



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS





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ABOUT PUTNAM COUNTY

Putnam County was established in 1849 as Florida’s 28th county, formed from portions of St. Johns, Alachua, Orange, Duval, and Marion counties. It was named in honor of Benjamin A. Putnam, a distinguished officer in the First Seminole War, accomplished lawyer, state legislator, and the inaugural president of the Florida Historical Society.

PUTNAM COUNTY STATISTICS

Population: 73,321

Area (Square Miles): 827

99 sq miles (12%) is covered by water

Established: 1849

County Seat: Palatka

Median Household Income: \$47,934

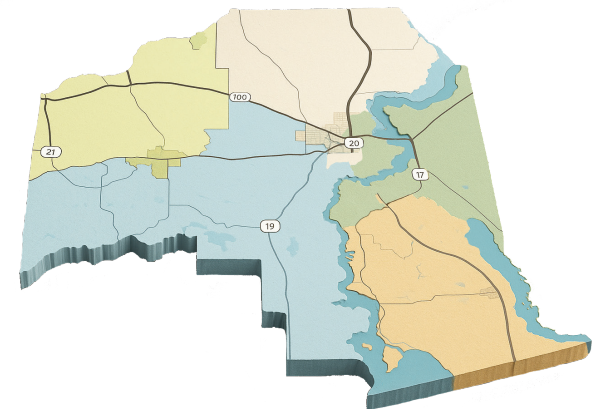
Districting: 5 Districts

Median Age: 46.8

Port: Port Putnam

Port Area (Square Miles): 17

Source: The United States Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/putnamcountyflorida/>



PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



VISION: Putnam County, located along the majestic St. Johns River, where you will experience abundant natural resources, a rich history, and a diverse, high-quality way of life... truly a gem of Florida you thought was lost.

MISSION: The mission of Putnam County is to enhance the quality of life for our citizens, businesses, and visitors by providing premier quality programs and services that reflect our commitment to excellence and integrity.



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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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Terry is a dedicated public-sector executive with over 30 years of public service to Florida communities, including six years as a City Manager and eight years as Putnam County Administrator. His career is built on disciplined financial stewardship, strong organizational leadership, and a deeply held belief that government must always put people first.

Terry holds a Master of Public Administration from Barry University, a Certified Public Manager designation from Florida State University, and he is an ICMA Credentialed Manager—reflecting his commitment to ethical, high-performance leadership and continuous professional development.

Terry is driven by commitment, authenticity, and a deep love for his community, and strives every day to lead with purpose, vision, and the belief that government should work better for everyone.

It is my genuine privilege to share the Putnam County 2025 Annual Report with you. Each year tells its own story, and this one reflects the hard work, dedication, and heart of the people who serve this community every day. I can say without hesitation that the progress we have made together is something to be proud of.

This past year, our Board of County Commissioners, administrative leadership team, and all levels of staff worked together to make Putnam County stronger, safer, and better prepared for the future. Whether it was improving essential services, advancing major infrastructure projects, or investing in the employees who keep our county running, our focus never wavered from doing what is right for our residents.

Major initiatives this year include the construction of a new Animal Services Facility and Office, along with additional staff members and a part-time Veterinarian to enhance the daily operations and improve animal care. Construction progressed on a new fire station, supported by a SAFER Grant that will help offset the cost of hiring additional firefighters to staff the new station. The County also established a paramedicine strike team, strengthening emergency response capabilities across our communities.

Economic development saw a transformative investment in our industrial sector highlighted by CertainTeed Gypsum Manufacturing's \$250 million expansion. Port Putnam, Florida's most inland port, continues its revitalization with infrastructure improvements that will support long-term economic development and create further growth opportunities for Putnam County businesses. A continued focus on employee retention and organizational culture remained a key priority and focus throughout the year.

Most importantly, this report is not just a list of accomplishments, it is a reflection of the people behind them. They are the men and women who show up every day with a sense of pride and purpose, the residents who trust us with their community, and the shared belief that Putnam County's best days are ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your County Administrator. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a strong, vibrant, and resilient future for all who call Putnam County home.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T Suggs".

MPA, ICMA-CM
Putnam County Administrator

PUTNAM COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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2024-2025 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Countywide Highlights

2025 was a year of progress, partnership, and innovation across Putnam County and its county departments. From major infrastructure investments to community programs and internal system improvements, County departments worked together to enhance services, strengthen resilience, and support residents countywide.

Putnam County completed a public safety **communications system**



upgrade to strengthen countywide connectivity. The project was awarded to Motorola Solutions through a competitive process and funded with ARPA dollars, at a total cost of \$7.3 million.

Port Putnam Redevelopment advanced through bulkhead improvements, major grant pursuits, and a student-designed logo developed through a countywide art contest.

Melrose Library Expansion broke ground, adding a community meeting space, ADA-compliant restrooms, and a small retail area. Library Services celebrated reading and creativity with the **Garden of Reading Literary Festival and annual Book Sale**, while continuing to expand free public programs across all five branches.

West Putnam Fire Station, located on Baden Powell Road, neared completion. The new station will improve emergency response times and expand coverage for western areas of the County.

