESTORE Act program for county, staffed the Escambia County RESTORE Advisory Committee and obtained more than \$20 million in RESTORE funds.
- Acquired nearly 25 acres of beach mouse habitat on Perdido Key and managed the Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Received NELAC Certification for the Escambia County Water Quality Laboratory.
- Coordinated management of the Pensacola Beach Renourishment Project.
- Coordinated prescribed burns, invasive species control and maintained county's Eco-Tour Geocache.
- Escambia County's 4-H program served more than 4,300 youth this year, with education/outreach programs reaching local youth through food and nutrition programs, camps, conservation programs, festivals, horticulture programs and agriculture programs.

Marine Resources Division

Mission Statement

The mission of the Marine Resources Division is to provide access to safe, healthy and productive waterways and to balance resources with sustainable practices. The division provides public access to marine and aquatic resources, while also engaging citizens through outreach and educational programs related to artificial reefs, fishing recreation and waterways access and management.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Obtained permits for a new artificial reef site in the Gulf of Mexico and renewed a pre-existing artificial reef site. Three new artificial reefs were deployed in the Gulf, and three new artificial reefs were deployed in the Park West Snorkeling Reef via public donations, thus at no cost to the county.
- Worked with the State of Florida to construct the new Wilson B. Robertson Public Boat Ramp. The ramp was constructed with funds obtained by the county's Marine Resources Division from the Natural Resources Damages Assessment Early Restoration, or NRDA, due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.
- Completed a number of special projects that included serving as weigh-master for seven local fishing rodeos, participating in fishing and outdoor recreation events for youth, military and under-served segments of the community.

Water Quality & Land Management

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Water Quality & Land Management Division provides high quality technical and scientific management for preservation and enhancement of the county's natural resources. The division's goal is to conserve, restore, and protect our natural and built environments through scientifically and ecologically sound and sustainable principles.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Procured more than \$30 million in competitive grants for natural resources projects including water quality and habitat improvement projects.
- Successfully managed regulatory compliance and monitoring requirements for county NPDES Stormwater Permit, Bayou Chico Basin Management Action Plan, and Total Maximum Daily Loads.
- Managed Natural Resource Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection projects totaling more than \$2 million.
- Conducted groundwater and surface water sampling for County landfills at a cost savings of approximately \$100,000 annually.
- Managed the WQLM volunteer and intern program designed to provide experience for college students and graduates.

Natural Resources Conservation Division

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Natural Resources Conservation Division provides citizens with technical assistance to address land care concerns, such as soil erosion and drainage issues, and also helps to assure adequate water supplies, reduced energy consumption, improved air quality and the general conservation of the county's limited resources. The division partners with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, or USDA/NRCS, to bring about the conservation of land, water and related resources. Technicians provide assistance to implement USDA/NRCS cost-share programs to local producers and landowners.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Worked with local, regional and state agencies to obtain more than \$5.28 million in Emergency Watershed Protection, or EWP, grant funds for 12 projects.
- The division performed 8.55 acres of invasive species control along Escambia County's rights of way.
- Assisted more than 300 County citizens with concerns of property erosion, wetlands, historical aerals, ponds, agriculture and best management practices.
- Assisted with 64.3 acres of prescribed burns for land management at Jones Swamp.
- Established and maintained Escambia County's Eco-Tour Geocache, with over 100 individuals participating.

Environmental Enforcement

Mission Statement

The Environmental Enforcement Division investigates environmental issues in response to complaints filed by citizens about various conditions and activities within their neighborhoods, while also enforcing codes and regulations protecting the environment and quality of life in Escambia County. The division also issues warnings, stop work orders and notices of noncompliance after incidents are processed and investigated thoroughly.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Responded to more than 6,300 environmental code enforcement complaints.
- Assisted with more than 12,000 customers, completed 174 demolitions and lot abatements and removed 436 tons of trash and litter.
- Participated in 12 clean sweeps throughout the county.
- Conducted 209 litter patrols.

