

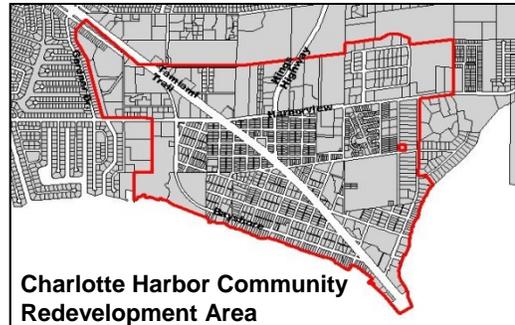


Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency 2012 Annual Report



2012 Accomplishments

- Final permits received for Harbor Walk Phase I Project. The project is “shovel ready” and funds are allocated in Florida Department of Transportation 5-year Work Plan for 2014.
- The Dick Loftus Bridge was constructed and dedicated. The bridge provides pedestrian connection to Chester Roberts Park.
- Two drainage improvement projects were designed and permitted. Construction will be completed in the first quarter of 2013.
- The fourth annual Hands Across the Harbor event partnered with the not for profit Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. Over 300 people participated in the event.
- Bathroom Facility and Playground approved for Bayshore Live Oak Park.
- Annual Financial Report and Audit are included in the Charlotte County Annual Audit.



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Redevelopment Area

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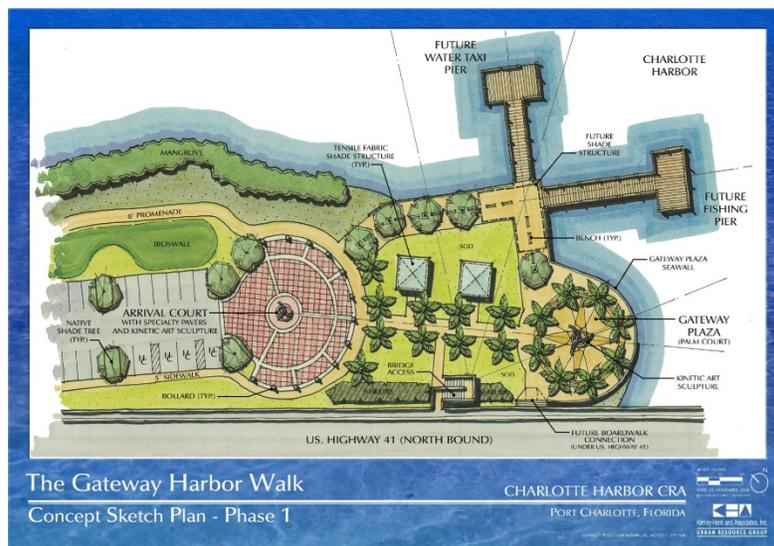
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Harbor Walk Project Final Permits Approved

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Board of County Commissioners executed a 25 year land lease with an option for renewal that secures the use of the land for the Harbor Walk Project. 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. All permits have been received and the CRA is requesting the project be advanced prior to the 2014/2015 funding appropriations.

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

For more information, please visit our website: www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

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Dick Loftus Bridge

In May 2012, the County dedicated the new Dick Loftus Bridge. The new bridge replaced a deteriorated structure and provides improved pedestrian connection from the Harbor Walk Project site to Chester Roberts Park. The Board of County Commissioners honored Dick Loftus for his many years of service to the community and specifically to the Charlotte Harbor CRA.



Dick Loftus and Grace Amodeo



New Bridge provides pedestrian connection, decorative street lights, and signage.

The Charlotte Harbor CRA contributed \$268,000 to include the sidewalk connections to Chester Roberts Park and enhance the architectural features to the facility which meets the goals of the Community Redevelopment Plan to enhance pedestrian connections. Wright Construction completed the design/build project and donated the plaque honoring Dick Loftus.



May 1, 2012 Ribbon Cutting and Bridge Dedication (Commissioner Starr, Commissioner Skidmore, Dick Loftus, Commissioner Constance and Commissioner Duffy)

VISION:

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

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Bayshore Live Oak Park

Bayshore Live Oak Park provides direct access to Charlotte Harbor and beautiful vistas of sunsets and wildlife. The CRA Advisory Committee supports programming activities at the park to bring residents and visitors into the area. The park continues to provide both passive and organized activities to encourage public use and is the center of activity for the area. A map of the park was produced as another advertising tool to encourage use of the facility. The Board of County Commissioners approved two new construction projects – an additional bathroom facility and a playground. Both new projects are expected to be completed in 2013.