Animal Services Facility construction progressed steadily opening in November 2025, while innovative programs such as the Foster-to-Adoption initiative and Deputy Dogs vs. Rescue Ryders adoption challenge strengthened community partnerships.

Bostwick and Bardin Community Parks received new shade structures, **Pico and Drayton Island Boat Ramps** gained floating docks, and the County hosted its first **Fast Pitch Softball District Tournament** with 30 teams from 12 counties.

Emergency Management updated **seven core preparedness plans**, installed **three new WeatherStem monitoring stations**, and coordinated **\$5 million** in local mitigation projects.

Public Works completed multiple infrastructure and maintenance projects across the County, improving roadways, drainage systems, and public safety. Key accomplishments included the **St. Johns Avenue Flood Reduction Project, South Putnam Drainage Project**, and progress on long-term transportation and stormwater improvements.

People, Programs, and Partnerships
PeopleOne, the new health clinic available to employees, launched in partnership with the county to

bring better health options and preventative care to employees while decreasing insurance costs.



County staff and volunteers participated in community events including the Putnam County Fair, Library Summer Kickoff, and Preparedness Expo, building connections with residents across all regions.

Employee recognition programs highlighted outstanding public service and teamwork across departments.

County initiatives secured strong support from state and federal partners through FDEP, RAISE, SAFER and PIDP funding—underscoring Putnam County’s continued commitment to progress, resilience, and innovation.



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In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, over \$21 million in grant funding was awarded to Putnam County to strengthen Emergency Management, libraries, transportation, affordable housing programs (SHIP), UF/IFAS Extension services, and law enforcement.

Putnam County adopted the Roll-Back Millage rate and effectively adopting the lowest millage rate in over 10 years.

HISTORY OF MILLAGE RATES (AD-VALOREM)

FISCAL YEAR	MILLAGE
2017	9.0914
2018	9.8892
2019	9.5946
2020	9.5946
2021	9.4404
2022	9.3099
2023	9.3099
2024	8.8441
2025	8.8441
2026	8.7418

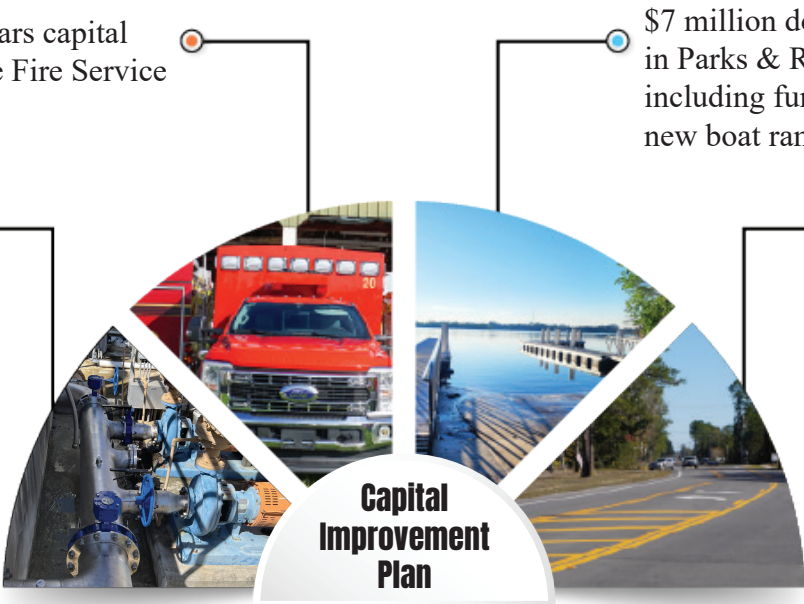
Over the past 10 years, Putnam County has secured more than \$95,787,000 in grant funding to help move critical projects forward and improve quality of life for residents across the community.

These grant dollars have supported a wide range of important initiatives, including road paving and resurfacing, the Melrose Library expansion, septic-to-sewer conversions, drainage improvements, expansions at the East Putnam Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) programs, the new Animal Services facility, reconstruction of the Maltby Building, the Baden Powell Fire Station, and port development.

\$1.5 million dollars capital investment in the Fire Service

Over \$11 million dollars in planned upgrades/expansion to our utility

Approved and incorporated Employee Retention initiatives to include a 4 % Cost of Living Adjustment and creation of 15 new FT positions within Fire/Rescue, Veterans Services & Codes Enforcement divisions to help meet the growing demand for services.



\$7 million dollars of capital investment in Parks & Recreational Areas including funding development of 3 new boat ramps

\$1.2 million in new funding for transportation improvements combined with work in progress to over \$33.5 million dollars of transportation improvement projects ongoing for FY26.

Increased funding appropriations to all constitutional offices

Adopted Capital Improvement Plan funding over \$25.8 million dollars in new Capital Improvements throughout the County.



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The UF/IFAS Putnam County Extension continued to advance agricultural education, environmental stewardship, and youth development throughout 2025.

Through hands-on programs, research, and outreach, the Extension reached thousands of residents, farmers, and youth across the county.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

This year, the Extension’s Agriculture Program delivered **20 educational events**—including field days, workshops, farm tours, and pesticide trainings—**reaching 691 participants**.

