

# SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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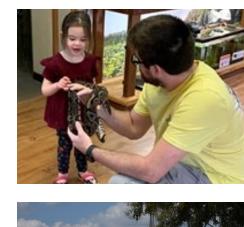
























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# **MESSAGE** FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### **Dear Community Member,**

Welcome to the Seminole County Leisure Services Department's Annual Community Impact Report.

This year has been a very busy and exciting year for us and the citizens that we serve. Significantly, we added two new properties to our Seminole County parks inventory: Wekiva Golf Club which is an operational golf course that seamlessly transitioned from private to public ownership; and the former Deer Run Country Club, which will be redeveloped into a public park.

We had many accomplishments to celebrate this year:

- Our Parks and Recreation Division hosted 158 events resulting in \$63.4 Million in economic impact.
- Every Agent in the Extension Services Division was presented with state awards from their respective professional associations, and two national awards.
- Lake Mills Park, managed by the Greenways and Natural Lands Division, was chosen as one of Florida Recreation and Park Association's 2022 Facility Showcase and is featured in the 2022 Winter edition of the FRPA Journal and on the Public Spaces and Facilities Showcase webpage of frpa.org.
- Library Services completed their Master Plan, providing strategies and recommendations for future growth.

As we head into 2023 with continuing and new projects and programs, I would like to thank our staff for their outstanding work and dedication, and our County Manager's Office and County Commissioners for their very much appreciated leadership and support. Thank you, also, to our citizens who support our libraries, extension office, parks, and wilderness areas through visitation and participation in programs.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Durr, Jr., CPRP, PLA, AICP **Director of Leisure Services** 

















# LEISURE SERVICES MISSION

Enriching lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences.

#### **OUR GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

## Community Building & Social Equity:

Ensure that the community has access to the benefits of local parks, libraries, extension, and natural lands experiences and opportunities.

### **Economic Impact:**

Create opportunities and experiences that provide for economic growth and sustainability in the community.

## **Environmental Sustainability:**

Create recreational, conservation, preservation, and educational opportunities within the community that maintain healthy, vibrant, and balanced natural surroundings.

#### Health & Wellness:

Provide facilities and learning environments for the community to create and maintain healthy lifestyles through wellness opportunities.

## Financial Sustainability:

Provide sound financial management in the Department to ensure fiscal sustainability and effective decision making by providing staff with the necessary resources and tools for success.

# **CAPRA DESIGNATION**



Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accredits park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service.

Evaluation is on 151 Standards of Excellence.

# SEMINOLE COUNTY'S AGENCY ACCREDITATION IS ONE OF:

**192** Agencies Nationally

25 in Florida

The Seminole County Leisure Services Department

was accredited in 2009, re-accredited in 2014 and

re-accredited in 2019.

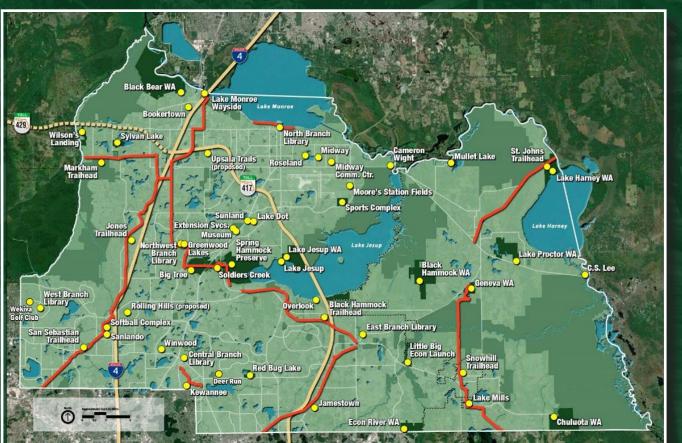
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# DEPARTMENT PROFILE

# **Leisure Services Operations**

- 7,632 Acres of Parks & Natural Lands
- 6 Staffed Parks
- 25 Unstaffed Parks & Trailheads
- 11 Natural Lands Areas Open for Use
- 5 Library Branches
- 51 Miles of Paved Trails
- 85 Miles of Unpaved and Wilderness Trails
- 60 Misc. County Facilities Public Grounds
- 50 Miles of County Roadway Medians
- 1 Golf Course

# **Facility Map**

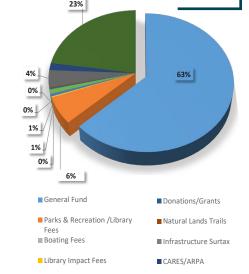


# CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2022/2023

#### **REVENUES**

Total	39,094,016
Wekiva Golf Course Fund*	8,834,771
CARES/ARPA	661,452
Rolling Hills MSBU	2,603
Infrastructure Surtax	1,537,693
Natural Lands Trails	77,242
Donations/Grants	126,336
Tourist Dev. Tax Fund	407,808
Natural Land Endowment Fees	230,370
Library Impact Fees	97,705
Boating Fees	7,581
Parks & Recreation /Library Fees	2,452,747
General Fund	24,657,709
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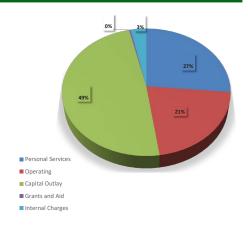
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#### **EXPENDITURES**

\*Includes General Fund Transfer

Total	\$39,094,016
Internal Charges	1,273,483
Grants and Aid	142,515
Capital Outlay	19,030,216
Operating	8,300,615
Personal Services	10,347,187

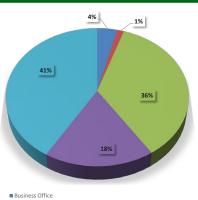


## **USES (BY DIVISION)**

Total	\$39,094,016
Parks and Recreation ***	16,172,044
Libraries	7,004,505
Greenways & Natural Lands**	13,899,031
Extension	492,930
Business Office*	1,525,506

\*Includes ARPA & CARES Expenditures

\*\*\*Includes purchase of Wekiva property and expenditures



■ Business Office

■ Extension

■ Greenways & Natural Lands

Libraries

s and Recreation

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes purchase of Deer Run property and expenditures



# **DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

136 PESTICIDE certifications exams were administrated UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County. The Central District Pesticide Trainers also collaborated to offer over 2,408 CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUS) to pesticide applicators to maintain their licenses.

