

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Application for Funds

(May 2020)



First Responder Communication System

***** IMPORTANT *****

Required for ALL Projects in Bay, Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla Counties

Hurricane Michael Application Addendum

For ALL regular project applications not yet approved by the Triumph Gulf Coast Board in Bay, Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla counties

Please provide documentation of support or continued support for the proposal as a component of the county's post-Hurricane Michael recovery efforts made by the Board of County Commissioners (for each Hurricane Michael impacted county included in the project) on a date after October 10, 2018. (See Attachment #1.)

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. TrustFund Application for Funds

Proposal Instructions: The Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Trust Fund Grant Application (this document) must be completed by the entity applying for the grant and signed, as applicable, by either the individual applying for funds, an individual authorized to bind the entity applying for funds, a chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the Application carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed. In addition, please complete all Addendums that may be applicable to the proposed project or program.

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. may make awards for:

- Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;
- Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;
- Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education; encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and
- Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately affected counties.

Pursuant to Florida Law, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will provide priority consideration to Applications for projects or programs that:

- Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long-term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.
- Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.
- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.
- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.
Provide outcome measures.
- Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

Additionally, the Board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. may provide discretionary priority to consideration of Applications for projects and programs that:

- Are considered transformational for the future of the Northwest Florida region. May be consummated quickly and efficiently.
- Promote net-new jobs in the private sector with an income above regional average household income.
- Align with Northwest Florida FORWARD, the regional strategic initiative for Northwest Florida economic transformation.
- Create net-new jobs in targeted industries to include: aerospace and defense, financial services/shared services, water transportation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, information technology, manufacturing, and robotics.
- Promote industry cluster impact for unique targeted industries.
- Create net-new jobs with wages above national average wage (*e.g.*, similar to EFI QTI program, measured on graduated scale).
- Are located in Rural Area of Opportunity as defined by the State of Florida (DEO). Provide a wider regional impact versus solely local impact.
- Align with other similar programs across the regions for greater regional impact, and not be duplicative of other existing projects or programs.
- Enhance research and innovative technologies in the region.
- Enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to Northwest

Florida.

- Create a unique asset in the region that can be leveraged for regional growth of targeted industries.
- Demonstrate long-term financial sustainability following Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding.
- Leverage funding from other government and private entity sources.
- Provide local investment and spending.
- Are supported by more than one governmental entity and/or private sector companies, in particular proposed projects or programs supported by more than one county in the region.
- Provide clear performance metrics over duration of project or program.
- Include deliverables-based payment system dependent upon achievement of interim performance metrics.
- Provide capacity building support for regional economic growth. Are environmentally conscious and business focused.
- Include Applicant and selected partners/vendors located in Northwest Florida.

Applications will be evaluated and scored based on compliance with the statutory requirements of the Triumph Gulf Coast legislation, including but not limited to the priorities identified therein and the geographic region served by the proposed project or program

Applicant Information:

Name of Entity/Organization: Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners (Board)

Background of Applicant: Local Government – Charter County

Federal Employer Identification Number: 59-6031875

Contact Information:

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- ✓ Co-applicants, partners, or other entities or organizations having a role in the proposed project or program: None
- ✓ Total amount of funding requested from Triumph Gulf Coast: \$2,850,000.00
- ✓ Has the applicant in the past requested or applied for funds for all or part of the proposed project: YES, the County has been seeking legislative funding for this project since 2016 but has not been successful.
- ✓ Describe the financial status of the applicant/co-applicants: See Attachment 2: FY 2018 Audited Financial Statements.
- ✓ Has the applicant or any co-applicants, etc., filed for bankruptcy in the past ten years? No.

Eligibility

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. was created to make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties (i.e., Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa Santa Rosa, Walton or Wakulla County). See section 288.08102, F.S.

1. From the choices below, please check the box that describes the purpose of the proposed project or program (check all that apply):

- Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;
- Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;
- Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties; Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and
- Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh from Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately affected counties.

- 2. Provide the title and a detailed description of the proposed project or program, including the location of the proposed project or program, a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed project or program will promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, a proposed timeline for the proposed project or program, and the disproportionately affected counties that will be impacted by the proposed project or program.*

SUMMARY: Wakulla County is seeking \$2,850,000.00 in Triumph funding to assist with the cost of a new first responder communication system (the “system”) for Wakulla County Fire and Rescue (WCFR) and Wakulla County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO). The requested funds will be used to contract with a Consultant to assist the County evaluate its needs, assist with procurement and vendor selection, and oversee the installation of a new system and training of staff.

This project can be implemented quickly and efficiently, provides a regional impact. The project does not duplicate any other existing programs or projects. The County has not budgeted nor received any other funds for this project therefore it does not supplant other funding.

The County feels this project is an allowable use of Triumph funds pursuant to section 288.8017, (1)(d), FS, “Grants to local governments in the disproportionally affected counties to establish an maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disaster, such as plans created for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program. This project is included in the County’s 2016, as amended, Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, Appendix 7, Project #34 (Attachment #3).

This project is in the County’s list of Board supported projects and is essential to the County’s Hurricane Michael post-recovery and future event response efforts.

OVERVIEW OF WAKULLA COUNTY: Wakulla County is a designated area of Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) and one of the eight disproportionality effected counties named in the RESTORE Act of 2012 impacted by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon event. In 1990, the County’s population was just over 14,000 residents and over the last twenty years the population has more than doubled with an estimated current population of 33,289, as of April 2020. Wakulla County’s population is projected to increase by 6.3% (or 2,102 citizens) by 2025 for a total estimated population of 35,391. In 2000 the County had an estimated 37.7 persons per square mile, and the 2019 estimates now show an estimated 54.4 persons per square mile. (Source: Wakulla County Profile prepared by the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research, April 2020.)

The County is a bedroom community to Leon County with at least 60% of our residents commuting daily to Leon County for employment, medical needs, etc. The County also serves as a pass-through for those traveling to other coastal counties and beaches to the south and west. An estimated 70% of the county is comprised of local, state or national lands, forests and parks. In fact, a majority of the County’s northern, western and eastern boundaries are

bordered by either the Wakulla State Forest, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge or the Apalachicola National Forest and the southern, coastal boundary is bordered by the Apalachee, Ochlockonee and Levy bays.