Key highlights included:

First Annual Datil Fest (Oct. 2025), celebrating the locally grown Datil pepper, drew over 2,000 attendees and is now established as an annual tradition.

Well and Septic Program (Sept. 2025) educated 53 private landowners on system design, maintenance, and water safety, including well-water testing and consultations.

A Pasture Soil Workshop (Mar. 2025) trained 36 pasture owners and distributed 25 soil probes

and 11 wind meters.

The Ever After Field Day hosted 179 agriculture students, providing hands-on learning about local muscadine production.

The County Extension Director, Wendy Mussoline, presented local research at an international agricultural conference in Uganda, highlighting Putnam County’s contributions to sustainable farming practices.

Horticulture and Master Gardeners

Extension horticulture and volunteer programs remained strong, with 54 horticulture programs (707 participants) and 20 Master Gardener programs (247 participants).

A team of 26 Master Gardener Volunteers contributed 1,755 hours of community service, generating \$7,409.60 in plant sale revenue to support educational outreach.

4-H Youth Development

The Putnam County 4-H Program continues to cultivate leadership, agricultural knowledge, and civic engagement among youth:

13 active clubs and **203 youth participants** supported by **37 trained volunteers**.

Local youth earned state and national honors, including:



- A **Senior Shooting Sports member** competing at the **National 4-H Contest in Nebraska**
- **First-place Junior Still Life Photography winner statewide**
- Multiple team and individual awards in Shooting Sports and Agricultural Judging.
- 4-H members excelled in traditional livestock and horticultural contests, with dozens of youth exhibiting and auctioning animals, plants, and projects at the County Fair.
- **Five themed day camps** offered immersive, hands-on learning, each filled to capacity.



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Putnam County Animal Services made remarkable progress in 2025—expanding adoption programs, deepening community

partnerships, and advancing the construction of a new, modern facility to better serve animals and residents alike.



Adoptions and Rescue Partnerships

This year, **311 dogs and cats found loving homes** through direct adoptions at the shelter. An additional 500+ animals were placed with trusted partner rescue organizations, ensuring each had access to care, foster placement, and the opportunity for a permanent home. These

collaborations continue to be vital in reducing shelter populations and improving outcomes for animals in need.

Community Programs and Partnerships

Animal Services launched its innovative **Foster-to-Adoption Program for Business Partners**, inviting local companies to host adoptable pets in their workplaces. The program helps socialize animals while bringing joy to employees and customers—strengthening the connection between local businesses and community animal welfare.

Facility Construction

Construction of the new Animal Services facility continued throughout 2025. The new building is designed to provide expanded kennel space, improved climate control, dedicated quarantine areas, and upgraded adoption and intake spaces. The new shelter will significantly enhance the County’s ability to care for animals safely and efficiently.

Community Engagement

The department also hosted creative adoption events to promote public involvement—most notably the **Sheriff’s Office vs Emergency Services Pet Adoption Challenge**, which fostered friendly competition while uniting residents, law enforcement, and emergency services under one mission: finding every animal a home.

311 Adoptions

500+ Animals Placed with Rescue Partners





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In 2025, the Putnam County Department of Emergency Management strengthened its readiness and resilience through extensive plan updates and reviews.

Highlights include:

- **7 emergency management plans updated**, including:
 - Sheltering Plan
 - Debris Management Plan
 - 2025 Mitigation Plan
 - Public Information Plan
 - Training & Exercise Plan
 - Impact Assessment Plan
 - Response & Recovery SOP Updates
- **13 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan reviews** completed for healthcare facilities
- Ongoing document maintenance and development for response and recovery operation

Meetings, Partnerships, and Public Outreach

Collaboration remained central to Emergency Management’s success, with ongoing partnerships across agencies, municipalities, and the public.

Highlights include:

- Active participation in the **Resilient First Coast Steering Committee and Infrastructure Subcommittee**
- **Hosted the FDEM Region 4 Quarterly Meeting** in September
- Continued engagement with the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Floodplain Management Study**

Response and Mitigation

Emergency Management monitored weather events and advanced mitigation initiatives to reduce long-term risk.

Highlights include:

- **January Cold Weather Event and September Invest 94L/PTC9/Imelda** response and monitoring
- **3 new WeatherStem weather monitoring stations** installed in Putnam County
- **Quarterly LMS Working Group meetings and policy overhaul completed**
- **Over \$5 million in local mitigation projects** developed and endorsed
- Active participation in **FDEM Mitigate Florida and LMS coordination meetings**

Storm Recovery

The department completed major post-disaster recovery efforts for recent hurricanes.

