



Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency 2010 Annual Report



2010 Accomplishments

- Harbor Walk Project, a key component to the Gateway Project, reached 90% design stage.
- Harbor Walk Project was awarded approximately \$2.5 million from a Florida Department of Transportation Grant to fund the construction in 2014 and 2015.
- Melbourne Street Bridge Replacement Design Building Contract awarded. New bridge will include pedestrian facilities.
- The Rehabilitation Grant Program funded 16 projects resulting in \$15,000 in private investment.
- Lot Maintenance Program implemented, resulting in 12 lots being cleared of evasive vegetation.
- New logo approved.
- Annual Financial Report and Audit are included in the Charlotte County Annual Audit.



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- Commissioner Bob Starr, Chair
- Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Christopher Constance
- Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch*
- Commissioner Robert Skidmore

**Board Liaison*

Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee

- James W. Herston, Chairman
- Michael Haymans, Vice Chairman
- Grace Amodeo, Secretary
- Nathaniel Cooley
- Eddie Hale*
- Garland Wilson
- Charlotte Ventola

**Appointed in January 2011 replacing Evelyn Loeffler*

Staff:

Ray Sandrock, Executive Director,
Charlotte Harbor CRA
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Elizabeth Spicer, Program Coordinator,
Bayshore Live Oak Park
Derek Rooney, Assistant County Attorney
Kathy Knee, Recorder
Roxann Read, Planner II, Building &
Growth Management Liaison

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One of the main projects identified in the Community Redevelopment Plan is the improvement to the US41 Gateway into the area. The Gateway Project is divided into several phases. With the Welcome Sign and Entry Landscaping completed in 2008, the next phase identified is the Harbor Walk. The Harbor Walk will be developed on State of Florida owned property at the foot of the north-bound US41 bridge and will provide a pedestrian connection to the south-bound US41 bridge through a system of pedestrian walkways and boardwalks. This project will provide a regional intermodal trail along Charlotte Harbor connecting significant points of interest and will connect two redevelopment areas, four community parks, and provide enhanced access to Charlotte Harbor.

The Harbor Walk Project was approved for funding in the Florida Department of Transportation 2010-2015 Approved Work Plan for approximately \$1.2 million and another \$1.3 million is allocated in the 2011-2016 Tentative Work Plan.



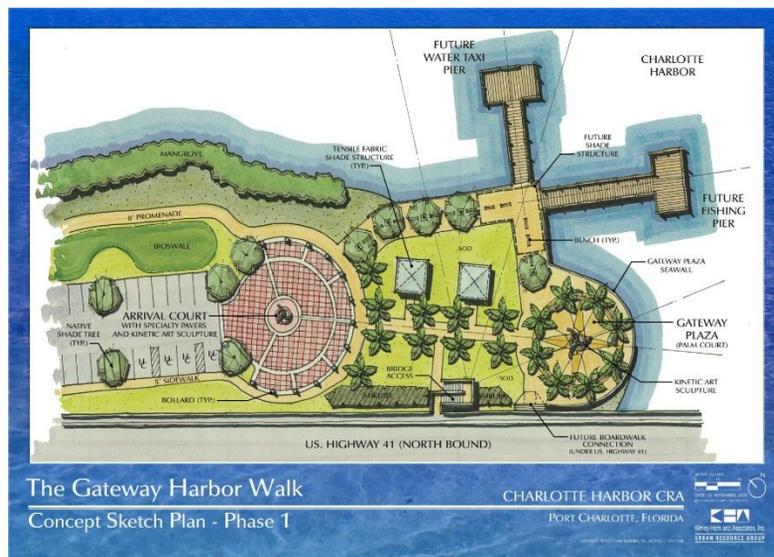
Harbor Walk Concept Plan 2009

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Harbor Walk Phase I

The Harbor Walk will provide a pedestrian and bicycle connection between the east and west sides of US41 via an intermodal trail. Components of Phase I of the project will include a sidewalk from the foot of the north-bound US41 bridge to Melbourne Street, replacement of the seawall, a pedestrian plaza, promenade, parking and bathroom facilities.



Phase I Concept Plan

Melbourne Street Bridge Replacement

Another key component of the Gateway Project is to provide an improved pedestrian connection from the Harbor Walk Project site to Chester Roberts Park. The Board of County Commissioners approved the funding and construction of a new bridge that will include pedestrian access on both sides of the bridge. The construction of the new facility is scheduled to begin in the third-quarter of 2011. This project will help advance the goals of the community.

VISION:

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

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New Logo for Charlotte Harbor CRA

The CRA Advisory Committee approved a new logo and will begin to brand the area and further its marketing efforts to encourage private investment into the area. The area has several historic landmarks that make it unique, including the Charlotte County Historical Center.

Bayshore Live Oak Park continues to be a center of activity. The CRA sponsors a calendar of events at the park to encourage participation by the community and to highlight the beautiful views of the harbor.



Scheduled Programs Held at Bayshore Live Oak Park
Bring New Visitors to the Area.

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Cheryl Wynn—Property Owner and Entrepreneur



Music Store and Radio Station

Neighborhood Business District

Changes to the Neighborhood Business Residential District were approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The changes provide additional flexibility to implement the vision of the area which is an area that provides an opportunity for entrepreneurs and small business owners to live and work onsite. 2010 brought several artists and unique businesses to the area. However, improvements to signage and marketing are needed to further the development of the district as an artist and entrepreneurial village. There are several properties available for lease or purchase in the area. If you are interested in moving to the Charlotte Harbor CRA to open a business, please visit

www.charlottecountyfl.com/charlotteharborcra.

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. Agendas are available at www.CharlotteCountyFL.com. Click Charlotte Harbor CRA in the Government links or contact the EDO office at 941.627.3023 to have your email address added to the agenda distribution list.

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2010 Activities

Lot Maintenance Program

The CRA worked with private property owners, many from out of state, to develop a program that would allow the CRA to have the evasive vegetation moved. This opened the area to highlight the heritage oak trees and to improve safety in the neighborhood. Property owners also signed "Permission to Issue Trespass Warnings" with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department which will help with illegal dumping issues in the community. The CRA will continue to maintain the lots for the next year or longer, if the project continues.



Example of Vacant Unmaintained Properties



Maintained Vacant Properties

The CRA continued to provide grants to encourage public sector investment into the area. The Housing Rehabilitation Grant was initiated in 2009 and was expanded to include both residential and commercial buildings in 2010. Grant funds were available to properties for up to \$2,000 for exterior improvements including painting, replacement of doors and windows and landscaping improvements.

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2004-2010 WORK PLAN

Tax Increment Contribution*

GATEWAY PROJECT

Phase 1	\$ 158,118
Enhanced US 41 Sidewalk Design	\$ 94,900
Harbor Walk Design	\$ 333,294
Watershed Management Plan	\$ 401,000
Infrastructure Grant Program	\$ 125,820
Monument Sign Grant Program	\$ 44,720
Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program	\$ 95,000
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$ 96,174
Lot Maintenance Project	\$10,000

Grants totaling \$4.8 million have been received over the past four years and have provided significant leverage to tax increment revenues to allow for the completion of projects within the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area.

*Amounts are estimates based on budget allocations. The Charlotte Harbor CRA financial report and audit is included in the Charlotte County Annual Audit.

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ENJOY THE TREASURES IN CHARLOTTE HARBOR



Pier Fishing



**Chester Roberts Park
Kayak Launch**

Sunrise View over Charlotte Harbor



Charlotte County Historical Center

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