It is evident that Wakulla County is an ideal location based on its steady growth and residential development. However, with that growth comes a demand for County essential public safety services, access to technology, infrastructure, cultural and entertainment opportunities and other ideas associated with a quality of life community.

The attached maps (Attachment 4), provide a glimpse of Wakulla's current land mass and usage as discussed above.

Current Situation: WCFR and WSCO are using a first responder communication system and devices (radios) that are aging, incompatible and inoperable with communication systems used by other federal, state and local public safety/first responder agencies. The system and devices currently being used are based on a microwave system installed in 2001, almost 20 years ago. The current antiquated system has serious gaps in the County's coverage footprint and is very unreliable. First responders, citizens and property may be at risk during emergencies when WCFR and WSCO cannot receive nor transmit calls within their own departments, with other public safety units within or outside of Wakulla County.

During emergencies or disaster incidents WSCO and WCFR work closely with the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, State Forestry Service, National Forest Service, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (SMNWR) and other local public safety agencies. This is in part due to the fact that Wakulla covers an estimated 604 square dry miles and is the first responder for 911 calls or mutual aide, especially in the following areas:

- Coastline running from Taylor County to Franklin County, and four major rivers: Ochlockonee, St. Marks, Wakulla and Sopchoppy; or approximately 129 square miles of water.
- Approximately 552 square miles of state forest/parks, national forest or SMNWR
- Approximately 165 miles of state- owned roads
- Approximately 781 miles of County-owned paved roads
- Approximately 241 miles of County-owned dirt roads
- An indeterminate number/miles of private roads
- Franklin, Liberty, Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Taylor counties are either contiguous or within close proximity to Wakulla County.

As discussed earlier, Wakulla County's population according to 2020 estimates is 33,289, and it is expected to increase to 35,391 by 2025, an increase of 2,102 citizens. While this growth may not seem significant to more populous counties, it has a major impact on the County's strained resources and adds to the chances of more incidents requiring first responder services and assistance.

Additionally, US 319 and US 98 offer the only north-south bound highways in and out of Wakulla County from Leon County to Franklin County. These highways experience extremely heavy traffic and congestion during peak hours Monday-Friday due to residents traveling to and from Tallahassee where most of our population works. During holidays and weekends these same two highways experience more severe congestion due to not only our citizens using them for local commutes, but due to those traveling to the area for outdoor recreational activities and those passing through to neighboring panhandle counties and beaches. These factors make it even more critical that Wakulla County have a current, dependable first responder communication system.

Major Concerns with the Existing 2001 System

- No redundancy, if the current system becomes inoperable all communication within the County is lost and for an indeterminate period.
- Lack of coverage in many areas due to forest or building density, lack of cellular service, etc.
- Current system is not secure and information is not encrypted, putting confidential and sensitive information, first responders and citizens at risk.
- Current system is easily disrupted.
- Wakulla County first responders cannot communicate with or receive communications with numerous federal, state, or local public safety agencies due to incompatibility and coverage footprint.
- Due to the age of the system it can no longer be covered under a maintenance agreement and parts for essential repairs are no longer manufactured.

The County has explored building its own system with multiple towers as well as the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) and found neither options feasible or economical without further exploration of other systems.

Need: The County is in need of a First Responder System that will at a minimum:

- Improve communication with partner agencies.
- Secure (encrypted – it is not able to be scanned) keeping law enforcement and patient information confidential.
- Dual-band radios that can operate on the RDSTF Grant 700 MHz System when equipped with P25 software.
- Improved coverage area.
- Provide redundancy, e.g., multiple towers so that the loss of one site does not render communications fully inoperable.
- Provide communication from within structures and extended communications to Tallahassee where we transport patients to the Hospital.
- Provide current technology and equipment that be serviced, repaired, replaced or upgraded to keep current with technology and first responder needs.

The County does not have the expertise nor resources to evaluate our first responder communication systems needs to determine options that best meet or needs. The County is in

need of funds to hire a professional consultant to assist the County evaluate available first responder systems and County first responder needs, assist in identifying options that best meet our needs, assist with procurement and vendor selection, as well as assistance with overseeing the selected vendor in installing equipment and training staff on the use of the new system and equipment.

3. Explain how is the proposed project or program is considered transformational and how it will affect the disproportionately affected counties in the next ten (10) years?

In order to remain safe and competitive with other counties and cities, Wakulla must constantly improve on services and infrastructure. If we cannot meet demands of current citizens, especially with response and preparedness to emergency/disaster events, we will certainly fall short of meeting demands of potentially new or expanding businesses or individuals looking to relocate. To transform from a rural area dependent on day visitors, locally caught Gulf seafood and outdoor recreation we must provide emergency/disaster response in a manner and timeframe that is congruent with increased population and business growth as well as technology.

A new first responder communication system that can be easily upgraded and refreshed to keep pace with our growing population and calls for assistance position will ensure that Wakulla County keeps pace with the region. A new system will allow Wakulla County to communicate with other first responders in all disproportionately affected counties over the next 10 years so that we may provide or receive needed assistance during emergency situations, which can save lives and property.

4. Describe data or information available to demonstrate the viability of the proposed project or program.

Both WCFR and WCSO track the number of calls to which they respond on an annual basis (October-September). As the County grows and traffic continues to increase it is anticipated that calls and response to calls will increase by at least 5 percent per year. It is essential that the County’s First Responder Communication System have the ability to provide reliable and continuous communication for the safety of citizens and property. Below are the number of calls responded to since WCFR and WCSO began consistently tracking these numbers.

