

## South County Library and Archive

Name change to  
Punta Gorda  
Charlotte Library  
approved by the  
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### Quality of Life

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Area: **South** Location: **Possibly City of Punta Gorda's old Public Works site on Shreve Street**

#### Need:

The Punta Gorda Library is the second busiest in the Charlotte County Library system. The current location is limited in space, parking and program opportunities and is in the lowest category of State Standards for space and materials available. An Archive is needed in this part of the County to house the thousands of materials that we have in our collections and are planning to have in the future.

#### Purpose:

A new library and archive would serve the extended South County community and meet the needs of citizens from birth through end of life.

#### Objectives:

Build 24,000 sq ft library with youth and program space, computer lab and spaces for instructional classes with 1,000 sq ft for archive functions (intake, processing, storage).

<b>PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$6,901,000</b>
<b>PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:</b>	<b>\$6,901,000</b>
<b>ANNUAL OPERATING COST:</b>	<b>\$529,859</b>

Will the project impact public health and safety?

Libraries are a hub of information and educational opportunities. The available resources and materials available to the community on healthy and safe living are countless.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs?

Libraries provide resources to assist in the creation of private businesses, and the facility itself will employ additional staff not currently working for Charlotte County.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

There will be added costs for operation, as the proposed new facility will be larger than the current one, and include an archive. However, the costs of operating an older facility continue to escalate.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

There will be some grants opportunities with the State of Florida. Charlotte County has been successful in receiving these types of grants in the past, specifically for the renovation for the Mid-County Regional Library.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension?

No.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

The Charlotte County Libraries and History Division work with many community organizations (genealogical society, historical groups, etc.). Having a larger facility, will allow for these partnerships to grow and flourish.

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?

Libraries and archive's meet the needs of every segment of the community. They provide free access to "E"

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government services, free internet and computer access, information and training on food stamps, job searching, tax and healthcare information.

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

Yes, a new South County Library and archive are included in our current adopted master plans.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

There will be minimal environmental impact, if any.

Percentage of population served

Libraries and archives serve every segment of the community.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Libraries and archives improve the lives of our citizens, seasonal residents, and visitors on a daily basis. They provide access to educational material technology, entertainment and relaxation.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No, this project is not mandated. However, the State of Florida has standards for the delivery of library services in a community, and we are below those standards. Bringing this new facility online will help us get above the minimum standard.



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