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

Charlotte Harbor Trails and Wayfinding

Tier 2

Quality of Life

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

Need:

The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Plan identifies a vision that will provide safe pedestrian/bicycle access to both sides of U.S. 41 and encourage neighborhood business development in the historic neighborhood and promote access to Bayshore Live Oak Park. Currently there is limited visible access to the area from U.S. 41.

Purpose:

To improve access to Bayshore Live Oak Park and improve pedestrian connections within the area and the sidewalk master plan. Research shows that amenities, such as walking trails and bike paths, lead to increased physical activity and improved health. A visible gateway into the neighborhood will help to support business opportunities in the historic neighborhood area.

Objectives:

Install sidewalks, streetlighting, signage and landscaping on streets that provide direct access from U.S. 41 to Bayshore Road and Bayshore Live Oak Park.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	\$60,000
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$1,060,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$1,000,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$15,210

Will the project impact public health and safety?

Provide recreational opportunities to further promote a healthy life style.

- Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? Improvements to the area will lead to additional private investment.
- Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs? Minimal costs associated with routine maintenance of landscaping, sidewalks and streetlighting.
- Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity? Project is included in the Charlotte County/Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Alternatives Program Local Projects and is ranked number 3.
- Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension? Sidewalk project. One side of Bayshore Road was funded through the sales tax.
- 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? Sidewalks provide an alternative mode of transportation that is free and safe for all residents and visitors

Sidewalks provide an alternative mode of transportation that is free and safe for all residents and visitors. Providing a link to Bayshore Park and commercial properties in the Community improves access to both commercial and recreational opportunities.

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

The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Plan includes a goal to implement a master sidewalk plan and to redevelop the community as a pedestrian-friendly environment. The CRA Plan is referenced in the Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

Less cars on the road will reduce car emissions and improve air quality for future generations.

Percentage of population served

Bayshore Live Oak Park is enjoyed by the entire community, providing free access to Charlotte Harbor.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Improves safety and improves pedestrian and bicycle connections to commercial district and recreational opportunities.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No.



Stateplane Projection Datum: NAD83 Units: Feet

Source: Community Development, SWFWMD

Metadata available upon request







Toward Walkable Places: Charlotte Harbor



Trail Locations:

- Parmely Street
- Sibley Bay
- Bayshore Road
- Lister Street
- Seneca Avenue
- Melbourne Street
- Harper Avenue



Trails and Wayfinding

Phase I – Parmely Street





Toward Walkable Places: Charlotte Harbor

Vision

Current Conditions





NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION

Components:

- Sidewalks/trails
- Decorative Streetlights
- Banners/Signage
- Crosswalks
- Landscaping

