



Growth Management

The **Growth Management Division (GMD)** continued to streamline services and provide quality products for the betterment of the community. The GMD is a merger of the Transportation Services and Community Development and Environmental Services divisions.

The Operations & Regulatory Management

Department's expanded customer focus led to advancements, including removing redundant business processes; combining similar land use and building permit functions; adding new services, such as electronic plan submittal and review, plus the feature of credit card payments as an option. Working with the Naples Area Board of Realtors, staff educated real estate agents about permitting requirements - on both the state and local level - that will assist their clients in efforts to buy and sell their property.

The **Land Development Services** Department continues to plan for and ensure that the county's natural and built environments adhere to the community's vision as expressed in the Land Development Code. The Zoning Services Section completed and brought to final hearing over 40 land use petitions. In addition, staff prepared and submitted the annual Community Rating System recertification which saves county residents who purchase flood insurance approximately \$5 million annually.



The **Code Enforcement** Department assisted 2,500 homeowners with free public outreach events, workshops, and legal clinics offered in coordination with the Foreclosure Task Force. The department has seen a 57 percent increase in inspections since 2008 and a 42 percent decrease in citations as they increase their community education programs and task force clean-up efforts. In addition, the department saved the county over \$2 million through a cooperative approach with lending institutions that was recognized by the national Lender Processing Services. This has abated more than 1,700 code violations with an average weekly cost savings for the county of \$15,000.

Transportation Engineering won another award for Freedom Park this year. Freedom Park received the 2011 Excellence Award from the Florida Stormwater Association in recognition of outstanding commitment to stormwater management practices that provide benefits to the environment and local citizenry. This is the third award for the innovative park since it opened in 2009.

Transportation Engineering completed construction of several segments of the Lely Area Stormwater Improvement Project (LASIP). Additional segments of LASIP, which is a stormwater facilities improvement project addressing a multitude of stormwater issues within an 11,000 acre area, are in design.



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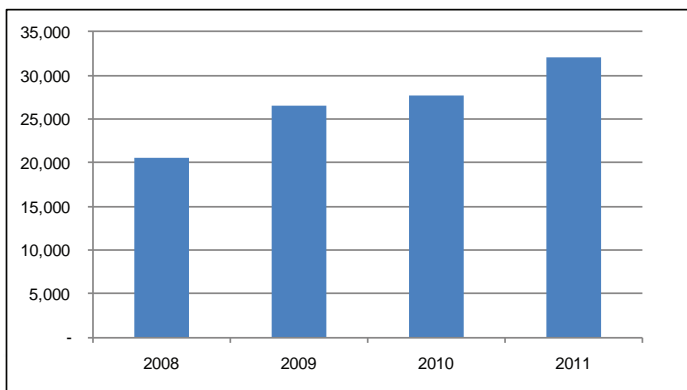


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with construction planned over the next several years. The goal of the project is to improve flood control and the quality of the stormwater runoff.

The Rich King Memorial Greenway, a 12-foot wide asphalt pathway on a Florida Power & Light easement extending for three miles from Rattlesnake Hammock Road to Radio Road was completed in January. Construction began in late 2011 on the widening of Collier Boulevard from Davis Boulevard to Golden Gate Main Canal. That project was combined with the widening of Davis Boulevard from Collier Boulevard to just west of Radio Road. A Florida Department of Transportation reimbursement of \$20 million is scheduled for this approximately \$28.2 million project.

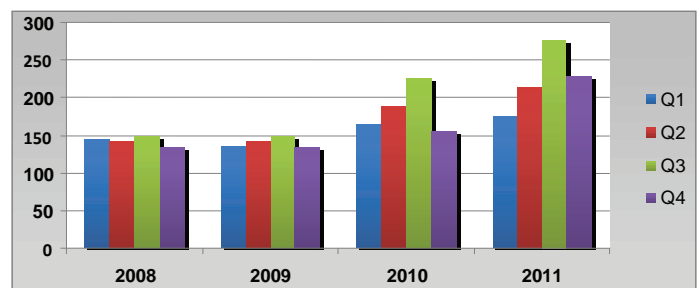
Code Enforcement Inspections



As more new projects are completed, there is more for the **Road Maintenance** Department to maintain. This past year the department resurfaced 114 roadway lane miles, 7,672

New Residential Permits

A 21% increase in activity in FY 11 from the previous year.



linear feet of asphalt sidewalk, and renewed pavement markings (also known as restriping) to 177 roadway lane miles. Over 150 sidewalk intersections were upgraded to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The department mowed 3,536 acres per month, cleaned and reshaped 114,059 square yards of roadside drainage ditches, and cleaned 80,000 linear feet of stormwater pipe.

The **Alternative Transportation Modes (ATM)** Department manages nine municipal service taxing units. These areas tax themselves to provide needed funds to provide desired services such as landscape and beautification. ATM also handles landscape services within the county's road rights-of-ways, and manages **Collier Area Transit (CAT)**. CAT successfully implemented several route modifications to enhance system efficiency; opened an interim transfer facility at the operations center at 8300 Radio Road; and pursued, secured and managed millions of dollars in grant funds for both operations and capital projects.



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Intersection improvements are underway at Collier and Davis Boulevards.