

May 18, 2023



Agenda

- Financial Trends for Public Services
- Public Services Goal
 - Optimize organization based on Levels of Service
 - Define Levels of Maintenance by 2024
- Public Services Highlights



Public Services

To maintain a safe and healthy community by delivering essential services from skilled, professional and dedicated public servants.



Financial Trends



Public Services

Budget & Admin. Services

Transit

Judicial

Community Services

Libraries & Historical

Recreation

Human Services

Intake Services

Neighborhood Services

Veteran Services

Aging and Adult Services

Public Safety

Fire Rescue

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Management

Animal Control

Public Works

Solid Waste

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

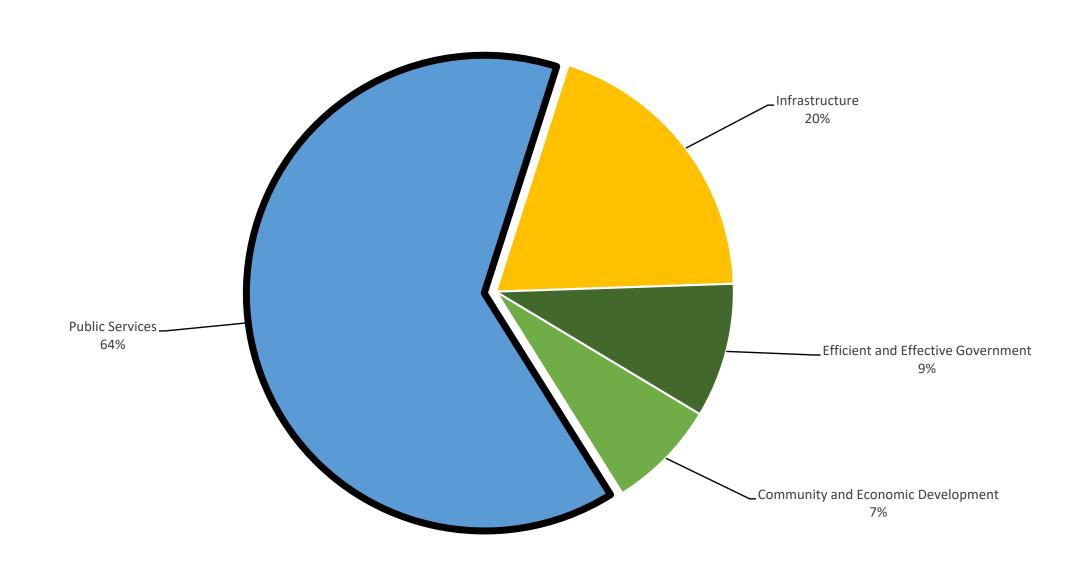
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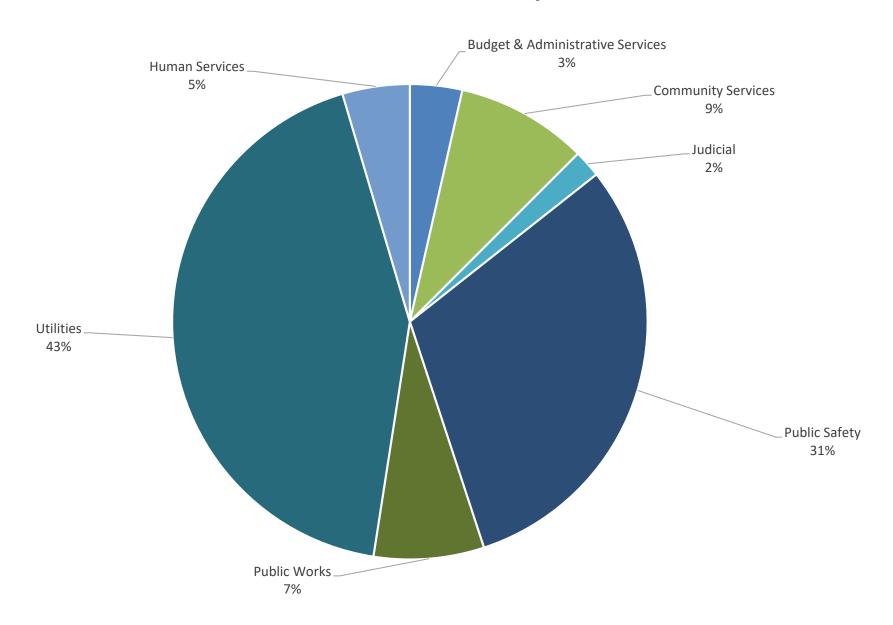
Wastewater



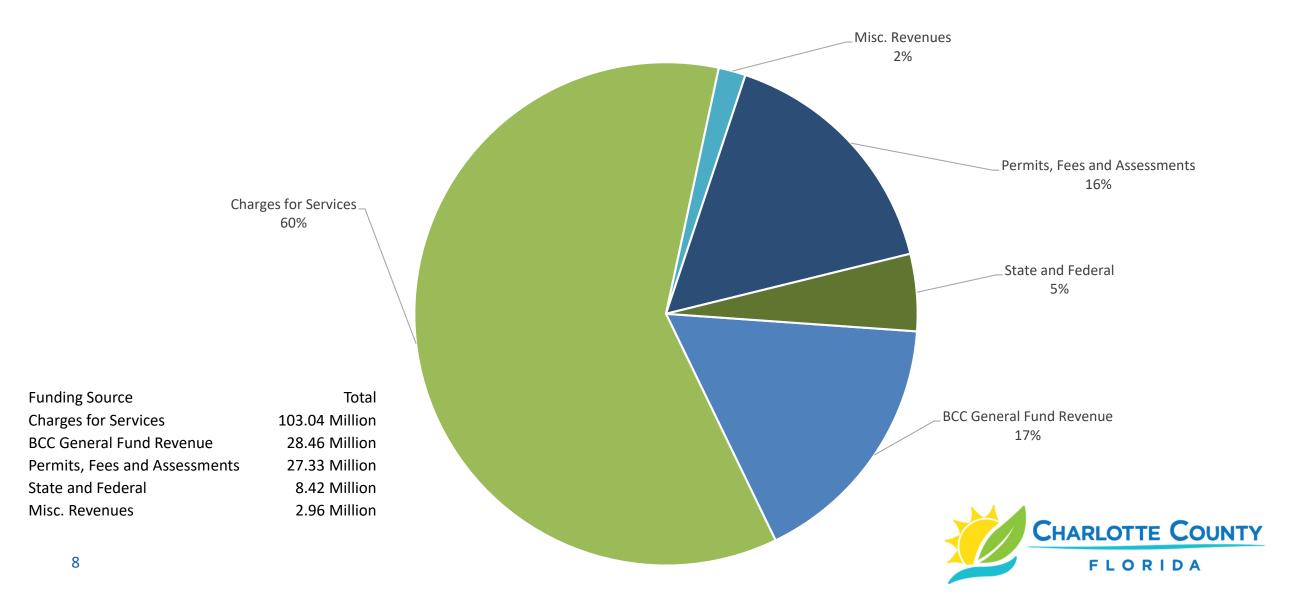
Where does the money go? Strategic Focus Areas – Proportional Expenditures



