



## *The CDBG funding cycle is opening soon* **Don't miss out on your opportunity**

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*How did your community  
celebrate Earth Day?*

Let us know and you might be featured in our next newsletter!

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Mittauer staff recently attended a 2-day CDBG conference in Gainesville. There, they learned that the next cycle will likely open August 15, 2012. Some important facts to consider are:

- The next cycle will be very competitive and a strategy to build a high-scoring application is a must.
- You must get your grant team procured, as soon as possible, so they can begin working on your behalf.
- Choosing high scoring activities is important. We can help you sort that out.
- You should consider developing plans and specifications to gain 100 additional application points.
- Get your staff together with our grant team and ask them to develop a list of potential CDBG projects, score the projects and bring a recommendation to your elected officials as soon as possible.

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## *Mount Dora – a CDBG success*

The City of Mount Dora recently completed a new pedestrian walk-way, thanks to CDBG funds.

An on-grade sidewalk was not possible because of the slope, so a new “elevated” walkway runs along Limit Avenue.

The structural framing is constructed of treated wood. The railing and decking are made from Trex, a composite made of recycled materials. With a generous 6' width, pedestrians can comfortably walk side-by-side.

CDBG funds also allowed them to include a sewer repair that “had been plaguing them for years...” according to Mittauer’s Senior Project Manager, Mike Tibble, P.E.



**Walkway during construction**

## **Hawthorne +100**

The City of Hawthorne utilized a grant award from DEP for the preparation of plans and specifications for part of their CDBG application.

The City scored favorably, securing a CDBG which will pay for the construction portion of the project.

Other sources of funding can be utilized for the preparation of plans and specifications, also known as, readiness-to-proceed.

Potentially, your community would be eligible for 100 points on your CDBG application which could put you in the fundable range. Let us show you how.

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### CDBG funding *(Cont. from page 1)*

Why does Mittauer & Associates, Inc. consistently help more communities receive CDBG funding than any other engineering firm? There are many reasons, but the key ones are:

- We thoroughly know the CDBG program, and we keep up with the changes so that you don't have to.
- All project options are explored with your staff, and we think outside of the box.
- Our senior staff collaborates on your application. Their many years of experience means that your application is far more likely to be funded.
- We are experts at combining multiple funding sources and leveraging other funds. We recently found funding for an extensive Fanning Springs project from a combination of four different sources.
- We have completed over \$150 million dollars of grant-funded projects!

The bottom line? Mittauer & Associates, Inc. is the CDBG specialist you need on your side.



On April 17, 2012, Fanning Springs celebrated the ground breaking of their new wastewater collection and treatment facility project as well as Earth Day 2012.

(From left) Commissioners Paul Chase and Barbara Locke; Aide to Congressman Cliff Stearns, Jean Clough; Mayor Cheryl Nekola; Commissioners Bob Kerr and "Stoney" Smith.

### Callahan completes three grant-funded projects

The Town of Callahan announced the recent completion of the Water Treatment Plant Expansion that included Ground Storage Tank No. 2 as well as several lift station replacements in the wastewater system. Multiple funding sources made the projects possible, including both USDA Rural Development and CDBG funds totaling over \$3,000,000.

### Can the FWC Florida Boating Improvement Program help your waterfront community?



Public access to water is dwindling in Florida and there is pressure on elected officials to keep it available for their residents.

Recently, we found funding for six projects ranging from \$191,000 to \$760,000. They included boating facilities, ramps and a dock.

Regardless of what body of water you are on, your community may qualify - as did Cedar Key, Fanning Springs, Mascotte, Waldo, White Springs and Yankeetown.

Give us a call today to discuss how we can help.

### Getting to know Mike Tibble, P.E.

When some people think about engineers, they think "slide rules and pocket protectors." But at Mittauer & Associates, Senior Project Manager Mike Tibble makes us think: "World's Best Soccer Coach."

Born in the UK, he moved to the United States when he was 10. While delivering pizzas during college at UCF, he met his wife, Becky, and they have been married for 16 years.

Now, with three soccer-playing children, Mike is also a soccer coach in his spare time and cheers them on during school band performances. Bruce, the black lab, a dozen or so fish and four chickens round out the home front.

He has been with M&A for 16 years, specializing in civil and structural engineering as well as site development.

Mike appreciates the clientele at smaller communities because they are generally "down to earth and are always very excited about the work. A \$600,000 to \$700,000 CDBG can really make a difference in a small community, and it is always satisfying to see the change the project makes."

When asked about the CDBG program he said. "Probably the most satisfying CDBG project was the recently completed Mount Dora project. With some hard work, we were able to not only provide the City with the original scope which primarily consisted of sidewalks, but due to a very low initial bid, we were able to fix a significant sewer problem that had been plaguing the City for a number of years."



Mike's team listens eagerly