

# Charlotte County Community Redevelopment Agency 2004 Annual Report

## **2004 Accomplishments**

- First Tax Increment received totaling \$50,731
- Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow Multi-family development along the Harbor adopted
- Reduction in front set-backs along US41 adopted
- Conceptual Design Plan completed for US41
- 7 Peer Reviews completed for new or renovated commercial buildings
- 24 sign permits reviewed and approved
- Area identified as top priority in the Hurricane Charley Recovery Plan
- Phase 1 redevelopment districts identified:
  - Charlotte Harbor
  - Riverwalk
  - US 41 Gateway



## **Charlotte County Community Redevelopment Agency**

- Commissioner Sara Devos, Chairman
- Commissioner Tom Moore, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Tom D'Aprile, Board Liaison
- Commission Adam Cummings
- Commissioner Matt DeBoer

## **Charlotte Harbor Advisory Committee**

- Dick Loftus, Chairman
- Charlotte Ventola, Vice Chair
- Grace Amodeo, Secretary
- David Schmidt
- Michael Gravesen
- Jerry Dupper

### **Staff**

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Established in 1992, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners sits as the Charlotte County CRA. The area designated for redevelopment activities is the Charlotte Harbor redevelopment area, which includes the historic riverfront and US 41, the main arterial and commercial corridor in the community.

Prior to the establishment of the Tax Increment Trust Fund, the county and the community have been working diligently to create development standards specific to the needs of Charlotte Harbor. The County has also moved forward on assembling property along Charlotte Harbor to develop the Bayshore Live Oak Community Park. Construction of the park is expected to begin in 2005.

August 13, 2004 Charlotte County was impacted by the arrival of Hurricane Charley. The Property Appraiser reported that out of the 821 buildings identified in the redevelopment area, 48 were destroyed, 162 were identified as unusable, and 113 were listed as damaged but usable. Hurricane Francis, which arrived 3 weeks later, caused flooding in the redevelopment area due to storm surge. Activities during the last quarter of 2004 included developing a recovery plan for the area and pursuing funding options that will implement the vision of Charlotte Harbor. The Community is resilient in their efforts to look at this disaster as an opportunity to rebuild and grow back even stronger.

Annual Financial Reports and Audits are included in the Charlotte County annual audit. There have been no financial transactions involving this agency to date.

For more information please visit the Charlotte County website at [www. Charlottefl.com](http://www.Charlottefl.com) or telephone Debrah Forester at 941-743-6241.

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***Vision: Revitalize the Charlotte Harbor area by promoting the ambiance of an old Florida waterfront community with its tree canopy.***