

North Charlotte Regional Park Aquatic Center

Tier 2

Quality of Life

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Area: **Mid** Location: **1185 O'Donnell Boulevard, Port Charlotte**

Need:

The aquatic center, consisting of a competitive pool facility, will provide programming opportunities in a central region of Charlotte County which currently has limited aquatic resources available.

Purpose:

The competitive pool facility will be used by local residents, seasonal visitors, tourists, and will provide recreational opportunities for fitness, instruction, aquatic safety programs, and special events. The competitive pool facility will provide the opportunity to increase the partnership between Charlotte County and the Charlotte County School Board. The facility will also allow for partnerships with national collegiate swim teams exploring options for “winter training” sites, as well as opportunities for local and regional swim meets.

Objectives:

Build a 50m x 25y competitive aquatic center with diving facilities. Currently, there are no 50m aquatic facilities in Charlotte County, and most collegiate teams and swim meets are looking for a 50m facility.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$4,438,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$4,438,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$421,003

Will the project impact public health and safety?

The project will promote healthy lifestyles and activity by providing an aquatic center.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs?

The addition of a competitive aquatic facility will provide opportunities for collegiate training during the winter months. Additionally, companies seeking to relocate or establish in Charlotte County will view the facility as a positive with regard to quality of life.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

There would be a significant increase in O&M for the department, as this is a new facility.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Matching grant funds may be applied for from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, up to \$200,000.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension?

No, however North Charlotte Regional Park is a 1998 and 2002 Sales Tax Extension project.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

The aquatic center will lead to joining with other entities, possibly the Charlotte Public Schools for the home site for Port Charlotte Swim Team.

Project to be funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Extension if passed by the voters of Charlotte County

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as:
low-income, aged, or minorities?

Access to the recreational facilities will serve all segments of the community.

Is the project included Master Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan?

Yes for both. North Charlotte Regional Master Plan includes a recreation center that has not been built. The department is currently developing its park master plan and it will be incorporating that into the Comprehensive Plan. The additional amenities assist the County in the established level of service for Parks and Recreation called for in the Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

There will be minimal environmental impact, if any.

Percentage of population served

50% or more. The Recreation Center will serve the mid-County section of Charlotte County, which has the greatest density of any area in the County.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

This facility will significantly improve the quality of life in Charlotte County, and provide much needed access to recreational facilities in the County.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

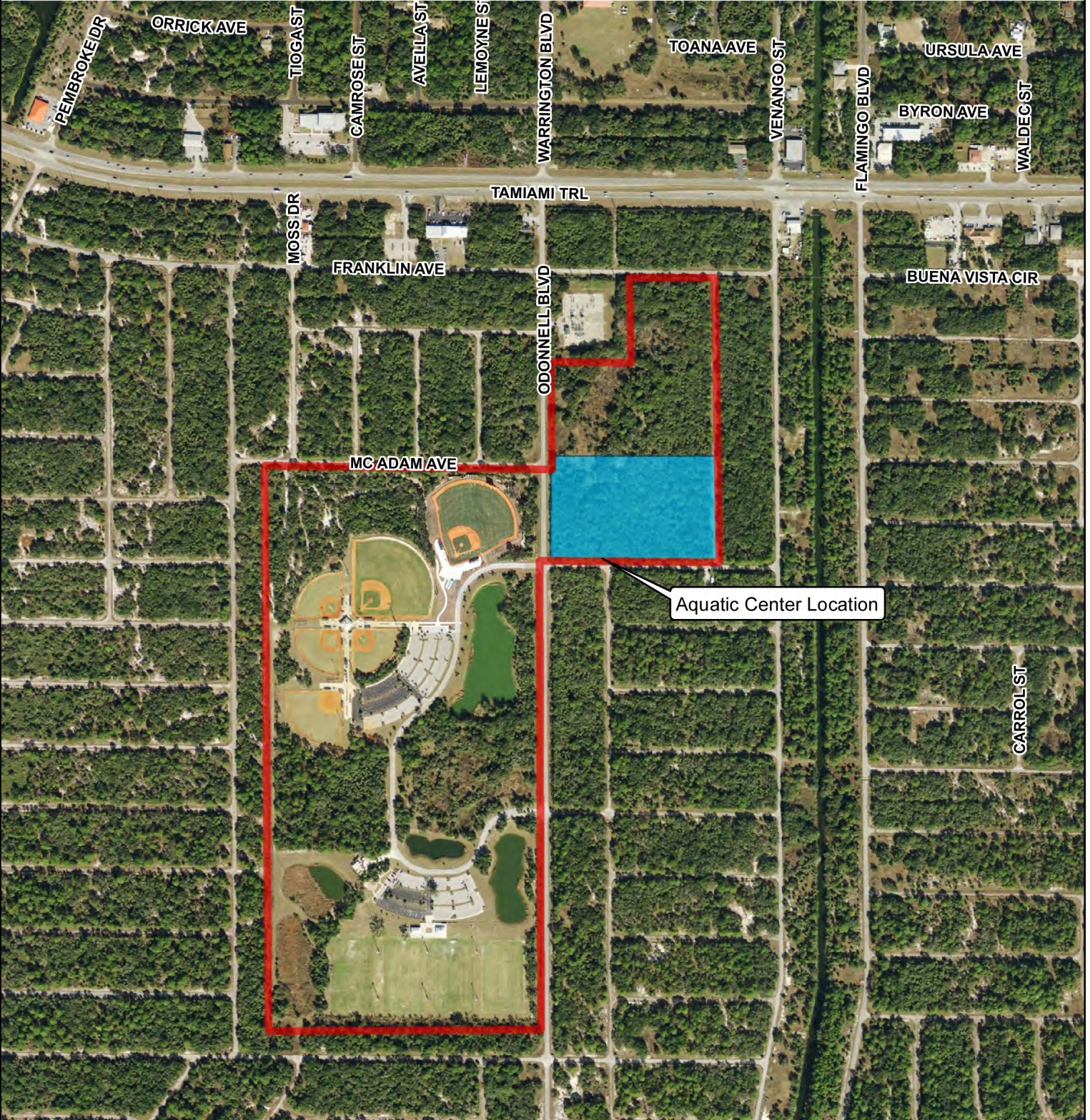
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