

CONGRESSMAN TED S. YOHO, DVM



# PROJECT PUTNAM

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## QUARTERLY REPORT

April 2018

# DEAR FRIENDS,

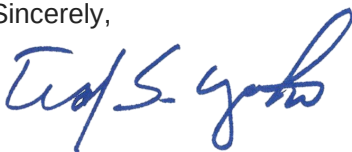
I am very impressed with the progress we have made with Project Putnam over the first quarter. We have seen a great deal of teamwork between local governments, industries, community programs and the educational community. Our office is extremely grateful for all of the hard work and commitment that each group has shown.

Project Putnam is a three year economic development plan to improve the economic, social, educational and overall development of Putnam County. With your participation, support, and input we can make this vision a reality. The plan is made up of five pillars: Recovery, Stability, Growth, Accountability and Engagement.

- **Recovery** focuses on receiving the back payments from FEMA for Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma, complete debris removal and complete A-G projects throughout the county.
- **Stability** focuses on education, infrastructure and industry. With education, it includes creating new educational opportunities, raising the graduation rates, and increasing resources for schools and community organizations targeted at K-12. It also includes infrastructure and industry needs such as waste water treatments, potable water lines and broadband. As well as ways to utilize resources to retain and expand current industry as well as prioritize stakeholder needs.
- The **Growth** pillar focuses on economic development to target industry clusters, workforce development and target niche infrastructure projects. It also aims to boost tourism by developing tourism opportunities, increasing the number of hotel rooms and garner more resources to develop industry. Also, to boost housing development by identifying opportunities to streamline building processes and investing in new affordable housing projects.
- The **Accountability** Pillar focuses on identifying action items by participating federal, state and local partners. It establishes tangible goals and reports progress by offering a quarterly report for all to review.
- The **Engagement** Pillar aims to establish stakeholder priorities and have them adopt Project Putnam as a resolution. It aims to initiate regular internal communication with a regular meeting schedule and online presence.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of Project Putnam. I know that through hard work and commitment, Putnam County can become a thriving community of economic growth and opportunity. If any of you have any questions or comments about any of these programs, I encourage you to contact our office at 352-505-0838 or visit my website at [Yoho.House.gov](http://Yoho.House.gov).

Sincerely,



Ted S. Yoho, DVM

Member of Congress

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# FEDERAL UPDATE

Since Putnam County has been a part of the Congressional District 3, Congressman Yoho and his team have completed more than 32 visits to businesses, organizations or industries and have met with county officials over 21 times. Congressman Yoho has represented Putnam County since January 2017.

## Key Project Putnam Meetings

On September 21st, 2017, the Congressman met with county leaders and community stakeholders to discuss the idea of Project Putnam. This meeting resulted in the formation of the five-tier project that we are reporting today.

On November 29, 2017, the office of Congressman Ted S. Yoho, DVM announced the Project Putnam initiative. During this meeting, over 30 stakeholders were present, 36 different initiatives were identified and the meeting lasted over 4 hours.

On December 20, 2017, another general body meeting was held where Congressman Yoho's Deputy Chief of Staff, Kat Cammack, shared with a large crowd of more than 70 people the plan of Project Putnam. The meeting lasted more than three hours in which important initiatives and networking opportunities were discussed.

On January 24, 2018, Congressman Yoho and his team met with the Downtown Palatka Mercantile Business Group to discuss Project Putnam. This group included many of the mainstream businesses in downtown Palatka.

On January 26, 2018, Congressman Yoho invited the Vietnamese Ambassador Pham Vihn and his team to Putnam County to tour Newcastle Shipyards. This site visit was followed by a meeting with the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and County officials over a luncheon at Beef O'Brady's. These meetings discussed potential international trade partnerships with Vietnam.

On February 15, 2018, the office of Congressman Ted Yoho met with the Education Subcommittee to discuss the needs of the Putnam County school district. Talks about problems and solutions were brought up by the various administrators, principals, and teachers who were present. There were representatives of schools, administration and St. Johns River State College present at the meeting as well.

On March 2, 2018, Congressman Yoho hosted a USDA Roundtable with Assistant Secretary Anne Hazlett along with county stakeholders to discuss rural development in North Central and North East Florida.

On March 21, 2018, the office of Congressman Ted Yoho participated in a meeting via telephone to discuss potential economic development projects for the Putnam County barge port, JAXPORT, and the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

# FEDERAL UPDATE

On March 21, 2018, the office of Congressman Ted Yoho met with Crescent City officials to discuss rural broadband options. After hearing the city's ideas and needs, Congressman Yoho's team provided the city with a list of potential federal programs and grants to begin the process of building a broadband network. A key item discussed was the next generation 5G network. Congressman Yoho continues to work with the White House and the companies building the 5G network and has asked that Putnam County be a pilot program.