Emergency Management Participated in:

- 10 Training Courses Hosted**
- 6 Courses Taught by Staff**
- 3 Exercise Leadership Planning Meetings**
- 3 Exercise Planning Team Meetings**
- 4 Regional Tabletop Exercises**
- 4 Statewide Emergency Management Conferences**
- 6 Preparedness Meetings with Mayors**

Key accomplishments:

- **All Hurricane Helene projects closed out**, with funding obligations completed
- Hurricane Milton:**
 - **All Category B–G projects completed and funded**
 - **Debris (Category A)** project in final closeout
 - Ongoing coordination with FEMA and municipalities through recovery and funding transition meetings

Awards and Professional Development

- **Danelle Rich** earned both the **Florida Professional Emergency Management Certification** and the **Mid-Level Leadership Development Program Certification**
- Emergency Management staff **completed 202 hours of continuing education and training** in 2025



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Community Paramedicine Program

Putnam County Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine Program continued to expand its impact throughout 2025, **bridging the gap between emergency response and long-term healthcare**. The program focuses on improving outcomes for **high-risk residents** by connecting them to medical, social, and preventative resources that reduce repeated emergency calls and hospital visits.

In 2025, community paramedics served **175 clients** year-to-date, providing in-home visits, wellness checks, and coordinated follow-ups. The program also played a key role in addressing substance-related emergencies. **Suspected overdoses decreased by 32%**, dropping from 185 in 2024 to 125 in 2025, and **Naloxone-treated patients decreased by 36%**, from 117 in 2024 to 75 in 2025—a significant indicator of improved outreach and preventative support. Additionally, three patients were successfully connected to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) through the program, helping them access long-term recovery pathways.





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The Putnam County Parks & Recreation Department continued to enhance community spaces and programs throughout 2025, improving park facilities, expanding youth and adult sports, and offering new opportunities for recreation across the County.

Facility Improvements and Park Upgrades

This year saw significant infrastructure investments to improve safety, accessibility, and enjoyment for residents:

Floating docks were installed at the **Bostwick Boat Ramp**, **Drayton Island Boat Ramp**, and **Pico Boat Ramp**, improving water access and usability for local boaters.

Shade structures were installed at **Bostwick Community Park**, **Bardin Community Park**,

and the **Pickleball Court at the John Theobald Sports Complex**, providing comfort and protection for players and spectators alike. A **new playground** was completed at **San Mateo Park**, offering an inviting and safe play space for neighborhood families.

Athletic Programs and Community Participation

Participation in County athletic programs remained strong throughout 2025, with hundreds of residents joining in competitive and recreational leagues:

- **Beach Volleyball** – 81 participants
- **South Putnam Court Volleyball** – 118 participants
- **Soccer** – 624 participants
- **Flag Football** – 213 participants
- **Adult Co-Ed Softball** – 200 participants

In June, Putnam County proudly hosted its first-ever **Fast Pitch Softball District Tournament** (June 12–15), welcoming 30 teams from 12 counties—a major milestone in local athletic programming and regional sports tourism.

Aquatic Center and Water Programs

The **Putnam County Aquatic Center** continued to serve as a hub for water safety and recreation. Throughout the summer season:

- **237 children** participated in Red Cross-certified swim lessons,
- **166 residents** attended Float-In Movie Nights, and
- **Over 1,000 total swim visits** were recorded during open swim sessions and events.





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conducted by Benesch, staff presented findings to the Board of County Commissioners supporting the implementation of Impact Fees for new development. The Board approved the ordinance on June 10, 2025, with assessments beginning September 9, 2025. This milestone ensures that future growth contributes proportionately to the infrastructure and services needed to support it.

(EAR) process. This periodic update ensures the County’s long-range plan remains consistent with Florida’s statutory requirements and supports coordinated growth management strategies.

Comprehensive Plan

The County processed one Comprehensive Plan Amendment in accordance with the State-legislated Evaluation and Appraisal Report



Development Services Activities

Planning and Zoning staff maintained a steady pace of activity throughout 2025:

- **22** applications to rezone property
- **5** amendments to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM)
- **25** site plan reviews through the Development Review Committee (DRC)
- **51** subdivision applications — including **40** Lot Splits, **7** Family Subdivisions, and **4** Plats/Replats

Building and Permitting

The Building Department issued more than

4,900 total permits in 2025, including building, demolition, electrical, mechanical, and gas permits. Of these:

- **2,002** building permits issued
- **181** for commercial development
- **1,821** for residential development

These numbers represent a strong level of construction activity and reinvestment throughout the County.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division **closed 561 cases** in 2025, reflecting consistent efforts to ensure compliance with County ordinances and maintain community standards.

The Putnam County Planning and Development Services Department continued to guide responsible growth and land use throughout 2025, advancing long-term planning goals and improving service delivery across zoning, permitting, and code enforcement functions.

Traffic Study

The County partnered with CPC to conduct the 2024 Putnam County Traffic Count Program, collecting vital transportation data from 91 locations countywide. This information supports infrastructure planning, traffic management, and safety analysis. For 2025, the County aims to expand the program to 104 data collection sites, improving the accuracy of traffic forecasting and roadway planning efforts.

Impact Fee Adoption

Following a comprehensive yearlong study



PORT PUTNAM



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In 2025, Port Putnam continued advancing from a historically underutilized riverfront asset into a strategically positioned intermodal hub

supporting economic growth, logistics, and maritime commerce in Putnam County.

