

2020

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POLICY PRIORITIES

HOME RULE

Oppose the creation of unfunded mandates and legislation that restricts local government's ability to authorize referenda or decreases revenue-generating capacity for cities and counties. Protect the ability of local government to determine growth policy (Rural Boundary).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Support legislation that challenges restrictions related to affordable housing stipulated in House Bill 7103, restricting the ability of local governments to create affordable housing units. Support appropriating the full amount of dedicated documentary tax revenues from the Sadowski Housing Trust Funds to fund state and local affordable housing programs.

ARTICLE V

Support legislation that allows local government to address the shortfall of court fees and surcharges intended to supplement state funding for legal aid, law library programs, technology innovations, and juvenile alternative programs.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

LAKE JESUP WATERSHED PROJECTS

Bear Gully stormwater diversion weir and shoreline revegetation work.

Amount Requested: \$500,000

County Match: \$500,000

BEAR RESISTANT REFUSE CONTAINERS

Purchase of bear-resistant refuse containers for distribution to County residents.

Amount Requested: \$500,000

County Match: Seminole County provides containers to residents at a discounted rate and reinvests revenues into the purchase of additional containers for the community.

LAKE MONROE TRAIL LOOP

Design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of a 3.3 mile trail along Mellonville and Celery Avenues.

Amount Requested: \$1.5M

County Match: \$1.5M

MONITOR AND SUPPORT

- Support the Lake Jesup Water Quality Improvement initiative spearheaded by Senator David Simmons, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the St. Johns River Water Management District;
- Support initiatives that allow for interconnectivity of new and existing community trails to connect to regional trails;
- Support an increase in funding for the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund (EMPA);
- Support efforts to protect the security of information provided at emergency shelters and the WebEOC platform;
- Support projects that benefit water quality and restoration programs;
- Support the legislative priorities of community and regional partners that are consistent with those of Seminole County Government, such as Lynx, Metroplan, and Sunrail.