Based on a 2020, University of Florida Study, certified pesticide applicators have the potential to earn more money by being certified on average. Certified individuals annual wage is \$6,448 higher than unlicensed landscape workers.

**3,071** youth ages 5 through 18 have been served through 4-H Youth Development, Animal Science, Marine Science, Entrepreneurship, Public Speaking and Healthy Living.

**247** Adult and Youth **VOLUNTEERS** donated approximately **6,723** hours of their time, which is equivalent to **3 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES** or a savings of approximately **\$201,353.85\*** annually to County Residents.

\*2022 FL data from the Independent Sector

**456 EDUCATIONAL CLASSES** were provided on economic, environmental or social issues with **15,812 PARTICIPANTS**.



# AGRICULTURE IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

**403** farms

**34,926 ACRES** of Land in Farms

**87 ACRES** Average Size of Farm

**\$21,345,000** Market Value

of Products Sold

2017 Census of Agriculture

For every \$1 spent on locally grown produce, there is a \$2.40 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 2019 University of Florida study

# EXTENSION SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Rita Law Tom Minter

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Jennifer Mitchell Clay Archey
Linda White Rick E. Durr, Jr.

Mark Catelli Sarafaith Pekor

#### Other Advisory Boards Include:

Board of County Commissioners Agriculture Advisory Board

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Advisory Board

4-H Association

Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Board

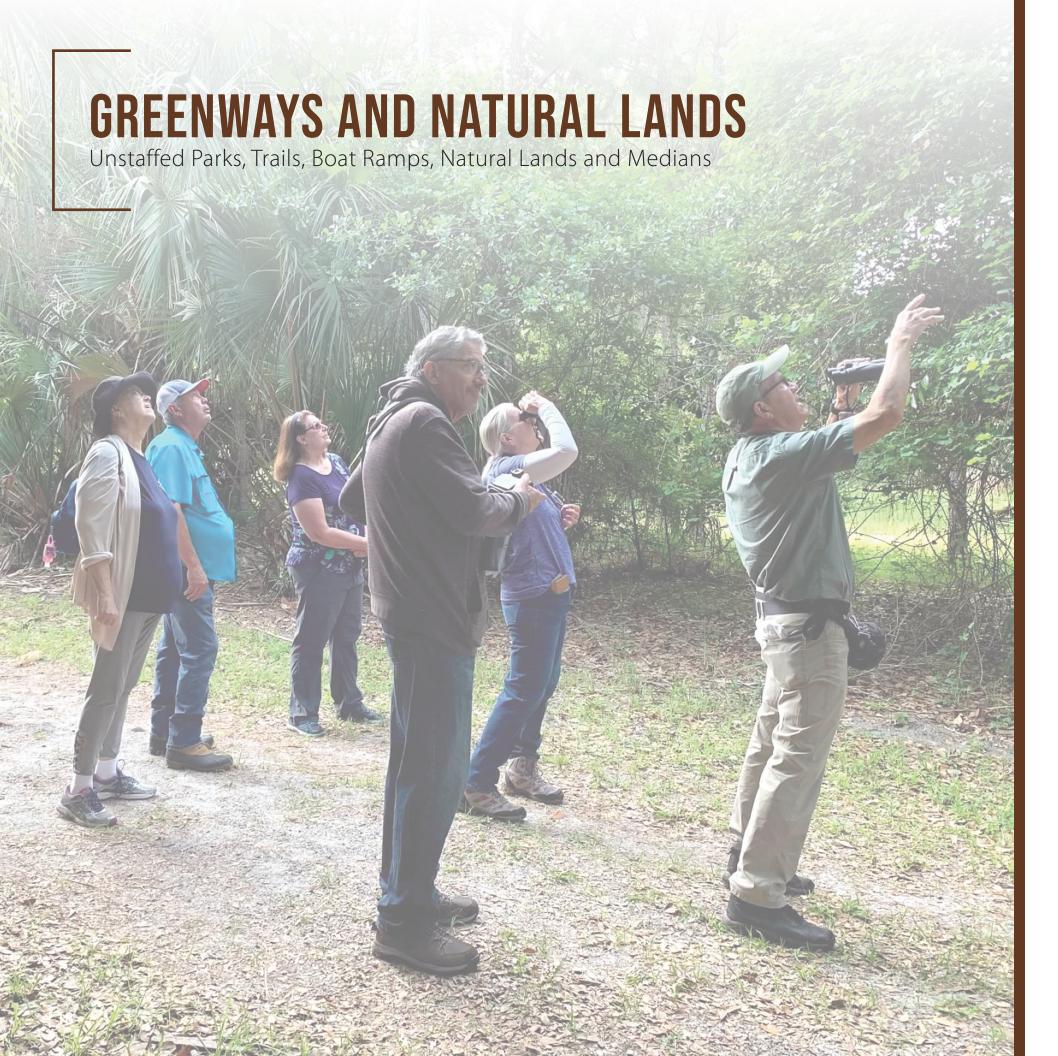
Urban Horticulture & Master

Gardener Advisory Board

# OUR PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

# **EXTENSION SERVICES**

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 Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area; ; ; ; 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; ;; Design Environmental Kreations, LLC; Doctor of Plant Medicine Program; Double R Private School; Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.; Dutch Mill Nursery; Dyna Gro; Earthwork Seeds; East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; 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; Florida Department of Health; Florida Native Plant Society, Cuplet Fern Chapter; Florida Food Policy Council; Florida Power and Light, Franklin Legacy Financial; Friends of the Wekiva River; Galileo School for Gifted Learning; Geneva Beef Company; Geneva Elementary School, Geneva Village Homemakers; Goldsboro Front Porch Group; Goldsboro Elementary School; 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 Lutheran Academy; Hope Helps Resource Center; Horsepower Ranch; Horseservices, Inc.; I; 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; UF/IFAS Lakewatch; Lawton Chiles Middle School; Lommerse Honey; Long-wood Elementary School; Lukas Nursery; Markham Woods Middle School; Meriweather Farms; Millennium Middle School; Morris Family Farms; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ashby; National 4-H Council/Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund; National