Extension Service

Mission Statement

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is a federal, state and county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources and the life sciences, while making information accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Nearly 2,200 limited-resource youth graduated the 4-H Expanded Food and Nutrition Education program. Food, nutrition, physical activity knowledge, skill practices and health behaviors showed an overall increase, as measured by EFNEP nationally standardized pre- and post-tests.
- Two-hundred and six limited-resource individuals caring for young children completed the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program series of food and nutrition lessons, with a minimum of six hours of instruction. Clients acquired the knowledge, skills, attitudes and changed behaviors necessary for a nutritionally sound diet, as measured by the Florida Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, or EFNEP, 24-hour food recall pre- and post-tests.
- Extension Horticulture developed seven Garden Talks programs and reached 264 homeowners with gardening information. Eighty-seven percent of participants who completed the survey increased their knowledge of recommended gardening practices and plant selection.
- Nearly 900 youth participated in 4-H camps and workshops that included the Garden to Plate Day Camp, Klaas Kids Search and Rescue Day Camp, Sea Turtle Conservation Program and Water Conservation Day Camp. The spring garden festival and Extension open house reached more than 500 people with educational programs and demonstrations.



4-H Spring Livestock Show

- Extension's Agriculture agent made 25 on-farm consultations that assisted producers with agriculture production issues in Escambia County and certified 17 individuals that passed the pesticide exam. By having this certification, applicators were able to increase their hourly rate from \$7.35 per hour to \$29.85 per hour, or from an annual salary of \$15,228 to \$62,088. This calculates to an annual difference of \$46,860 per year for those who do have a pesticide license.
- More than 70 Escambia County residents were educated on the source and impacts of marine debris on marine life and micro plastics' impact on water quality.
- 4-H programs served 63 volunteers and more than 4,300 youth this year. The programs provided youth experiences through an adult-youth partnership that helped participants demonstrate responsibility, critical thinking and problem solving skills, decision making and goal setting.

Mosquito Control Division

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Mosquito Control Division is responsible for all activities within the county relating to the control of mosquitoes. The division performs spraying as needed and educates the public about its role in reducing and controlling the mosquito population throughout local communities.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- As a service-oriented program, the division responded to public service requests on a timely and courteous basis. Over the past year, the division's mosquito control technicians have continued to bring the public effective and prompt service.
 - Responded to 572 service requests, averaging 0.51 hours from initial call to on-site inspection performed by professionally licensed and certified mosquito control technicians.
 - "Countywide Activity" is a function of the division's workforce ability to meet the challenges of habitat diversity, human population density and mosquito population dynamics. The division's workforce is focused on customer service, financial stewardship, in-field surveillance, and targeting the hot spots where immature mosquitoes hatch and breed with a variety of ecologically-friendly and effective pesticides. In the past fiscal year, 440 acres were treated with larvicide applications to stop the production of mosquitoes by interfering with the insects' life cycle. Applied larvicides are significantly more effective, both in the short term and in the long term, than are adulticides.
 - Mosquito Control Technicians' FY 2014/2015 Countywide Activity Summary
 - Service Requests Received: 572
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- Mosquito control staff taking water samples from a tire*
- Independent Field Inspections: 5,892
 - Numbers of Larvicide Applications : 1,070
 - FYTD Acres Treated by Larvaciding: 440
 - Numbers of CDC Light traps surveillance missions: 57
 - Biological Control Methods (Gambusia Fish Inst.): 114
 - FYTD - Acres Treated by Adulticiding: 47,565.40
 - Implemented Integrated Mosquito Management
 - Biological control by stocking larvivorous fishes, such as Gambusia species into permanent bodies of aquatic habitats
 - Chemical control by applying US EPA registered bio-rational and internal growth regulator mosquito pesticides according to label directions; and
 - Physical control through source reduction, such as performing and recommending the draining of artificial containers and tires to eliminate breeding sites;
 - Provided education and training for all personnel in the category of Public Health Pest Control in conformity with Chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

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2015 Escambia County Celebrating Brownsville Community Event

Mission Statement

The mission of the Escambia County Department of Neighborhood & Human Services is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Escambia County. The method by which the department achieves this is through a variety of community-based programs and initiatives that provide efficient and effective services that improve the quality of life and meet the common needs of the citizens of Escambia County while promoting a safe community.