On April 4, 2018, Congressman Yoho had the opportunity to spend time with the hardworking and dedicated folks from Seminole Electric. Their operation is incredibly impressive. Thanks to State Rep. Bobby Payne and the rest of Seminole Electric team for a great lunch and tour.

On April 6, 2018, It was announced that the Shands Bridge project received funding. Congressman Yoho began work over 18 months ago to expedite the required feasibility studies and was proud to have helped expedite the study from 2023 to 2018. This project seeks to raise the bridge to allow bigger ships into the port allowing more economic development to come to Putnam County.

## Appropriations and Grants Requests

### Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations

**Waste Water Expansion Project-** This project will help meet provisions called for in the Clean Water Act. The wastewater expansion will provide updated utility services to local businesses and residents, increase property values, lower maintenance costs, preservation of water resources, and lower taxes for meeting the provisions of the Clean Water Act. Putnam County, St. Johns County, Clay County, Duval County, Nassau County, the state of Florida and the Nation will benefit from the improvements in health and sustainability of the surface waters and aquifers impacted by the endeavor. The goal of this request is to install a sewer/wastewater mainline and have individual residential septic systems connect to it. This will mitigate septic tank flooding along the St. Johns River. The request was for \$49 million and was submitted as an appropriation request on March 8, 2018.

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# FEDERAL UPDATE

**Landfill and Incinerator Options** - As a means to reduce the burden on the current landfill and generate income for the County, a request to explore grants for incinerators came to our office. MSW (Municipal solid waste ) is usually burned at special waste-to-energy plants that use the heat from the fire to make steam for generating electricity or to heat buildings. In 2015, 71 waste-to-energy power plants and four other power plants burned MSW in the United States. These plants burned about 29 million tons of MSW in 2015 and generated nearly 14 billion kilowatt hours of electricity. The biomass materials in the MSW that were burned in these power plants accounted for about 64% of the weight of the MSW and contributed about 51% of the energy. The remainder of the MSW was nonbiomass combustible material, mainly plastics. Many large landfills also generate electricity by using the methane gas that is produced from decomposing biomass in landfills. Currently, the office of Congressman Ted Yoho is exploring feasible options for this project.

Source: [https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/?page=biomass\\_waste\\_to\\_energy](https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/?page=biomass_waste_to_energy)

**Rural Broadband** - Congressman Ted Yoho is currently evaluating federal programs and grants that the County and respective municipalities can apply for to begin the infrastructure for rural broadband. In addition to working with the White House to secure billions for rural infrastructure, the Congressman is also meeting with private companies who are developing the new 5G networks for potential use in rural areas.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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**Potable Water Expansion Project- Federal Point Corridor-** The goal of this project is to install potable water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near St. Johns River. The request was for \$25 million. It has received congressional approval and is seeking funding source. At the request of Congressman Yoho, the Army Corps and the Congressman have had two phone calls relating to Army Corps projects in Putnam County.

## Letters of Support

Rep. Ted Yoho has written letters of support to the Army Corp of Engineers for the modernization effort and the improvement of the water supply system in Putnam County.

Rep. Ted Yoho has written letters of support to Governor Scott for the support of Putnam County School Board's application for the Florida Rural GEAR UP Grant.

Rep. Ted Yoho has at the request of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners tracked down and identified the owner and process by which the County may acquire the older broadband equipment that is located on the existing cell towers across the County. At this point, the feasibility and costs associated with upgrading the outdated equipment are being evaluated.

# STATE UPDATE



Senator Keith Perry



Rep. Bobby Payne

PUTNAM COUNTY  
RECEIVES MORE THAN  
\$2.3 MILLION  
IN STATE  
APPROPRIATIONS

Florida State Representative Bobby Payne and Senator Keith Perry, the Putnam County Legislative Delegation, secured \$2,390,232 in appropriations directly for Putnam County Projects during the 2018 Legislative Session. The funding allocations are part of HB 5001, the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act, a balanced state budget for the upcoming fiscal year, signed by Governor Scott on Friday, March 16, 2018.

## Appropriations

**East Palatka Fire Station Water Expansion.** This project is supported by Senate Appropriation Form 2250 and House Bill 3297. These funds will be used to extend the Putnam County water lines to the new Fire Station in East Palatka. This will provide a potable water source to the new fire station and surrounding residential sites. During last year's budget cycle, Putnam County received \$1 million to build the new Fire Station in East Palatka. Putnam County Board of County Commissioners is currently working on this project. The project was awarded \$850,000.

**Communications Equipment Upgrade.** This project was supported by House Bill 3295 and State Senate's last legislative session. These funds will upgrade the Putnam Safety Radio System, by procuring new dispatch consoles and integration services. The project was awarded \$790,232.

