DESSERT

Projects

Facade Grants

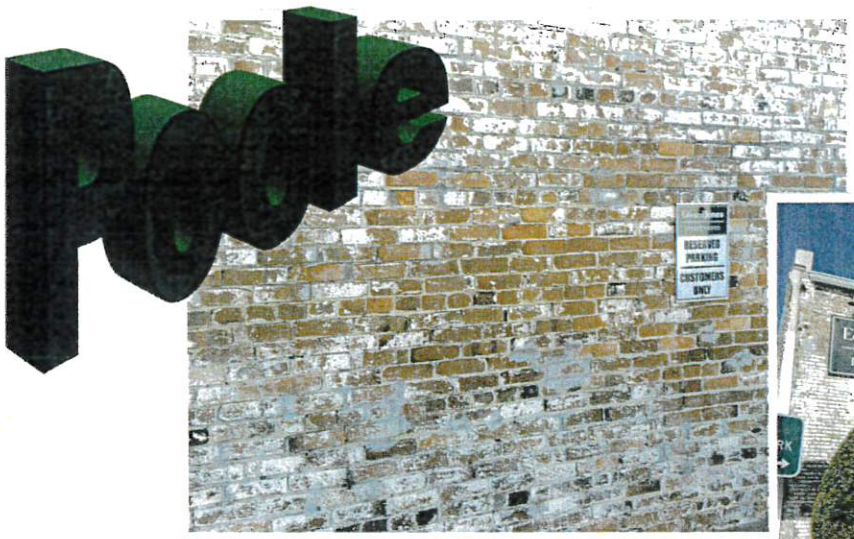
"You never get a second chance to make a great first impression"

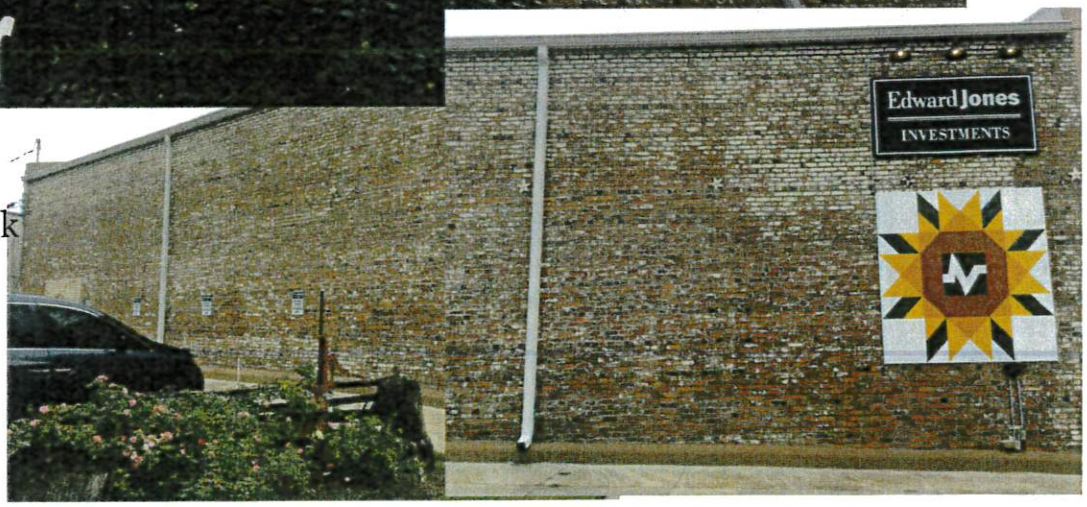
These words ring true, and hold no greater weight then when a visitor or potential new resident or businnowner visits our historic downtown. That is why Façade Grants that elevate our first impression mean so much to the economic growth of our town.

The CRA partnered with five entrepreneurs to provide a facelift to their existing historic buildings. Mrs. Howell's three-bay retail building received new paint, a removal of a non-historic pediment treatment and a creative way to cover unused windows. Mr. Poole sealed and repointed a historic brick structure. Mr. McLeod put a new roof on his historic home turned office, Mrs. Long replaced her windows and door and The Thompson Family totally redid the former Grady's and improved the parking lot with a new surface and new landscaping.

A total of $96,381.61 was provided to business owners to offset several times that in private investments.

