



The City of Eustis, Florida was established in 1883 in the heart of Lake County. When John Angus MacDonald began luring settlers to Central Florida in the 1870's, the eastern shoreline along Lake Eustis was a perfect site for development. Beautiful views, pristine environments and flawless weather made Eustis ideally suited for tourism and the citrus industry. Men with historic names like Ferran, Gottsche, Pendry, Clifford and Lane were but a few who could envision the area's potential.

Today, Eustis is a friendly hometown covering approximately 11.4 square miles, a community for families, and a destination for arts and culture – reflecting its motto of Culture, Opportunity, and Vitality. Eustis has a thriving downtown, a beautiful waterfront, and quality neighborhoods. It is an ideal home for small businesses. Residents enjoy the natural resources, beauty, opportunities for an active life style, and easy movement within the City and to the region.

Culture:



The City's commitment to the arts is impressive and provides a full menu of entertaining diversions. Residents and visitors take advantage of the many cultural and artistic offerings throughout the City. The Bay Street Players, draw over 17,000 people to downtown each year with their award-winning performances in the beautifully renovated 1922 Historic State Theatre in Downtown Eustis. The Lake Eustis Museum of Art and Eustis Historical Museum (Clifford House) are also near by.

Eustis is proud of its heritage and its festivals. The First Friday Street Festival, hosted by Eustis Main Street, attract thousands of residents and visitors each month to the historic downtown to enjoy food, friends, and live music. The George Washington Birthday Festival and Parade is the nation's second longest running celebration of the first president's birth. It is celebrated annually in February and is hosted by the Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce. The African-American Heritage Festival and Parade is also one of the longest running celebrations in the region and is celebrated in February of each year. Eustis takes pride in being the home of many notable people, including U.S. Astronaut David Walker and Edgar J. Banks, a famous archeologist from the 1920s who lived a life comparable to today's legendary fictional character, Indiana Jones.

At a glance...

- Incorporated:** 1883
- Population:** 18,354
- Boundaries:** 11.4 Square Miles
- Streets:** 89 Miles
- Employees:** 210 Full-Time / 39 Part-Time
- Code:** Form-based
- Millage Rate:** 5.6849
- Distinctions:**
 - 2009 City Spirit Award Winner (Florida League of Cities)
 - 2007 City of Excellence Finalist (Florida League of Cities)
 - Excellence in Financial Reporting for 22 consecutive years (Government Finance Officers Association)
 - Tree City USA for 18 consecutive years (National Arbor Foundation)
 - 2007 Florida Tree City

Community Organizations...

- Bay Street Players
- Eustis Historical Museum
- Eustis Main Street, Inc
- Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Eustis Foundation
- Lake Eustis Institute
- Lake Eustis Sailing Club
- Trout Lake Nature Center

Local Public Schools...

Eustis Elementary	Grade A
Eustis Heights Elementary	Grade B
Eustis Middle School	Grade A
Eustis High School	Grade B
Seminole Springs Elementary	Grade A

Major Employers...

City of Eustis
Lake County Schools
Florida Foods
Publix Foods
Insulated Component Structures of Florida, Inc.

New Businesses...

Circle K—Store #5933
Elite Uniforms
Eustis Beverage & Food Mart
First Green Bank
Formally Yours, Inc.
Harper's Draught House
McDonalds
Party Source of Eustis
Paws & Effect Groom and Spa
RaceTrac—Store #223

The City is deeply committed to clean and green neighborhoods with well-maintained streets and sidewalks. Complementing the strong neighborhood philosophy are active community and regional parks with playground equipment. The prominent park in Eustis, considered its pride and joy, is Ferran Park. This jewel of the downtown area is ideally located on the shores of beautiful Lake Eustis. Beautifully landscaped, with walking paths and benches throughout, the park provides a glimpse into the City's history, including the beautiful, restored sea wall running along the lakefront to the Mediterranean-style Alice McClelland Bandshell (listed on the national historic register) majestically located at the northern end of the park. Other facilities include a playground area, two gazebos, and picnic tables. Immediately adjacent to the park is the Eustis Aquatic Center with two heated pools, and the ever-popular Eustis Lake Walk. The Lake Walk, which extends for one-quarter mile along the shore, offers four gazebos with benches and 20 boat slips.

Opportunity:

Eustis currently supports a population of more than 18,000 residents, with a median age of 41.9 years. The City has a diverse economy with businesses and industries in agricultural technology, food products, graphics, forest products, manufacturing and regional transportation. It is a welcoming atmosphere for entrepreneurship, small business, light manufacturing, sustainable technology, protection of the environment, and further development of the arts community as a viable business niche. A few of the major industries located in or near Eustis include Florida Food Products, Mercer Products, Inc., Service Trucking, U.S. Nutraceuticals, and AgriStarts.

A vital network of highways, including US 441, I-4, I-75, and the Florida Turnpike, is easily accessible, and Eustis is minutes away from the Leesburg Regional Airport and an hour from Orlando International Airport. The City's leadership is also committed to taking full advantage of the natural attributes of Eustis by incorporating transportation plans for the future to link the neighborhoods and downtown in a usable, convenient, and sustainable manner.

Vitality:

Eustis is dedicated to delivering municipal services of the highest quality in a financially prudent and customer friendly manner. The City partners with several community-oriented organizations such as the Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce, Eustis Main Street, Eustis Historical Museum, Lake Eustis Institute, Lake Community Foundation, Bay Street Players, Lake Eustis Museum of Art, Trout Lake Nature Center, Lake Eustis Sailing Club, and the Inland Lakes Railway, to facilitate a wide variety of activities for residents, visitors, and businesses.

Eustis has received numerous awards for quality, financial acumen, and resource protection. The City was a Florida League of Cities Community of Excellence finalist in 2008; has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 22 consecutive years; was selected as the 2006 Florida Tree City; and sets a standard for tree protection in being named a Tree City U.S.A. for 17 years.

The City of Eustis has been a proven leader in setting the standards in quality of life for its residents and visitors, not only in Lake County, but also the State of Florida. The Citizens of Eustis are proud of their special City with its many examples of dedicated work by countless volunteers, boards and staff who devote their time and talents to making this town one that is abundant in charm, history, culture, and promise for the future.