**Putnam County School District Advanced Manufacturing.** This project was supported by Senate Appropriation Form 2316 and House Bill 3271. These funds will assist in preparing for technical and vocational skills for local industry jobs. The funds are to purchase equipment and to renovate existing rooms. The project was awarded \$250,000.

"Senator Perry and I have formed a strong relationship and will continue to press for appropriations each year in order to improve the quality of life for all in our District."  
- Rep. Bobby Payne

# STATE UPDATE

## Additional Projects

**Putnam County Animal Shelter.** Additionally, \$500,000 was included in the Department of Economic Opportunity's budget for the Putnam County Animal Shelter. These funds will replace an inadequate facility and will include spay and neutering and adoptions areas, all under one roof.

**Economic Opportunity Investment Zones.** Senator Perry, Rep. Payne, and Congressman Yoho have recommended to the Governor to designate eight census tracts in Putnam County to be designated as Economic Opportunity Investment Zones under the new tax reform. If designated these areas will receive federal funds for streamlined regulation, infrastructure projects, and other means to promote economic development.

TED S. YOH0, DVM  
3rd DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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April 9, 2018

Erin Gillespie, Deputy Chief of Staff  
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Dear Ms. Gillespie,

I am writing in support of the requests made for the following tracts as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas in Putnam County.

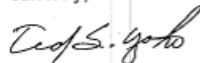
Putnam County is an economically distressed county. There have been significant layoffs due to business closures, and it has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Due to these significant issues, our office has partnered with state and local governments and various industry and community programs to form Project Putnam, a 5-tiered economic development plan to attract investment and foster startup activities. I believe that with the combined efforts of Project Putnam and the Opportunity Zone Investment Areas, Putnam County could become a great success story and a transformed community.

While all 15 tracts of Putnam County are eligible to become Opportunity Zone Areas, the county has identified the top 8 tracts as follows:

Census Tract #	FIPS#	Census Tract #	FIPS#
9510	12107951000	9506	12107950600
9507	12107950700	9514.01	12107951401
9503	12107950300	9508	12107950800
9505	12107950500	9501	12107950100

Thank you for your assistance and full consideration of these tracts as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas in Putnam County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, Kat Cammack, at 352-505-0838.

Sincerely,



Ted S. Yoho, DVM  
Member of Congress  
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# Florida House of Representatives

Representative Bobby Payne  
District 19

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Health Innovation Subcommittee  
Prek-12 Appropriations Subcommittee  
Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

March 16, 2018

Erin Gillespie, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
107 East Madison Street, MSC 100  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120

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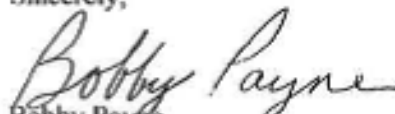
Please accept this letter as a request to place the following tracts as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas in Putnam County, an "Economically Distressed" county. Having these tracts designated as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas will help drive long-term capital to this rural and low-income county.

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Putnam County has recently experienced significant layoffs due to business closures, such as JC Penney and Kmart, and has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Additionally, U.S. Congressman Ted Yoho has implemented PROJECT PUTNAM, which is a 5 tiered program to focus on mutually reinforcing state, local and private economic development initiatives to attract investment and foster startup activities in Putnam County. If these tracts become Opportunity Zone Investment Areas, Putnam County could become a transformed community and another success story. Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Bobby Payne  
State Representative, District 19





# THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

## COMMITTEES:

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax  
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Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

## SENATOR KEITH PERRY

8th District

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Erin Gillespie, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
107 East Madison St, MSC 100  
Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Dear Ms. Gillespie,

I am writing to you to request the following census tracts in Putnam County as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas. Putnam County is designated as "economically distressed" and having these tracts dedicated as Opportunity Zone Investment Areas will ensure long term capital and economic development in Putnam County.

The following census tracts are eight tracts we would like to recommend.

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Over the last few years, Putnam County has received significant layoffs and business closures. Additionally, U.S. Congressman Ted Yoho has implemented a five tiered program known as "Project Putnam." This program brings stakeholders from local, state, federal, non-profit, and the private sector working towards viable long term economic development. If these tracts became Opportunity Zone Investment Areas, Putnam County can be a success story. Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Keith Perry District 8

### REPLY TO:

- 4650 NW 39th Place, Suite C, Gainesville, Florida 32606 (352) 284-4040
- 312 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5008
- Marion County Board of Commissioners, 115 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471
- Putnam County Government Complex, 2509 Crill Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177

Senate's Website: [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov)

**JOE NEGRON**  
President of the Senate

**ANITERE FLORES**  
President Pro Tempore



# PUTNAM COUNTY UPDATE



County Administrator  
Terry Suggs

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The focused initiatives strive to alleviate problems specific to Putnam County. After the completion of Project Putnam, the goal is that Putnam County will continue to thrive and grow for the benefit of its residents.