The department oversees the **Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency**, **Neighborhood Enterprise Division**, and the **Safe Neighborhood Program**. In addition, Neighborhood & Human Services administers the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**, **Direct Assistance Program**, the **Indigent Burial Program** and various **Community & Resource Centers**. These divisions and programs help and serve more than 310,000 residents and businesses within Escambia County.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- The Safe Neighborhood Program is a crime prevention initiative designed to help neighborhoods in Escambia County address issues that are causing a decline in physical quality, social quality and general livability. The program works with residents to take control of their neighborhoods and reduce crime and blight in designated areas:
 - ◊ Completed 11 neighborhood clean-ups removing 425 tons of trash, old furniture, tires, household hazardous waste (paint/oil), and tree debris from area neighborhoods.
 - ◊ Hosted 11 public neighborhood meetings averaging 40+ residents to discuss neighborhood cleanup program.
 - ◊ Hosted a free bicycle helmet fitting with the Escambia County Traffic Safety Team, supplying helmets and safety educational material to 50 children and adults.
- Community Centers/Public Social Services:
 - ◊ Oversaw 19 community centers to help enhance the quality of life and promote healthy and safe communities.
 - ◊ Brownsville Community Center was host site for the Second Annual PLAY-LEARN-GROW Summer Camp. The camp serviced a total summer average of 166 youth, and served 8,523 meals.
 - ◊ Ebonwood Community Center was host site for PLAY-LEARN-GROW Activities and Summer Feeding Site. A summer average of 103 youth were serviced, and 4,617 meals were served
 - ◊ Afterschool Program was developed at the Ebonwood Community Center in partnership with Community Drug and Alcohol Council, Inc., GSI Recycling, and the Ebonwood Homeowner & Neighborhood Watch Community, Inc., and serviced a total of 48 youth, with a daily average of 28 participants.
 - ◊ The Marie K. Young/Wedgewood Community Center & Park served as the host site for the county's first Youth Resource Expo, which was held during the Escambia County School District's spring break. The Expo had 200 attendees, and of that number, 57 percent were youth,



Safe Neighborhood Cleanup Program

- ◊ Reviewed 229 requests for assistance through the County's Indigent Burial/Cremation Program, with 178 requests being approved, 51 denials or families opting out of the program. Of the approvals, 21 were veterans of the armed services.
- Human Assistance Section: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provided employability skills training classes for food assistance participants as well non-program participants in an effort to enhance their chances of obtaining unsubsidized employment. Some of the classes included were Time Management, Dress for Success, Interviewing Techniques and How to Create a Resume. Incentives for program participants enrolled in school included the payment for Adult Basic Education classes as well as payment for the GED test. The total number of SNAP participants that reported unsubsidized employment was 15.

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Community Redevelopment Agency

The mission of the Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, is to revitalize and enhance the quality of life within the CRA areas by encouraging private sector reinvestment, promoting economic development, and providing public sector enhancements. The CRA administers plans for nine designated redevelopment districts: Atwood, Barrancas, Brownsville, Cantonment, Englewood, Ensley, Palafox, Oakfield, and Warrington. CRA responsibilities include writing and implementing redevelopment plans, administering commercial and residential grant programs, providing project management for capital improvement projects and encouraging infill reinvestment and acquisition, while also administering the Brownfield Redevelopment Program and Safe Neighborhood Program.

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Roof replacement and storm window installation are some of the eligible improvements offered through the CRA Residential Rehab Grant Program.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- 49 Grants awarded, expending over \$213,000 toward residential rehab, commercial façade and sign, tree trimming and painting programs. These grants yielded private sector investment of \$526,000.
- 25 Capital Improvement Projects were completed this fiscal year to include sidewalks, streetlighting, sewer expansion, and other infrastructure projects, expending over \$2.2 million using TIF and Local Option Sales Tax, or LOST, funds.
- CRA spent over \$412,000 for maintenance within the existing five CRA areas (Barrancas, Brownsville, Englewood, Palafox and Warrington), which included sponsoring CRA workers, ROW maintenance, landscapes and park projects.
- 74 demolitions and lot abatements projects were provided to clean up blighted lots using TIF funds expending over \$194,000.
- Eight neighborhood cleanups within the CRA areas were provided, removing 328 tons of bulky & yard waste and 30 tons of tires, which yielded a total tonnage of 358 tons.
- Other special projects included sponsoring the 2nd Annual Celebrating Brownsville Festival, which was a community outreach event that included entertainment, arts/culture, Brownsville mural project and other community vendors. CRA expended approximately \$14,000 using TIF funds.
- Seven properties were funded under the Brownfield program performing environmental remediation assessments. Total assessments were \$80,000 through TIF and LOST funds.
- 10 Brownfield's Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credits (VCTC) have been sold to private entities, yielding the County's Return on Investment of \$984,000 as of this fiscal year.