Organization	CALL INFORMATION		
	FY	FY	Increase
	2017-18	2018-19	
Fire	3,951	3,990	39
EMS	3,842	4,158	316
WCSO	52,567	53,294	727
TOTAL	60,360	61,442	1,160

Due to the antiquated current first responder system, dense forest, lack of cell towers or redundancy, calls can be dropped or communication broken leaving the responding unit

without communication with other responders or headquarters, and this places the responders, citizens and property at risk. The County's current first responder system is not encrypted and sensitive information regarding a situation or individuals can be picked up or interfered with by anyone. Furthermore, if a situation is cross jurisdictional Wakulla County first responders cannot communicate with federal, state or local first responders due to the County's incompatible, unreliable and antiquated system. Attached is an article from the Broward County News, which speaks the dangers and consequences of when a first responder system fails (Attachment 5).

5. Describe how the impacts to the disproportionately affected counties will be measured long term.

The County is seeking funds for a new First Responder System that can be upgraded and keep track with new or emerging technologies for first responder communications within Wakulla County as well as all other 66 Florida counties. Calls for assistance and mutual aide will be tracked as well as successes of being able to communicate with other federal, state and local entities. However, it is impossible to put a value on a human life or property saved.

6. Describe how the proposed project or program is sustainable. (NOTE: Sustainable means how the proposed project or program will remain financially viable and continue to perform in the long-term after Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding.)

The County will continue to fund the WSCO Communication Center that takes and dispatches all calls for assistance (911 calls or otherwise). Wakulla County will fund maintenance and other operational costs of a new system. The cost of a new system is unknown until it can be purchased and placed in-service.

7. Describe how the deliverables for the proposed project or program will be measured.

There are four major deliverables for measuring outputs of the proposed project:

- 1) Procurement of a consultant to assist the County evaluate its current needs and assist with the procurement process. The Consultant will also over see the installation and training.
- 2) Procurement and installation of a new First Communication System and equipment.
- 3) Training of First Responders on the new system.
- 4) System placed in service and operational.

PRIORITIES

1. Please check the box if the proposed project or program will meet any of the following priorities (check all that apply).

- Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long-term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.
- Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.
- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.
- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.
- Provide outcome measures.
- Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

2. Explain how the proposed project meets the priorities identified above.

- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases. The County will continue to fund the operations of the existing Communication Center for taking and dispatching calls for assistance which is a key local and regional asset. Without the Communication Center calls from visitors, residents, other County's, other first responders, or others in need of emergency services could go unanswered. Additionally, if the County is to continue to grow and attract businesses it must be able to provide essential safety services to citizens, businesses and educational institutions, which includes the ability of WCSO and WCFR to communicate effectively when responding to calls. This project will also protect key local and regional assets including lives and property through reliable and efficient communication.
- Provide outcome measures. The County is committed to constantly improving its performance and response to citizens needs. WCSO and WCFR will continue to track calls and responses.
- Recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project

or program will be located. The Board of County Commissioners approved submitting this application on May 4, 2020.

3. Please explain how the proposed project or program meets the discretionary priorities identified by the Board.

- Are located in Rural Area of Opportunity as defined by the State of Florida (DEO). Wakulla County is a recognized RAO by DEO.
- Provide a wider regional impact versus solely local impact. All First Responders must work together seamlessly during emergency or critical situations. A First Responder System that is compatible with those used by other federal, state and local entities will impact the County's ability to assist and communicate with all other 66 counties in time of need.
- Align with other similar programs across the regions for greater regional impact, and not be duplicative of other existing projects or programs. This project is not duplicative of any existing local, regional or state project or program, nor does it supplant other funding. It aligns with the goal of being able to communicate effectively in times of need for the safety and welfare of all citizens and property locally, regionally or statewide.
- Provide local investment and spending. The County will incur all costs for future enhancements, upgrades and maintenance of new system.
- Are supported by more than one governmental entity and/or private sector companies, in particular proposed projects or programs supported by more than one county in the region.

Not applicable to this project.

- Provide clear performance metrics over duration of project or program. The County is committed to providing quality first responder services and continuous improvement to services and response times. Therefore, performance will continue to be tracked by number of calls received, location of incident, type of incident, responses and other data normally associated with 911 calls and dispatch of such calls.
- Include deliverables-based payment system dependent upon achievement of interim performance metrics. Four deliverables are proposed as discussed earlier:
 1. Procurement of a consultant to assist the County evaluate its current needs and assist with the procurement process. The Consultant will also oversee the installation and training.
 2. Procurement and installation of a new First Communication System and equipment.
 3. Training of First Responders on the new system.

4. System placed in service and operational.

- Provide capacity building support for regional economic growth. While this project does not propose a new business or create jobs, a reliable public safety community system is paramount to businesses wanting to expand or locate in Wakulla County. It is important that businesses know with certainty that their investment will be protected and that calls for assistance will be answered promptly without need for concern that the call will be lost or dropped due to an antiquated, unreliable system.
- Are environmentally conscious and business focused. This project is environmentally conscious because it is important that WSCO and WCFR be able to communicate quickly, effectively and without dropped or lost communication with one another and other federal, state, local first responders in the event of a fire, containment spill in the Gulf of Mexico or any other local waters or other environmental sensitive situations.

This project also has business focus as discussed above.

4. ***In which of the eight disproportionately affected county/counties is the proposed project or program located:*** Wakulla County
5. ***Was this proposal project or program on a list of proposed projects and programs submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., by one (or more) of the eight disproportionately affected counties as a project and program located within its county?*** Yes, Wakulla County, the application has been signed by the Chairman of the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.
6. ***Does the Board of County Commissioners for each County listed in response to question 5, above, recommended this project or program to Triumph.*** Yes, the application has been signed by the Chairman of the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORITY

1. ***If the Applicant is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before Applicant can execute an agreement with Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.?***
Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners must accept the award and approve an award agreement.
2. ***If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the entity and Triumph Gulf Coast:***
 - A. ***Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for period of at least 6-months.*** Wakulla County Board meets monthly on the first and third Monday, except for July and December when meet once a month.
 - B. ***State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.*** Wakulla County Board can hold special meetings for emergency and time sensitive issues with at least a 5 business day notice of the meeting.