## Grants and Appropriations

### Federal Legislative Appropriations

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# PUTNAM COUNTY UPDATE

## State of Florida Legislative Appropriations

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**Communications Equipment Upgrade (700 MHZ)** – the goal of this project was to update the Public Safety Radio System in a phased approach to a P25 Communication System. The request was for \$790,232, and it was awarded.

**Animal Shelter Facility**- the goal of this project was to replace the shelter which was damaged during Hurricane Irma. It would also include a house pet adoption and spay neuter program. The request was for \$500,000. It was awarded through a private/public partnership.

**East Putnam Drainage and Flooding Mitigation**- the goal of this project was to mitigate 17 miles of drainage canals/ditches to enhance the stormwater system and significantly reduce flooding. The request was for \$800,000 and it was not awarded. Additional funding streams are being researched through federal partners.

**Multi-Use Education and Livestock Facility**- the goal of this project was to provide a facility for youth and agriculture education, large animal shelter during storm events and an upgrade to fairgrounds. The request was for \$290,000 and it was not awarded. Additional funding streams are being researched through federal partners.

**Pico Road and Elsie Drive Wastewater Expansion Project**- the goal of this project was to install waste water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near St. Johns River. The request was for \$750,000 and it was not awarded. Additional funding streams are being researched through federal partners.

## USDA

**East Palatka Potable Water Expansion**- The goal of this project is to foster economic development and positively impact the environment. The request was for \$2.5 million. The project has been designed and permitted and awaits funding source.

**Dunns Creek Potable Water Expansion**-The goal of this project is to foster economic development and positively impact the environment. The request was for \$4.5 million.

# PUTNAM COUNTY UPDATE

## St. Johns River Management District

**Waste Water Expansion Project- Paradise Point to Gilbert Road** – The goal of this project is to install wastewater lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$2 million and it was awarded.

**Wastewater Expansion Project- Pico Road and Elsie Drive** – The goal of this project was to install water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$462,304 and it was awarded.

**Wastewater Expansion Project – Horse Landing Road-** The goal of this project was to install water lines and lift stations to mitigate septic tank flooding near the St. Johns River. The request was for \$656,996 and it was awarded.

## FEMA

**Hurricane Matthew FEMA Public Assistance-** The goal of this project is to reimburse the County Funds expended for response and recovery efforts. The County has received \$160,804.23 in the General Fund and \$1,061,753.33 in the Sanitation Fund.

**Hurricane Irma FEMA Public Assistance** – The goal of this project is to reimburse the County Funds expended for the response and recovery efforts. The estimated reimbursement is \$5,591,820.93.





PUTNAM COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN YOHO'S VISION FOR PUTNAM COUNTY AND THE FIVE PROJECT PUTNAM PILLARS; AFFIRMING PUTNAM COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT PROJECT PUTNAM; AFFIRMING PUTNAM COUNTY WILL ABIDE BY THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY AND ASPIRE TO PRODUCE QUARTERLY REPORTS WITHIN THE REQUESTED TIMELINES;

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners desires to realize the full potential of Putnam County in order to better serve the public and all those who call her home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners supports the five Project Putnam Pillars: Recovery, Stability, Growth, Accountability and Engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, increased high school graduation rates, additional vocational training opportunities and job creation leading to decreased unemployment numbers and a reduction in the need for public housing is essential to Putnam County's future success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners aspires to improve crucial infrastructure with enhanced federal funding, retain and expand current industry and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners fully commits to supporting Project Putnam's efforts by engaging stakeholders, providing necessary resources, such as staffing, and faithfully abiding with the spirit of transparency in order to bring these goals to fruition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners aims to produce quarterly reports within the requested timelines for inclusion in Congressman Yoho's comprehensive report on Project Putnam;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that the Board hereby affirms its support for the priorities set forth in Project Putnam and the vision it cultivates.

DULY ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Smith".

Tim Smith, Clerk of Courts

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Buddy Goddard".

Buddy Goddard, Chairman

# Crescent City, Florida

# CITY UPDATES



Mayor Brett Peterson



City Manager Patrick Kennedy

## Grants and Appropriations

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Technical Assistance Grant** to update and expand our Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). The stated, narrow purpose of the expansion of the Community Reinvestment Act is to provide tax increment financing for much-needed water, sewer, roads and broadband infrastructure. It will not solve these issues by itself but will be one tool in the toolbox that can help us leverage other funding sources. The CRA Plan updates under this Department of Economic Opportunity's grant also provide the specific plans for improvement in the Central Avenue corridor. Among the commitments in the plan proposals is a redevelopment plan for a hotel and retail space on Central Avenue at the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Summit Street. With the help of the University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning and its Center for Hydro-Generated Urbanism, we have developed and are in the process of adopting a plan that gives the City specific guidance to pursue these efforts.