Neighborhood Enterprise Division

Mission Statement

The Neighborhood Enterprise Division seeks to increase the supply of decent affordable housing through a variety of rental and homeownership programs for the community's low and moderate income residents, as well as encourage neighborhood and housing sustainability through the preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing stock.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program, or SHIP, funding was expended to support the 92 unit Fairfield Manor Elderly Apartments, which was completed in May 2015.
- 72 first time homebuyers purchased homes in Escambia County through the SHIP first time homebuyer program.
- The division administered various repair programs for low income homeowners, completing three HOME Investment Partnerships Program substantial rehabilitation/reconstruction projects, two Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, moderate rehabilitation projects and 24 SHIP Housing Repair projects.
- 14 low income homeowners were screened for Environmental Health's septic to sewer program.
- Two neighborhood improvement groups participated in the CDBG Neighborhood Renewal Project, implementing volunteer-based improvements in the Warrington and Cantonment communities.

- Completed the HUD Consolidated Five Year Plan in August 2015, providing goals and funding priorities for HUD programs through 2020.
- The division worked with Environmental Enforcement to fund the clearance of 32 blighted properties in Community Redevelopment Areas and officer hours in the Town of Century.
- CDBG funds were utilized to install seven new fire hydrants and over 3,300 linear feet of new 6" water main in the Ensley area.
- Florida Housing Coalition provided capacity building trainings, "SHIP Income Certification" and "HOME funds for the Homeless and ELI Populations," for area not for profits, county staff and other local governments.



Community and national partners assist with post-flood housing needs.



Carver Park Resource Center ribbon-cutting ceremony

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide efficient, accessible and responsive services that enhance the quality of life, meet common and diverse needs and promote safe and healthy recreation opportunities to a growing community. The department is responsible for the development and various aspects of maintenance at county boat ramps and regional, neighborhood and athletic parks. The department also manages operations at the Equestrian Center, Lake Stone Campground and the Pensacola Fishing Bridge.

Adult athletic leagues are managed by recreation staff at county-owned facilities, along with facility rentals for various tournaments and special events. Youth athletic leagues and events at county-owned athletic parks are conducted by youth athletic organizations, which must provide open athletic and recreation opportunities for the youth in the respective community.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Continued partnerships with youth athletic organizations across Escambia County, which offered youth athletics at county-owned athletic facilities. More than 6,000 youth participated in local open recreation team sports leagues ranging from t-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, football, cheerleading and lacrosse.
- Major youth soccer and baseball tournaments were hosted at the Southwest Sports Complex, Brosnaham Park and at John R. Jones Athletic Complex. Tournaments drew teams from across the country, which yielded a positive direct economic impact.
- The softball fields at John R. Jones Athletic complex hosted 20 weekend softball tournaments, including the annual “Toys for Tots” event, along with the “Battle of the Badges.”
- The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association flag football championships were hosted in January 2015 at Brosnaham Park. The event attracted the top college intramural flag football teams from across the nation. In addition, staff continued preparations as the stadium field was set to host the NCAA Division II soccer championships in December 2015 – the third time that the Brosnaham Soccer facility has hosted this most prestigious event.
- Ten community centers fall under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department. These respective facilities host a variety of events, activities and programs. The department coordinated with each of the respective managing organizations on activities being conducted at each facility.
- Dedicated a two-person crew primarily focused on ADA compliance and equipment safety in the county inventory of parks.



