Dear Community Member,

Welcome to the Seminole County Leisure Services Department’s Annual Community Impact Report. Our mission is to enrich lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences. The Department is made up of four divisions representing Extension Services, Greenways & Natural Lands, Library Services and Parks & Recreation. The 2017/2018 fiscal year was another busy and successful year. Here are just a few of the highlights from an exciting year:

- The department was successful in acquiring the Rolling Hills Golf Course property and transferring the grant restrictions from the Jetta Point property to the Rolling Hills property. Additionally, the first steps were taken to begin transforming this one time golf course into a multi-use community park.
- The Seminole County Softball Complex celebrated its 25th Anniversary which included an Anniversary Celebration honoring past teams, long time volunteers, and the past events.
- Seminole County Leisure Services was awarded a number of prestigious honors including the Library being honored by the Florida Library Association with the prestigious Betty Davis Miller Award for Youth Services. The award recognizes excellence in library services for youth and was presented to the Seminole County Public Library for the innovative, and successful “S.T.E.a.M” (Seminole Teens Empower & Mentor) program for tween and teen girls. The Library was also featured in the Sanford Herald and the Lake Mary Life Magazine. Parks and Recreation won the “Excellence in Sports Tourism Award” given by the Florida Sports Foundation and the Florida Recreation and Parks Association which recognized its highly rated sporting facilities and its economic impact to the community through sports tourism.
- At our Central Branch Library, the Sensory Library Lab for Kids, was featured in the Lake Mary Life Magazine. The Sensory Lab provides a welcoming environment for children on the autism spectrum to interact with sensory activities, to promote language development, cognitive growth, develop fine motor skills, and build social skills through interactions with other children.
- A continued focus on serving the community through exceptional programs and services continue to benefit the residents of Seminole County. There were more than 125,000 participants who participated in one of our thousands of program offerings. Leisure Services is proud to say that our programs serve EVERYONE! Program offerings such as Hydroponic Gardening, Storytime at the library, outdoor educational camps, hikes, lawn care expertise, sports programs and leagues, guided kayak trips, and even financial management seminars is only scratching the surface of what is offered. Additionally, services like the master gardeners can assist in selecting the perfect plant for a yard, the knowledgeable round the clock reference librarians, the miles of meticulously maintained trails or one of the several one of a kind playgrounds offer endless resources to all!


Respectfully,

Joseph R. Abel, CPRP
Director of Leisure Services

Seminole County Leisure Services Department
## Revenues and Expenditures


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*Includes Soldiers Creek Park Renovations

- **Business Office**: 36%
- **Extension**: 5%
- **Greenways & Natural Lands**: 25%
- **Libraries**: 32%
- **Parks and Recreation**: 2%

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Seminole County Leisure Services Department
By the Numbers...

$2.1 million in user fee revenues were generated to offset operational costs funded by taxpayers.

Over $199,582 worth of donations, grants and in-kind services were used to meet operational needs without being funded by taxpayers.

Every $1 spent on Sports Tourism Events in Seminole County returns nearly $100 to the community in economic impact.

Every $1 spent on Libraries in Seminole County returns $11.44 in value. Source: Florida Division of Libraries and Information Services

Every $1 spent on agriculture research and Extension Services in Seminole County returns $20 to the community. Source: University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Science
### How We Measure Up

#### By the Numbers...

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Main Services

- Administrative Office ................................................. 407-665-2001
- Extension Services ...................................................... 407-665-5560
- Greenways and Natural Lands ...................................... 407-665-2001
- Libraries ........................................................................ 407-665-1500
- Parks and Recreation .................................................. 407-665-2001

Main Contact

Visit us on the web at:

www.seminolecountyfl.gov/leisure
Seminole County is the third most densely populated county in Florida, and its residents are hungry for hydroponics! Why hydroponics? Hydroponic growing is one method of growing that can be successful for growers lacking land, time, money, and experience. Curious residents call with questions, Master Gardeners experiment with different growing methods, startup companies rise and fall, and UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County has developed a series of educational workshops aimed to get you growing hydroponically no matter how much land, time, money, or experience you have.

