



2026 Legislative Session Local Priorities

Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) – Regional Priority

Background:

Northeast Florida has experienced rapid population growth, resulting in increased demands on critical utility infrastructure. Water and wastewater are essential for public health, environmental protection, and economic development, yet the costs to expand and upgrade these systems have outpaced local revenue growth. Without additional funding, municipalities across our region struggle to keep up with the infrastructure demands tied to population growth, extreme weather events, and rising construction costs.

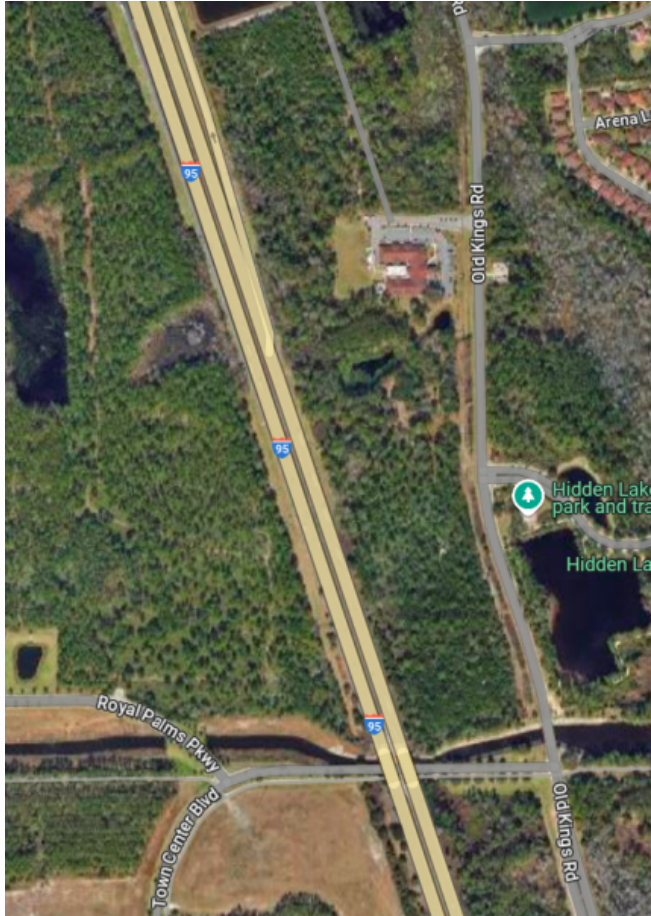
Priority:

The City of Palm Coast, in partnership with the Northeast Florida Regional Council, advocates for increased state assistance for utility infrastructure funding. We urge the Florida Legislature to expand grant opportunities and matching fund programs specifically aimed at supporting utility infrastructure in high-growth regions.

F.S. 23 / Burroughs Drive Stormwater Park



I-95 Parallel Facility – Old Kings Road phase 2A



Woodlands Subdivision Stormwater Capacity project



Seminole Woods Dry Lake and Weir Project



Partnership with Flagler County Construction of New Animal Shelter



Construction of a New County Animal Shelter.

Background

The Flagler Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of animals. The Humane Society was originally founded in and built on land donated by ITT. Eventually agreements and funding to provide animal control and care services was established with Flagler Beach, Bunnell and Unincorporated Flagler County. Since the City of Palm Coast provides its own animal control services, they only allocate funds for sheltering services.

Recently, many residents have voiced concerns about the overcrowding issues because of the increase in strays and animals that are surrendered. While Flagler County population has grown in double digits since the shelter opened the ability to increase space to house these animals has diminished over the years.

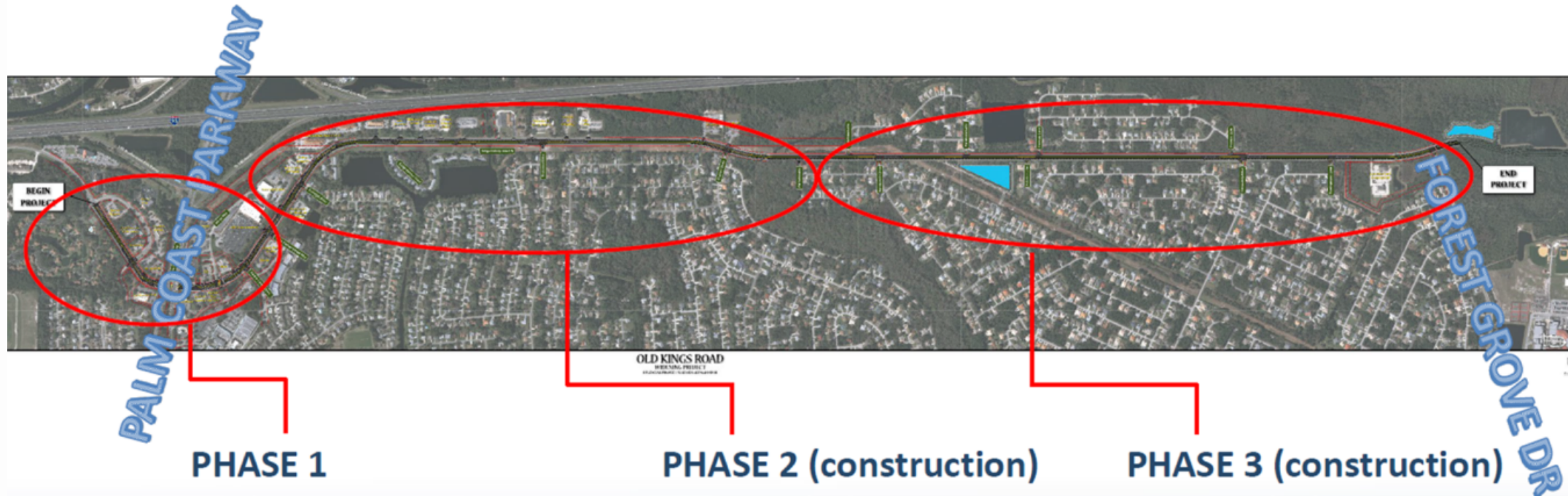
Through creating a new partnership and pooling of funds that are currently being provided by the county and municipalities, we could build and support a new animal shelter with full services.



Saltwater Canal Dredging



Old Kings Road Construction Phase III



Next Steps and Schedule



**APPROVE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
RESOLUTION**



**SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH
LEGISLATORS BEFORE SESSION**
INITIATED BY THE SOUTHERN GROUP



**PRESENT AT LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION MEETING**



**SUBMIT HOUSE
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