3. ***Describe the timeline for the proposed project or program if an award of funding is approved, including milestones that will be achieved following an award through completion of the proposed project or program.***

Phase I: Procurement and Hiring of a Consult to assist the county to evaluate its needs, assist with development of procurements documents for new system, and recommending a potential vendor for a new system.

Phase II: Procurement and installation of a new system as well as training of staff. System placed in service.

4. ***Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the entity applying for funding. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc. In addition, please attach any support letters from partners.***

Wakulla County is a Charter County pursuant to Florida Law and operates under applicable Florida Statutes, Ordinances and policies. The BoCC has the authority to enter into agreements and may authorize the Chairman or other County staff to sign agreement documents on a case-by-case basis.

FUNDING AND BUDGET:

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, awards may not be used to finance 100 percent of any project or program. An awardee may not receive all funds available in any given year.

- 1. Identify the amount of funding sought from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. and the time period over which funding is requested.** Wakulla County is seeking \$3.0 million in Triumph funding for this project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed, i.e., the system placed in service, within 36 months from the date of award and contract execution.

The funds will be used for Phase I and Phase 2 as discussed earlier, which are:

Phase I: Procurement and Hiring of a Consult

Phase II: Procurement and installation of a new system as well as training of staff. System placed in service.

- 2. What percentage of total program or project costs does the requested award from Triumph gulf Coast, Inc. represent? (Please note that an award of funding will be for a defined monetary amount and will not be based on percentage of projected project costs.)** The County estimates this project could cost up to \$3.0 million. The amount of funds being requested from Triumph represents 95% of the total estimated cost.
- 3. Please describe the types and number of jobs expected from the proposed project or program and the expected average wage.** This project falls under the Triumph category to *establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel* for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program. Therefore, this project does not create a business or jobs nor does it increase capital in the County. However, this project will help keep first responders, citizens, visitors and property safe while facilitating Wakulla County's efforts to be recognized as a *safe place* that people will want to live, work and visit.
- 4. Does the potential award supplement but not supplant existing funding sources.** Yes.
If yes, describe how the potential award supplements existing funding sources. The County has not budgeted funds in the past nor or there plans to budget for a new system in the future. The County's budget cannot support funding the costs for consultant, equipment, installation and training. Furthermore, the County has not received any grant funding or state assistance for this project.
- 5. Please provide a Project/Program Budget. Include all applicable costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.**

A. Project/Program Costs:

\$750,000.00 for Contractual Services for elements of Phase I and II, estimated at up to but not more than 25% of the total project cost

\$2,250,000.00 for elements of Phase II, purchase and installation of a system and equipment as well as staff training.

Total Project Costs: \$3,000,000.00

B. Other Project Funding Sources:

Wakulla County: \$150,000.00

Total Other Funding: -0-

Total Amount Requested: \$2,850,000.00

Note: the total amount requested must equal the difference between the costs in 3A and the other project funding sources in 3B.

C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

Milestone 1: Within 6 months from Award the County will complete procurement and have a consultant under contract to assist the County evaluate its current needs and assist with the procurement process. The Consultant will also oversee the installation and training.

Milestone 2: Within 24 months Award the County will complete procurement and installation of a new First Communication System and equipment.

Milestone 3: Within 30 months from Award the County will complete system training for all First Responders.

Milestone 4: Within 36 months from Award the County will have the system in place and fully operational.

Applicant understands that the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. statute requires that the award contract must include provisions requiring a performance report on the contracted activities, must account for the proper use of funds provided under the contract, and must include provisions for recovery of awards in the event the award was based upon fraudulent information or the awardee is not meeting the performance requirements of the award.

Yes No

Applicant understands that awardees must regularly report to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. the expenditure of funds and the status of the project or program on a schedule determined by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Yes No

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant and any co-Applicants will make books and records and other financial data available to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. as necessary to measure and confirm performance metrics and deliverables.

Yes No

Applicant acknowledges that Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. reserves the right to request additional information from Applicant concerning the proposed project or program.

Yes No

ADDENDUM FOR LOCAL ACTION PLAN

1. Program Requirements

A. Describe how the proposed award will establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters.

This project will provide a much needed first responder community system as well as provide training for the communication center, 911 call center and all first responders. The equipment will be maintained by the County and training will be a “train-the-trainer” for new first responders and communications staff that are hired after the system is in place.

B. Describe the type and amount of equipment and trained personnel that will be established or maintained by the proposed award.

Phase I of this project is to procure the services of a consultant to assist the County is assessing its needs and recommendations for the type of system needed. This phase will also involve the Consultant assisting the County with the Phase II, includes procurement and selection of a contractor to provide and install the equipment and provide staff training. At this time the type or amount of equipment is unknown.

C. Identify the specific local action plans (e.g., Coastal Impacts Assistance Program) that will benefit from the proposed award. See Attachment #3.

D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed award will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry. Safety of our citizens, environment and infrastructure are paramount to economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or a targeted industry. We must be able to provide essential public safety services and ensure that our citizens and businesses have confidence that their calls for assistance will be answered and responded to without disruption.

E. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed will promote:

- *Economic recovery,*
- *Economic Diversification*
- *Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties*
- *Enhancement of a Targeted Industry*

This project falls under the Triumph category to **establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel** for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program. Therefore, this project does not create a business or jobs nor does it increase capital in the County. However, this project will help keep first responders, citizens, visitors and property safe while facilitating Wakulla County’s efforts to be recognized as a **safe place** that people will want to live, work and visit

2. Additional Information

- A. *What is the location of the local action program that will be supported by the proposed award?* Wakulla County, Florida.
- B. *Detail the current status of the local action plans (e.g., new plans, existing plans, etc.) that will be supported by the proposed award and provide a detailed description of when and how the proposed award will be implemented.* Wakulla County's Local Action Mitigation Plan (reference Attachment #3) was adopted by the Board in 2016. The local mitigation strategy team meets regularly and reviews the plan and considers/approves updates as needed based on past and current events.
- C. *Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.*

List of Attachments:

- Attachment #1: Hurricane Michael
- Attachment #2: FY 2018-19 Audited Financials
- Attachment #3: Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, Appendix 7, Project #34
- Attachment #4 Land Mass/Use Maps
- Attachment #5: Broward County News Article "Stoneman Douglas Commission to Focus on Broward's Troubled Emergency Communication System."