Pensacola KickStart Summer Soccer Program at Brent Athletic Park

- Special needs playground amenities were added at Regency Park, making this the eighth park to have this type of equipment, with more to be added in future.
- Regency Park received major upgrades inclusive of a new pavilion, playground, basketball court, walking track, exercise equipment, enhanced parking and special needs playground amenities.
- A new playground unit, along with a climbing wall, was added to the existing playground area at Civitan Park in Warrington. Soon to come enhancements include a new pavilion and adult workout equipment.

Equestrian Center

56

Events held including horse shows, dog shows, rodeos, 5K runs, musical events and other special events

\$17M

Economic impact generated for the local economy



Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments, cont.

- The Escambia County Equestrian Center hosted 56 events this past year, which included horse shows, dog shows, rodeos, 5K runs, musical events and other special events. Economic impact to the local economy generated by events for FY 14/15 totaled approximately \$17 million.
- At Carver Park in Cantonment, the department transformed a former modular trailer unit into the Carver Park Resource Center. The facility contains computer stations, space to conduct small-scale meetings and most importantly, can be used for a training location or resource tool for the residents in this respective community.
- The department contracted and provided aspects of construction at the new 4-H property on Chalker Road. The new facility opened in spring 2015.
- Parks crews provided maintenance services to neighborhood parks, boat ramps and water access areas and continued to provide assistance at county-owned athletic complexes.
- In addition to general park maintenance, crews assisted the Water Quality and Land Management Division in the maintenance at Glenn Key Boardwalk and Jones Swamp. The department continued to provide assistance to the Marine Resources Division on various aspects that may arise, such as abandoned boats, dock repair and shoreline restoration.
- The department provided assistance on special events on setup and logistics for the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Neighborhood and Human Services Department.



Escambia County EMS

Mission Statement

The mission of the Escambia County Department of Public Safety is to provide security and safety for all residents and patrons in the county through the oversight and execution of strategic operational practices. The department also continues to improve community and first-responder safety through training, technology, fleet upgrades and increased community visibility, as well as enhancing collaborations across all public safety bureaus. Department divisions include **Emergency Communications, Emergency Medical Services, Escambia County Fire Rescue and Business Operations**. In fiscal year 2015/2016, **Pensacola Beach Lifeguards** were brought under Escambia County Public Safety.



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Fire Rescue

Mission Statement

Escambia County Fire Rescue proudly operates as a combination fire service, utilizing the talents and diversities of volunteer and career firefighting personnel. Volunteer firefighters operate out of 14 districts, while career firefighters operate out of 9 districts throughout Escambia County. Eight of the career companies are staffed 24 hours a day. Escambia County Fire Rescue also offers other emergency services such as hazardous materials response, special operations and ALS non-transport.

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Escambia County Fire Rescue

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Received approval to hire 36 new firefighters, which staffed two additional fire stations and will staff an additional station by the end of January 2016.
- Through the benevolence and wisdom of the Escambia County Marine Resources Division, Fire Rescue acquired the use of a 16-foot center console boat. It is housed at the Cantonment Fire Station and maintained by the firefighters who are assigned there. This boat is available for river rescues and flooding events in areas such as Bristol Park.
- Logistics Battalion Chief saved Escambia County thousands of dollars through process improvements in our vehicle maintenance, annual ladder testing, annual pump testing, personal protective gear purchasing and warehouse inventory management.
- Successfully made repairs to the Ensley, West Pensacola and Warrington fire stations that were due to flood damage. Not only were the repairs made, but significant mitigation was also accomplished, which will prevent further damage from future floods.
- Administered physical abilities tests, or PAT, to 125 volunteer firefighter applicants, with 79 of those applicants successfully completing the application process and gaining membership.
- Initiated an online Firefighter I program for county volunteer firefighters.
- Hired a volunteer coordinator to assist with recruitment and retention of county volunteer firefighters.

Emergency Communications

Mission Statement

The Emergency Communications division provides the critical link between Emergency Management, Escambia County EMS, Escambia County Fire Rescue, law enforcement services and the citizens who call for emergency assistance. The 911 emergency communications center, or ECC, processes over 200,000 emergency calls each year. Additionally, the ECC dispatches approximately 50,000 medical calls and 20,000 fire calls annually. All ECC employees are certified by the State of Florida, the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch and the National Academy of Emergency Fire Dispatch.

