



Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency 2008 Annual Report

2008 Accomplishments

- The Agency name was changed from Charlotte County to Charlotte Harbor to reflect the specific area of governance.
- Gateway Beautification Project Phase I completed.
- Chester Roberts Park Improvements completed.
- Low Pressure Sanitary Sewer System improvements completed.
- Water line improvements and installation of fire hydrants completed.
- Bayshore Live Oak Park improvements completed.
- Fourth annual Tax Increment revenues received totaling \$663,048
- Annual Financial Reports and Audits are included in the Charlotte County annual audit.



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Phase I of the Gateway Beautification project was completed. This project included 40,000 square feet of landscaping and installation of a Community Identification sign. The project was funded by a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Beautification Grant and Tax Increment Funds. The project faced several major hurdles but through the cooperation and support of FDOT and Florida Power and Light, the project was permitted and completed.

The Second Phase of the project was also given the “green light” in 2008 with the selection of Kimley Horn and Associates to design and obtain the permits to construct Phase I of the pedestrian promenade that will ultimately link Bayshore Live Oak Park to Chester Roberts Neighborhood Park.



Community Identification Sign



Gateway Beautification Project –
Phase I Landscaping

Implementation of the Community Redevelopment Plan requires cooperation across many county departments and state and federal agencies. The Charlotte County Department of Public Works and Charlotte County Utilities, provide valuable technical assistance and project management to many of the CRA's capital projects.

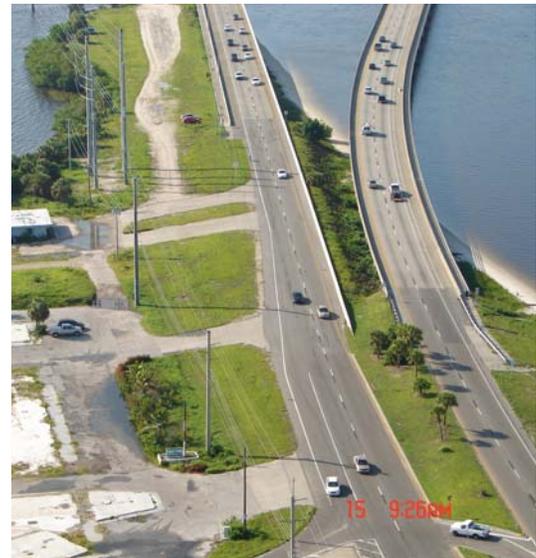
Incentive Grant Programs are available to assist area businesses and residential property owners. For more information, please visit our website: www.charlottecountyfl.com.

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One of the primary goals of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is to complete the Gateway Beautification Project. The project includes providing a continuous pedestrian connection from Bayshore Live Oak park on the west side of US41 to Chester Roberts Park on the east side of US41. A major hurdle to overcome is providing a safe pedestrian connection across US41, a six-lane arterial.

With the completion of Phase I, the CRA has identified the Gateway Promenade as the next component to design and construct. This phase will also include additional parking and pedestrian access within the Florida Department of Transportation right of way.

In addition to the Gateway Project, two utility projects were completed in 2008. Both projects were funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grants. The completion of the low-pressure sanitary sewer project will allow additional development to occur in the area and the improvements to the water line increased the water pressure available and provided much needed fire hydrants to the area.



Aerial View of the Gateway Phase I



Conceptual Design of the Gateway

VISION:

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

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Pedestrian access throughout Charlotte Harbor is another priority for the community. The CRA has partnered with FDOT to enhance the design and construction of a sidewalk along US41. The enhanced design will construct a meandering sidewalk which will provide opportunities to landscape within the right of way along US41 in the future.

Enhancement of public access to Charlotte Harbor also ranks high in the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Plan. The CRA has provided funding to enhance access at both Chester Roberts Neighborhood Park and the Bayshore Live Oak Park by funding additional lighting, signage, and funding a part-time events coordinator.



Bayshore Live Oak Park



Chester Roberts Park Dedication

Chester Roberts was the first Chairman of the Charlotte Harbor Improvement Committee. The CRA requested that the neighborhood park be named in his honor. The CRA provided funds to enhance the park. Two historic markers were dedicated in 2008: the Hickory Trail and Trinity Church.

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The CRA provides grants to encourage public sector investment into the area. The monument sign grant and the infrastructure incentive program have leveraged private sector investment with tax increment revenues. The CRA will continue to work with residential and commercial property owners to provide the needed resources to encourage further investment into the area.

The CRA works closely with other agencies to bring positive change to the area, from both capital improvements and programming activities.



Commercial Rehabilitation Grants



**Charlotte County Bike Patrol
Community Policing**

The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee meets monthly to provide input into the redevelopment program and develop recommendations for implementation by the Agency. All meetings are open to the public.

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Construction Activity in 2008



Harbor Center completes multi-tenant building and installs monument sign.



YMCA Day Care



Rebuilding on US41

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Sunrise Views over Charlotte Harbor



**Chester Roberts Park –
Kayak Launch**



Charlotte County Historical Center

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