Community Reinvestment Coalition; ; Old Red Barn of Geneva; Old State Stables; Orangewood Christian School; Orlando North; Orlando Sentinel; Oviedo Crosslife Church ESOL Program; Pappy's Patch U-Pick; Park Maitland Middle School; Pet Bow-Tique; Publix Supermarkets, Inc.; Randy Cutlip Farrier Services; Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry; Rega Mental Health; Rest Haven Farm; Sabel Point Elementary 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 Department of Health ; 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 Watershed Division; Seminole State College; Seminole State College English as a Second Language (ESOL) Program (Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary/ Sanford), Oviedo); Seminole County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Services; Silver Sands Bridle Club Inc.; Soggy Acres Pomelo Grove; Solid Rock Realty; South Seminole Farm and Nursery; South Seminole Middle School; Spring Lake Elementary School; St. John's River Water Management District; State of Harmony Farm; Stockman's Harness and Saddle Shop; Sundew Gardens; Sunniland; Sunrise Acres Oviedo; Sweetwater Oaks Garden Fair; T.G. Lee Foundation; Track Shack; The Garden Club of Sanford; The Masters Academy; The Mortgage Firm, LLC; The Sharing Center, Tropicana, Inc.; Tuskawilla Middle School; Tyton Construction, Inc.; United States Department of Agriculture; Walker Elementary School; Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center; Wekiva Island; ; White's Red Hill Grove; Wild Horse Rescue Center; Williams Agency; Wilson Elementary School; Winter Springs Elementary School; Yarborough Ranch, Florida Nursery Growers & Landscapers Association (FNGLA), Florida Turfgrass Association, Deland Garden Club; Quest Camp Thunderbird; Seeds of Inclusion; Village on the Green Senior Living; Florida Department of Transportation



# **DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

Passive Parks, Trailheads and Natural Lands had an estimated average of **2,861 AUTOMOBILE VISITS** per location per month, totaling an estimated **858,300 VISITORS**.

#### **FORESTRY LANDSCAPE PROGRAM**

Crews were dedicated to improving landscapes and mitigating hazards in parks and trails across Seminole County.

#### LANDSCAPE INSTALLATIONS

3,800 plants + 60 trees planted

**30,000** square feet of sod installed

Total Cost: **<\$151,000** 

#### **ARBOR WORK**

181 hazardous trees removed

**523** trees elevated or pruned

73 palms pruned

**17** emergency cleanups/removals

Total cost: <**\$210,000** 

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers played a crucial role in caring for Greenways, Trails, and Natural Lands.

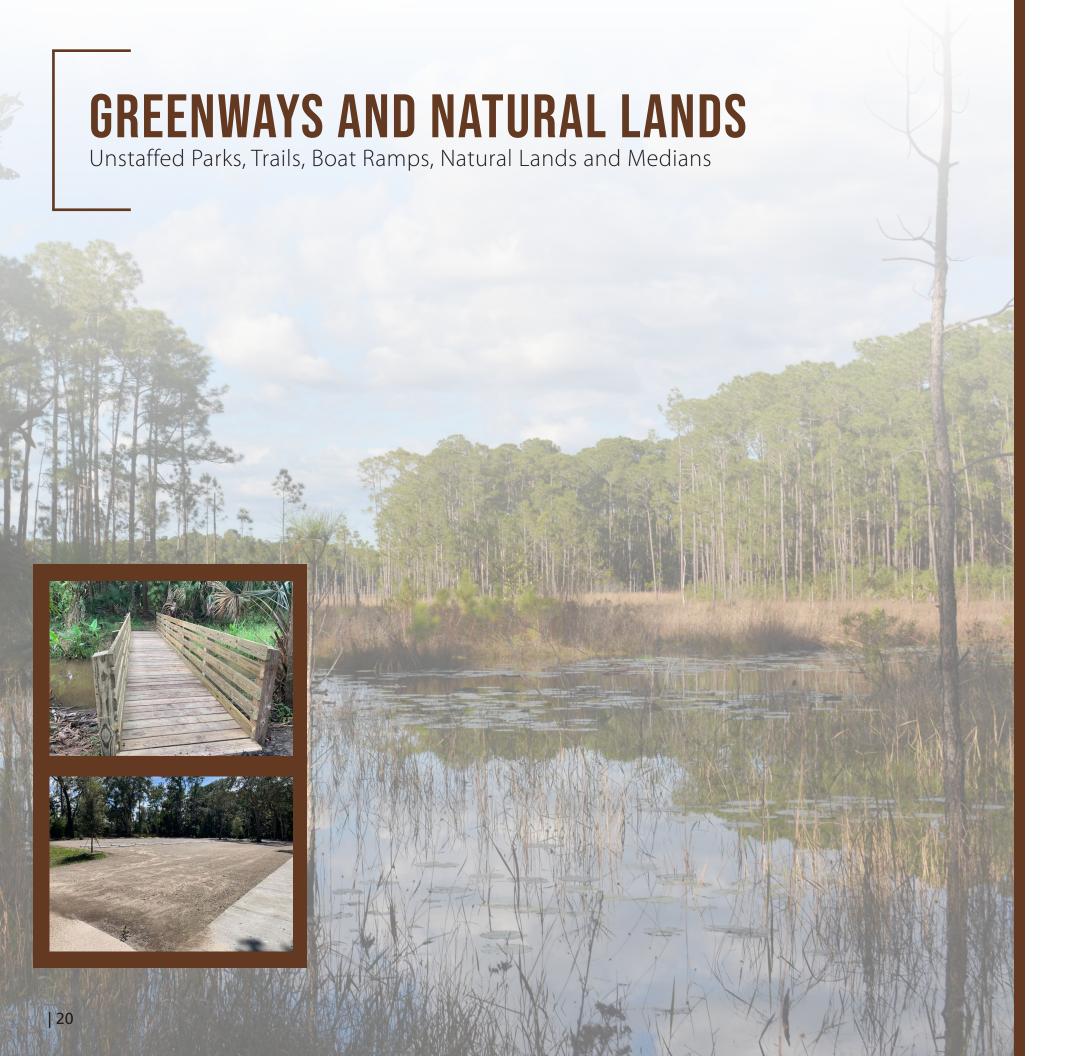
**7,022** student and citizen participants

**515** acres of habitat restored

**150** fallen trees removed from trails, interior roads, and fire lines

**310** feral hogs trapped and removed from County lands – a new record!

1,592 volunteer hours worked at a value of \$47,665



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### **NATURAL LANDS**

Expanded the entrance of **BLACK BEAR WILDERNESS AREA** from 37 to 79 parking spaces to accommodate increased visitor use