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Escambia County Emergency Communications Center

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Upgraded Computer Aided Dispatch System, or CAD. All county commercial and residential addresses now contain latitude/longitude coordinates, which are built into CAD geo-validation. Ambulance and Fire units are assigned call locations based on GPS locations, which allows dispatchers to assign calls based on driving time and distance that leads to an assist in efficiencies.
- Replaced 20-year-old radio microwave system with advanced IP digital technology.
- Upgraded radio system to latest Motorola P25 version software. The upgrade opened the door to allow the City of Pensacola and Santa Rosa County Public Safety to co-locate their radio systems onto the Escambia County core. This has reduced maintenance costs for the county and expanded mutual aid interoperability between the entities.



Emergency Medical Services

Mission Statement

Escambia County Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, is a provider of critical care, advanced life support, basic life support and bariatric transports to more than 300,000 county residents. EMS has its own internal training center, which provides AHA ACLS, PALS and CPR training to the employees at no cost and to the general public for a minimal fee.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Awarded the American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline Silver Award for the department's work, training and commitment to improving the overall quality of care for Escambia County citizens, as it relates to ST segment elevation myocardial infarction/cardiac patients.
- Collected record revenue for services rendered.
- Partnered with West Florida Hospital to implement a new data sharing program. The program allows the hospital to meet its annual reporting requirements and allows us to obtain more accurate and timely billing information. The program also allows the department to receive patient outcomes that help evaluate and improve patient care processes.
- Participated in 37 public outreach events this year for a total of 154 hours.

Emergency Management

Mission Statement

The Division of Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts for emergency events in our community. Planning, continuous training and teamwork have been the key to a quick response and successful recovery from the many disasters that have impacted our community.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Took delivery of New Public Safety Emergency Command Post Trailer.
- Participated in the planning and support for the two Blue Angel Air Shows at Pensacola Beach and aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.
- Attended 26 events and made direct contact with more than 1,100 visitors.
- Distributed nearly 600 disaster guide brochures.
- Participated in several community-based outreach efforts and emergency response exercises, including the Washington Middle School active shooter exercise, Pensacola International Airport full-scale exercise, annual hurricane preparedness exercise, and Regional Hazmat exercise in Washington County.

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Public Works Department is charged with the conservation and preservation of Escambia County's infrastructure and ensures that all public improvements are designed and built in accordance with county standards and accepted engineering and construction practices. The department administers all capital improvement projects for paving, drainage and utilities, including all design, right of way, contracting and final acceptance of projects. Its divisions include **Engineering, Roads, Fleet Maintenance, Transportation & Traffic** and **Escambia County Area Transit**. In fiscal year 2015/2016, **Pensacola Beach Public Works** was brought under Escambia County.

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Escambia County performed 4,916 maintenance & repair work orders

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Continued to manage a multi-million dollar budget efficiently, processing more than 2,300 invoices and 170 recommendations to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners.
- Continued efficient budget/project management with \$22 million awarded in construction projects and \$2 million in design.
- Robin Lambert was selected for the 2014 Employee of the Year for her dedication and outstanding performance of her duties to the department and support of other departments.
- Established the Stormwater Advisory Team and finalized the Stormwater Needs Assessment, identifying flooding and water quality projects as well as changes needed in the Land Development Code.
- Bob Sikes Toll Facility under contract for new state-of-the-art tolling software and equipment.
- Bob Sikes Toll Facility lane enhancements allowed for better traffic flow for an easier commute to Pensacola Beach.

Mission Statement

The Roads Division maintains the county's network of roads and stormwater drainage systems. Additionally, all mowing, road shoulder repair, right of way clearing, tree cutting and fence maintenance throughout the county is handled by this division.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Resurfaced 4.25 miles of open-graded, cold-mix roads.
- Prepped 4.67 miles of dirt road for paving.