Strategic Redevelopment and Infrastructure

The County’s partnership with state and federal agencies progressed the Port’s long-term redevelopment plan, focusing on modernization of critical infrastructure. Design and permitting efforts moved forward for bulkhead and dock reconstruction, improvements essential for accommodating heavier cargo loads and ensuring long-term resiliency against tidal and storm impacts. These upgrades were pursued in alignment with the Port’s Master Plan, which envisions full integration with rail, roadway, and waterway connections.

Grant and Funding Initiatives

Putnam County continued its aggressive pursuit of external funding to support Port improvements. Applications were advanced under the **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)** and other

federal and state grant opportunities targeting infrastructure resiliency, safety, and economic competitiveness. The County emphasized that each investment at Port Putnam strengthens regional supply chain reliability and broadens the County’s capacity to attract industry partners.

Economic and Regional Impact

Port Putnam remains a cornerstone of the County’s economic development strategy. Situated on the St. Johns River with direct access to major rail and highway corridors, the Port offers multimodal potential that supports job creation and private-sector investment. The 2025 redevelopment efforts are expected to generate long-term benefits by diversifying freight operations and expanding opportunities for maritime and industrial tenants.

Community Engagement and Education

This year also saw a creative outreach effort that brought the community—and its students—into the Port’s rebranding process. Through the **Port Putnam Student Logo Design Contest**, middle and high school students across Putnam County were invited to design a new emblem symbolizing



the Port’s rebirth and its role in shaping the region’s future. The contest encouraged civic pride, career awareness in design and logistics, and connection between the Port and local schools. Winning designs were recognized publicly, and the initiative helped establish Port Putnam as not only an economic engine but also a community partner investing in future generations.

Resilience and Collaboration

Throughout the year, Port leadership highlighted the Port’s dual mission of economic growth and operational resilience. As discussed in presentations to regional and state partners, initiatives such as bulkhead reinforcement, storm-hardening of facilities, and digital system improvements demonstrate that resilience is not just a defense strategy but an economic one. By embedding security and adaptability into every project, the Port continues to position itself as a model for sustainable growth along Florida’s inland waterways.



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The Putnam County Library System continued its mission in 2025 to connect residents with learning, creativity, and community engagement. Across all five branches, staff delivered a wide range of programs that inspired readers and supported lifelong learning.

Branch Highlights

Palatka

- Cookies with Santa 2024: 260 attendees
- One Book, One Putnam: Kickoff (75), book discussion (3), finale (50)
- Bartram Frolic: 2,500 visitors; 400 calendars distributed

Crescent City

- Friends' Book Sale held
- Middleton Burney Elementary visited in three

groups for library tours, storytime, scavenger hunts, and each child received a book

Bostwick

- Participated in the Blueberry Festival

Melrose

- Fall Book Sale (10/22/2024)
- Candy Relay – Early Release Day (10/22/2024)
- Stuffy Sleepover (11/2/2024)
- Christmas Storytime Sing-Along & Craft (12/10/2024)
- One Book, One Putnam Discussion (1/17/2025)
- Movie Screening (2/07/2025)
- Teddy Bear Tea (2/11/2025)
- Spring Book Sale (5/20/2025)
- Fun for Gator Kids Outreach Festival (6/20/2025)
- STEM Camp with USF School of Engineering (7/18/2025)
- Fall Festival Booth at Heritage Park (10/31/2025)

Library Upgrades & Expansion

- Interlachen and Crescent City received new carpet and LED lighting, creating brighter, more welcoming environments.

- The Melrose Library expansion began, adding ~1,600 sq. ft. with a flexible meeting room, ADA-compliant restrooms, storage, a kitchenette, a covered loading dock, and a small retail space.



Systemwide Highlights

- Summer Reading Program (June–July): 272 programs with 1,791 attendees; 122 registered readers who completed 2,162 books.
- Boo on the Avenue: Distributed 400 calendars and \$350 in candy (provided by the Library Board).
- Garden of Reading Literary Festival: 1,700 attendees, 300 calendars distributed, 54

participating authors, food/service vendors, and 8 workshops.

- Occupation of Palatka (Bronson-Mulholland House)
- The annual countywide Book Sale (Oct 16–18) drew 100 participants and supported future programming.

Borrowers: 61,982

Volumes Owned: 61,982

Volumes Circulated: 97,916

Programs Offered: 1,158

Number of Citizens That Attended a Program: 13,290



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



1,465

Support Tickets



1.6 million

Emails processed



99.9%

Service uptime



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In 2025, the Putnam County Public Works Department advanced several major infrastructure projects focused on improving transportation, drainage, and utility systems throughout the County.

Roadway Resurfacing

The County completed multiple resurfacing projects through **FDOT's SCOP and SCRAP** programs, including:

- **CR 315 (SR 20 to SR 100)** – Completed April 2025, improving safety and roadway longevity.

- **St. Johns Avenue Resurfacing (Palm Ave to CSX)** – Enhanced pavement conditions along a major corridor.
- **CR 315 – SR 20 South to County Line** – Advanced with \$4.3 million in construction and CEI work

Miles Mowed: 5,576

Drainage Improvements

The department continued efforts to reduce flooding and strengthen stormwater systems through key projects such as:

- **St. Johns Avenue Drainage Project** – completed March 2025, with a total investment of \$10.6 million.

