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SPRING CREEK CLEANUP

The Board approved a request to use Tourist Development Council (TDC) reserve funds for the cleanup of Spring Creek, which was impacted by debris from the January tornadoes. Endorsed by the TDC board during its May meeting, this project is allocated up to \$40,000 in funding. The initiative aims to enhance the natural beauty and accessibility of Spring Creek, benefiting both residents and visitors. The cleanup and rebuild efforts will restore this valuable local resource, fostering outdoor recreation and environmental conservation.



TDC STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board has selected Kimley-Horn consultants to create and execute a comprehensive Strategic Plan customized for Jackson County's tourism sector. Through this plan, the Board and the TDC aspire to position Jackson County as a top-tier tourism destination, expecting it to boost the local tourism industry's success and long-term viability, ultimately benefiting the economy and residents of our area.



LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

The 2024 State Budget, recently signed by Governor DeSantis, allocates over \$19 million to projects throughout our community, along with additional funding for Correctional Officer salaries. Key project allocations include: Endeavor Park Conference Center (\$500,000), NextStep at Endeavor Autism Transition Program (\$400,000), NextStep at Endeavor Housing Renovation (\$492,000).



ENDEAVOR UPDATE

The Board has approved a purchase agreement with New Orleans Mission (CHROME) for Bethune Cottage on the Endeavor property, which will serve as a women's treatment facility for individuals recovering from addiction. Governor Desantis has also awarded the County a job growth grant in the amount of \$4,680,059 to fund the Pooser Road Affordable Workforce Housing Development Project.



COMP PLAN UPDATE

We're updating our Comprehensive Plan with ARPC and have launched a community survey to gather feedback. Our goal is to engage the community and encourage them to influence growth and development policies, address key issues, and set effective strategies for Jackson County's future. To participate, scan the QR code on our website or Facebook page or visit: <https://www.menti.com/algad8xrfrkj?source=qr-instructions-slide>