“Set it and Forget it Hydroponics“ is a simple and affordable method of cultivating lettuce and leafy greens that reinforces all of the most important concepts of growing food. In 2018, UF/IFAS Extension Agent taught five full, 2- hour workshop sessions, and three adapted demonstrations to at least 230 participants.

The class is designed to introduce concepts of hydroponics and to promote careful decision making on behalf of the grower. Food can be a lot harder or pricier to grow than what people admit. Just try growing a tomato- I dare ya! “Set it and Forget it Hydroponics“ offers participants everything they need to grow up to 12 heads of butter bibb lettuce in a 5- gallon bucket during the growing season. For participants who maximize their harvest, each head of lettuce comes out to $2.50 compared to $3- $4 per head at the grocery store. If they turn this new hobby into a lifestyle, savings can be even more significant with a cost of about $1 per head using the sun light source, or about $1.30 per head under high output grow lights.

After 3 month follow up surveys, class participants report that over 90% grow and consume their lettuce! After their experience of the joys and sorrows of growing your own, participants report on their interest into the future. 17% want to keep it simple and grow only lettuce using the “set and forget” method only in the growing season, 45% want to try to grow more things in the “set and forget” method, 28% are interested in learning more advanced hydroponic crops and systems, and 8% are interested in exploring commercial ventures in hydroponic growing.
How We Measure Up

By the Numbers

Over **112 Pesticide** certifications exams were administrated UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County. The Central District Pesticide Trainers also collaborated to offer over **1,000 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** to pesticide applicators to maintain their licenses.

Certified pesticide handlers, sprayers, and applicators make an average of $15.28 per hour whereas regular landscapers and groundskeepers make an average of $11.35 per hour. For these 149 individuals, each has a potential to *increase* their families' *income by $6,500 per year* with this certification.

**4,458 youth** ages 5 through 18 have been served through 4-H Youth Development, Animal Science, Marine Science, Entrepreneurship, Public Speaking and Healthy Living.
By the Numbers…

1,263 Adult and Youth Volunteers donated approximately 8,324 hours of their time, which is equivalent to SIX full time employees or a savings of approximately $208,100* annually to County Residents.

*2018 FL data from the Independent Sector

122 Families received Expanded Food and Nutrition Education certificates.

Taught 303 educational classes on economic, environmental or social issues with 9,480 participants.
Agriculture in Seminole County

Number of farms: **312**

Land in Farms: **21,697 acres**

Average Size of Farm: **70 acres**

Market Value of Products Sold: **$27,469,000**

2017 Census of Agriculture

For every $1 spent on locally grown produce, there is a $3.20 economic multiplier to the local economy.

It is estimated that for every $1 invested in agricultural research and extension, there is a return of $20 to the community.

Based on a 2012 University of Florida study
Community Support

Extension Services Advisory Board Members

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Other Advisory Boards Include:
Board of County Commissioners
Agriculture Advisory Board
Florida Friendly Landscaping Advisory Board
4-H Association Board
Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Board
Urban Horticulture & Master Gardener Advisory Board
Community Support