**The CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant** was awarded to Crescent City which will allow us to make paving and drainage improvements in our low-income neighborhoods to the west, to improve their quality of life and improve their property values.

**FDOT M-SCOP Grant** to pave on Walnut St.

**Florida Boating Improvement Grant** from Florida Fish and Wildlife to complete shoreline and pier improvements (with boat slips) for Sunrise Park on Crescent Lake. This facility will improve access to and from Crescent Lake and is identified for future improvements under the CRA Plan discussed above for full service marina facilities.

# Crescent City, Florida

# CITY UPDATES

## Grant Applications

Crescent City submitted a grant application to the Florida Department of Transportation under its Municipal S.C.O.P. program for the resurfacing of Central Avenue, which includes re-establishment of the road base, new pavement, new striping and new curb and gutter work. Central Avenue is a primary east/west commercial district in the center of town with access to our two most valuable assets: Crescent Lake and Lake Stella. It is our intention to make this effort part of a larger effort to the streetscape, upgrade water utilities and improve stormwater management and treatment in this corridor.

The above described is the only recent application for funding put forward by the City; however, we anticipate submitting for funding from the Water Management District for innovated drainage improvements and waterline upgrades as part of the larger effort for this area. The application cycle does not open until September, but we are rescheduling pre-application meetings now in an effort to take advantage of the synergy between this program and the M-SCOP program for improving the Central Avenue business district.

## Other Project Putnam Projects

After speaking with Commissioner Hardy at a League of Cities event, the city started a conversation with Thayer Power and Communications about what is necessary to bring broadband to Crescent City. Thayer agreed to provide a "10,000 ft" view of the infrastructure and estimated cost for such a project. In the spirit of cooperation with the County, we brought the County's IT director into our meetings with Thayer and Thayer also provided an approach that includes County assets. A copy of the preliminary analysis related to the City is attached.

Crescent City has started its own Broadband Internet Committee to stay on top of efforts to bring true high-speed fiber-based internet to Crescent City. This group met with Kat Cammack, Congressman Yoho's Deputy Chief of Staff, to discuss the preliminary findings.



Congressman Yoho's office agreed to identify possible agency contacts which she provided and we will endeavor to drill down on this issue, exploring all possible solutions.

Staff has also contacted some fiber companies already involved in putting fiber in the US 17 corridor through Crescent City from north and south and has an appointment to explore possibilities of taking advantage of their efforts.



RESOLUTION NO. R18-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN YOHO'S VISION FOR PUTNAM COUNTY AND THE FIVE PROJECT PUTNAM PILLARS; AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT PROJECT PUTNAM AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, AND ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS EFFORT TO INSURE ITS SUCCESS; AFFIRMING CRESCENT CITY WILL ABIDE BY THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY AND PRODUCE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF ITS EFFORTS WITHIN THE REQUESTED TIMELINES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crescent City desires to realize the full potential of its city and Putnam County in order to better serve the public and all those who call it home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission for the City of Crescent City supports the five Project Putnam Pillars: Recovery, Stability, Growth, Accountability and Engagement as presented by Congressman Yoho in attached Exhibit A at public meetings held on November 29, 2017 and December 20, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, increased high school graduation rates, additional vocational training opportunities and job creation leading to decreased unemployment numbers and a reduction in the need for public housing is essential to Crescent City and Putnam County's future success; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crescent City aspires to improve crucial infrastructure, retain and expand current commercial and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crescent City fully commits to supporting Project Putnam's efforts by engaging with the County, the Putnam County School District, our fellow municipalities and all the stakeholders in this effort, providing necessary resources, and faithfully abiding with the spirit of transparency in order to bring these goals to fruition; and


**WHEREAS**, the City of Crescent City will contribute to the production of quarterly reports within the requested timelines for inclusion in Congressman Yoho's comprehensive report on Project Putnam;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY** that we hereby affirm our support for the priorities set forth in Project Putnam and the vision it cultivates for the City and Putnam County as a whole.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Crescent City at its regular meeting assembled this 11th day of January, 2018.

  
Brett Peterson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Patrick Kennedy, City Manager



# Palatka, Florida

# CITY UPDATES



Mayor Terrill Hill



City Manager Zeria Folston

## Project Putnam Projects

Palatka has joined with Urban Service Area Discussions and the County to provide cost-effective services in the unincorporated area surrounding the City of Palatka. Follow up expected at next City/County joint meeting in June.

**Water Line Replacement Project**-\$1.3 million project underway in Palatka's historic areas replacing water lines dating back to 1886. The City is working with FDEP and DEO to secure an 80%loan/20% principal forgiveness in excess of \$7 million and \$750k in CDBG funds to continue aging water line replacement project.