Your Dollars at Work

Miles Resurfaced: 18.31

CR 308, CR 308 B, Old Hwy 17, Clifton Rd, South Palm Av, North Palm Av, Kennedy St, and Junction R

Better Place Plan Funds (BPP): \$3,323,527.30
FDOT-SCOP/SCRAP: \$5,572,641.85

Miles Paved: 7.97

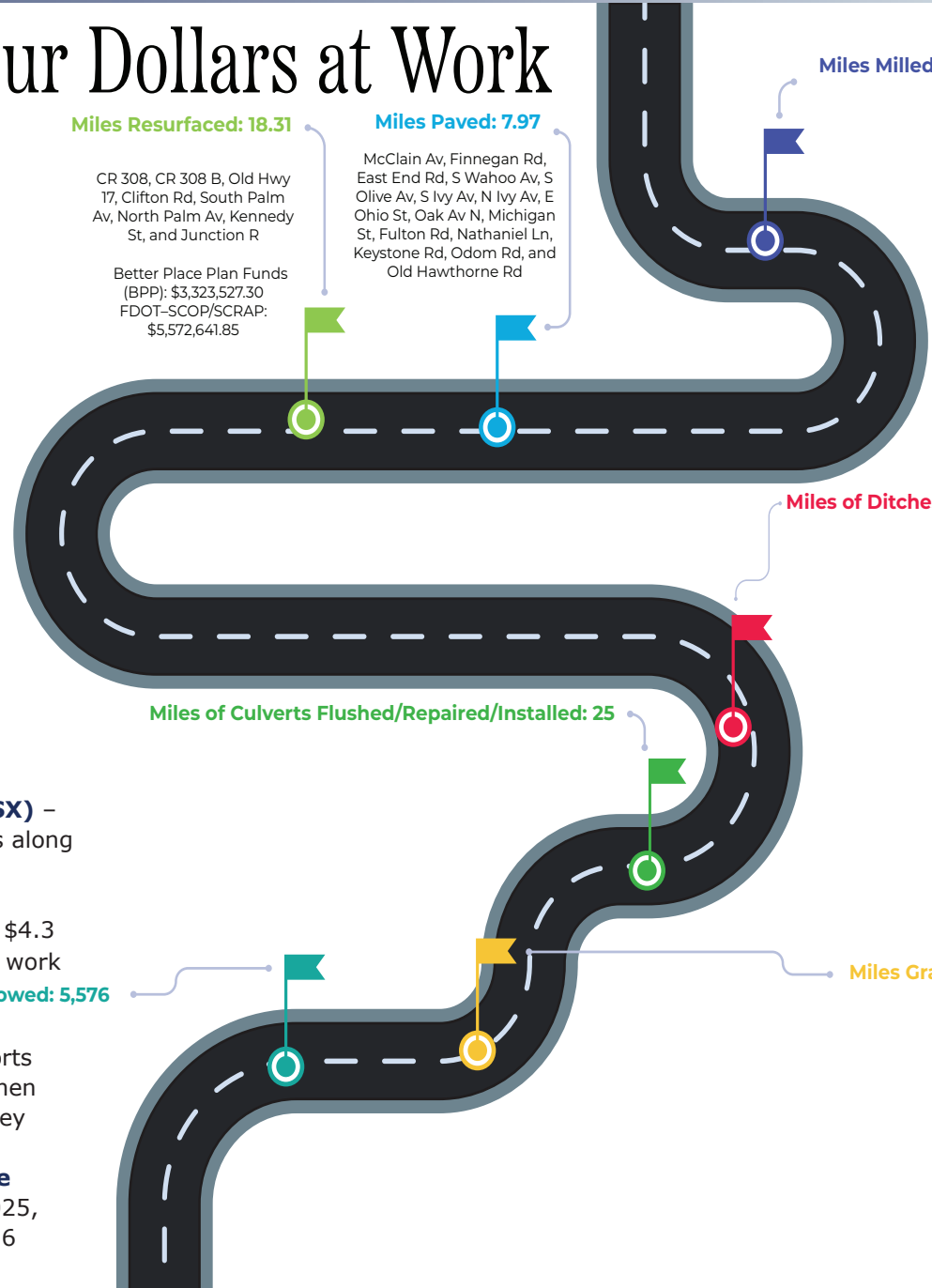
McClain Av, Finnegan Rd, East End Rd, S Wahoo Av, S Olive Av, S Ivy Av, N Ivy Av, E Ohio St, Oak Av N, Michigan St, Fulton Rd, Nathaniel Ln, Keystone Rd, Odom Rd, and Old Hawthorne Rd

Miles Milled: 2

Miles of Ditches Cleaned: 25

Miles of Culverts Flushed/Repaired/Installed: 25

Miles Graded: 5,030





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Safety & Traffic Enhancements

- 78+ miles of roadway striping installed countywide
- Guardrail repaired or replaced at 42 locations to improve roadway safety

