

City of Gainesville 2007 State Legislative Statement – Priority Recommendations

Priority Ranking	Legislative Priority	Position	Ally(s) (If Applicable)	Funding Request (If Applicable)
1	Regional Traffic Management Project – Project Funding	The City requests \$ 16 Million in funding for a Regional Traffic Management System. The Traffic Management System will have a Regional Impact on all of Alachua County, including the I-75 Corridor.		\$ 9.1 Million
2	Water Projects – Project Funding Sweetwater Branch/Paynes Prairie Pollutant treatment Wetland Project	The project consists of a 50-acre treatment wetland to remove pollutants from Sweetwater Branch before it flows into Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park and down Alachua Sink into the Floridian Aquifer.		\$ 2 Million
	Watershed Management Project for Sweetwater Branch and its Tributaries	This project is a revision of the Watershed Management Plan for Sweetwater Branch and its tributaries so as to include capital projects that will address the nutrient TMDL for Alachua Sink.		\$ 1.808 Million
	Little Hatcher/Lake Forest Creek Watershed Management Plans	In order to identify and prioritize water quality improvement projects, the City will need to update the Watershed Management Plans for the two mentioned creek basins.		\$ 500,000
	Hogtown Creek Restoration Plan	The Hogtown Creek watershed is a highly urbanized watershed that was developed before stormwater regulations were promulgated and implemented in the State. The vast quantity of eroded sediment that is deposited in the floodplains of the lower stream reaches, exacerbates flooding and destroys aquatic and riparian habitat.		\$ 3.6 Million
	Tumblin Creek Wetland Restoration Project	Tumblin Creek is impaired for fecal coliforms, and it is anticipated that Bevins Arm Lake will be listed for nutrients during the next TMDL cycle. The project will include stream stabilization in		\$ 1.37 Million

		the upper reaches, installation of an in-stream trash trap and restoration of historic flow patterns to the 30-acre wetland.		
3	Community College Transit Fees	The City of Gainesville supports Santa Fe Community College's request to amend the regulations governing the use of Community College student fees to permit their use in support of transit service.		
4	Improvements to meet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – Project Funding	The City of Gainesville requests \$2 Million to assist with meeting the nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Alachua Sink established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.		\$ 2 Million
5	Regional Juvenile Crime Prevention Initiative – Reichert House – Project Funding	The City of Gainesville requests \$150,000 of funding assistance from the State of Florida to assist with construction of a new facility to expand the capacity of the Reichert House Program.		\$ 150,000
6	Regional Groundwater Monitoring Network – Project Funding	The City requests \$1.5 Million for establishing a Regional Groundwater Monitoring "sentinel" Well Network around the City's wellfield, and for supporting the City's efforts to pursue cleanup of the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site.		\$ 1.5 Million
7	Reenactment of the "University Concurrency Trust Fund" (s.1013.63, F.S.) (Sunset Review)	The City of Gainesville supports the continuation and full funding of the Campus Trust Fund. The Campus Trust (Fund) now provides funds to the City of Gainesville as a host community to offset the impacts of the University of Florida on the City's revenues.	University of Florida	
8	Early Stage Capital for Innovative Economy	By providing a mechanism for generating early stage capital for Florida innovations, the Legislature can assist in addressing the gap currently faced by the State's, and Gainesville's, entrepreneurial community.	Enterprise Florida Florida Research Consortium University of Florida	
9	Affordable Housing Funding and	The City of Gainesville supports efforts to	Florida Housing	

	Income Mix Issue	encourage a mix of incomes in housing developments that are assisted by programs that are administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.	Coalition	
10	Strategic Intermodel Access System	The City of Gainesville is seeking Legislative changes that would potentially add the University of Florida as a destination to the Strategic Intermodel Access System.		
11	Improvements to I-75/Newberry Road Interchange -- Project Funding	FDOT has confirmed that District 2 has identified a project regarding the I-75/Newberry Road interchange in their gaming plan. The gaming plan is a proposal for funding that if approved they plan to schedule in their FY 2009/10 plan. The project scope includes reconstruction of the Northbound off-ramp to provide additional storage so motorists are not required to stop on the Interstate through lane.		\$ amount yet to be determined