Where does the money go? Public Services - FY21 Expenditures

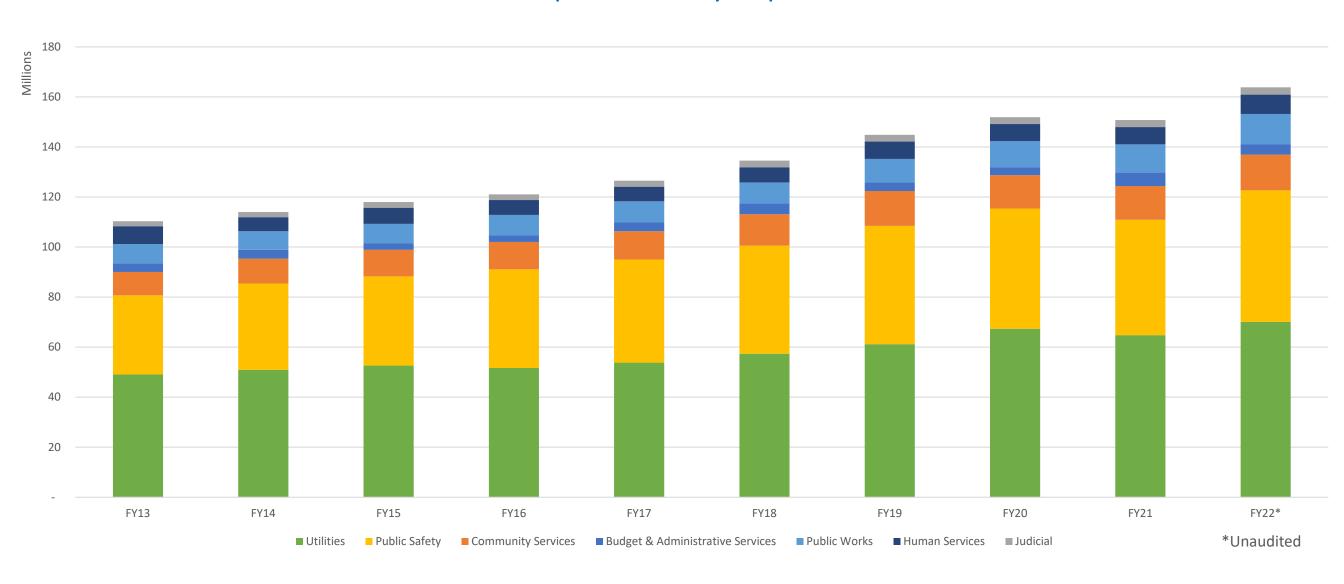


Where does the money come from? Public Services - FY21 Revenue Sources



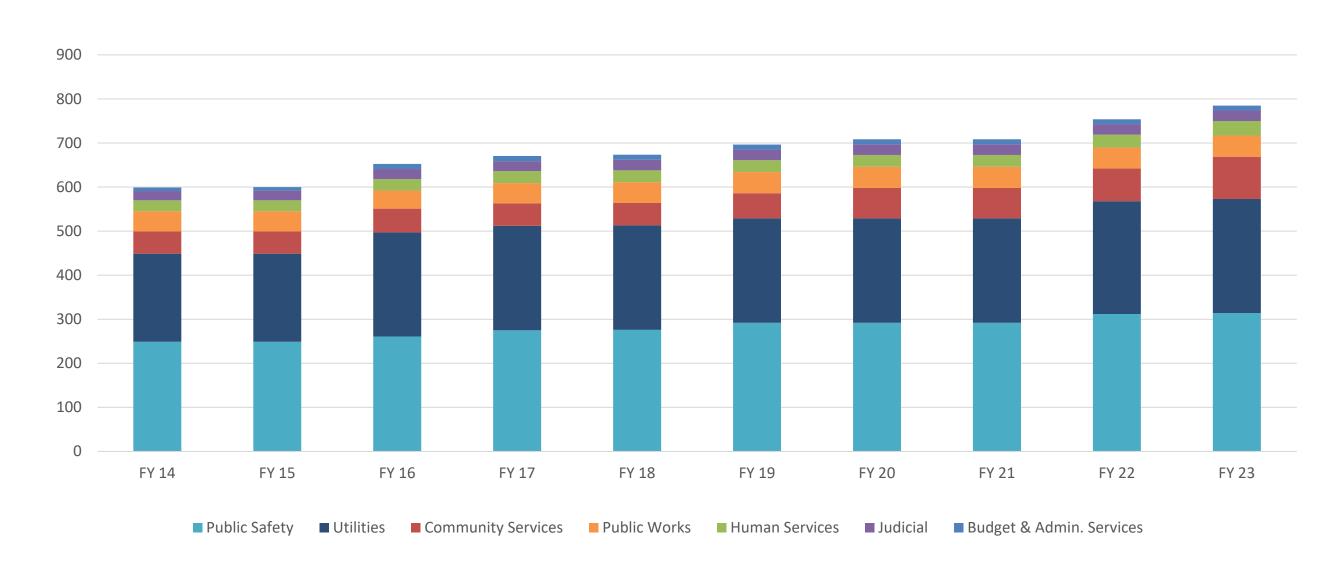
Historical Trend

Total Expenditures by Department

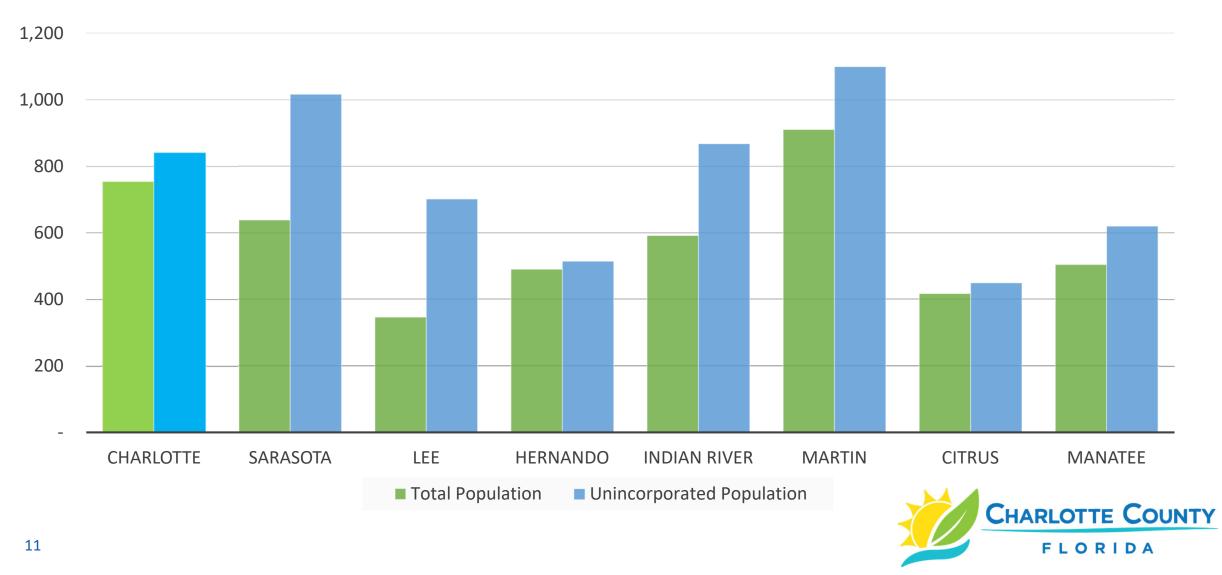


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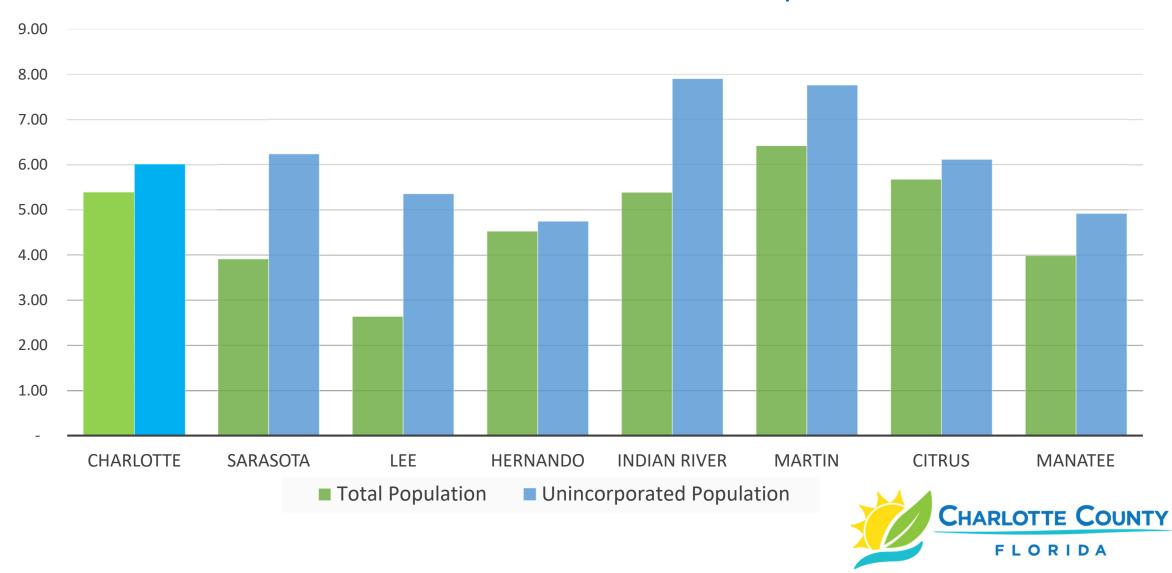
Total FTE by Department