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners approved staff to submit this Application to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. and approved this Chairman to sign on May 4, 2020 by a vote of 5/0.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on my behalf or on behalf of the Wakulla County board of County Commissioners:

Name of Applicant: Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Mike Stewart, Chairman

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 5/19/20

**Attachment #1:
Hurricane Michael**



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April 7, 2020

Mr. Don Gaetz, Chairman
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
Post Office Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Re: Updated List of County Supported Projects for Triumph Funding

Dear Chairman Gaetz,

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners (Board) continually reviews projects it supports for Triumph funding and seeks new proposals from the community to ensure that supported projects reflect current transformational needs. Therefore, on March 23, 2020, the Board approved an updated List of County Supported Projects for Triumph funding.

The enclosed updated List indicates the County's top three priority projects as well as a summary and status of each supported project.

Again, thank you for Triumph's support as we move forward on the road to recovery as well as preparing for the future.

Sincerely,

Mike Stewart
Chairman

Enclosures

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C: Mr. David Edwards, County Administrator
Mr. Robert Pearce, Superintendent of Schools, Wakulla County
Ms. Sheree T. Keeler, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

WAKULLA COUNTY LIST OF SUPPORTED PROJECTS FOR TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. FUNDING
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Organization	Project Title/Brief Description	Est. Project Cost	Board Priority
Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners	<p>First Responder Communication System: Replace existing aging and unrepairable first responder communication system with one that can communicate with all federal, state and local first responder agencies as well as extending the range of communication within the County, i.e., national/state forest, metal building, etc. Our County is working with other 7-counties for potential regional project – with each County submitting their own application. (Updated to Priority #1 12-3-2018)</p> <p>New Multi-Purpose Library Facility: Construct a new, larger more centrally located library at the community center to meet the growing demands for new programs and provide space for participation at current and new events. The existing library will be repurposed and used for a much needed Fire/EMS station in the Medart area, south of Crawfordville. A new library also has the potential to provide virtual classes not provided elsewhere in the County and could target underprivileged populations needing workforce skills. The County owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. The Library will be designed and constructed to serve as a category 4 Risk Shelter (Pre-Disaster) with a dedicated business center. (Revised and updated to Priority #2 12-3-2018, amended 6-3-2019) (Removed from List 3-23-2020, and replaced with new Priority #2)</p>	\$2 M	#1
	<p>Community Center Gym Rehab- High Risk Shelter Project: The Wakulla County Community Center Gym is constructed only to sustain winds up to a Cat 2 event and is sufficient to be used only as post-disaster shelter. Wakulla County is in need of a pre-disaster shelter than can withstand at least Cat 4 winds. This project will be seeking funds to rehab the Community Center Gym so that it can serve as both a pre and post disaster shelter. (Added to List 3-23-2020)</p>	TBD	#2
	<p>Medart Rec Park Improvements: Improve the parking lot, restroom and concession facilities, and sports fields of Wakulla County's only recreation park for organized outdoor youth and adult sports. The County owns the Park. Funds are needed for any design, permitting and construction.</p> <p>Realignment of County Road 61/Shell Point: The County has only two north-south bound highways from Capital Circle (Leon County) to US 98 (Wakulla County): US 319 is on the eastern side of the County and US 27 is on the western side. High traffic on both of these highways is attributed mainly to travelers working in Tallahassee and living in Wakulla. Internal arterial roads off of these highways leading to residential areas become clogged at peak times creating extremely hazardous conditions. Additionally, these highways provide the only access to Wakulla's coast, rivers, forest, etc. creating heavy traffic conditions on weekends and holidays. This proposed realignment would provide a north-south bound County Road centrally located in Wakulla County and would ease congestion and increase safety conditions. Funds are needed for design, permitting and construction.</p>	\$2.0 M	
	<p>Camp Indian Springs Campground Partnership: This project proposes a partnership with Department of Environment Protection (DEP), in the event they purchase the Camp Indian Springs Property. The County</p>	TBD	

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	<p>proposes seeking funds for the improvement of existing buildings on the Camp Indian Springs Campground property and the design, permitting and construction of a RV/Tent camp ground.</p> <p>New Rec Park – US 319: The County is in need of land to design, permit and construct a larger outdoor multi-use recreational Park on the north side of the County. This park has the potential to serve the region for youth and adult outdoor sports, i.e., softball tournaments, soccer tournaments, etc. Funds are needed for land acquisition, planning, design, construction and furnishings.</p>	\$20 M	
<p>Wakulla County School Board</p>	<p>Aviation Mechanic/Technician Certification Expansion Program: The proposed program will expand Lively's current Aviation Powerplant and Airframe Mechanics program to increase the number of Wakulla County students and adults receiving industry certifications as aircraft mechanics and service technicians. The total amount being requested from Triumph is \$2,940,000.00 and Lively will contribute the training facility for an estimated in-kind match of \$560,000, for a total project cost of \$3.5 million. WCSB has already submitted the Triumph application and received an "A" score, and on March 3, 2020, Triumph staff were directed to negotiate a grant agreement with the WCSB to fund the project (Added to List 3-23-2020)</p>	#3	FUNDED
	<p>Wakulla-Career and Technical Education Center: This project would provide training and job skills for the non-degree seeking student for emerging or high-demand jobs. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$5.7-M	FUNDED
	<p>Wakulla County Learning Center: This project proposes a partnership with TCC for a campus in Wakulla County where students and adults may pursue an AA degree. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed in partnership with TCC. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Updated 12-3-2018, changed from Priority #2 to Priority #3)</p>	\$3.4 M	Application withdrawn by WCSB
<p>City of St. Marks,</p>	<p>Drone Program – This proposed project proposes building capacity within its student population to encourage the independent thought processing of young learners. The proposed project will (1) build grades 3-5 after school programs to uncover and enhance technological expertise at early age; and (2) introduce a Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Safety Certification program along with Visual Line of Sight System Operator (VSO) certification program for grades 9-12. The programs will be done through curriculum, guest speakers/partnerships (FSU College of Engineering and Inspired Technology), and equipment to provide industry certifications matching the students grade level. The total amount being requested from Triumph is \$1,780,000.00, and WCSB will provide \$226,525 in matching funds for a total project cost of \$2,006,525 (Removed from List 3/23/2020)</p>	\$1.78 M	FUNDED
	<p>ADA Compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch: To provide kayak/canoe access to the Wakulla River via the City Park. Increase recreational opportunities and enhanced visitor experience. Will also relieve kayak/canoe launching at the St. Marks Boat Ramp. The City of St. Marks owns the property. Funds are requested for design, permitting and construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$65-K	Denied

