

Teresa A. Scott, P.E.
Director of the Public Works Department
City of Gainesville, FL



Teresa A. Scott, P.E. was appointed Director of the City of Gainesville Public Works Department in March 1997. Ms. Scott began her public works service in 1983 with the Alachua County Public Works Department after serving in the private sector for three years. Ms. Scott graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Ms. Scott has responded in a number of emergency situations over her public works tenure including declared storms, wildfires, structure fires and chemical releases as well as major planned response incidents. In 1993, Ms. Scott founded and served as the original chairperson of the Alachua County Community Traffic Safety Team and in 1995 was the driving force behind establishment of the Statewide Community Traffic Safety Team Coalition and served as the inaugural chairperson. In August 2004, Ms. Scott was appointed to the American Public Works Association's Emergency Management Committee where she served for six years, including two years as Chair.

Since 2004, Ms. Scott has represented local government and the public works profession on a number of Department of Homeland Security working groups including Universal Task List, Targeted Capabilities List, the State, Tribal and Local HSPD 8, and the NIMS Upgrade Working Groups.