

Harbor Walk/Gateway Project Phase 2

Quality of Life

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Area: **County-Wide** Location: **Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area**

Need:

The current gateway into Charlotte County heading north from downtown Punta Gorda is under-utilized. There is an untapped potential to change the area into a gateway that provides improved public access to the waterfront and reflects the quality of life that attracts visitors and investors into the community.

Purpose:

To further implement the Harbor Walk vision of Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Plan by providing an additional waterfront recreational destination. The project will enhance water access; improve water quality; and provide an opportunity for public/private partnerships.

Objectives:

Construct a covered pedestrian covered gathering place and provide enhanced public access to the waterfront. Encourage economic development. Enhance appearance of the area. Create an additional tourist destination. Promotes the area for healthy lifestyle.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$4,271,279
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$4,271,279
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$33,934

Will the project impact public health and safety?

Will make an inactive site active which will reduce the threat of unsafe conditions. It will improve recreational opportunities and improve stormwater management facilities in the area. Research shows that amenities, such as walking trails and bike paths, are key to increasing physical fitness and improve health.

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

Stimulus project that will lead to additional private investment in the area. Opportunity for public/private partnership similar to Lashley Park.

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

Maintenance costs for site improvements are expected but they could be off-set depending on the final location and operation of the site.

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

Earlier phases of the project have qualified for grant funds and staff will continue to look at new opportunities to assist with future phases.

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

No.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency.

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?

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

The project will provide improved free access to the waterfront that is handicap accessible. The project will further improve access between east and west sides of U.S. 41.

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

This project is included in the Charlotte Harbor CRA Redevelopment Plan. The CRA Plan is referenced in the Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

Expected improvements will provide stormwater improvements that will help to minimize the direct flow of runoff into the harbor.

Percentage of population served

The facility is open to the entire community and visitors.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

The area is the gateway into Charlotte County from downtown Punta Gorda. This project will improve the appearance of this important corridor and it will further improve pedestrian and bicycle connections between downtown Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor. In addition, it will provide improved access to the Harbor.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No.



Land Information
Section

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Sales Tax Projects - Harbor Walk/Gateway Project Phase 2



Stateplane Projection
Datum: NAD83
Units: Feet
Source: Community Development,
SWFWMD
Metadata available upon request



0 62.5 125 250
Feet

Gateway/ Harbor Walk Project



Project Location



Improved Access to Charlotte Harbor

Harbor Walk Phase 2 Sales Tax Request



Includes

- Land Acquisition
- Design/Permitting
- Phase I Construction

Funding Request -
\$3,753,839

**Project Grand Total -
\$4,271,279**