Facade Grants: *The Icing on the Cake.*





The Historic Brick Façade on Mr. Poole's building was cleaned, completely repointed and sealed with the assistance of a CRA Façade grant.

McLeod

Before

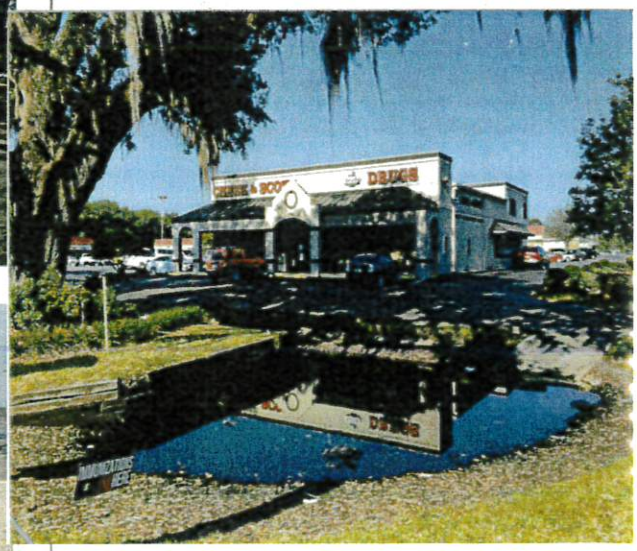
After

Mr. McLeod purchased an historic building and turned it into his Law Office, as well as offices for related legal services. The CRA provided a façade grant for the new roof. We love the finials.

Before

After

Cheek and Scott, our local pharmacy and medical supply company, worked with the CRA to paint their building and upgrade the landscaping and signage.



Mrs. Long relocated her thriving insurance agency from South Florida, bought a cute building in our historic downtown and beautifully renovated it with the assistance of a CRA Façade Grant.

Before

The location had stood vacant since at least 2010, when the former Grady's Pontiac relocated to 1525 Ohio Ave North as Grady's Automotive.

The approximately 16,000 square feet of building sits on the south-east corner of the 1.5-acre site and features a glass-enclosed showroom with Howard Street frontage and attached garage space in the rear off Conner Street, with a major façade presence on Houston Avenue. The building was originally constructed in 1965 as a used car dealership.