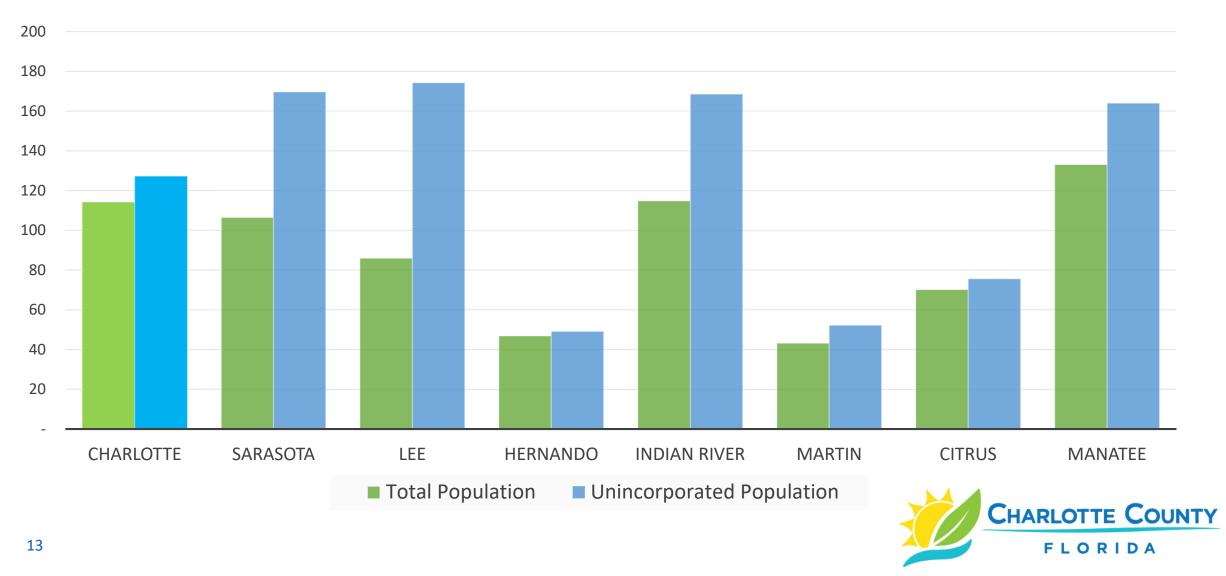
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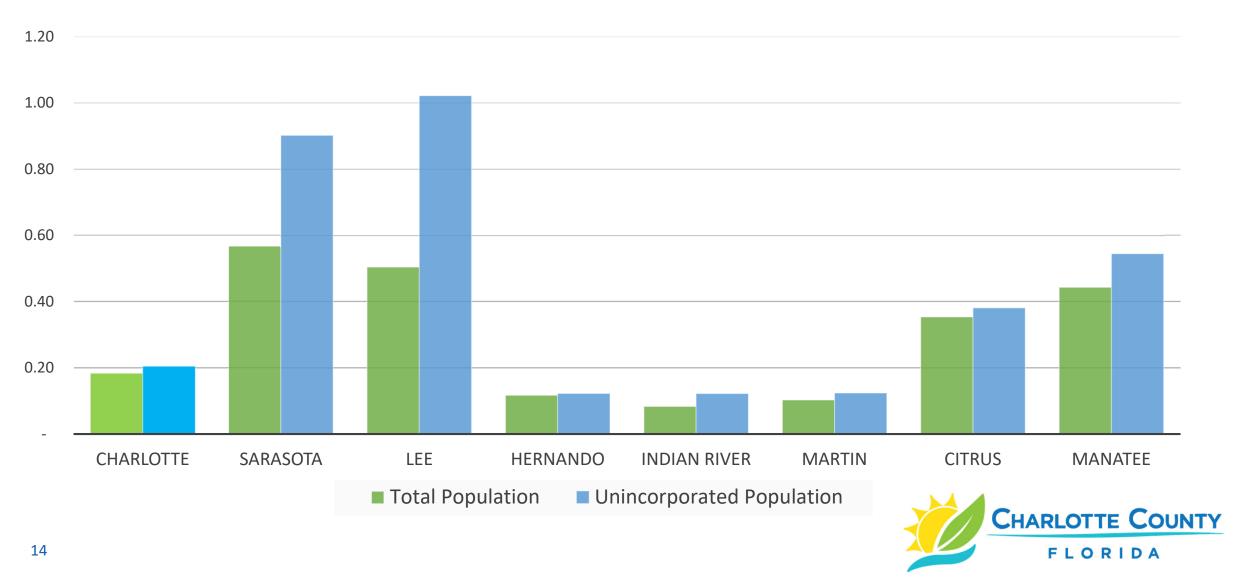
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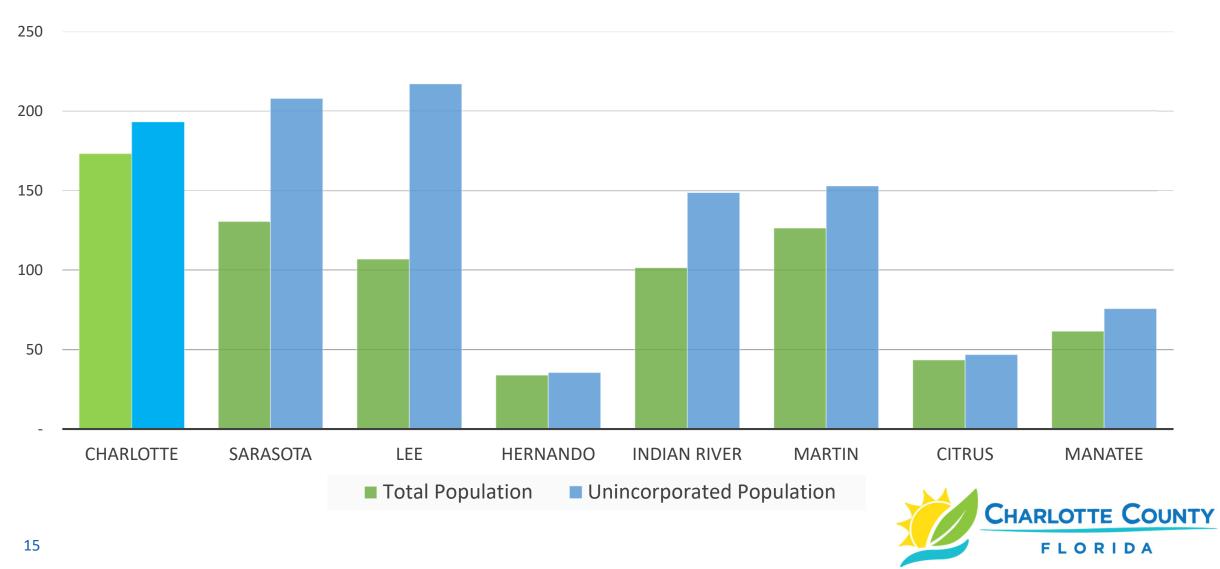
\$ Spent Per Capita on Human Services



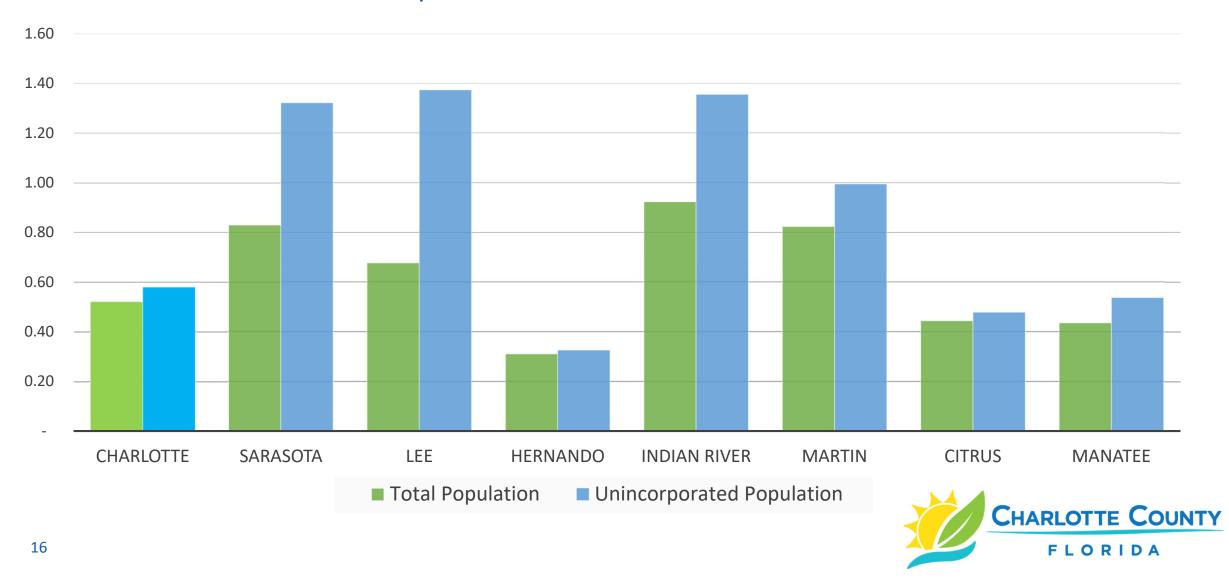
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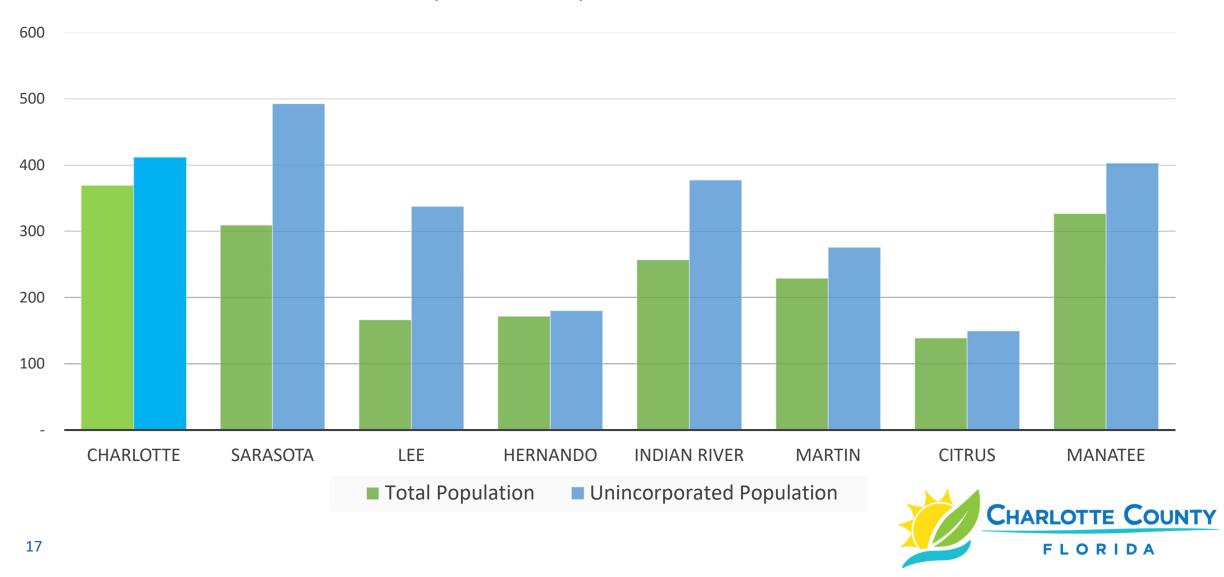
\$ Spent per Capita on Culture & Recreation