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	<p>St. Marks WWTP – Conversion of Grinders to Gravity Sewer: First a feasibility study (i.e., preliminary engineer report) will need to be conducted to determine if conversion is feasible and probable cost. Funds are needed for feasibility study/preliminary engineering report.</p>	\$350 K
	<p>St. Marks Board Walk: Construct a boardwalk that will connect to the terminus of the St. Marks Bike Trail and provide an off-road multi-use pedestrian to the Fort, St. Marks Board Ramp, and back to the St. Marks Bike Trail terminus. The City of St. Marks own the property and the project is designed and permitted. Funds are requested for construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$900 K
<p>Wakulla Commercial Fishermen’s Assoc, Inc.</p>	<p>A Partnership Reviving Apalachee Bay Oyster Reefs: Shoreline restoration on oyster reefs to enhance commercial and recreational fishing; provide tidal, storm surge and coastal erosion protection, improve water quality; strengthen economy, social and environmental capital. Funds are requested for all stages of the project.</p>	\$2.6 M
<p>Wakulla Environmental Institute</p>	<p>Marine Manufacturing Training Center: A state-of-the-art multi-purpose facility that will function as an auditorium, conference center, manufacturing center, oyster seed hatchery and commercial kitchen for processing local Gulf Coast seafood products. WEI owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. Total estimated project cost is \$22.7 M, seeking \$15M Triumph funds. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$15 M
	<p>WEI Ocean Shellfish Nursery / Hatchery and Processing Facility that would provide the seed and education to entrepreneurs on how to grow shell fish crops, and provide the basis for safe, fresh shellfish processing to ensure the best product in available to customers worldwide. According to the WEI project summary there is no other facility of this kind available in Florida at an educational institution. Through planned partnerships, this program would offer an unparalleled ability to seed hundreds of entrepreneurs’ operations and process them using revolutionary pasteurization technology. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings. (Added to List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$13.5 M
	<p>WEI Environmental and Technical Training Center that would provide three distinct and separate training programs with the goal of creating small businesses and preparing talent for in-demand occupations that pay higher than state average wages. The programs would revolve around the three equal spokes of education (job training), conservation and recreation. The three separate programs are as follows and a separate Triumph application will be required for each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric and Communication Utilities Training 2. Oyster Boat, Composite, and Mechanics Training 3. Unmanned Vehicle Systems (aka Drones) Training 	\$4.5 M
	<p>Funds would be used professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings of the classrooms. Each training is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. (added to List 12-3-2018)</p>	

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<p>Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratories, Inc. (GSML)</p>	<p>GSML expansion of infrastructure and operations for adding courses that will lead to technical certificates in an array of marine subjects as well as marking new local marine products. Funds will be used to upgrade/expand the existing facilities, purchase of two vessels, and salaries and benefits for 11 planned new positions. It is anticipated that after three-years the course will be self-sustaining (Added to List 1-8-2018)</p>	<p>\$3.9 M</p>
<p>Panacea Oyster Co-Op Corporation (Co-op)</p>	<p>Dedicated Program to Expand Oyster Ranching in Wakulla County and Resurrect Aquaculture in Apalachee Bay. This project proposes the utilize property currently owned by the Co-op located in Panacea to develop a dedicated nursery, hatchery, algae farm and expand the Co-ops current post-harvesting operations through the use of innovative live pasteurization and flash freeze technologies. It is anticipated that this expansion could include training, education and support for more than 100 ranchers involving more than 150 acres of state water leases producing more than 190 million oysters per year within 7 years. This project proposes to provide transferable, sustainable workforce skills to participants, with a positive and profound impact especially among minority and disconnected communities with the County. FAMU has committed to helping the Co-op meet its K-20 education needs by providing a cadre of support, including contractual support and financial control. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction, furnishings and classroom instruction. (Added to List 12-3-2018)</p>	<p>\$19 M</p>

**Attachment #2:
FY 2018-19 Audited Financials**

Attachment #3:
Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, Appendix 7, Project #34