**Riverfront Park and Downtown Commercial Area Improvements**-\$800k project enhancing the existing Riverfront Park and Downtown Commercial Area. This project involved stormwater, parking, streetscaping and park improvements.

**Recreation Enhancements**-\$300k in improvements are in progress at six existing parks. Improvements include ballfield renovations, playground construction, lighting, walking paths and other recreation amenities.

**Road and Stormwater Improvements**-The City and the County have partnered on improvements to St. John's Avenue. Plans include drainage enhancements to mitigate flooding, resurfacing areas of St. John's Avenue within the City limits and roadway expansion from SR 19 West. Portions of this project are in the planning phase with the County taking the lead. Funding has not been secured for all aspects of this effort.

Welaka, Interlachen and Pomona Park were contacted for project updates. No response was given.



# COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES



**Putnam County  
Superintendent Rick Surrency**



**St. Johns River State College  
President Joe Pickens**

## Education Subcommittee

February 15, 2018

On February 15th, 2018, Congressman Yoho's staff met with the Putnam Education Subcommittee to discuss important topics facing school administrators. The main objective of the subcommittee was to discuss funding, graduation rates, retention of students across all grades and school safety. Throughout the discussion, it was established that the role of the parent is essential to the success of the child throughout his/her time in the Putnam County school district. Greater steps should be taken to involve parents, either through secondary education programs or general equivalency degree programs, to create the precedent for successful educational careers. Instead of focusing on students during their final years, the initiative should be taken to mold successful students from their entry into the school system. Overall, the meeting was essential to communicating the goals of Project Putnam and opening up lines of discussion concerning the future success of our students.

## Grants and Appropriations

### Recent Grant Applications

- **Jobs for Florida Graduates Grant:** Jobs for Florida's Graduates (JFG) is a school-to-career program designed to help young people graduate, thereby building the confidence to move onto gainful employment or postsecondary education. This program is an affiliate of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG).
- **Google CS Educator Grant:** The Google CS Educator grant is geared towards improving computer science education. This grant provides professional development opportunities for educators in hopes of improving quality of education.

# PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

## Grants and Appropriations

### Ongoing Funding

#### Competitive Funding

SIG3 : \$695,562

SIG 4: \$1,358,486

JFG: \$120,000.

21ST Century: \$4 250, 000.

Instr. Sup. Leader for ELLs: \$75,000.

ME BECAS: \$5,000.

EL Civics: \$27,941.

MOSH Outreach: \$10,000.

Federal Farm to School: \$49,340.

Title IX- Sex Discrimination: \$73,500.

TOPS3: \$988,000.

#### Entitlement Funding

Title IA- Elementary and Secondary Education Act: \$5,140,523.

Title IC- Flexible Block Grant: \$187, 184.

Title IIIA- Strengthening Institutions: \$75, 000.

Migrant Farmworker: \$144, 566.

Title II - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals: \$458, 744.

Title IV – 21st Century Schools: \$135, 691.

Title V – Promoting Informed Parental Choice and Innovative Programs: \$190, 533.

UniSIG – Unified School Improvement Grant: \$2,250,060.

## Secondary Education

St. Johns River State College offers AA degree and certificate courses to aid students on their path to employment. The college also offers continuing education courses and professional development courses to fill potential gaps in education. These programs are designed to enhance the community and provide an opportunity for community members to continue building upon their education.

During the Education Subcommittee, representatives from the college offered insight and information about the college, certificate and VoTech training and adult education programs.



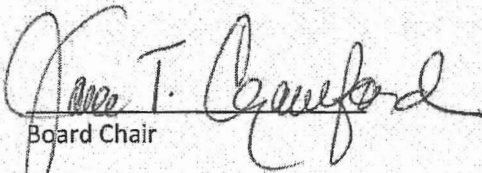
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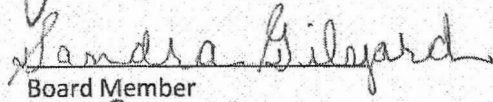
WHEREAS, Congressman Ted Yoho has proposed to support Putnam County through a Project entitled "Project Putnam" focused on raising opportunities for education, AND

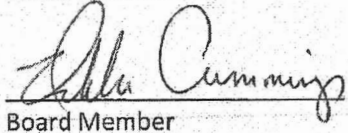
WHEREAS, the Congressman's office has requested support via resolution for the endeavor.

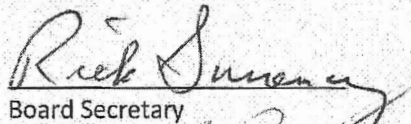
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Putnam County School Board supports Congressman Ted Yoho's Project Putnam.