Our Partners in Excellence

3 Fromme Design; Above and Beyond Children and Community Services Inc; All Souls Catholic School; Altamonte Christian School; Ampersand School; Bavarian Motor Sports; Bay Head Eye Care; Bear Lake Elementary School; Black Hammock Bee Farm; Bok Towers; Bud Martin; Casselberry EarthFest; Central Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area; Central Florida Earth Day; Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Garden; Christian Sharing Center; Chuluota Feed; Chuluota Veterinary Hospital; Citizens Bank; City of Altamonte Springs; City of Casselberry; City of Casselberry Youth Summer Camp; City of Lake Mary; City of Longwood; City of Maitland; City of Oviedo; City of Sanford; City of Winter Springs; Clarcona Horse Park; Coca Cola; Design Environmental Kreations, LLC; Double R Private School; Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.; Dutch Mill Nursery; Dyna Gro; Earthwork Seeds; Farm Credit of Central Florida; Fifth Third Bank; Florida 4-H/Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Florida 4-H/United Healthcare Foundation; Florida Department of Corrections Circuit 18; Franklin Legacy Financial; Friends of the Wekiva River; Geneva Beef Company; Geneva Village Homemakers; Gnome Grown; Goldsboro Front Porch Group; Goldsboro Elementary School; Good Food Central Florida; Goodwill Job Connection Center; Greenwood Lakes Middle School; Greenwood Pharmacy; Hagerty High School; Happy Bee; Head Start Program (Sanford, Altamonte Springs); Helpful Hands, Inc.; Holy Cross Luthern Academy; Hope Helps Resource Center; Horsepower Ranch; Horseservices, Inc.; Indian Trails Middle School; Jackson Heights Middle School; Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints; Jett Printworks; John E. Polk Correctional Facility; Johnny’s Seeds; Lake Howell High School; Lake Mary Life Magazine; Lakewatch; Lawton Chiles Middle School;
Community Support

Our Partners in Excellence (Continued)

Lommerse Honey; Longwood Elementary School; Lukas Nursery; Markham Woods Middle School; Maya Papaya Organic Farm; Meriweather Farms; Millennium Middle School; Morris Family Farms; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ashby; National 4-H Council/Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund; National Community Reinvestment Coalition; Native Plant Society; Northland Church-Day care program-Life Hope Program; Ol’ Barn Junktiques; Old State Stables; Orangewood Christian School; Organic Sanctuary; Orlando North; Orlando Sentinel; Oviedo Crosslife Church ESOL Program; Pappy’s Patch U-Pick; Park Maitland Middle School; Pet Bow-Tique; Publix Supermarkets, Inc.; Bok Tower Gardens; Randy Cutlip Farrier Services; Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry; Reja Mental Health; Rest Haven Farm; Rock Lake Middle School; Sanford Ace Hardware; Sanford Community Garden; Sanford Flower Shop; Seed 2 Source; Seminole County Beekeepers Association; Seminole County Cattleman’s Association; Seminole County Community Services Department; Seminole County Department of Public Safety; Seminole County Farm Bureau; Seminole County Government Television; Seminole County Greenways and Natural Lands; Seminole County HCE Council; Seminole County Health Department; Seminole County Libraries; Seminole County Parks Division; Leisure Services; Seminole County Public Schools Administration; Seminole County School Board Dividends and Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Seminole County Public Schools Employee Wellness Program; Seminole County Stormwater Division; Seminole State College; Seminole State College English as a Second Language (ESOL) Program (Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary/Sanford), Oviedo);
Our Partners in Excellence
(Continued)
Seminole County Sheriff’s Office Child Protective Services; Soggy Acres Pomelo Grove; Solid Rock Realty; South Seminole Farm and Nursery; South Seminole Middle School; Spring Hills Assisted Living; Spring Lake Elementary School; State of Harmony Farm; Stockman’s Harness and Saddle Shop; Sundew Gardens; Sunniland; Sweetwater Oaks Garden Fair; T.G. Lee Foundation; Track Shack; Teague Middle School; The Garden Club of Sanford; The Masters Academy; The Sharing Center Tropicana, Inc.; Tuskawilla Middle School; Tyton Construction, Inc.; Union Park Neighborhood Community Center ESOL Program; U-Pick Berry Farm; Walker Elementary School; Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center; Wekiva Island; Westside Boys and Girls Club, Sanford; White’s Red Hill Grove; Wicklow Elementary; Wild Horse Rescue Center; Williams Agency; Willow Wisp Acres; Wilson Elementary School; Winter Springs Elementary School; Yarborough Ranch
MISSION

The Greenways and Natural Lands Division’s purpose is the preservation and management of passive parks, greenways and natural lands to enhance passive based recreation for existing and future generations; and to maintain Seminole County’s developed properties and public landscapes for residents and visitors in an aesthetically-pleasing, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.
A Testimonial

“This was the best camp in the world. I wanna grow up to be Mrs. Hannah a Nature Queen.”