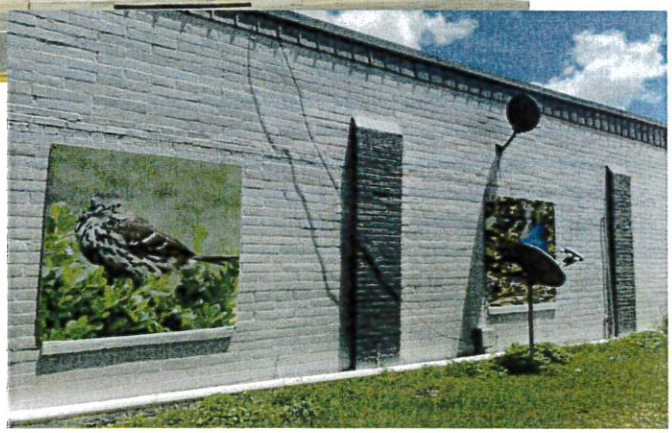
After

Before

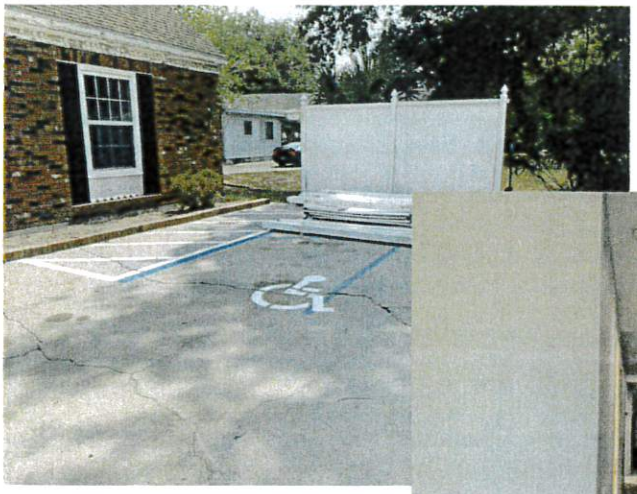
Mrs. Howell's

Shopping Center

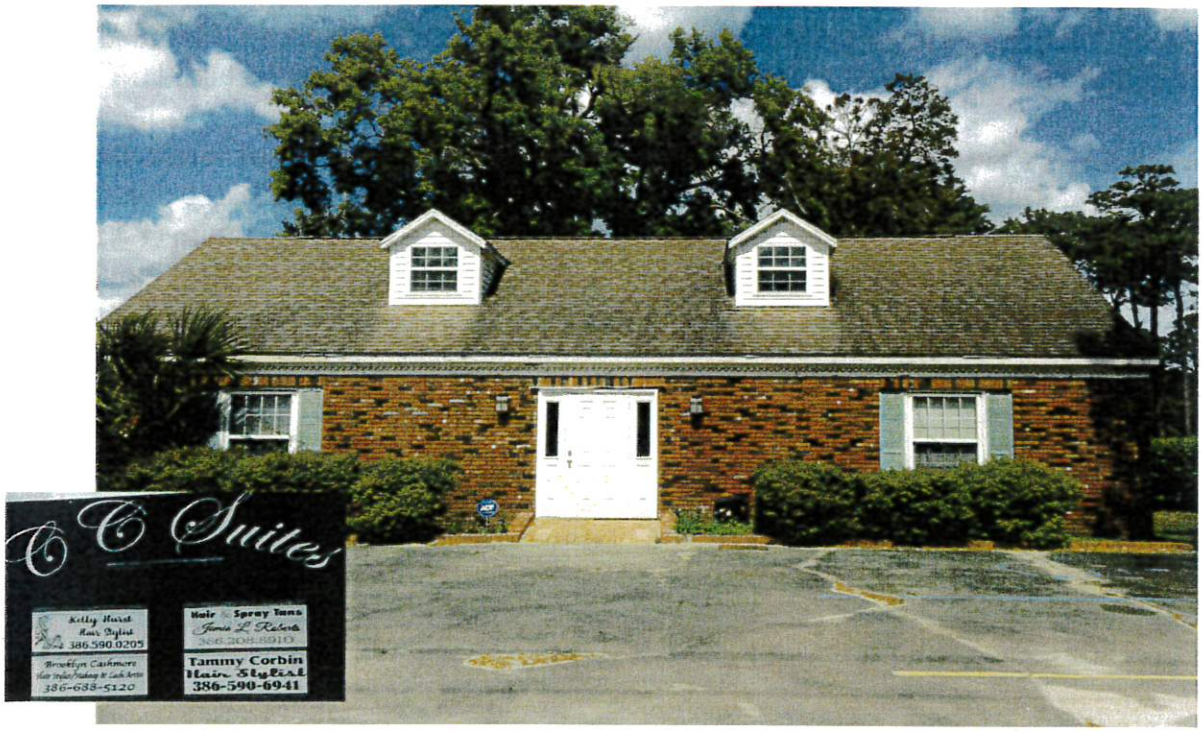
After



SANDY'S RELOCATION reinvigorated a forlorn shopping center at the entrance to the CRA on US 90.



CC Suites benefited from both a Business Start-up Grant and a Façade Grant to offset the investment of the new owners.....



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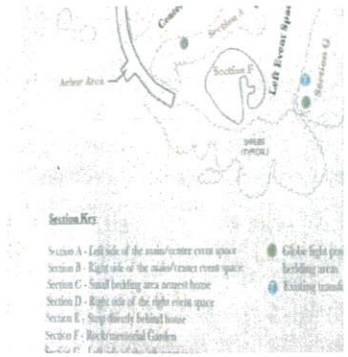
HERITAGE PARKS AND GARDENS

In 2009, the City of Live Oak was granted competitive funds to purchase the former Crapps' Family Home and Property through the Florida Communities Trust Project. The required matching funds were provided by Mr. Daniel Crapps. The project was further supported by the Suwannee Park and Recreation Department, wanting to expand services to the community and land bank areas for future growth. The project was expanded in 2011 with the acquisition from CSX of the abandoned rail bed, which has become our Heritage Trail, a multi -purpose 2 mile plus path that stretches from US 90 to the City limits.