Replaced a footbridge in the **LAKE JESUP WILDERNESS AREA** to provide access to two loop trails

#### **PASSIVE PARKS**

Improved basketball courts at **ROSELAND PARK**, **BOOKERTOWN PARK**, **AND MIDWAY PARK** by resurfacing courts and replacing hoops

Renovated the campground at **LAKE MILLS PARK** by installing new amenities, picnic table slabs, landscape improvements, parking spaces, sidewalks, fencing, and security gates

A walking path and exercise equipment were installed at the **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SEMINOLE** 

Installed exercise equipment at **BIG TREE PARK** 

Installed a walking path and pond fountain at **LAKE DOT PARK** 

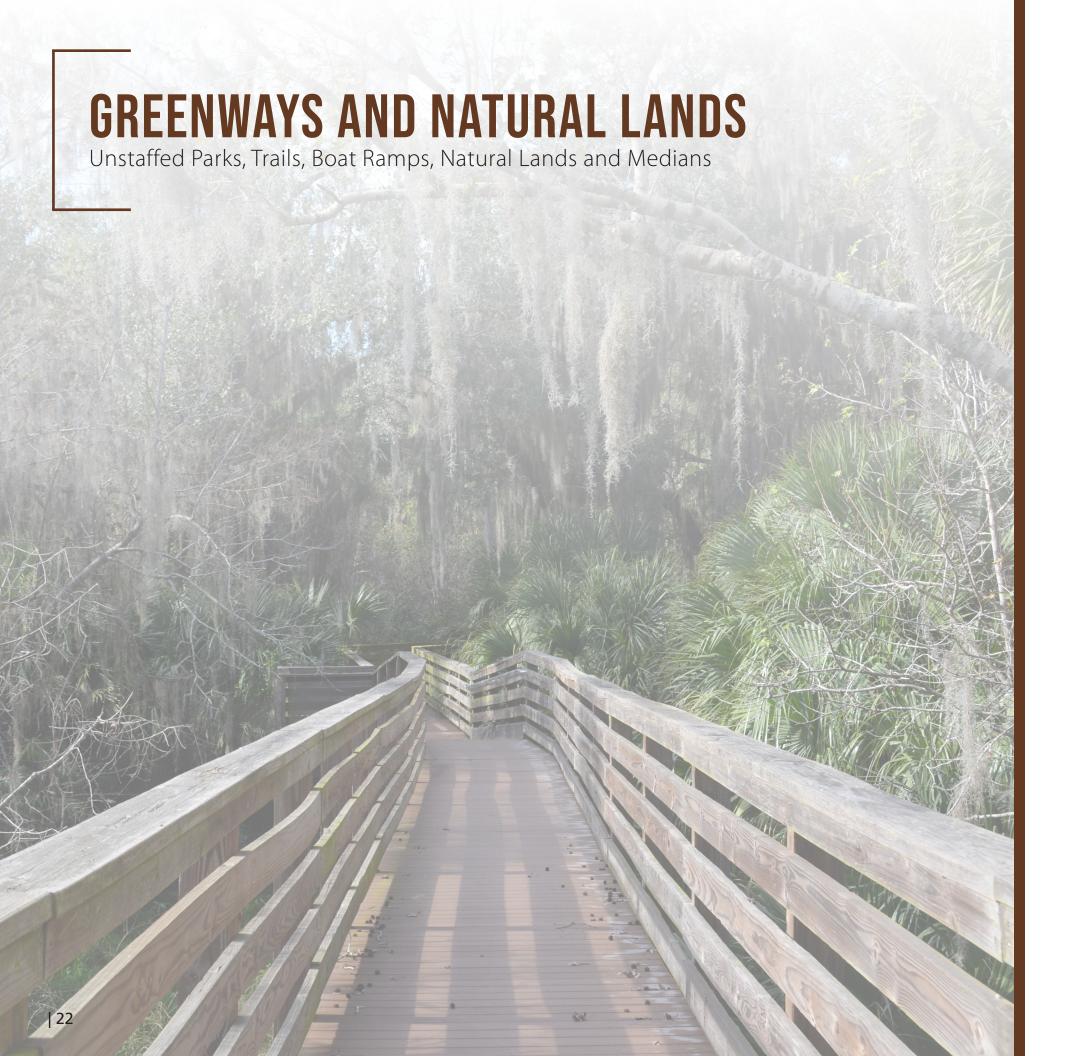
Replaced a trail bridge for mountain bike trail users at **SOLDIERS CREEK PARK** 

Built restrooms to serve neighborhood visitors to **WINWOOD**PARK

#### **TRAILS AND MORE**

Finished the last incomplete connection of the **CROSS SEMINOLE TRAIL** 

Completed the Park Signage and Wayfinding Project



# **TESTIMONIALS**

"The facility was great, the hike was fun, and the girls loved doing the crafts. I strongly recommend partnering with [Natural Lands] again. I learned a ton even as an adult. We'd go back to that site for other events if offered."

- Brownie Bugs Badge program parent

"My child absolutely loved Eco camp-survival week. She can't wait for next year. We will definitely be back and adding a few more weeks of camp!"

- Eco Camp Parent

"The whole time was great and everyone was so knowledgeable. It was a great way to start the weekend. Thanks to all!"

- Birding Hike Participant

"Always a pleasant experience, staff is extremely knowledgeable and friendly. This program is AMAZING, I LOVE IT!!!"

- Snakes of Florida Class participant

"We love Seminole County trails. We go hiking with our families and dogs every chance we get. This is a great promotion to get people out to all the trails in Seminole County. Thank you!"

- The Harris Family

# GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS

Unstaffed Parks, Trails, Boat Ramps, Natural Lands and Medians













# ECO CAMP - ELEANOR'S STORY

Eco Camp, hosted by Seminole County Natural Lands, occurs weekly during the summer at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center in Geneva. Campers ages 7 through 13 learn to appreciate natural areas in Seminole County through hiking, fishing, playing games, doing arts & crafts, and discovering more about animals, plants, and the environment. Some campers even take this appreciation a step further.