1,500 feet of outfall ditch

- Replaced three large culverts beneath roadways
- Removed failed concrete lining and installed rubble riprap for erosion control

Drainage Improvements

South Putnam Drainage Project (CR 309 near Georgetown):

- Stabilized approximately 1,500 feet of outfall ditch
- Replaced three large culverts beneath roadways
- Removed failed concrete lining and installed rubble riprap for erosion control

Wastewater System Expansion

East Palatka:

- Sanitary forcemains installed on Rio Vista Avenue and Overlook Point

San Mateo Septic-to-Sewer Program:

- Phase IV designed and permitted
- Forcemain construction began December 2025

Lift Station Improvements:

- Backup generator installed at Putnam County Boulevard Lift Station
- Currie Road Lift Station generator design complete; installation planned for early 2026

Water Infrastructure

San Mateo ARPA Water Improvements:

- 80+ new water service connections completed, with additional connections ongoing
- Connected to watermain installed in 2024

SR 207 Watermain Installation:

- Installed from the fire station to Port Buena Vista
- Allowed removal of a failing water plant
- Increased water availability along the SR 207 corridor

East River Road Watermain:

- Designed in house
- Construction pending release of Army Corps of Engineers funding

New Fire Station (Baden Powell Road):

- Watermain designed and permitted by Engineering
- Installed by Public Works

Roadway Improvements

Dirt to Pave Program (2023–2024):

- Over 11 miles of dirt roads paved countywide
- Survey, design, and plan production completed in house

2025 Dirt to Pave:

- Survey work nearly complete
- Design approximately 30% complete

Road Resurfacing (2024–2025):

- More than 18 miles of asphalt roads milled and resurfaced
- CR 315 resurfaced from SR 100 to SR 20

Future Roadway Projects:

- Design, permitting, and bidding completed for CR 315 from SR 20 to the Marion County line
- Construction scheduled to begin early 2026





MSBUs (PUBLIC WORKS)



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What is an MSBU?

An MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) is a way for residents in unincorporated areas of Putnam County to pay for specific public improvements that benefit their neighborhood.

Instead of using property taxes, an MSBU uses a non-ad valorem assessment (a fee) that is applied only to the properties that receive the benefit.

Most MSBUs in Putnam County are used for:

- Road Maintenance and Grading
- Drainage Improvements and Culvert Replacements
- Paving Unpaved Roads
- Mowing
- Right-of-Way Mulching

MSBU Statistics:

- 11 active MSBU's in Putnam county.
- 224 miles of maintained roads in total.
- Putnam County has the most platted rural roads in the State of Florida

Monthly MSBU Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of the month: ILE North and South, ILE 19, ILE Blvd
 3rd Tuesday of the month: West Putnam, Ocklawaha Hills, Lakeside Oaks
 4th Monday of the month: St Johns Harbor Unit 3
 Other MSBU's not listed are on an as needed basis

About MSBU Meetings:

Meetings are conducted to voice concerns within the area to the MSBU Coordinator. MSBU's with an active committee can address issues and vote on work that needs to be done and review budgets. We strongly recommend anyone who would like to attend a meeting do so with respect and decorum.

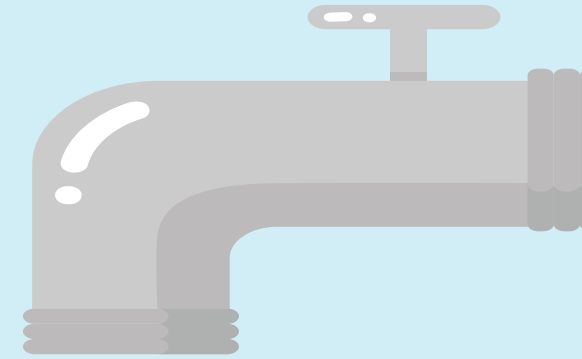
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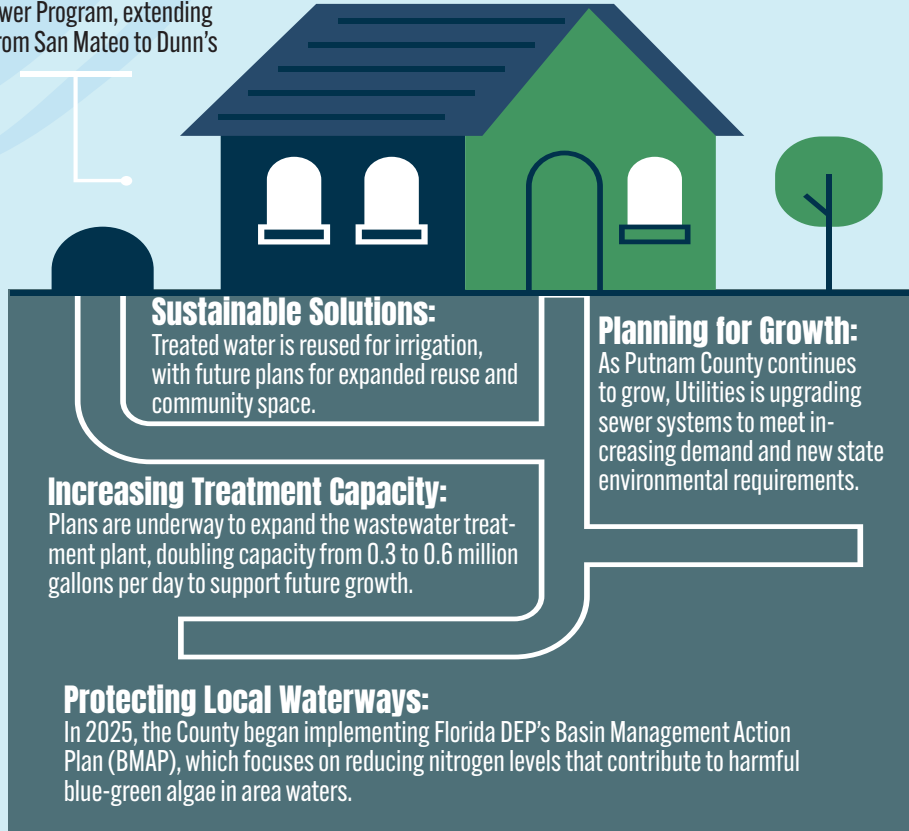