Entertainment - Michael's Hibiscus Band



April Arts and Crafts Festival



Relax and enjoy the views.



4th Annual Hands Across the Harbor – Title Sponsor, Waste Management Robot with bike ride participants.

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Grace Amodeo (1929-2012)

Charlotte Harbor CRA lost one of its greatest champions with the passing of Grace Amodeo on December 19, 2012. Mrs. Amodeo was a member of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee since November 1995 and was the Secretary of committee. She was a friend and advocate for the redevelopment of Charlotte Harbor CRA. Her contribution and dedication to the community will be severely missed.



Grace Amodeo, Secretary



Grace Amodeo talking with Dan Burden during the walk-about April 2012.

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.gov. Click Charlotte Harbor CRA under Boards and Committees or contact the Economic Development Office at 941.764.4941 to have your email address added to the agenda distribution list.

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Walkable Communities Program

In January 2012, the County was awarded a grant funded by US EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities under their Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program which provided technical assistance to the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area on developing walkable communities.

Dan Burden, Executive Director of Walkable and Livable Communities Institute (WALC) held a series of community events that focused on the commercial corridor of US41 in Charlotte Harbor and Parkside Community Redevelopment Areas. WALC is led by Dan Burden, a walkability pioneer who invented the "walking audit" and has helped more than 3,500 communities to date get back "on their feet."

The two day event "Street Design and Your Community" included a walking tour of key intersections along US41 that are gateways into the redevelopment area. The Technical Assistance provided an opportunity for discussion and education on the issues and hurdles that must be overcome to balance vehicular and pedestrian access to US41 to improve pedestrian/bicycle safety and marketability of commercial properties along the corridor. The opportunity to have experts in the field of community-based transportation and place making provided a great resource to these two redevelopment areas. Several recommendations were made that the CRA Advisory Committee endorsed. The final report is available by visiting www.charlottecountyfl.gov/CRA/CharlotteHarbor/Pages/TowardWalkablePlaces.aspx.



Dan Burden and participants in
Charlotte Harbor CRA Walking Audit.



Workshop Participants

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2004-2012 WORK PLAN

Tax Increment Contribution*

Projects Completed

Phase 1 Gateway Improvements	\$ 182,426
Enhanced US 41 Sidewalk Design	\$ 94,900
Harbor Walk Design	\$ 364,846
Dick Loftus Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements	\$268,000
Watershed Management Plan	\$ 401,000
Bayshore Park	\$ 173,073
Infrastructure Grant Program	\$ 125,820
Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program	\$ 95,000
Monument Sign Grant Program	\$ 44,720
Lot Maintenance Project	\$10,000

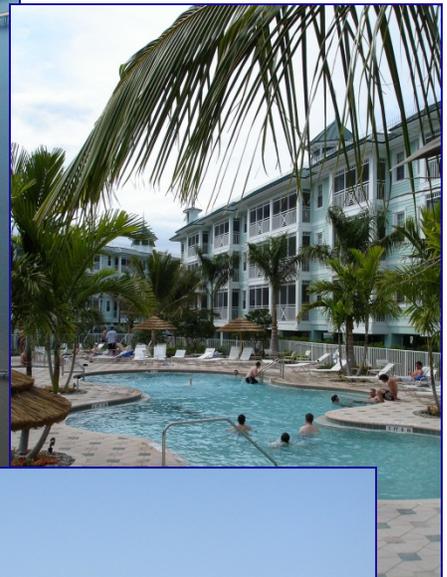
Grants totaling \$6.7 million have been awarded over the past eight years and have provided significant leverage to tax increment revenues to allow for the completion of projects within the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area.

*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

Experience the hidden treasures and learn about the opportunities.



Mission: To improve the infrastructure that will benefit the community and encourage private re-investment into the community that will create a vibrant mixed-use community with pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods and an employment center that maintains the historic character of the area while enhancing access to Charlotte Harbor. For more information on the Charlotte Harbor CRA please visit: www.charlottecountyfl.gov/CRA/CharlotteHarbor.

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