Eleanor started attending Eco Camp when she was 7 years old, enrolling every year until she aged out of the camp at 13. Still eager to learn more, she attended Biology Boot Camp for teens from the ages of 13 to 15. Once officially aged out of all camp offerings, Eleanor returned to give back to other campers as a Junior Counselor. She assisted Camp Instructors with programming, fishing, and showing campers how to be champion four-square players!

As a senior at Oviedo High School, Eleanor worked closely with Natural Lands staff on a science fair project that collected data from the Chuluota Wilderness Area. She earned 1st Place at the county science fair in the category of Earth & Environmental Science, then went on to earn a special award from NASA and receive an invitation to two other national science competitions.

Upon graduating, Natural Lands welcomed Eleanor to the team as the youngest-ever Eco Camp Instructor! The crew is so proud of Eleanor's scientific achievements and dedication to the Eco Camp program. She provides a unique perspective to programs and activities through her hundreds of hours spent at Eco Camp. The Natural Lands team hopes that she is the first of many legacy campers who will grow from young nature lovers to future nature leaders!



# GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS

**SCOUT TROOP 242** 

LAKE EMMA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

**SEMINOLE COUNTY HOMESCHOOLERS** 

**SCOUT TROOP 631** 

**ADVENTURE CYCLING** 

SAVE RURAL SEMINOLE

**SEMINOLE AUDUBON SOCIETY** 

**SUNSHINE STATE SEEKERS** 

**HEALING HANDS BY TERESA, RN, LMT** 

**HBC OUTDOORS** 

**SORBA ORLANDO** 

EDR TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

THE SCOULAR FOUNDATION

SASSO PROPERTIES, LLC

B.R.A.N.C.H, INC.

YOUTH INTERVENTION SERVICES, SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# LIBRARY SERVICES

# 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:

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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

# **DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

**5,138,124** Virtual Library Visits

**2,069,173** Customer Transactions

918,723 Annual In-person Visits

**709,785** Reference and information requests answered online, in person, or over the phone.

**340,243** County Residents have a library card

**5,144** people registered for a library card online

**1,470** Youth Programs attended by **37,859** children. This is almost 3 times the number of programs/attendees in FY 2020 - 2021

**667** Adult Programs attended by **6,650** people – nearly doubling the number of programs/attendees from FY 2020 - 2021

**333,507** eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and Video

91,284 Self-Checkouts using the new Self-Checkout Kiosks

**25,112** Items were checked out and picked up from the remote pick-up lockers

14,504 VOLUNTEER HOURS which is equivalent to 10 FULL TIME EMPLOYEE POSITIONS or a savings of approximately \$434,394.80\* annually to County Residents

# LIBRARY SERVICES LIBRARY ADVISORY **BOARD MEMBERS** Jeanine Ellenson C. Sean Loosier (Chair) Raven Alcott Susan Kellicut Rosemary Closson Sheeba West (Vice-Chair) Raychel Garcia 30

# **FULFILLING OUR MISSION**

# **Enriching Lives, Engaging Minds and Empowering Community**

Long-Range Master Plan for Library Services

In 2022, the Seminole County Public Library focused on bouncing back from COVID-19 and undertaking crucial strategic planning work for the future. This year, the County contracted with consulting firm Godfrey's & Associates to create a Long-Range Master Plan for Library Services. The Master Plan considered both the current status and future improvements for all aspects of the Library's operations, services, and buildings – especially important since the population of Seminole County has grown by roughly 78% since the Library's buildings were constructed.

To build the Master Plan, the process included a customer survey with over 6,800 residents' responses. Survey results show a strong support for the Library and satisfaction with current services. Residents also suggested improvements such as expanded onsite parking, more library materials, and added services. Along with survey results, Godfrey's & Associates recommended building additional Library Branches to meet the current population needs and prepare for future population growth. Their presentation to the Board of County Commissioners was well-received, and the Library looks forward to growing to meet the needs of our thriving community.

#### **Doubling and Tripling Program Offerings**

Over the past year, the Library significantly expanded the number of programs offered to both youth and adults in comparison to the previous fiscal year, resulting in a dramatic increase in program participants. Nearly three times the number of youth programs were offered, tripling attendance as well. Youth Services staff focused on presenting special, themed family events tied to literacy skills, favorite children's book characters, and STEM activities.

Adult programming also grew significantly. Staff doubled the number of adult programs and the number of attendees followed suit. This year, the team focused on building and strengthening relationships with local non-profit organizations, and expanding adult program offerings in local history, environment, arts and crafts, health, and music.



# **TESTIMONIALS**

"How do I love thee library? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height of shelves full of books to discover. I love thee to the level of every day community events, from bubbles to reptiles to book clubs. I love thee freely (new books can be expensive!) I love thee purely. I love thee with the passion shown by helpful librarian's recommendations. I love thee with a love that never fades and only grows."

-Laura W., Northwest Branch

"We don't have internet service at home due to cost and the minimal/frequency of use needed. I'm retired now and no longer have use of the internet and copier at work. So I need to use a computer and copier at the library. The books are so important too and I love to read and see different books. Also very interested in other programs the library has to offer."

-Online Customer Survey Respondent

"The library has lots of books! The library has lots of Greek Mythology! I can have books on my Kindle!"

-Lana, Age 8, East Branch

"I feel library is one of the best use of our tax dollars. Libraries build better people, better communities, and a better country. The staff are always very helpful and considerate. If I ever have to move to a different location, I will miss "my library" and the super awesome staff at the West Branch in Longwood."

-Online Customer Survey Respondent

"I love the library and the staff. Those services kept me sane during the recent COVID-19 pandemic while I was almost completely confined to my home. I have used a public library my whole life and think Seminole County's system is the best I have ever used."

-Online Customer Survey Respondent

# **OUR PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE**





# LIBRARY SERVICES

#### **Adult Literacy League**

Central Florida
Genealogical Society

The Emil Buehler
Perpetual Trust
Planetarium at
Seminole State College

Florida Native Plant Society

– Cuplet Fern Chapter

#### **Foundation for Seminole**

League of Women Voters – Seminole County

Museum of Seminole County History

**National Arts Council** 

The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve

Orlando Sentinel One Book One Community

**READing Paws** 

Rollins College Fine Arts Museum

# Seminole Audubon Society

Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society

#### **Seminole County 4-H**

Seminole County
Greenways & Natural Lands

# Seminole County Public Schools

Seminole County Sheriff's Office

## Seminole Education, Restoration & Volunteer (SERV) Program

The Sharing Center

Small Business
Development Center at
Seminole State College

Society for Historic Casselberry

#### **Tertulia Cuatro Gatos**

WUCF & PBS Kids



Together, Sylvan Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Seminole County Softball Complex and Red Bug Lake Park hosted **73** sporting events, generating **11,000** hotel nights and nearly **\$12.8 MILLION** of economic impact in 2022.

