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BLUEPRINT 2000 Climbs to \$90 Million in Grants & Savings

Tallahassee – With the latest grant from the Florida Department of Transportation of \$2.5M, Blueprint 2000 climbed to the \$90M mark in grants and savings. The \$90M of leveraged funds approximates the sales tax revenue projected for the first three years.

Mark Mustian, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Agency, stated “leveraging the Sales tax dollars was a basic tenet of the Blueprint 2000 program as defined in our Leveraging and Policy Plan. Our wonderful accomplishment is the result of a great plan, a lot of hard work by a lot of great people. This partnership during the first two years of the 1 cent sales tax collection has exceeded my expectations. The Blueprint staff and partners have done a superb job bringing these additional resources to this community.”

Blueprint 2000’s Executive Director, Jim Davis, stated that the agency’s leveraging activities come from a variety of sources which include transportation, water quality, sensitive lands, beautification grants and cost avoidance associated with the use of Florida DOT State Infrastructure Bank 2% loans. These grants and savings have allowed Blueprint to fund environmental projects, transportation corridor improvements and to cover the unusually large cost increases of the last several years. Blueprint 2000 is proud of fund leveraging accomplishments and its contribution to the preservation, protection and enhancement of the quality of life for the City of Tallahassee and Leon County community. Executive Director Jim Davis acknowledges all the Blueprint partners, the Federal Government, FDOT, DEP, Florida Communities Trust, Northwest Florida Water Management District, and Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department. A special thanks to the Blueprint interns from the FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning who have been extremely helpful in preparing and submitting so many of the winning environmental grants.

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