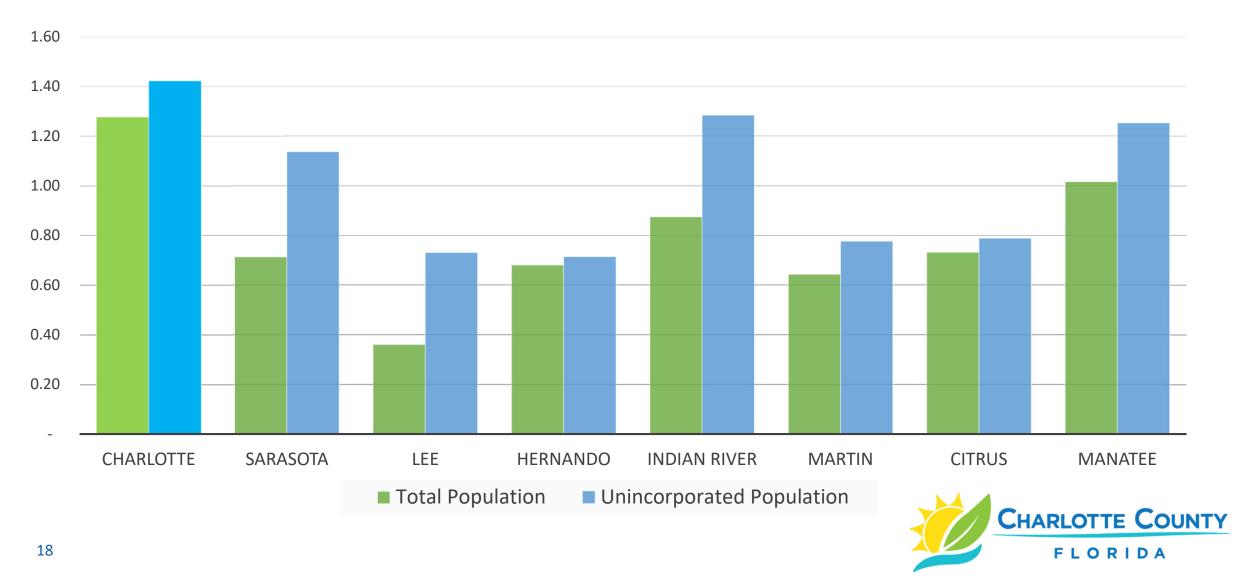
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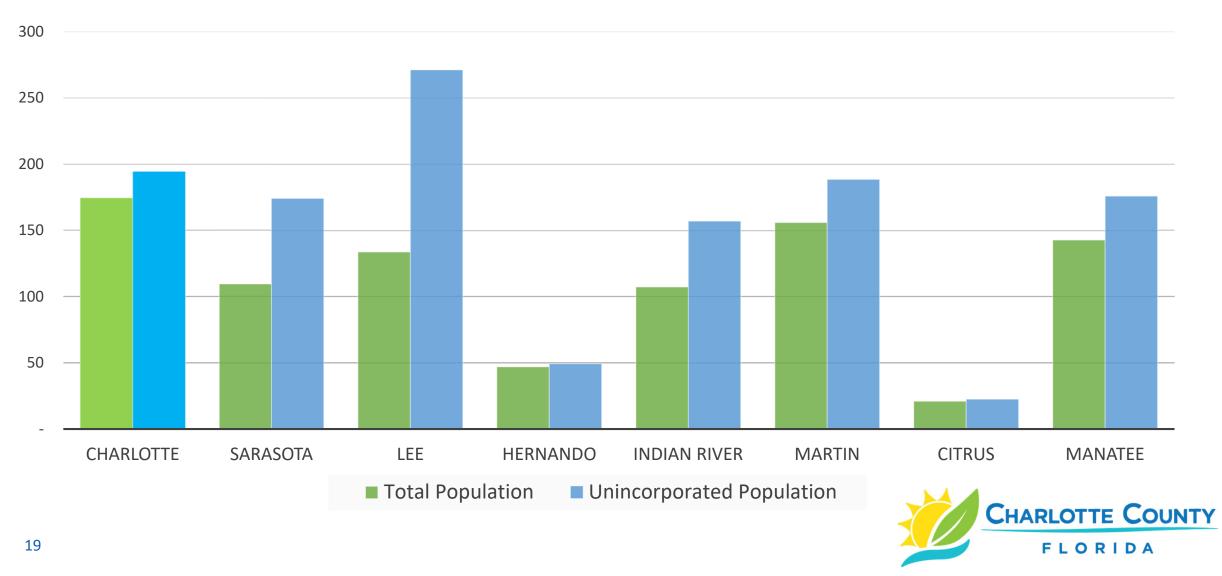
\$ Spent Per Capita on Water & Sewer



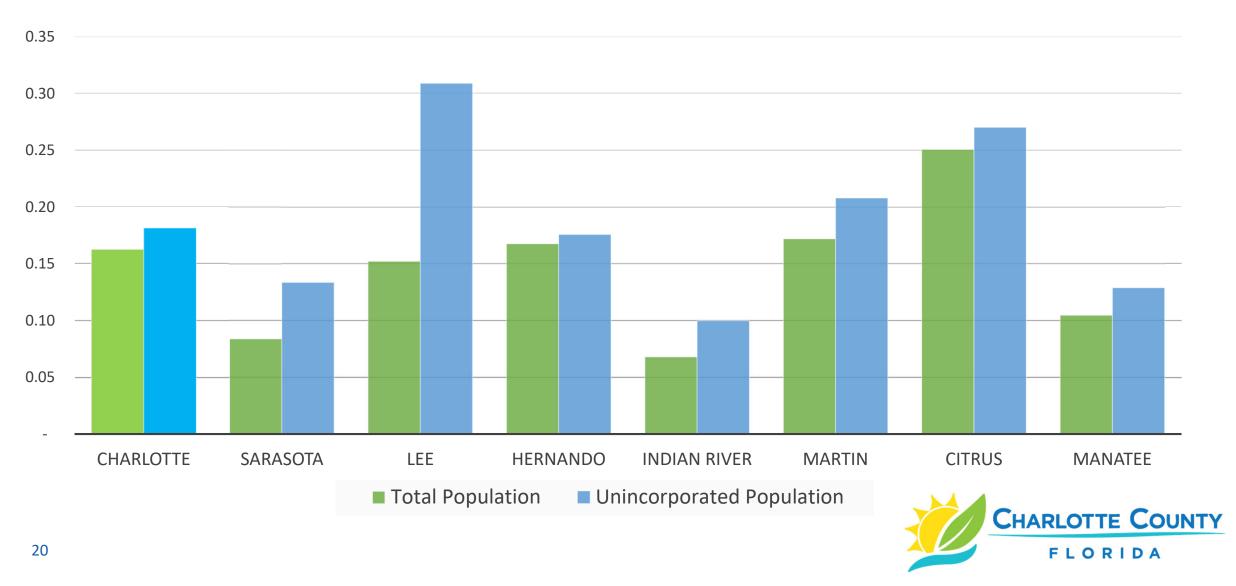
FTE Per Thousand for Water & Sewer



\$ Spent Per Capita on Solid Waste



FTE Per Thousand for Solid Waste



Population data

Charlotte	Population	Percentage
Punta Gorda	19,637	10.30%
Unincorporated	170,933	89.70%
Total Population	190,570	100.00%