Red Bug Lake Park and the Seminole County Softball Complex hosted a charity softball tournament in December, with recreational teams from each park competing. Teams donated thousands of dollars of toys, which were donated to local families for the holiday season.

Park and Recreation Staff Members Cory Fox, Chris Mero and Nicolette Rodriguez obtained Certified Park and Recreation Professionals status through the National Recreation and Park Association.

# **DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

Seminole County purchased the Wekiva Golf Club in late December of 2021. Operations were never interrupted during this transition.

Over the first year of operations, the course hosted **20,470** rounds of golf and 42 special events.

Seminole County Leisure Services completed an Americans with Disabilities Act Site Assessment and Transition Plan of all its Parks, Trailheads, Natural Lands Areas and Boat Ramps.

The Board of County Commissioners proclaimed July as PARK & RECREATION MONTH in Seminole County for the first time. Residents could celebrate by participating in a monthlong challenge to visit at least three parks or trails and earn a vintage-inspired park poster featuring Sylvan Lake Park, Big Tree Park, or the Flagler Trail.

Over 21,950 participants registered in one of the County's 1,566 tennis programs, tournaments or camps, totaling over 101,650 hours of health and wellness participation.

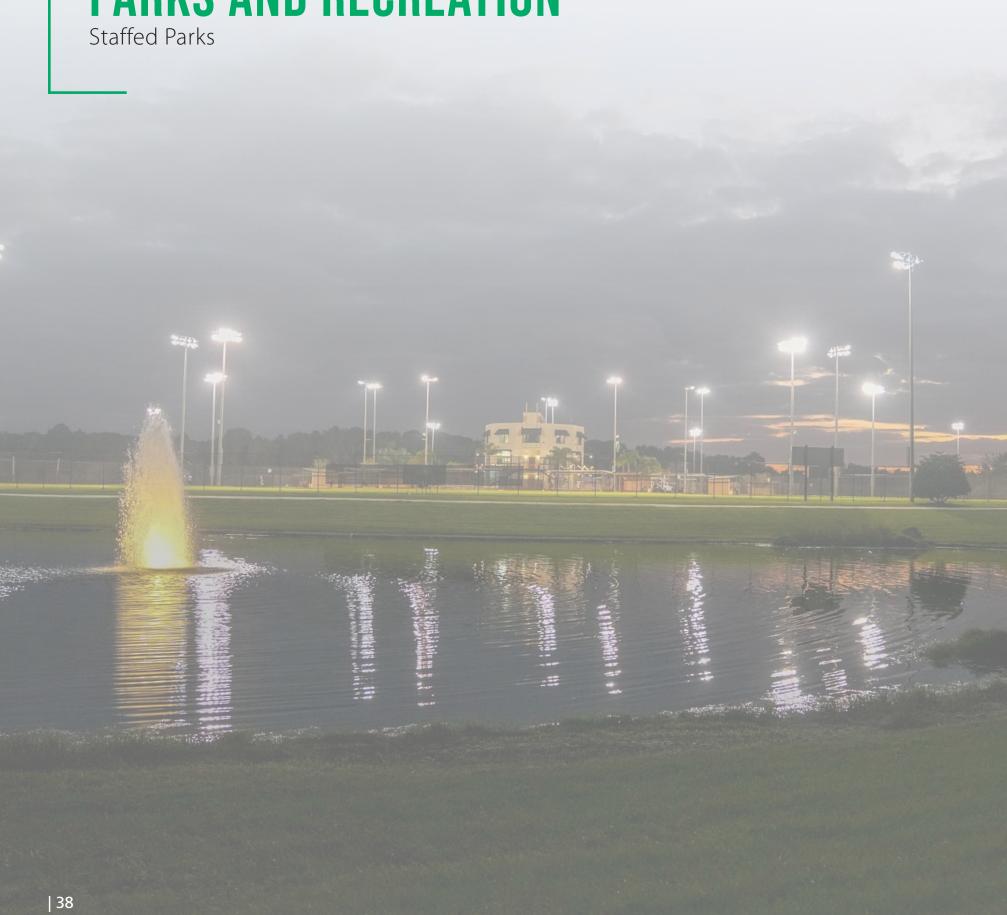
More than **9,000** players participated in the County's softball leagues. This adds up to more than **29,875** hours of health and wellness programming through league offerings.

Over **1,030** individuals toured the Museum of Seminole County's 'The Senator' Mobile Exhibit Trailer over the fiscal year. The trailer was on display at community events, regional historical events, summer camps, and local elementary schools.

BOOMBAH Sports Complex hosted **52** events over **168** tournament days, generating **24,800** hotel nights and **\$42.2** million of economic impact.

BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park hosted **33** events over **76** days, generating **5,900** hotel nights and nearly **\$8.4 MILLION** of economic impact.

# PARKS AND RECREATION



# TOP ECONOMIC IMPACTS

#### **TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS**

- Elite Championship National League (ECNL) Soccer Tournaments (Boys and Girls)
- NCAA Division II National Tennis Championships
- NJCAA Tennis Championships
- UAA Tennis Championships
- Perfect Game Summer Season Tournaments held 66 out of 94 days!
- Multiple USTA Junior Tournaments (Level 6 or higher)
- Perfect Game Inc. World Series & Super National Championship Events
- Florida Half Century Softball Tournaments
- NFHCA Winter Escape Showcase Field Hockey Event
- Hogan LAX Florida Team Training (Lacrosse)
- ISSA Senior Softball Winter Worlds & USA Championships
- BOOMBAH Sports/FL USSSA Select Super NIT Baseball Tournaments
- Orlando City Columbus Day Cup
- USSSA Fastpitch State Championships
- Seminole State College Invitational
- NJCAA State Softball Tournament
- FHSAA State Tennis Championships
- ProSwings Power 50
- Spring Break Sports- Collegiate Tennis

Through a partnership with our Probation Office, citizens doing probation served **2,565** hours of community service at our parks.