Friends of Heritage Parks and Gardens was established in 2011 as a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation to manage the property. In January of 2012, the City of Live Oak entered into a lease agreement with the Friends, with responsibilities, prospective uses and restrictions spelled out in the Management Plan submitted in the grant application.

Over the years, the City, through the CRA, has partnered with Friends to leverage funds and community efforts to make annual improvements to the property. These projects include a new restroom facility, ADA ramp access to the House and garden lighting. Included in the 2018-2019 CRA Budget was a line item of $15,000.00, targeted for projects at HPG.

Suwannee Parks is a partner with the City of Live Oak and The Friends of Heritage Parks and Gardens to maintain, use and improve the mansion and grounds. In 2016, The City of Live Oak was awarded a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Unique Abilities Grant through Suwannee Parks in the amount of $500,000.00, one of only 10 projects of 69 ranked applications funded that year. This competitive, reimbursement grant program provides financial assistance for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation. The Florida Legislature did not appropriate funding for FRDAP projects in FY2019-2020. A new, accessible playground and a new accessible ball field were built at Heritage Park with this funding. The new Pavilion was also planned; however, the cost of the roof came in higher than budgeted, which made including electrical services and fixtures unattainable. A grant from the CRA made the Pavilion whole as to basic electrical service and lighting and fans.



New lighting creates ambiance at Heritage Parks and Gardens

The Shed at Heritage Parks and Gardens with a new roof and the new Wedding Pavilion awaiting guests...

Meetings and Outreach

ECONOMIC AWARENESS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY October 22, 2019
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce:
Old City Hall Second Floor
212 Ohio Avenue/Dr. MLK Jr. North

RSVP to Secily at the Chamber – staff@suwanneechamber.com
Any questions call Terry Reid at the City of Live Oak CRA at (386) 362-2009
by October 17, 2019

Refreshments will be served!

Join the City of Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency and The Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce as we showcase the Economic Incentives available for businesses in Suwannee County. Raise your Economic Awareness Quotient by attending this Informative Seminar, geared for Real Estate Professionals, Bankers, and Property Owners wishing to attract new business or refresh current establishments.

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The Fine Print

Florida Statues 163.371 lists the Reporting Requirements for each community redevelopment agency (CRA).

Our map that depicts the geographical boundary and the total acreage of the CRA is available on our website: https://www.cityofliveoak.org/cra

Our annual report was delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Live Oak, as well as the County Clerk for Suwannee County.

The last page of this report is the CRA page from the City of Live Oak's audit report for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

This report summarizes the projects started and completed in the fiscal year 2018-2019.

This report outlines the total expenditures from the redevelopment fund.

This report provides the original, assessed real property values within the CRA when the CRA was created as well as the current property values.

The CRA for the City of Live Oak spent zero dollars in fiscal year 2018-2019 on affordable housing for low income and middle income residents. We pledge to our community to do better in fiscal year 2019-2020.

We believe that this report outlines our efforts at removing slum and blight from the CRA, and will be the basis for the future successes of all our residents in the City of Live Oak and the County of Suwannee.

Special Thanks to Candace N. Cooks for assistance and support in producing this report.

CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT TAX FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ 243,408	$ (6,592)
Interest Earned	1,000	1,000	8,500	7,500
Miscellaneous	-	-	46	46
Total Revenues	251,000	251,000	251,954	954
Expenditures				
General Government	326,400	326,400	151,296	175,104
Public Safety	27,500	27,500	-	27,500
Transportation	10,000	10,000	3,784	6,216
Physical Environment	-	-	-	-
Recreation	22,000	22,000	15,931	6,069
Economic Environment	201,473	201,473	141,951	59,522
Capital Outlay				
General Government	238,627	238,627	1,536	237,091
Transportation	170,000	170,000	10,561	159,439
Physical Environment		-		-
Recreation	45,000	45,000	15,000	30,000
Human Services	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,041,000	1,041,000	340,059	700,941
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(790,000)	(790,000)	(88,105)	699,987
Other Financing Resources (Uses)				
Transfers in				
General Fund	250,000	250,000	248,198	(1,802)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	250,000	250,000	248,198	(1,802)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	(540,000)	(540,000)	160,093	698,185
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year			693,598	
Fund Balance, End of Year	$ -	$ -	$ 853,691	$ 853,691