Indian River	Population	Percentage
Fellsmere	4,824	2.98%
Indian River Shores	4,264	2.64%
Orchid	518	0.32%
Sebastian	25,454	15.74%
Vero Beach	16,402	10.14%
Unincorporated	110,240	68.17%
Total Population	161,702	100.00%

Martin	Population	Percentage
Indiantown	6,580	4.14%
Jupiter Island	800	0.50%
Ocean Breeze	325	0.20%
Sewall's Point	1,997	1.26%
Stuart	17,684	11.12%
Unincorporated	131,667	82.78%
Total Population	159,053	100.00%

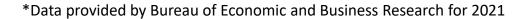
Citrus	Population	Percentage
Crystal River	3,429	2.20%
Inverness	7,765	4.99%
Unincorporated	144,421	92.81%
Total Population	155,615	100.00%

Lee	Population	Percentage
Bonita Springs	54,746	7.00%
Cape Coral	201,554	25.76%
Estero	37,213	4.76%
Fort Myers	91,544	11.70%
Fort Myers Beach	5,584	0.71%
Sanibel	6,443	0.82%
Unincorporated	385,495	49.26%
Total Population	782,579	100.00%

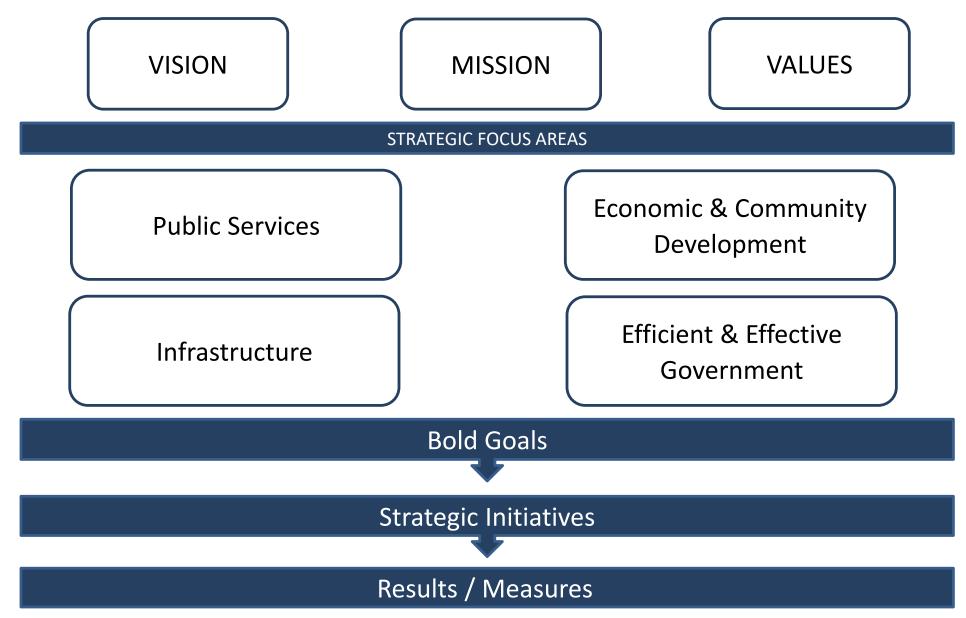
Sarasota	Population	Percentage
Longboat Key (part)	4,762	1.08%
North Port	78,129	17.70%
Sarasota	55,386	12.54%
Venice	26,103	5.91%
Unincorporated	277,128	62.77%
Total Population	441,508	100.00%

Hernando	Population	Percentage
Brooksville	9,165	4.66%
Unincorporated	187,375	95.34%
Total Population	196,540	100.00%

Manatee	Population	Percentage
Anna Maria	976	0.24%
Bradenton	56,442	13.73%
Bradenton Beach	900	0.22%
Holmes Beach	3,017	0.73%
Longboat Key (part)	2,757	0.67%
Palmetto	13,348	3.25%
Unincorporated	333,769	81.17%
Total Population	411,209	100.00%









Public Services

Bold Goals

- Optimize organization based on Levels of Service
- Define levels of maintenance by 2024



Optimize Organization based on Levels of Service

Public & Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)										
Who is your primary Customer?	ransportation disadvantaged of Charlotte County									
What is the primary service they receive from you?	Transportation from point A to point B									
What is the main aspect of the service they care about?	Courteous drivers, easy to sche	Courteous drivers, easy to schedule and on time								
How do we measure "what customers care about"?	What is (or can be) measured?	What is the source of this data?	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Courteous / Good Customer Service	% of Rider satisfaction	Surveys (FY19 includes only Public Transportation; MPO did not	93%	93%	95%	88%	85%	96%	98%	89%
	# of complaints	conduct a survey in FY19 for TD)	180	102	93	122	99	27	17	67
	Total calls	Phone system	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84,114	64,749	43,798	36,799
Easy to Schedule	Average queue time		N/A	N/A	5:39	3:49	4:09	7:50	5:15	4:18
	Average handling time		N/A	N/A	5:46	5:26	5:53	3:55	2:36	3:34
% of pickups within of schedule Timeliness # of Trips per Year # of Trips per Hour	% of pickups within 15 minutes of schedule	Routematch software	86%	86%	88%	84%	87%	86%	89%	92%
	# of Trips per Year		100,791	115,685	133,258	134,554	130,125	86,149	56,795	60,804
	# of Trips per Hour		2.21	2.10	2.31	2.57	2.56	2.39	2.26	2.10

Optimize Organization based on Levels of Service

- Public Safety
 - Community Risk Assessment & Standard of Cover 03/19/2023
- Utilities
 - Man Power Study 2/21/23
 - Rate Model Update 06/20/23
- Capital Improvements related 5/25/23
- Information Technology 6/20/23





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Background

Increase in requests for service

- FY21: 822 road and drainage requests
- FY22: 900 road and drainage requests
- FY23 through May 5: 678 road and drainage requests; 76 debris requests
 - Inability to find vendors, supplies, etc.

Number of positions

- M&O
 - 1998 through 2010: 112-115 positions
 - 2012: 89 positions
 - 2023: 95 positions

Lighting

- 1998 through 2010: 8 positions
- 2023: 9 positions

Traffic Signs & Marking

- 1998 through 2010: 10-14 positions
- 2023: 11 positions

Number of MSBUs

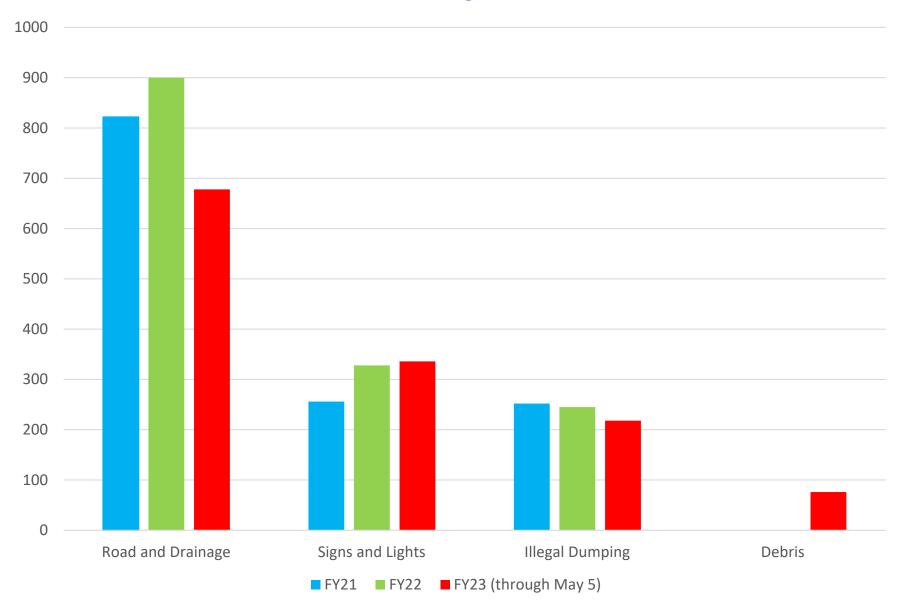
- 1987: 36
- 2023: 53
- MOUs
- New areas of the county
- Increase in population (source: U.S. Census Bureau)
 - 1987: 91,745
 - 2023: 194,908