Estimated Economic benefit to Seminole County: \$65,329,300



# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

#### Sanlando Park

- Remodeled Administrative Building restrooms
- Updated tennis court restrooms
- Refinished and upgraded basketball courts
- Resurfaced select tennis courts

#### **Sylvan Lake Park**

- Replaced entrance gate and installed new entrance landscaping
- Upgraded perimeter fence with black ornamental and vinyl chainlink fencing
- Performed major tree cleanup along fence line
- Resurfaced select tennis courts
- Installed 2 retention areas to prevent flooding and runoff
- Renovated 3 outdoor restrooms
- Upgraded 4 soccer fields, including irrigation systems

#### **BOOMBAH Sports Complex**

- Installed new SportaFence Temporary Fence System
- Seal coated and striped parking lot
- Installed 2 electric vehicle charging stations, allowing 4 vehicles to charge at once
- Planted 12 large palm trees around baseball hubs
- Updated and replaced all wayfinding signage

#### **Seminole County Softball Complex**

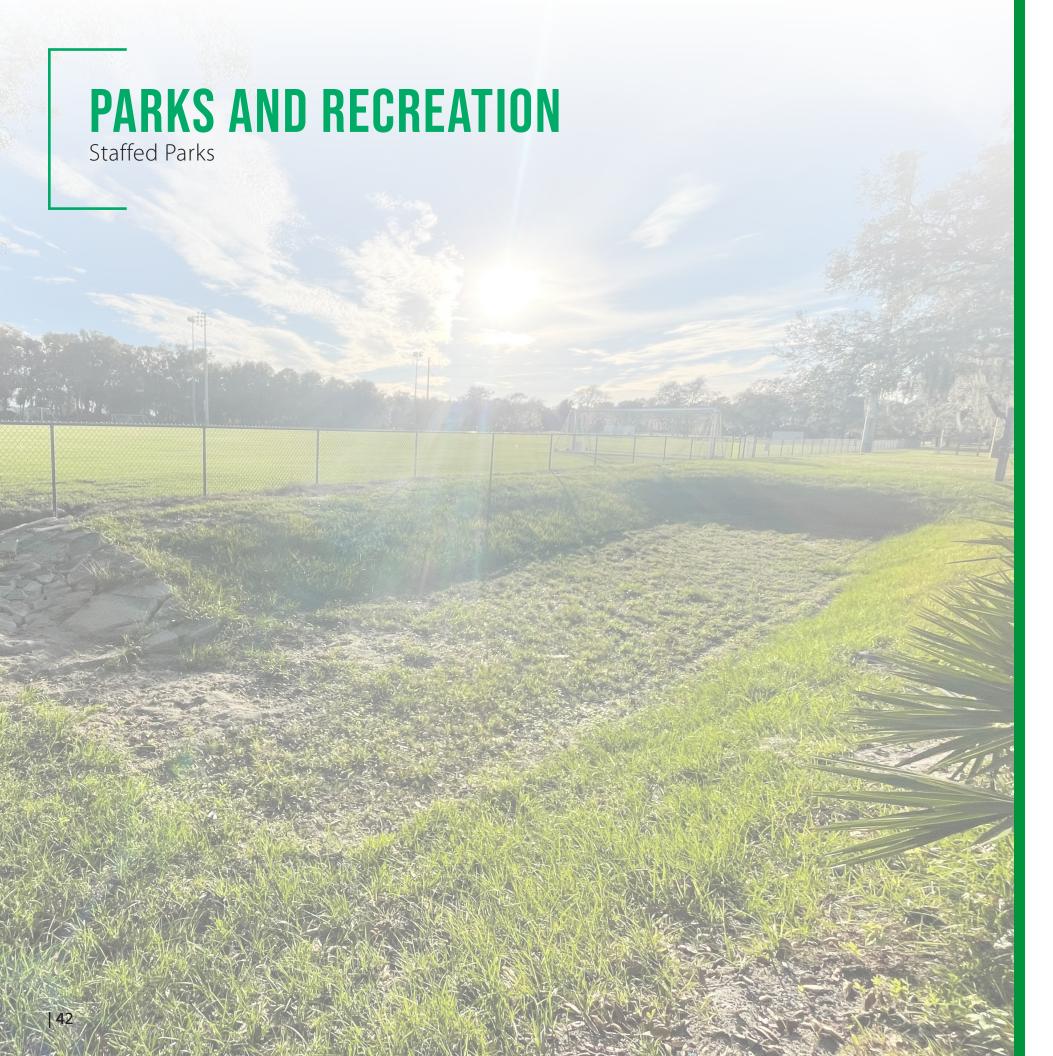
- Improved site drainage by replacing damaged concrete from playing surface
- Upgraded dugout phone system
- Repaired fountain light and installed benches around fountain area
- Added new tables and umbrellas to concession area
- Installed new Batter's Eye on Centerfield fences

#### Red Bug Lake Park

- Resurfaced select tennis courts
- Installed new spectator bleachers

#### **Boombah Soldiers Creek Park**

- Completed field upgrades, including repositioning of 6 field lips to NCAA specifications, and laser-leveling 3 fields
- Renovated coaches' boxes, 12 bullpens and 8 batting cages
- Upgraded seating areas
- Installed new signs
- Repainted Administration Building



# **TESTIMONIALS**

"The Sports Complex Team is phenomenal! Set-up was great and all aspects of this event clicked on all cylinders. We appreciate your efforts – see you next year!"

- Ainslee Lamb, 3 STEP Sports Field Hockey

"I think the Softball Complex has a great atmosphere that merges competition with fun. Most teams are easy to get along with, and the staff does a solid job at keeping everything in check."

- Softball League Team Member

"County staff have been so friendly for the Park & Rec Month Poster Challenge. I have always loved County memorabilia, so this opportunity was amazing. Our citizens love our history."

- Ryan Ramirez

"Sylvia is a wonderful and positive [tennis] teacher. I am excited to always learn more and improve. Thanks again for great lessons and for all your team does."

-Tennis Program Participant

"[Park & Rec staff] make our jobs a lot easier knowing that we can all work as a well-oiled machine."