"Eco camp is very awesome!"
   - Eco Camp Participants

“We give a lot of thought into where we are sending Ema to spend her days off school. Your program was one of the best she has attended. It was great for her to experience nature as I did as a child and we don’t worry about her safety once!!”
   - Eco Camp Parent
By the Numbers...

Passive Parks, Trailheads and Natural Lands have estimated 2,223 automobile visits per location per month totaling approximately 1.4 million visitors annually.

6,630 Acres of Total Natural Lands are maintained for uses such as hiking, biking, horseback riding and camping.

Greenways and Natural Lands maintained the aesthetics and safety of 26 un-manned parks and trailheads in Seminole County.
By the Numbers…

The Division maintained approximately 15 miles of unpaved trails, 51 miles of paved trails, and 70 miles of wilderness trails.

Coordinated and supervised the maintenance of 60+ miles of landscaped medians throughout the County.

Responsible for landscape maintenance at 60+ County facilities including libraries, fire stations, the County Courthouse, and County Services Building.
By the Numbers…

13,214 students or citizens attended education and outreach programs in 2017/18.

Volunteer hours were 1,137, or the equivalent of one part time employee.

Received $74,694 in grants for habitat restoration from FWC for projects at Spring Hammock Preserve and Lake Jessup Wilderness Area.
Project Highlights

**Rolling Hills Property** – Assisted in the successful grant transfer from the Jetta Point property to the Rolling Hills property; development of the preliminary master plan for the project; approval of the project’s approved Remediation Action Plan.

**Wayside Lake Monroe Park** – Completed a new master plan for boat ramp facility improvements and secured a grant for the proposed improvements.

**Seminole County Trails** – Completed and deployed a new upgraded system of mile markers County-wide

**Northwest Branch Library** – Completed a new master plan for library parking lot improvements

**Leisure Services Master Plan** – Completed the new Leisure Services Master Plan update.

**Natural Lands Prescribed Burn Program** – Completed burns on 64 acres of Natural Lands properties.

**Natural Lands Habitat Restoration Activities** – Completed mechanical treatment of habitat on 106 acres of Natural Lands properties.
**Black Bear Wilderness Area** – Completed design and construction documents for erosion abatement and an additional boardwalk.

**Playground Inspection Activities** – Moved inspection activities to a cloud-based inspection reporting system.

**Econ River Wilderness Area** – Completed construction on a replacement boardwalk structure and renovations to the parking area.

**Median Landscape Renovations** – Replaced damaged or missing landscape from specific medians on County Road 46A and County Road 419.
MISSION
Enriching Lives,
Engaging Minds,
Empowering Community

OUR VISION
We envision a Seminole County where creativity and inspiration thrive, and where every person has the opportunity and resources to read, learn and grow.

OUR VALUES
We are guided by:
Respect for our customers and for each other
Belief in the transformational power of reading and learning
Access for all and the freedom to read
Belief that anything is possible with creativity, and optimism
A Testimonial

I took my daughter to Sensory Storytime today... for the first time and she had a blast. I cannot thank you all enough for offering these activities. We will definitely be returning! Such a great environment and the librarian that was conducting storytime (Courtney) was fantastic!

- Alurra Shenai McMillan

Essential, well run, and a terrific asset to our community! We really appreciate the helpful and well informed staff! Please don’t change a thing--it’s working.

- John Debo

One of the many awesome perks of the Seminole County Library is the access to Lynda.com. I have spent numerous hours learning about topics I’ve always wanted to learn more about. Lynda.com gives you the ability to learn about different website platforms, branding, finance, accounting, graphic design, taxes, and so many more subjects. I also can’t forget to mention the certificates you can earn after successfully completing a path they provide; those certificates can then be added to your resume!.

- Kelsey Brace
How We Measure Up

By the Numbers...