Attachment 10

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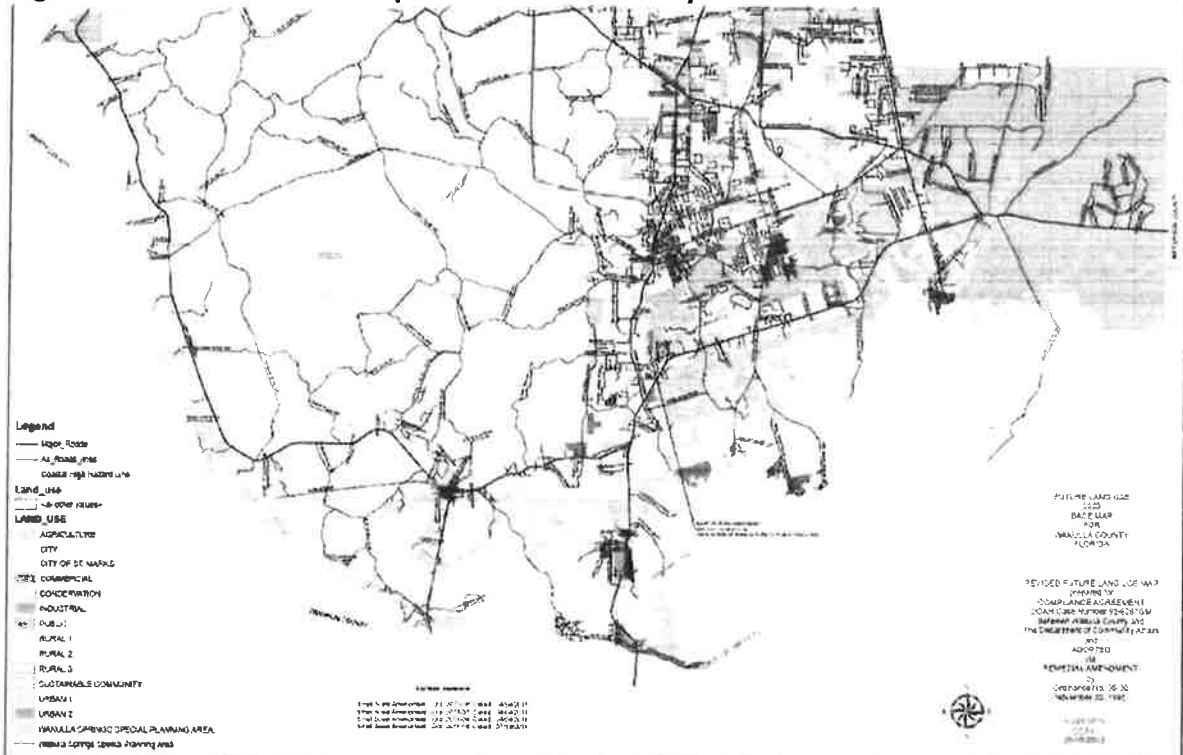
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2019 Priority	Project/Program Name	Description	Location*	Project/ Hazard Mitigation Program Category	Lead Agency	Estimate of Project Costs	Estimate of Project Time	Potential Funding Source
30	Raise Mashles Sands Road	Raise Mashles Sands Road from the condos down to the boat ramp to improve ingress and egress during flooding events.	Panacea	Critical infrastructure protection, hurricane, tsunami, & flood mitigation	County Administration/Public Works	\$5,000,000	36 months	HMGP, PDM, FMA
	2019 Status: This is a project that was added on September 26, 2018.							
31	Road elevation study	Countywide study on flood prone areas to see where roadways should be raised for better protection of evacuation routes and for re-entry	Countywide	Critical infrastructure protection, hurricane, tsunami, & flood mitigation	Office of County Admin./Public Works	\$1,000,000	24 months	HMGP, PDM, FMA
	2019 Status: This is a project that was added on September 26, 2018.							
32	Live Oak Island sewerage	Extend central sewer services to Live Oak Island so existing on-site septic systems can be removed from floodplain	Shell Point area	Critical facility retrofitting & stormwater management	Office of County Admin./Public Works	\$5,000,000	36 months	PDM, FMA
	2019 Status: This is a project that was added on November 26, 2018.							
33	Category 3 Shelter	Construct an evacuation shelter that can withstand a hurricane category 3 or higher storm	Countywide	Hurricane impact reductions	Office of County Admin.	\$4,000,000+	36 months	Legislative Funds, PDM
	2019 Status: This is a project that was added on November 26, 2018.							
34	First Responder Communication System	Perform an assessment of the communication system upgrade options and purchase/install new system	Countywide	Critical facility retrofitting/public safety	Office of County Admin./WCSC	\$3,500,000	12 months	Legislative Funds, TRIUMPH
	2019 Status: This project was added at the February 26, 2019 meeting.							

Attachment #4
Land Mass/Use Maps

These are the areas of the county that are expected to continue to be subject to future growth and development in terms of new structures and residents. Crawfordville and this section of the county are vulnerable to hurricanes and tropical storms, tornadoes, hail and thunderstorms, wildfire, and hazardous materials spills. These areas are not vulnerable to coastal and riverine erosion, or dam and levee failure. There is no way to determine the number and value of future structures at risk at this time.