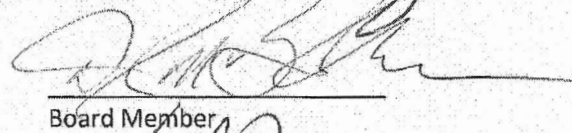
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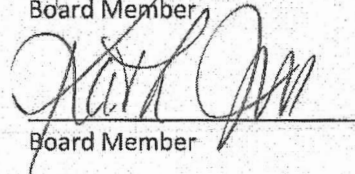
  
Board Chair

  
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# INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

## Putnam County Public Works

In the upcoming fiscal year, we have acquired many successes in regards to infrastructure, securing millions of dollars to improve local roadways and other much-needed infrastructure to maintain the beauty and functionality of Putnam County.

### Projects Approved & Funded by the Florida Department Of Transportation

**St Johns Ave Resurfacing from SR19** - Phase #1 of Ashley Lake Blvd and Ashley Lake Dr (\$1.528 million), Phase #2 is currently projected for Fiscal Year 20, with a price tag of \$2.4 million. (Waiting for Florida Department of Transportation Approval)

Approximately 2 miles of **Lake Susan Rd** (Gordon Chapel Rd to Magnolia Rd) (\$1.8 million)

Towels Rd Outfall purchases Right of Way and repairs a drainage structure. (\$475,000)

**St Johns Ave Bike path** from SR19 to the Sports Complex under design (\$104,000)

**CR20A Signage and Pavement Markings** Hawthorne to Interlachen Design Complete and Bids received. (\$350,000)

Saint Johns River Water Management Grants

**Gilbert Rd Sewer Main**, Design-build under construction (SJRWM and PC Funding approved) (\$2.5 million)

**East Palatka Sewer Expansion Elsie Dr/Pico Rd** (\$500,000)

**East Palatka Sewer Expansion Horse Landing Rd** (\$700,000)

### USDA Funding Approval

Grant to de-snag Florahome Drainage District and a portion of Etoniah Creek Canals East of the Holloway Bridge (\$858,000)

# INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

## Projects Awaiting Approval

### FDOT Applications Submitted

**Holloway Rd 2nd phase** to complete entire road paving (\$4.9 million)

**CR315 Resurfacing SR20 to CR310** (\$3.3 million)

**Moody Rd Resurfacing SR19 –SR100** (\$2.3 million)

**MSCOP** with City of Palatka Resurface St Johns Ave from Palm Ave to Railroad crossing (\$616,000)

### Department of Economic Opportunity Infrastructure Grant

**Paving of Bellamy Rd and Sun Garden Rd to US17** with support from Clay County (\$21million) waiting on DEO Application submission to open again.

### Florida Public Assistance FLPA and HMGP

**Fort Gates Ferry Landings** to repair damages from Hurricane Irma

**Port Buena Vista Waste Water Treatment Plant**, remove existing outdated plant and replace with Lift Station to Gilbert Rd WWTF. Final Stages of approval just waiting on Agreements and updated funding available from FDEM.

**St Johns Ave Drainage Structure from SR19 to the Industrial Park.** This is to prevent future flooding in the area for Assisted Living, SJRSC, apartments and businesses. We have a Consultant working on HMGP Application and FDEM stated it is a possible good project. No funding approved yet.

### East Palatka Water Expansion

**East River Rd Water Expansion**, Designed and Permitted, currently looking for funding source (approximately \$2.5 million)

**Dunns Creek Area Water Expansion**, looking for a funding source for Design, Permitting & construction approximately (\$4.5 million plus)

**Fire Dept. Water Main SR207**, looking for a funding source for Design, Permitting, and Construction (approximately \$800,000 plus)

### USACE Water Expansion

**SR207 and Federal Point Corridor**, have Congressional Approval but currently no Appropriation, looking for a funding source for Design, Permitting, and Construction (approximately \$25 million plus)

# PILLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## RECOVERY

Hurricane Matthew FEMA Public Assistance- The goal of this project is to reimburse the County Funds expended for response and recovery efforts. The County has received \$160,804.23 in the General Fund and \$1,061,753.33 in the Sanitation Fund.

Hurricane Irma FEMA Public Assistance – The goal of this project is to reimburse the County Funds expended for the response and recovery efforts. The estimated reimbursements are \$5,591,820.93.

## STABILITY

The state was able to bring \$850,000 for the East Palatka Fire Station. This will extend a water line so that the fire station will have a constant source of water to help protect property from the risk of fire. This falls within the infrastructure pillar.

From this past state legislative session, we were able to bring \$790,000 is to continue procuring the new public safety dispatch system in Putnam County. This can be attributed to the infrastructure pillar of Project Putnam.

Putnam County School District Advanced Manufacturing: These funds will assist in preparing with technical and vocational skills for local industry jobs. The funds are to purchase equipment and to renovate existing rooms.

Animal Shelter Facility- the goal of this county project was to replace the shelter which was damaged during Hurricane Irma. It would also include a house pet adoption and spay neuter program. The request was for \$500,000. It was awarded a private/public partnership.