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Expanding Sewer Service:

Advancing Phase IV of the Septic-to-Sewer Program, extending service from San Mateo to Dunn's Creek.



Planning for Growth:

As Putnam County continues to grow, Utilities is upgrading sewer systems to meet increasing demand and new state environmental requirements.

2025 WATER SERVICES AT-A-GLANCE

East Putnam Regional:

- 300 New Potable Water Services Installed
- 300 New Water Meter Services Installed
- RO Membrane Replacement, all three RO filter units had a total of 252 new membranes installed
- Well #1 and #2 motor replacements.
- Rehab of the RO concentrate manifold, replaced the PVC with stainless steel.
- Upgrade to the meter reading system to Neptune 360
- The distribution crew repaired several main breaks in the distribution system

St. John's Harbor WTP:

- Ground Storage Tank cleaning and inspection
- New auto-dialer emergency call-out system installed

Port Buena Vista WTP:

- Interconnected with the East Putnam Regional Water system.



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Facility and Operational Improvements

The Putnam County Sanitation Department made significant strides in 2025, advancing major infrastructure projects and improving efficiency across all operations. The completion of the **new Solid Waste Department building** marked a major milestone. The new facility provides safer working conditions for staff and more effective coordination of services. The department also acquired a **tire grinder system**, enabling waste tires to be processed locally instead of transported off-site. This innovation reduced hauling costs and turned shredded tires into **Alternative Daily Cover (ADC)** for the Central Landfill.

Community Disposal and Collection Services

Sanitation hosted several public programs that promoted safe disposal and environmental protection. Approximately **20,000 pounds of hazardous materials** were collected during the **Household**

Hazardous Waste Toxic Round-Up, while **three Waste Tire Amnesty Day events** gathered nearly **65 tons of waste tires**, with **63 tons shredded in-house** and repurposed for ADC. The County’s residential contractor, Waste Pro, provided **curbside collection for 34,855 households**, while thousands of residents utilized County waste facilities throughout the year—**46,235 visitors to the Central Landfill, 19,590 to the Huntington Collection Center, and 27,574 to the Interlachen Collection Center.**

Mosquito Control and Public Health

The Mosquito Control Division also played a key role in protecting public health through year-round control efforts. A total of **1,514 miles** were treated with **adulticide spraying**, and **784,280 square feet** were **treated with biolarvicide** to target mosquito breeding areas. These ongoing preventive measures underscore the County’s continued commitment to service and safety.



TONS OF MATERIAL PROCESSED

Garbage	91,281
Construction (C&D) Debris	21,222
Yard Trash	5,256
Recycling	1,250
Tires	1,993
Total Tons Processed:	121,002



VETERANS' SERVICES



ALLEN BUQUO

ZACHARY ADAMS

TREVER NELSON

The Putnam County Veteran Services Office continued its commitment to serving those who served our nation—connecting local veterans and

their families with essential benefits, programs, and resources throughout 2025.

Veterans Appreciation Event

In 2025, the County proudly hosted a Veterans Appreciation Event, honoring the dedication and sacrifice of local service members and their families. The event provided an opportunity for veterans to connect with support agencies, learn about available benefits, and receive direct assistance from County staff and partner organizations. The gathering served as both a celebration of service and a demonstration of Putnam County's ongoing gratitude to its veteran community.



Commitment to Service

Through community engagement, individualized support, and close partnership with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, the office continues to make a measurable difference in the lives of local veterans and their families. Each call answered, claim processed, and event hosted reinforces Putnam County's lasting commitment to those who have served our country.



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Veteran Support and Outreach

- 7,266 calls made to veterans
- 1,629 appointments scheduled
- 6,114 claims filed on behalf of veterans
- 180 new walk-ins each month
- \$4.9 million in monthly VA compensation claims
- \$58.8 million in total annual VA compensation collected. **Up over \$5,300,000** from the previous year.



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