# **GC Herring Park**

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Area: West

Location: Cape Haze Drive / Indiana Road

Category: Quality of Life

#### **Focus Area:**

#### Need:

This 40 -year-old park was reclassified from a neighborhood park to a community park in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## **Purpose:**

Renovate GC Herring Park to meet the standards outlined for a community park.

### **Objectives:**

Redevelopment of the park includes two playgrounds (ages 2-5 and 5-12), five sport courts, a multi-purpose field, revitalized running/walking track, one medium pavilion, a community facility, open space, off-road RC track and RC drag strip.

Project Cost Prior Funding: \$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$0
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax: \$3,400,000
Annual Operating Cost: \$0

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, by providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. Parks promote physical activity and can positively impact health and overall wellness of the community.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, by refreshing the park it will increase home values and desirability.

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

Yes, increased.

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

Yes, for example the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Fund.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

Yes, by providing new amenities connecting to the Veterans Memorial Park which was funded through the 2014 sales tax.

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?

Yes – by providing ADA accessible trails.

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Capital Needs Assessment.

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County? If so, how?

No.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Yes, access to parks increases positive effects on health and quality of life for the community.

Is the project state or federally mandated? No.

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No.