Waste Water Expansion Project- This state and county project will help meet provisions called for in the Clean Water Act.

# PILLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## STABILITY: CONTINUED

Congressman Yoho's office established an Education Subcommittee with teachers and administrators in Putnam County School district.

Potable Water Expansion Project- The extension of the Putnam County's Water System is critical for the Life Safety and Health of the planned Economic Development Corridor along State Road 207.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Technical Assistance Grant to update and expand our Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). The stated, narrow purpose of the expansion of the CRA is to provide tax increment financing for much-needed water, sewer, roads and broadband infrastructure.

The CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant was awarded to Crescent City which will allow us to make paving and drainage improvements in our low-income neighborhoods to the west, to improve their quality of life and improve their property values.

FDOT M-SCOP Grant to pave on Walnut St. in Crescent City

Florida Boating Improvement Grant from Florida Fish and Wildlife to complete shoreline and pier improvements (with boat slips) for Sunrise Park on Crescent Lake. This facility will improve access to Crescent Lake and from Crescent Lake and is identified for future improvements under the CRA Plan discussed above for full service marina facilities.

Crescent City's establishment of a Broadband Internet Committee.

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# PILLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## GROWTH

The state appropriations were able to bring \$250,000 for the Putnam County School District for the Advanced Manufacturing Program which lets students earn certificates and training so that students can receive manufacturing education and better prepare them for a manufacturing job after school.

Senator Perry, Rep. Payne and Congressman Yoho has recommended to the Governor to designate eight census tracts in Putnam County to be designated as Economic Opportunity Investment Zones under the new tax reform where. If designated these areas will receive federal funds for streamlined regulation, infrastructure projects, and other means to promote economic development.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Publishing Quarterly Report

Established tangible goals and initiatives with separate stakeholders and groups

## ENGAGEMENT

Establishment of Website and Facebook pages  
<https://yoho.house.gov/project-putnam>  
[www.facebook.com/YohoProjectPutnam](http://www.facebook.com/YohoProjectPutnam)

Putnam County, Crescent City, and Palatka signing resolutions

Scheduled meetings for the following quarter

Regular communication between stakeholders, elected officials, and administrators

# COMMUNITY IDEAS

## Liz Peak

Ride Solutions

Ride Solution's mission is to improve the mobility, health, and economic stability of Putnam County. We are here to help!

## Vito Russo

South Historic Neighborhood  
Association

Utilize the Campbell Building- Cultural Art Center and work with outreach programs

## Kathleen Story

South Historic Neighborhood  
Association

Colleges could potentially offer a course for students about Project Putnam where their ideas and inputs could be gathered? Young people need to be involved in the community more often, even when they're not voting age yet. I remember how much my fellow students and I had the ambition to change the world at that age. They could be a great resource for the project. This could be done at high school level also. They need to buy into their county.

## Richard Callicott

Veritas Steel, LLC

Encourage future bridge fabrications and erections consider steel alternative. In the long run, steel bridges are a better and more cost-effective solution.

## Sandra Gilyard

Putnam County School Board Member

Through Education let's look at Preparing our inmates to acclimate into society through job preparation. Proposed Idea: Reward businesses that employ these individual -strict guidelines- accountability on the part of the employer and the employee.

## David Dinkins

UF IFAS

Utilize the Food Innovation Center!

## John Nelson

Housing Authority

Explore affordable housing needs.

## Kathleen Story

South Historic Neighborhood  
Association

Could you get a website up where people can comment on what they want for their county? They do it now on Facebook groups like "What's Happening in Putnam County" and "What's NOT being talked about in Putnam County or Palatka".

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN Q2

## Project Putnam Vision

### Federal

Plan additional meetings with stakeholders and county/city officials. Continue to garner federal support for key projects within the County. Heavily promote Putnam County as a key area for investment and growth. Finally, continue to garner feedback from the community as to the direction of Project Putnam. Address the emergency management communications system that is critically needed for Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement.

### State

Continue to support the goals for Putnam County by providing opportunities for economic growth.

### County & Cities

Begin and complete some infrastructure projects, and continue to meet with officials that will bring broadband throughout the county.

### Schools

STEM opportunities have been expanded across the board with the creation of robotics clubs, a 3D printer club, and increased MakerSpace resources. A scheduled second meeting of the Education Subcommittee.

### Stakeholders

Continue to grow within Putnam County and help Putnam grow as a whole.



# GET INVOLVED!

Do you have some ideas for Project Putnam? Share them on our website at [Yoho.House.Gov](http://Yoho.House.Gov) or on our Facebook Group page called “Rep. Yoho’s Project Putnam.” Following our website or Facebook page will also keep you updated on events and meetings happening with Project Putnam.

# CONTACT US!



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