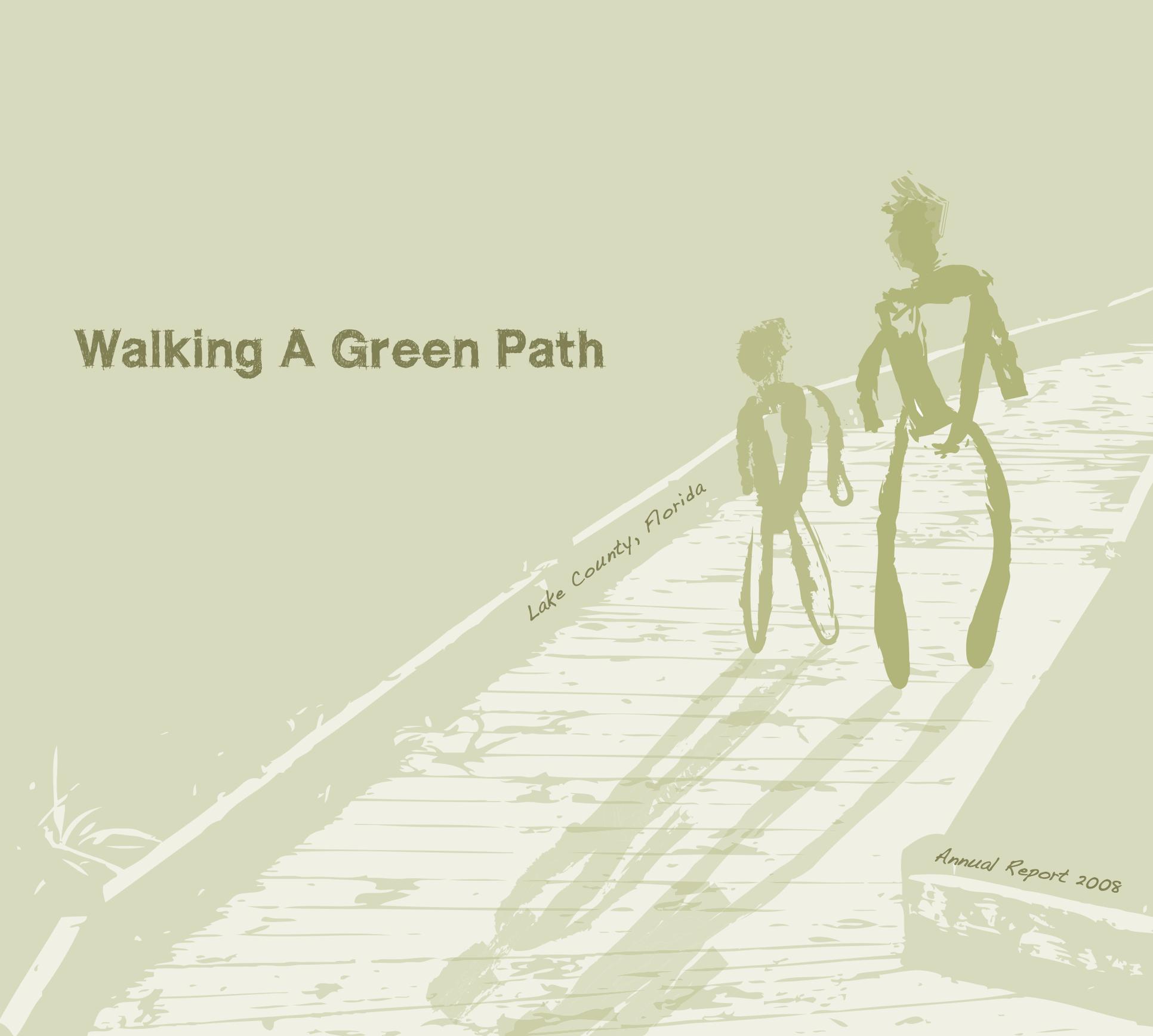


# Walking A Green Path

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# Introduction





Lake County, the heartland of Central Florida is recognized by its vibrant, hometown communities and its enthusiasm to take a stand for the environment.

The path leading to a greener Lake County reveals a journey embraced by the Board of County Commissioners, staff and citizens. At stake is the hallmark of this great county: hundreds of sparkling lakes and rivers brimming with life and vibrancy. Safeguarding these resources is not simply watching over them, but it is being forever cognizant and diligent in preserving, conserving and rehabilitating these natural wonders.

As a stalwart defender of the environment, Lake County has unveiled aggressive and unique programs with the purpose of improving and protecting its natural surroundings. From its

Adopt-a-Lake Program to its Green Building Ordinance, Lake County Government is on the cutting edge of identifying and implementing effective green solutions.

The goal of guarding Lake County's natural environment is a collaborative effort that is not complete without the participation of every stakeholder, including local municipalities and every resident. As Lake County Government looks toward future endeavors aimed at protecting its citizens and communities, let us pause for a moment to reflect on its accomplishments from the past year. The road to sustainability is long and not without challenges; but "Walking A Green Path" is what living, working and visiting Lake County is all about.