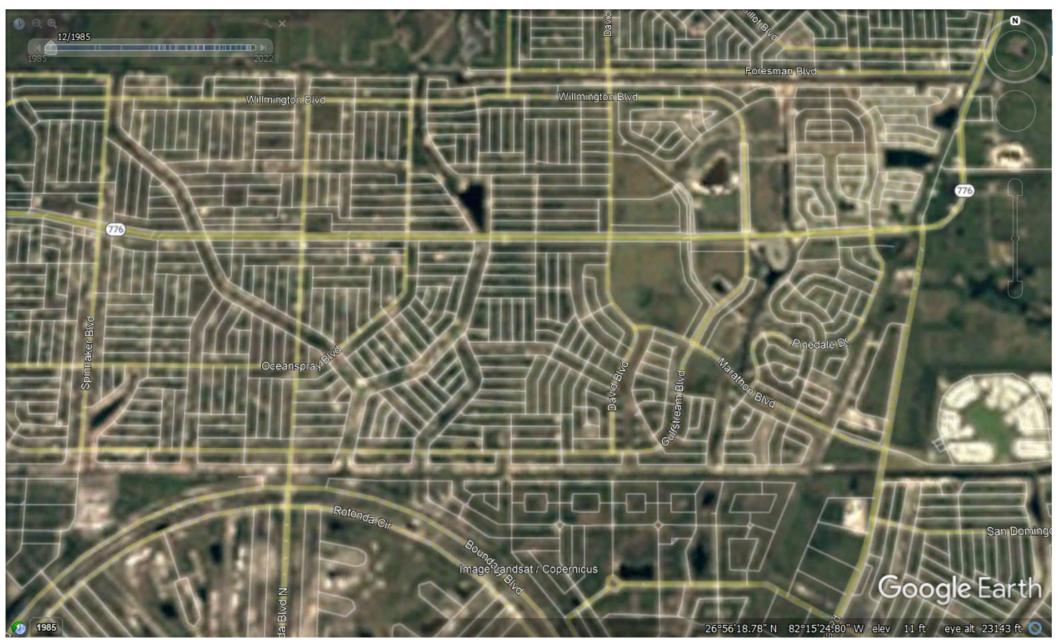
Road miles maintained

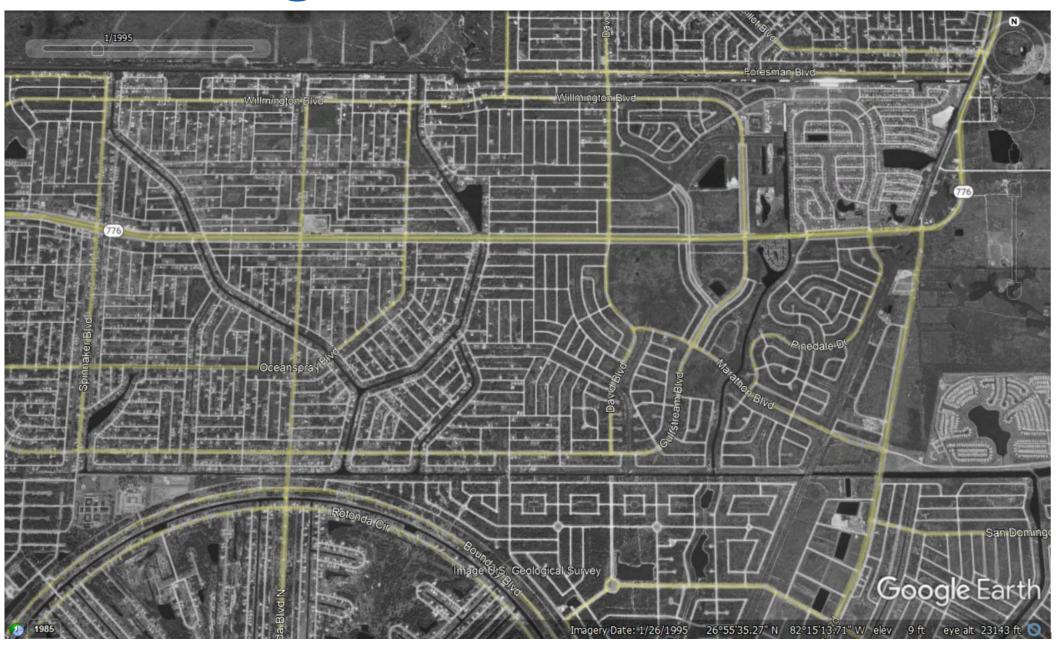
- 1987: 1,381.00
- 2023: 2,034.50

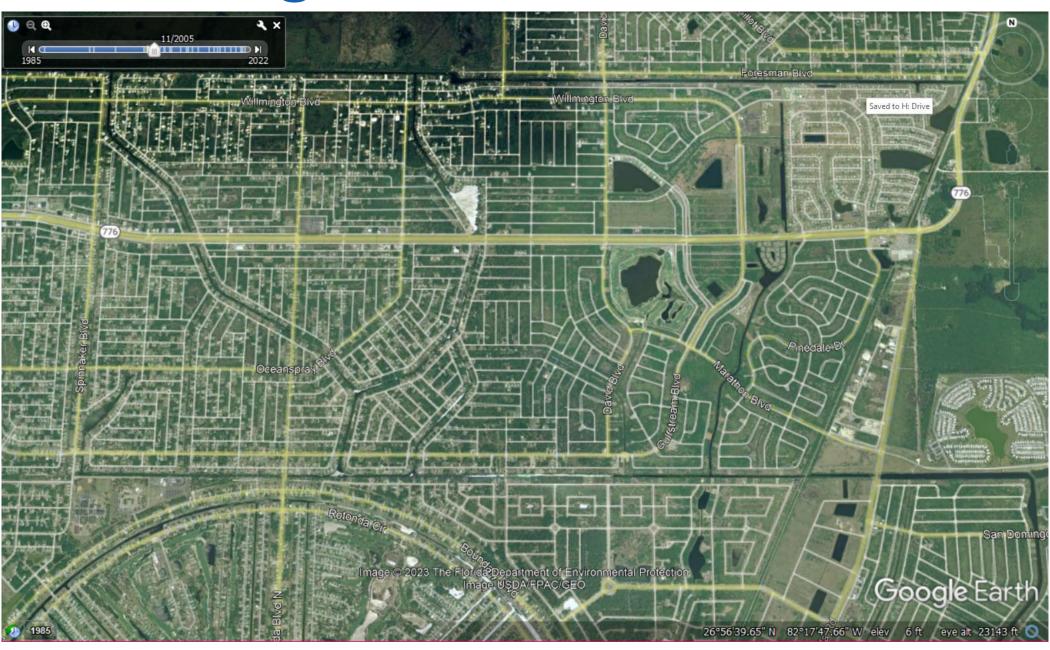


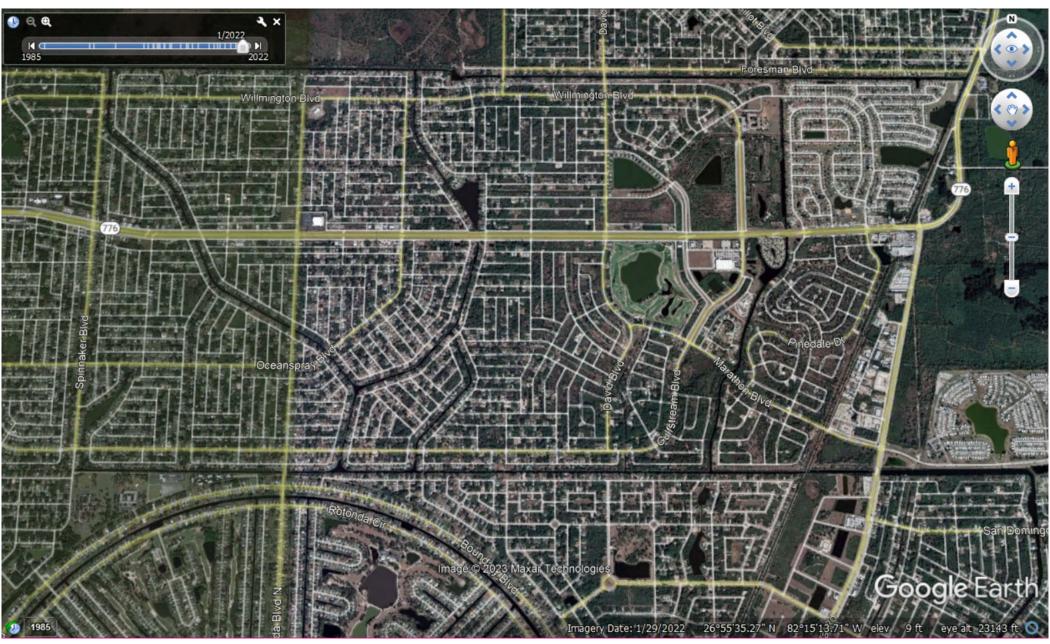
Public Stuff Requests (FY21-23)