Figure 2.2 Future Land Use Map 2020 – Wakulla County

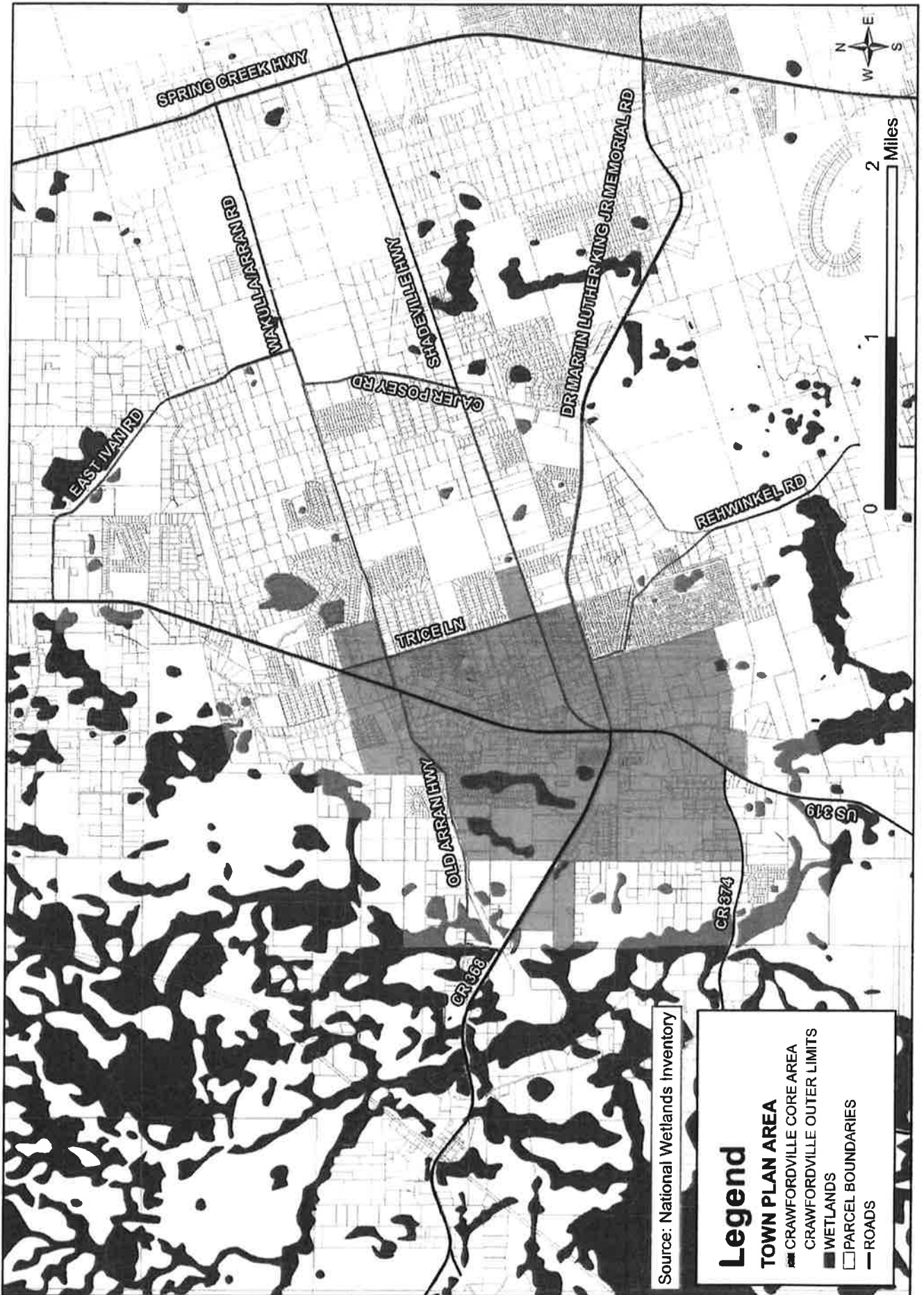


Source: Wakulla County Planning and Zoning Department

One of the factors conducive to development is the presence of central water and sanitary sewer infrastructure. The Wakulla County Comp Plan states that the central sanitary sewer and water systems shall be limited to the urbanizing areas, as shown on the FLUM. With the exception of the Community of Panacea, the majority of the urban areas in Wakulla County are away from the coast and coastal high hazard areas. In addition, the areas on the FLUM designated as Conservation, Publicly Owned Conservation, and Privately Owned Conservation are areas that provide **natural functions** and cannot be built on. They serve as water recharge areas and floodways that disperse floodwaters.

Roads and transportation are two of the other factors leading to growth and development. As roads develop and expand, residential property development follows along with industry and

Crawfordville Town Plan Town Plan Area and Wetlands



Attachment #5

Broward County News Article "Stoneman Douglas Commission to Focus on Broward's Troubled Emergency Communication System"

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During the school shooting, frantic 911 callers found themselves put on hold and transferred because there was not a direct link to dispatchers for the Broward Sheriff's Office, which patrolled Parkland. Meanwhile, the emergency radio system for law enforcement officers became overwhelmed and stopped functioning for many users, forcing commanders to communicate with hand signals.

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“I think it’s a very serious issue in Broward County,” said Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, chairman of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. **“It’s a pressing issue that has to get resolved. We know it was a significant contributor to a less than effective law enforcement response.”**

The commission will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, with an agenda covering a wide range of topics. Among these are the Broward school district’s controversial Promise Program, false crime statistics routinely provided by school districts and whether school districts are complying with new state laws on school safety.

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the school shooting, the county's emergency communication system had become overwhelmed during the 2017 mass shooting at the Fort Lauderdale airport.

But while the county has been in the midst of trying to upgrade the aging emergency communications system, the effort became bogged down, partly because Hollywood and Tamarac opposed the county's chosen sites for radio towers.

Gualtieri said the commission needed to discuss the delays in dealing with the systems' problems and why the county, the Sheriff's Office and cities can't get together to fix them.

"The communications issue is going to be the biggest thing," he said.

Among the officials testifying on the issue will be police and fire chiefs, as well as Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry.

The Stoneman Douglas commission, which consists of public officials, law enforcement officers and parents of children killed in the attack, will meet Tuesday and Wednesday at the BB&T Center in Sunrise.



David Fleshler

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The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission is discussing 911 systems and law enforcement radios Wednesday, July 11, 2018. (Carline Jean/Sun Sentinel)

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“Coral Springs is not the primary police provider in Parkland. Broward County Sheriff’s Office is,” he said Wednesday. “So you had people who were conveying first-hand information to the entity that wasn’t the first responder for law enforcement. So what was happening was that Coral Springs would have been required to transfer the callers from the Coral Springs communications center to the regional communications center so the regional communications center could then convey it to the deputies. Was that a factor in this? Yeah, absolutely it’s a factor.”

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Gualtieri said call transfers may discourage callers and add an average of 30 seconds to the response time.

“When the call is transferred, it inherently raises issues and concerns and can cause problems,” he said. “They say ‘Hang on a second, I’m going to transfer you to someone else,’ and you have to tell your story again to somebody else because that’s what

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equipment failures and dispatchers who sent fire trucks to the wrong addresses. The system went down for an hour last April. Both Coral Springs and Plantation opted out of the system.

Coral Springs officials said Wednesday that the city chose to remain independent from the county because of concerns over control over technology and programming. Deputy Police Chief Shawn Backer said joining a consolidated system would lead to a loss of a "hometown feel," which means dispatchers would lack the on-the-ground knowledge to quickly relay information to officers in emergencies.

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personnel than those in the regional communications department, which they believe leads to quicker responses.

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“That’s only true though in the Coral Springs setting,” Gualtieri responded. Because Coral Springs is not a part of the regional 911 system, he said, it still has to transfer emergency calls not in its jurisdiction, adding delays to response times.

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Max Schachter, whose 14-year-old son Alex was killed in the shooting, found the “hometown feel” reasoning unconvincing.

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