- Dave Borges, Umpire-in-Chief

"The field guys have been absolutely amazing this weekend! They worked very hard and we genuinely appreciate and value them."

– Tonya Waters, USSSA Fastpitch

"Thank you so much for working with us on the preseason tournament. It was a huge turnout, and everyone loved it. I am hoping we can make this a yearly event – thanks again!"

– Kelly Desalvo, Lyman High School



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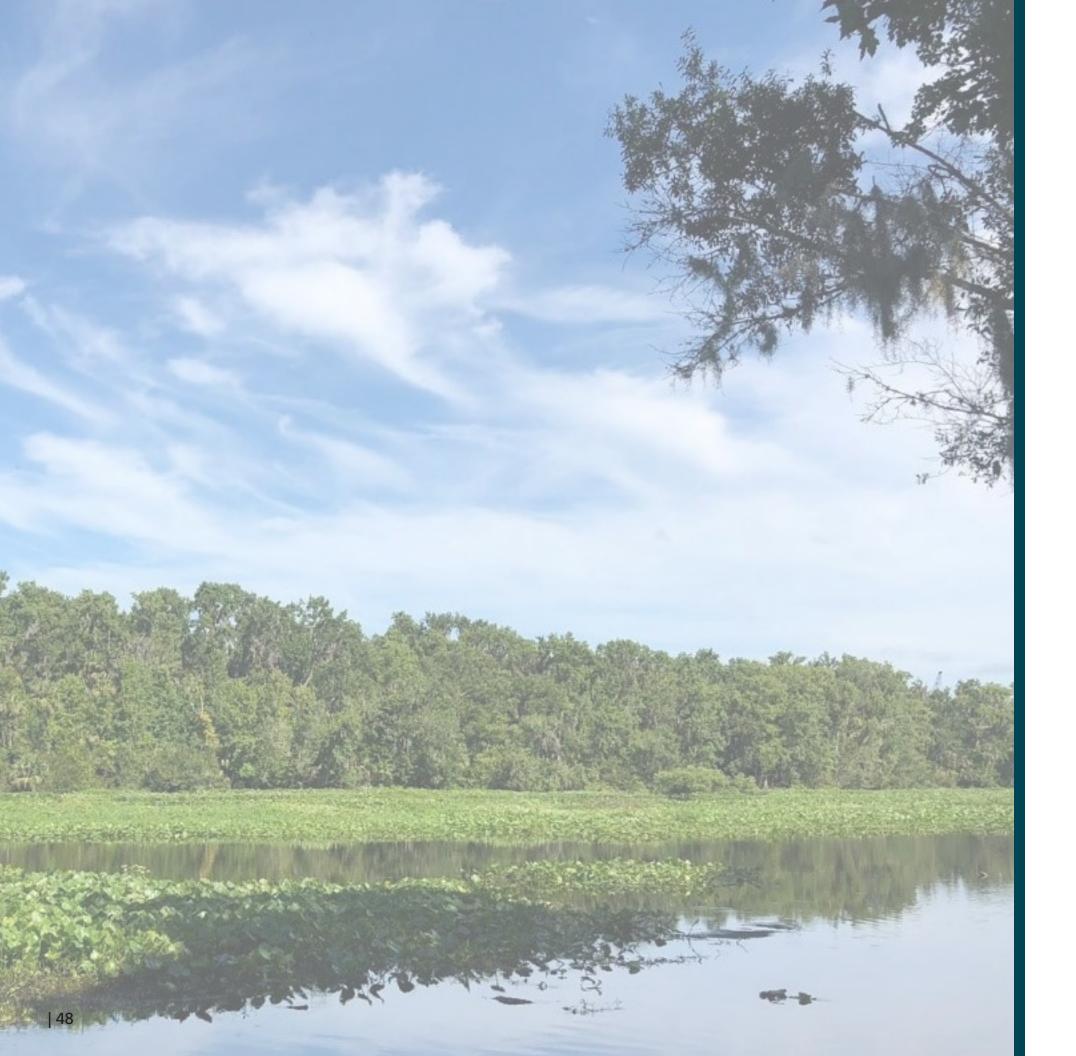
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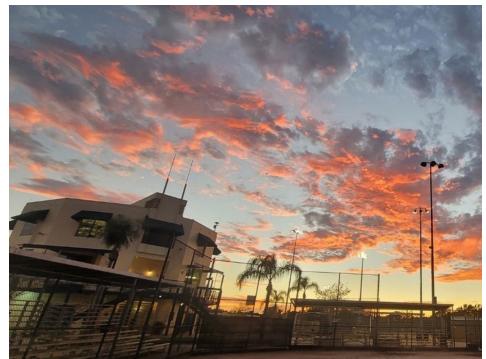








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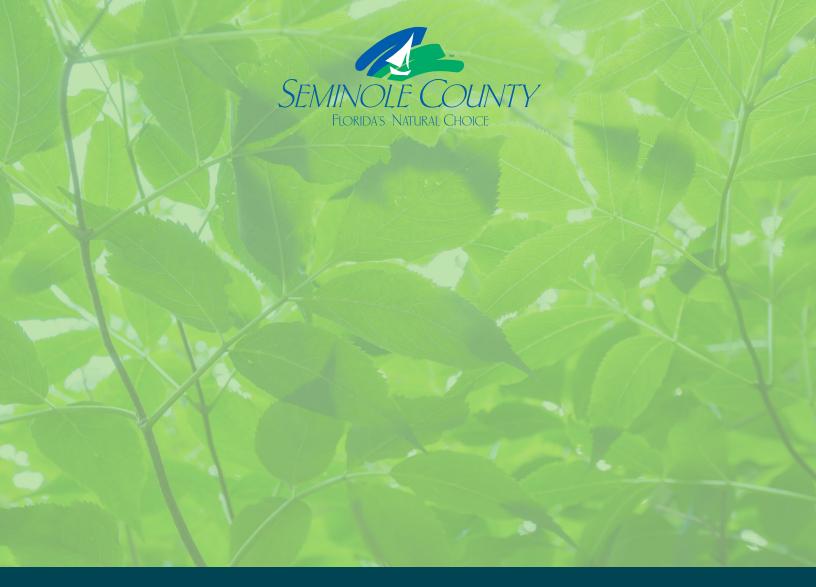












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