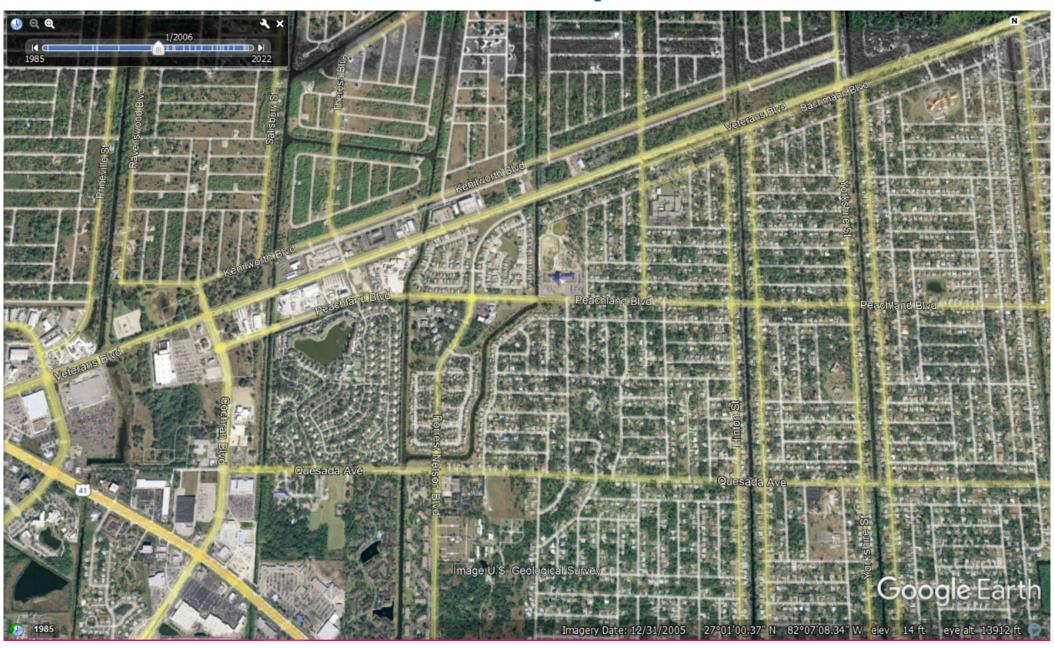


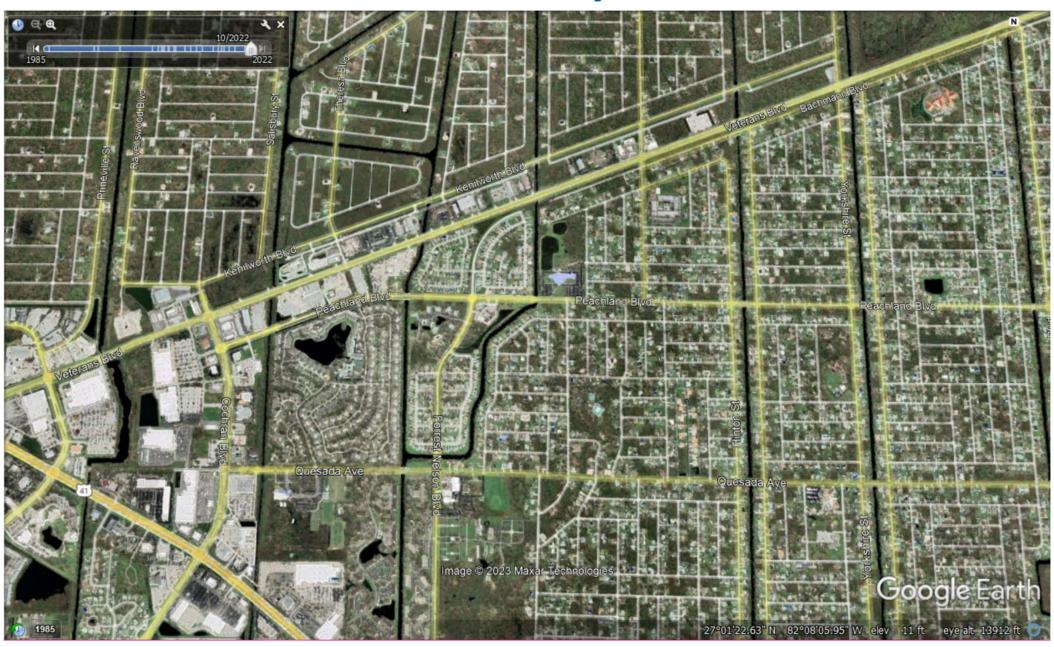












Business Services

- With calls for service on pace to set records this year, additional administrative staff is needed to support Maintenance and Operations leadership.
 - The scope of work ranges from basic administrative functions such as managing multiple calendars, scheduling meetings, travel, handling all Legal Service Requests and Legistar items. This also includes elements of data entry for our MSBU/TUs, which is highly responsible and takes a significant amount of time to learn/understand. The team is also involved with long-range initiatives such as but not limited to: annual report, strategic plan, accreditation, monthly newsletters, and social media. Additionally, we oversee all administrative work related to the cemeteries that involves selling spaces, managing records, and working with families & funeral homes.

Growth (1)

Administrative Assistant, Senior (1)



Solid Waste

• With the increase in population growth over the past 5 years, the Charlotte County Landfill has seen a 61% increase in customer transactions and 39% increase in tonnage.

Growth (7)	Levels of Service (3)
Solid Waste Maintenance Worker (2)	Solid Waste Maintenance Worker (1)
Solid Waste Facility Operator (3)	Solid Waste Facility Operator (2)
Lead Scale House Attendant (1)	
Solid Waste Facility Technician (1)	

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

- Due to staff shortage, the schedule of inspections and treatment of invasive vegetation in aquatic control areas achieved only 90% of the total number of sites.
 - Each site is inspected and potentially treated 3 times per year. With the addition of a knowledgeable field supervisor to lead new staff in proper chemical and treatment activities, the goal should increase to a 100% performance level.

Growth (3)

Aquatic Weed Control Supervisor (1)

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control Specialist (2)



Engineering

Due to the increased workload of all departments, it has become more difficult to have the number of required inspections completed for the County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit.

Growth (1)

Field Inspector (1)

Maintenance & Operations – Asset Management

The Engineering Technician positions will be collecting asset attributes in the field. Due to the implementation of Cityworks and a new Asset Management Master Plan on the horizon, it is imperative to onboard these positions to assist the Division with this endeavor and to manage growth. It is the intent to immediately onboard 3 of the positions, while the remaining 2 will be approved if needed for levels of service in the future. The GIS Specialist will be assisting managing the large volume of data being collected and input into ArcGIS.

Growth (4)	Levels of Service (2)
Engineering Technician (3)	Engineering Technician (2)
Geographical Information System Specialist (1)	



Maintenance & Operations – Lighting

• The number of FTEs in the Lighting District have remained largely unchanged since the 1980s. The additional staff members will allow the Lighting District to achieve minimum levels of service, new initiatives and preventative maintenance measures.

Growth (7)

Signal & Video Technician (2)

Street Light Technician (2)

Locate Technician (1)

Signal Inspector (1)

Traffic Systems Coordinator (1)



Maintenance & Operations

Additional FTEs were noted as necessary to complete the additional workload and to meet minimum levels of service across all MSBUs, as well as to increase resident satisfaction.

Growth (31)	Levels of Service (7)
Lock Tender (3)	Equipment Operator III (3)
Field Supervisor (1)	Equipment Operator II (1)
Equipment Operator III (10)	Equipment Operator I (1)
Equipment Operator II (3)	Maintenance Worker (2)
Equipment Operator I (5)	
Maintenance Worker (9)	







Animal Control and Staffing Levels

- Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) Recommends one field-deployed Animal Control Officer for every 15,000 18,000 population
 - Current population est. 194,908 (U.S. Census Bureau)
 - FACA recommends at least 10 field-deployed officers based on population estimate
 - We currently have 5 field-deployed officers





Levels of Service

- Dangerous Animal Investigations
- Animal Cruelty & Neglect Investigations
- Animal Bites & Quarantines
- Rabies Exposures
- Staffing Pet-Friendly Emergency Shelters
- ESF-17 (Emergency Support Function) Staffing for Disaster Response



Demands on Service

Population growth:

- Increase in Registered Pet Owners in PetData Inc:
- 15% increase in pet tags sold from 2020 2022
- 2020: 23,849 tags sold
- 2022: 27,429 tags sold

Disaster related preparation and response:

- Insufficient staffing for pet-friendly shelters in the onset of Hurricane Ian
- Insufficient staff to provide relief for department personnel in responding in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian

Dangerous Animal Investigations:

- Changes to department protocol
- Lack of adequate oversight



Animal Control

Opportunity:

- Improve oversight to dangerous animal investigations, rabies exposures and animal bite cases
- Improve coverage for disaster related preparation and response
- Keep pace with population growth and the demands on service
- Be more in alignment with Florida Animal Control Association recommended staffing levels

