

**EXHIBIT A – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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PASCO COUNTY**

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The jewels of the neighborhood are Lacoochee Elementary School, which is deeply involved with the community and Stanley Park, a 33-acre park located across the street. The planning grant would provide Lacoochee Elementary School the opportunity to explore avenues on how they can improve their School Grade, provide high quality early learning programs, and improve the preparation of graduating students to be career ready or ready to enter college. A new community center is planned at Stanley Park and will house The Boy's & Girl's Club of Pasco County. The planning grant would allow the community and County the opportunity to explore options of expanding social services at the new community center, expanding Stanley Park's facilities, fields and social events; as well as, converting the former Boy's & Girl's Club

for health care, education, employment, public safety and welfare, infrastructure, affordable housing and social service accessibility. The draft plan will then be presented to the community for validation of the recommended projects, services and strategies. After incorporating the community's feedback into the draft plan, the County will work to finalize the Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Strategies for each of the projects and services, as well as set forth actions to be undertaken by the County and various partners involved in the implementation of the Transformation Plan. During this process, preliminary financing mechanisms shall be identified, and a financial plan shall be developed for the implementation of the plan objectives. The final plan, including the implementation matrix identifying short and long term goals, shall be presented to the residents and community members, stakeholders, and agency partners for review and approval prior to presentation to the Board of County Commissioners and the Public Housing Authority Board for adoption. Throughout each step in the planning process, the lead agency shall conduct a reflective practice exercise in which the results of the data are reviewed to ensure that milestones were achieved and that the proper data was collected to continue moving forward toward planning goals. If there are gaps in the data, shortcomings in the planning process shall be identified, and data shall be collected through targeted public and stakeholder outreach. Lessons learned and effective practices shall be documented, and any revisions to the planning approach shall be implemented prior to moving to the next stage of the planning process. In short, the planning process will be as follows: 1) Needs Assessment – Including Survey, Focus Groups, Stakeholder Meetings, Preliminary Resident and Community Meetings; 2) Development of Draft Transformation Plan; 3) Validation of Draft Plan by Community; 4) Development of Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Strategies; 5) Financial Plan

The **Housing** vision for the Lacoochee-Trilby neighborhood would be to transform distressed private and public housing into a mixed-income, energy efficient, self-sufficient neighborhood characterized by access to transportation networks, neighborhood retail and surrounded by a diversity of housing types. The focus of this revitalization will include Cypress Villas II, a Pasco County Housing Authority (Housing Authority) development, which was built in 1980 and consists of 12 units. Other targeted Housing Authority developments to be revitalized are Cypress Villas I also built in 1980 with 27 units; Cypress Manor a USDA Rural development built in 1978 with 34 units; and Cypress Farms also a USDA Rural development, built in 1981 with 102 units. Single family homes within the neighborhood will be targeted for rehabilitation as 33% of the homes in the area need moderate renovations, 19% need substantial renovation and 10% are dilapidated and need to be raised. The **People** vision would be to improve the quality of life of the people by providing better access to health care; quality schools that prepare students for college and/or are career ready; increased job options; increased options in job training, certification and placement; increased safety by providing street lighting, extra patrols and expanding the Officer Friendly program; increased community activity through the newly planned community center; and greater transportation choices by providing more bus stops locally, increased sheltered stops, and connection to the cross county bus service. The **Neighborhood** vision would be to provide other quality affordable housing within the neighborhood and outside of public housing developments through the County's Pasco Opportunity Program (POP) funded by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program; provide a name-brand grocery store within the neighborhood; provide a medical and dental care clinic; increase access to social services programs and access to affordable day care facilities with early childhood learning programs.