CUSTOMER TRANSACTIONS YEAR 17-18

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Seminole County Leisure Services Department - Library Services
The Sensory Library Lab @ the Central Branch Library

The Sensory Library Lab is a strategically planned installation at the Central Branch Library, featuring sensory play activities for children that facilitate learning and literacy through sight, sound, touch, and even smell. A table of kinetic sand invites children to touch, hold, and mold with their hands. Children can create sounds with instruments including drums, bells, and shakers. Scented dough incorporates touch and smell, as children manipulate the dough and identify apple or grape aromas. Large, colorful vinyl blocks are both visual and tactile, along with felt boards, magnetic letters, and a variety of hands-on learning games that practice letters, numbers, textures, and colors. A cozy reading corner contains puffy bean bag chairs and a shelf of board books that are easy for children to hold, enabling caregivers to share some special read-aloud time with their children.

In addition to being a space for learning and literacy through play, the Sensory Library Lab is a safe, welcoming, “gateway” library space for families of children with special needs. The goal is to help these families grow comfortable, welcome, and confident visiting the library and utilizing all its services. Lake Mary Life Magazine featured SCPL’s Sensory Library Lab in its July/August 2018 issue, which included praise from Angela Tolcser-Nunez, organizer for the group Central Florida Autism Community. Ms. Tolcser-Nunez said that sensory play “helps language development, fosters imagination, enhances cognitive growth and memory, builds gross and fine motor skills along with social interaction.” This well-designed room offers children the opportunity to work on these skills, in a safe and fun environment. I’m very excited to utilize this area for my child again.
Library classes, clubs, workshops, events and early literacy programs enrich lives, engage minds, and empower all of us.


3,300 Library programs and events... 81,000 attending.
Community Support

**Library Advisory Board**
- Beverly Courtney
- Raychel Garcia
- Barbara Hilderbrand
- Susan Kellicut
- G.K. Sharman
- Margaret Wells – Vice Chair
- Anne West – Chair

**Volunteers**

*Volunteers at the library* worked **19,907** hours or the equivalent of 9.5 full-time employees.
Goals/Outcomes

How We Fulfilled Our Mission

The library welcomed over 1.5 million visitors, and handled nearly 3 million customer transactions. We offered County residents new ways to use their library with digital magazines, e-books, downloadables, streaming audio and film. With access to the best databases, County residents obtained the information and training to further their careers. All that you needed was your library card, to view video training courses from Lynda.com, to learn a language with Mango, or find the information needed for your company from Reference USA.

- **3,309 Library programs & events** were presented for County residents with over 80,977 in attendance.
- **65,127 youth** attendance for early literacy and library youth programs
- **342,983** County residents **have a library card**, and have used it in the last three years.
Our Partners in Excellence

- Adult Literacy League
- Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools
- National Arts Council
- Orlando Sentinel One Book One Community
- Reading Paws
- Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society
- Seminole County Public Schools
- Senior Resource Alliance
- Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College
- Summer BreakSpot
- Tertulia Cuatro Gatos
- University of Central Florida- National Endowment for the Arts, The Big Read
How We Measure Up

2017/2018 Highlights:

• The BOOMBAH Sports Complex hosted 64 events including six national level events, resulting in over $23 million of economic impact
• BOOMBAH Sports Complex was recognized as a “Top Ten Facilities to Visit in 2017” by Sports Planning Guide
• 3rd Annual Great American Campout at Lake Mills Park hosted 53 families. First time campers experienced overnight camping, interpretative reptile programming, canoeing, star gazing and other outdoor activities
• “Seminole War” Exhibit at Museum of Seminole County History opened in September. Exhibit showcases early 19th century settler life in Seminole County
• BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park hosted 22 events, generating 5,800 hotel room nights and $4.5 million of economic impact
• 3,500 Volunteer hours logged at Museum of Seminole County History
• Over 13,200 participants registered in the county’s tennis classes, and 8,500 players participated in the county’s softball leagues.
• 2.7 million visitors were hosted at either BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park, BOOMBAH Sports Complex, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Seminole County Softball Complex, Sylvan Lake Park
By the Numbers...

