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PRESS RELEASE

Property Tax Savings from 2008 Amendments and Conservation Lands are a win-win for Tax Payers and the County.

Jefferson County, December 26, 2012: Property Appraiser, Angela Gray just received the 2012-13 Final Distribution figures from the Department of Revenue for Fiscally Constrained Counties in Florida. The good news is that Jefferson County Tax Payers saved \$530,192 as a result of Amendment One and \$64,329 as a result of Amendment Four (Conservation Lands), totaling \$594,520. The even better news is that Jefferson County will be reimbursed the 95% tax loss (based on DOR selected millage of 8.3111) and is slated to receive a check from the Department of Revenue for approximately \$564,774.

The 2012 Legislature appropriated \$25.8 million for distribution to fiscally constrained counties to offset reductions in property tax resulting from the Amendment 1 revisions to Article VII of the State Constitution. These provisions include the \$25,000 additional homestead exemption, the \$25,000 tangible personal property exemption, homestead portability, and the 10% assessment increase limitation on non-homestead property. Additionally, \$537 thousand was appropriated for the impact of conservation lands.

The funding of these monies can be credited to our Representatives on Capitol Hill in Tallahassee and the lobbying efforts of the Jefferson County Legislative Committee. Historically, Jefferson County received \$181,807 in 2008-09; \$472,489 in 2009-10; \$542,999 2010-11 and \$564,325 last year. "The Property Appraiser's office has the responsibility of collecting and reporting the data on value loss to the Department of Revenue each year. Once millage rates are set I work closely with the Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams, to complete the application form for submittal every year in the month of November" states Angela Gray, Property Appraiser. The applications are typically due by November 15th each year and monies distributed late December or early January.