Oyster Creek Pool Splash Pad

Quality of Life

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Area: West Location: 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood

Need:

The Oyster Creek pool was originally designed to include a splash pad. However, this feature was value engineered and removed from the project when it was built in 2007.

Purpose:

The current pool features eight lanes for lap swimming, a dive well, and zero-depth pool entry for accessibility. There are limited opportunities for play at the pool. The addition of a wading pool and play structure will provide additional amenities for families who use the pool for recreational swimming.

Objectives:

Construct a zero-depth wading pool with a water play structure.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$260,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$260,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$48,18 <mark>2</mark>

Will the project impact public health and safety?

The addition of this family friendly amenity, will entice a broader spectrum of users and introduce them to the availability of additional programming, including water aerobics, lap swimming, and swim lessons. All of which will help create a healthy Charlotte County.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? Companies seeking to grow as well as relocate to Charlotte County put a great value on the recreation opportunities that are available to their employees while not at work.

- Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?
 Minimal, staff and budget are already in place for the swimming pools. This project will require only a minor increase in O&M.
- Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity? Several grant opportunities are available that require matching funds. One such option could be a matching grant from Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).
- Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension? No, however Oyster Creek Pool is a 1998 and 2002 Sales Tax Extension project.
- Is this a joint project with another entity? No.
- 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?

This primary purpose of adding a wading pool and play structure is to provide an underserved population of Charlotte County with the opportunity to participate in aquatic recreation and programming.

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

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

The department is currently developing its park master plan and it will be incorporating that into the Comprehensive Plan. The additional amenities will assist the County in meeting the established level of service for Parks and Recreation called for in the Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County? There will be minimal environmental impact, if any.

Percentage of population served

Oyster Creek Pool serves the west-county section of Charlotte County, which has a population base that will enjoy this low impact, low cost recreational opportunity. This project will serve roughly 25%-49% of the county's population.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

This facility will significantly improve the quality of life in Charlotte County, and provide much needed access to recreational facilities in the County. The additional water feature increase opportunities play and fun experiences by individuals and families.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No.