Economic Impact Events:
- Spring Break Sports
- FHSAA High School Athletic Association District and State Tennis tournaments
- Five Florida Half Century Softball Tournaments
- ASA State Fast Pitch Tournament
- National Field Hockey Tournament
- USSSA Youth Fast Pitch Tournament
- Ten USTA Junior Tournaments Level 6 or higher
- Men’s ASA modified pitch Tournament
- UAA Softball and Tennis Tournament
- Four Soccer Tournaments: ECNL, Champions Cup, Orlando City Memorial Day, Orlando City Columbus Day
- Through a partnership with our Probation Office, citizens doing probation served 3,947 hours of community service at our parks, or the equivalent of nearly 1.9 full time staff members.

Estimated Economic benefit to Seminole County:
$40,000,000
On July 12, 2018 we celebrated 25 years of operations with former staff, scorekeepers, umpires, event organizers, teams, coaches and players.

Have coordinated softball leagues every year since 1983. Leagues over the years have included men’s, women’s, coed and senior leagues.

Recognized local scorekeeper John Thaens for his 25 years of “perfect attendance and service” to Seminole County Softball Complex.

Since 1983 the Softball Complex has hosted tournaments and events resulting in millions of dollars of economic impact for local Seminole County businesses.

The Softball Complex has welcomed millions of guests from its leagues, events and practices that have enjoyed the facility since it’s opening in 1983.
BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park

First Year Success

- The six field site hosted 85 different teams for local teams to practice and train
- BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek hosted 22 competitive fast pitch softball events and 4 youth baseball events
- More than 20,000 visitors have been to the newly renovated park
- $4.5M of economic impact can be attributed to events and tournaments that took place at BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park
- Events brought 820 teams. 28,000 visitors generating 5,800 hotel room nights
- Hosted college softball events with University of Central Florida and Seminole State College
Community Support

Advisory Boards/Volunteers

**Historical Commission:**
- Carmen Bierman
- Donna Bundy
- Dena Chaudoin
- Rosalie Wright Cook
- Carole Hinshaw
- Desta Horner
- Robert Hughes
- Eunice Mann
- Beverly Mason
- Pamela Neal
- Cecil Tucker
- Caroline Vandenberg
- Ben Wheeler
- Imogene Yarborough
- Paul Zuromski

**Parks and Preservation Advisory Committee:**
- Robert Bowden
- Tom Boyko
- Mark Brandenberg
- Jim Buck
- Matthew Criswell
- Susie Dolan
- Nancy Dunn
- Jennifer Fillmon
- Ed Ghiglieri
- Bryce Gibson
- Emily Hanna
- Kimberlee Riley
- Craig Sturla
- Jason Sutton
- David Williamson

**PARC’S Foundation:**
- Matt Criswell
- Susie Dolan
- Charley Sloan
- Barbara Whittier
- Madison Wilkinson
- Jay Zembower

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Community Support (cont’d)

Our Partners in Excellence

- CLASS Athlete
- Iron Doll Fitness
- Orlando Luxury Homes
- Orlando Health System
- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
- E Tennis
- MidFlorida Credit Union

A Special Thank You

OUR ADOPT A PARK PARTNERS:

- Central Florida Freethought Community
- Central Florida Wild and Free Cuplet Fern Chapter, FL Native Plant Society
- Duke Energy
- EDR Technologies, Inc.
- Leu Gardens- Orlando
- Longwood Classical Conversations
A Look to the Future

On the Horizon

• Spring Hammock Preserve Improvements/Construction

• Rolling Hills Golf Course Development

• Black Bear Wilderness Area Trail Erosion Abatement

• Northwest Branch Library Parking Lot Construction

• Lake Monroe Wayside Park and Boat Ramp Renovation

• Wilson’s Landing Rain Garden

• Sunland Park Redevelopment (FY 19/20)