- 2,727 miles of road swept, removing 4,840 cubic yards of debris.
- Completed three maintenance cycles on 88 miles of sidewalks in the county.
- Rehabilitated 30 holding ponds.
- Mowed three cycles around 590 holding ponds, totaling approximately 894 acres
- Patched nearly 7,500 potholes, while completing more than 2,500 requests.
- Mowed 7,491 miles of rights of way.

Engineering Construction Management

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Office of Engineering and Construction provides oversight on real estate acquisitions, construction of Local Option Sales Tax, or LOST, and funded infrastructure projects, which include bridges, roadway resurfacing, dirt road paving, lane widening, stormwater facilities, civil site work on public property, and the construction of grants and other agency-funded projects. The division also manages contracted professional survey and design services for infrastructure projects funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Federal Highway Association, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and other state and federal agencies.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Design contracts were awarded for more than 160 engineering projects totaling \$2 million.
- Construction contracts were awarded for more than 80 FEMA, NRCS, FHWA and LOST projects for approximately \$22 million.
- Significant projects completed this year include: Blue Springs, Detroit/Johnson Alignment, Constantine Drive, Crystal Creek Ponds, Olive Road West, Beulah School Road, Atlanta & Augusta Bridges, Innerarity Point Road Sidewalks, Old Corry Outfall, Southwest Greenway, Seaglades North Reconstruction, Winthrop West, Guidy Lane Drainage, Matthew Lane Drainage, Bahia Paz, Johnson Avenue Culvert and more.

Fleet Maintenance

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Fleet Division ensures vehicles and equipment are safe and fully operational by performing preventative maintenance and repair services on light, heavy and miscellaneous vehicles/equipment on a scheduled basis. The Fleet Division also oversees the function of fuel distribution, managing all fuel and lubricant purchases, storage and distribution to all county staff and elected officials' agencies, while maintaining 32 storage sites, featuring nine fueling islands, nine fire stations and 14 generator sets.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Performed 4,916 maintenance and service/repair work orders across the county's three fleet division locations.
- Managed installation and implementation of GPS on 200 vehicles of the county fleet with tracking and diagnostic capabilities.
- Delivered more than 1.7 million gallons of fuel throughout the county, with zero reportable spills.
- Extended maintenance and towing services to the Corrections Department and Code Enforcement Division.
- Established a fuel purchasing system for Public Works vehicles/equipment stationed on Santa Rosa Island.

Transportation/Traffic

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Transportation and Traffic Operations Division, or TTO, proudly offers multiple services for residents related to the county's transportation system. The division manages the planning, monitoring and funding sources, which relate to a wide variety of roadway improvements. Examples of improvements include construction of new roadways, travel lane and shoulder widening, sidewalks including safe routes to schools, bike lanes, additional travel lanes and neighborhood enhancements including traffic calming and ADA upgrades.

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Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Evaluated and upgraded the county's signalization system through ongoing implementation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) concepts and designs.
- Worked with the Escambia County Area Transit and the Mass Transit Advisory Committee to upgrade the fixed route bus service by purchasing new buses for the fixed route and para transit services.
- Installed 30 new bus shelters along with ADA upgrades to 90 new bus benches at various bus stops locations.
- Re-ignited an in-house design team, which will allow the county to provide in-house design services to all departments.
- Installed 40 miles of sidewalks throughout the county.

Mission Statement

Escambia County has a newly created position to serve the more than 41,700 veterans in the area - the veterans services officer. The veterans services officer position was filled at the end of fiscal year 2014/15 and acts as a liaison for veterans and their families when obtaining benefits. These benefits claims can include disability compensation, pension, death/burial benefits, education, medical expenses, housing and auto grants appeals. The goal of the Escambia County Veterans Services Officer is to simplify what can be a very complex undertaking; that of obtaining eligible benefits from the Veterans Administration.

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Escambia County is home to over 41,700 veterans.



Are You or a Loved One Planning to Enter a Nursing Home?

Are you a veteran of a wartime period, or the widow of a veteran of a wartime period about to enter a nursing home? The Escambia County Veterans Services Officer may be able to assist you in obtaining a non-service connected pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our staff is here to take care of veterans' needs from their date of discharge until their date of death, and in many instances may provide assistance to eligible dependents long after the veteran passes, acting as a liaison between eligible veterans and their families in obtaining care at the VA Medical Centers. Whether you are a military retiree or the spouse of a military retiree, a family member of an active duty reservist, a widow of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or a dependent of a veteran who was 100 percent service-connected at the time of his or her death, medical benefits may be available to you, and a service officer will assist you in obtaining medical care.



Escambia County Department of Waste Services

Mission Statement

The Escambia County Waste Services Department's core duties and responsibilities have continued to be focused primarily on environmental compliance and community service initiatives. During FY 14/15, the Waste Services Department, or WSD, has worked toward the achievement of the State of Florida's 75 percent recycling initiative, and the manifestation of a long-term recycling solution for Escambia County by fostering cooperative ventures with City of Pensacola and Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, or ECUA. In addition, the department entered into the design and construction of a Class-1 landfill expansion, as needed for disposal capacity for Escambia County.

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Nearly 30K tons of diverted waste was disposed in Escambia County communities.



Fiscal Year 2014-15 Accomplishments

- Presented the 2015 Recycle Florida Today Environmental Sustainability Award for Outstanding Public Recycling Program.
- Awarded the 2015 Solid Waste Association of North America, or SWANA, Bronze Excellence Award for Communication, Education and Marketing Tools.
- Received a plaque in Appreciation for supporting the CHWMEG Inc. 2015 Facility Review Program. CHWMEG Inc. is a nonprofit association globally promoting responsible waste stewardship.
- WSD maintained its "in compliance" ranking with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Waste Services Department was instrumental in the revision of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of Escambia County, revising and strengthening regulations and permitting requirements for construction and demolition debris.
- Continued public education and community outreach through its support of the following community service projects and public recreation areas: environmental education camps (eight per year), Keep Pensacola Beautiful Program, right of way pickup (392.19 tons), Neighborhood Clean Sweeps (eight per year) and Regional Roundups (five per year).

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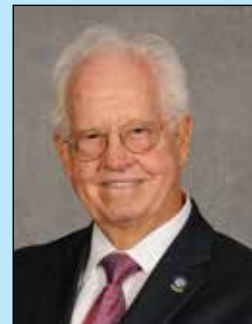
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- Board of County Commissioners
- District 1 595-4910
- District 2 595-4920
- District 3 595-4930
- District 4 595-4940
- District 5 595-4950
- Administrator, County 595-4902
- Animal Control 595-0097
- Animal Services 595-3075
- Attorney, County 595-4970
- Building Inspections 595-3550
- Clerk of the Court 595-4310
- Natural Resources Management 595-4988
- Community Corrections 595-3100
- Community & Media Relations 595-3476
- Community Redevelopment Agency .. 595-3217
- Community Transportation 476-8130

- Driver Licenses 438-6500
- ECAT 595-3228
- Engineering 595-3440
- Environmental Enforcement 595-1820
- Escambia County Jail 436-9820
- Extension Service 475-5230
- Facilities Management 595-3190
- Fire-Rescue Headquarters 475-5530
- Garbage Collection:
- ECUA (green or blue cans) 476-0480
- City of Pensacola(black cans) 435-1890
- Town of Century (blue cans) 256-3208
- Geographic Information Systems .. 595-4509
- Health Department 595-6500
- Human Resources 595-3000
- Information Technology 595-4990
- Library Services 436-5060
- Management and Budget Services . 595-4960
- Marine Resources 595-3474
- Mosquito Control 937-2188

- Natural Resources Conservation ... 587-5404 x3
- Neighborhood & Human Services ... 595-1620
- Neighborhood Enterprise 595-0022
- Official Records 595-3930
- Parks & Recreation 475-5220
- Planning & Zoning 595-3475
- Property Appraiser 434-2735
- Public Defender 595-4100
- Public Safety 471-6400
- Purchasing 595-4980
- Roads Customer Service Center 494-5860
- Santa Rosa Island Authority 932-2257
- School Board 432-6121
- Sheriff's Office 436-9630
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- Tax Collector 438-6500
- Transportation & Traffic 595-3404
- Vehicle & Vessel Registration 438-6500
- Voter Registration 595-3900



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