Additional Benefits:

- On-call rotation (24/7 operation)
- Field training for new hires
- ESF-17 Operations
- Special Hearings
- Animal cruelty & neglect investigations



Animal Control

Animal Control is requesting a Sr. Animal Control Officer position

- Lead animal enforcement work with field operations, criminal & special investigations, dangerous animal investigations & classifications, and court hearings.
- Responding supervisor to difficult or non-routine situations or problems
- Providing training and guidance to officers

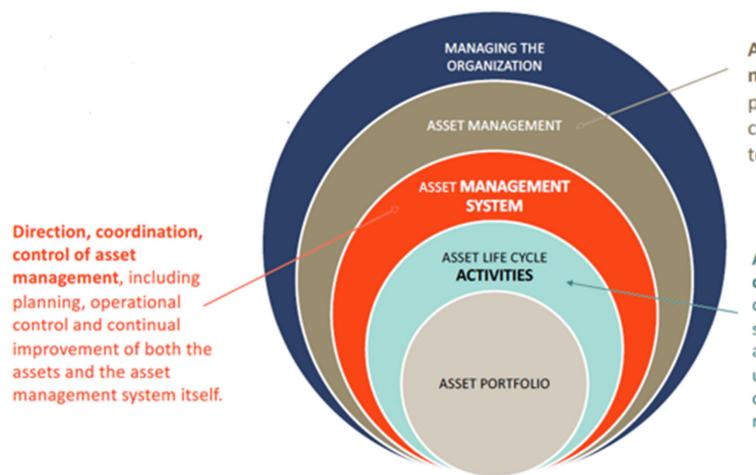




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Asset Management System



All capabilities for managing assets such as processes, resources, competencies and technologies.

Activities and processes directly applied to assets during different life cycle stages, such as acquisition/creation, utilization, maintenance, change/improvement & renewal/disposal.

(Adapted from ISO55000:2014 Fig 1)



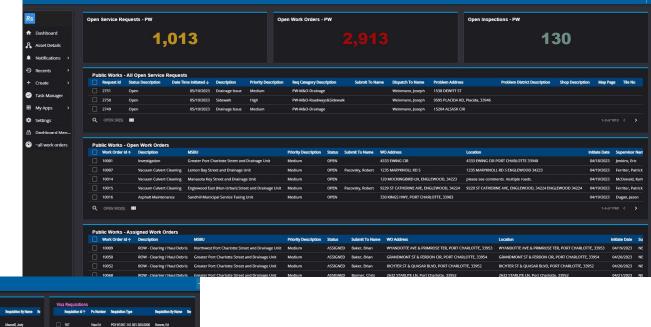
Expected Benefits

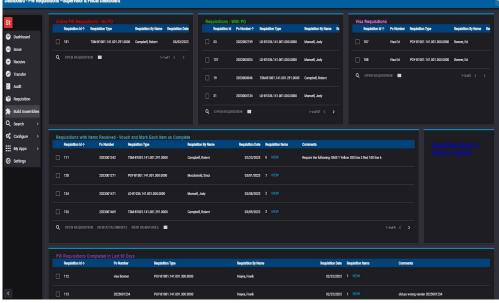
- Full accountability of all county infrastructure assets
- Improved efficiency based on data driven analytics
 - Asset lifecycle management
 - Risk Management
 - Levels of maintenance
 - Staffing needs
 - Levels of service
 - Tracking calls for service
 - Heavy time frames
 - Locations



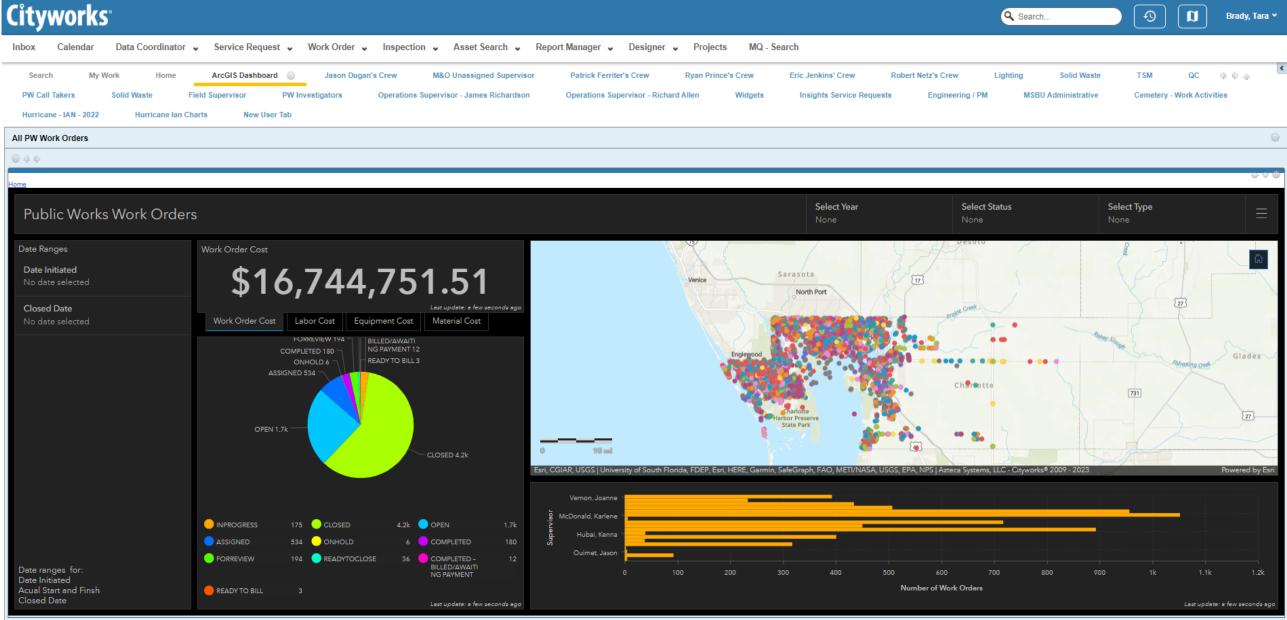
Cityworks Configuration

- Public Works
 Live
- Utilities
 Testing
- Facilities
 Configuring

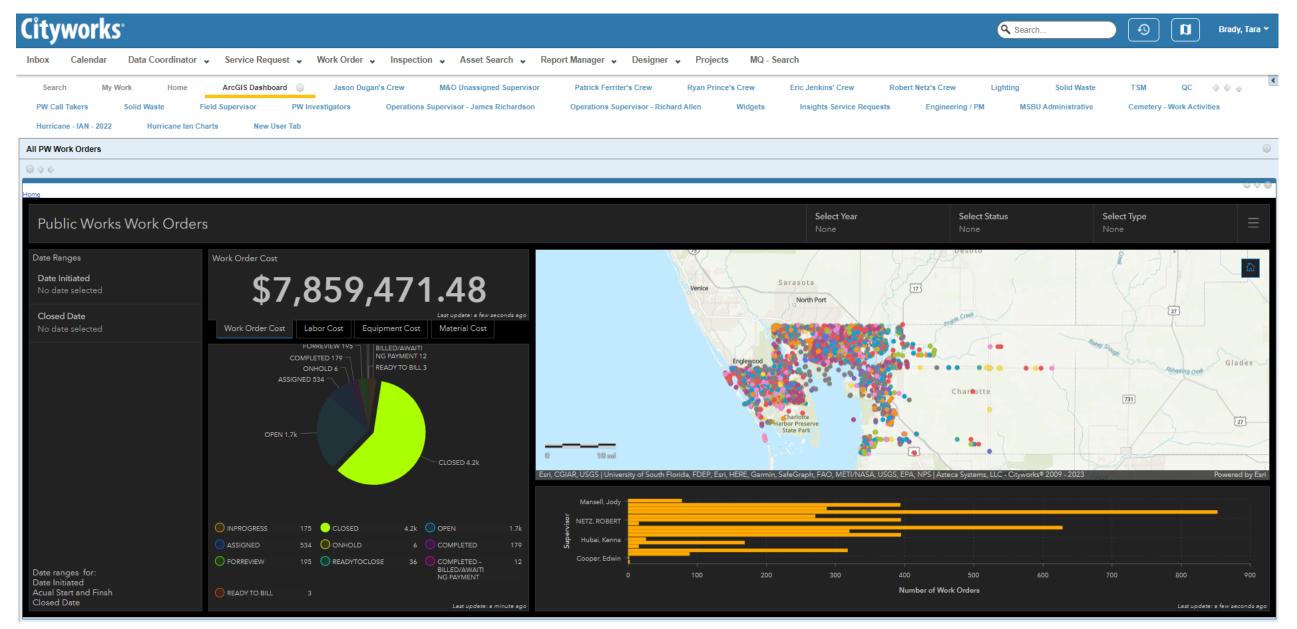




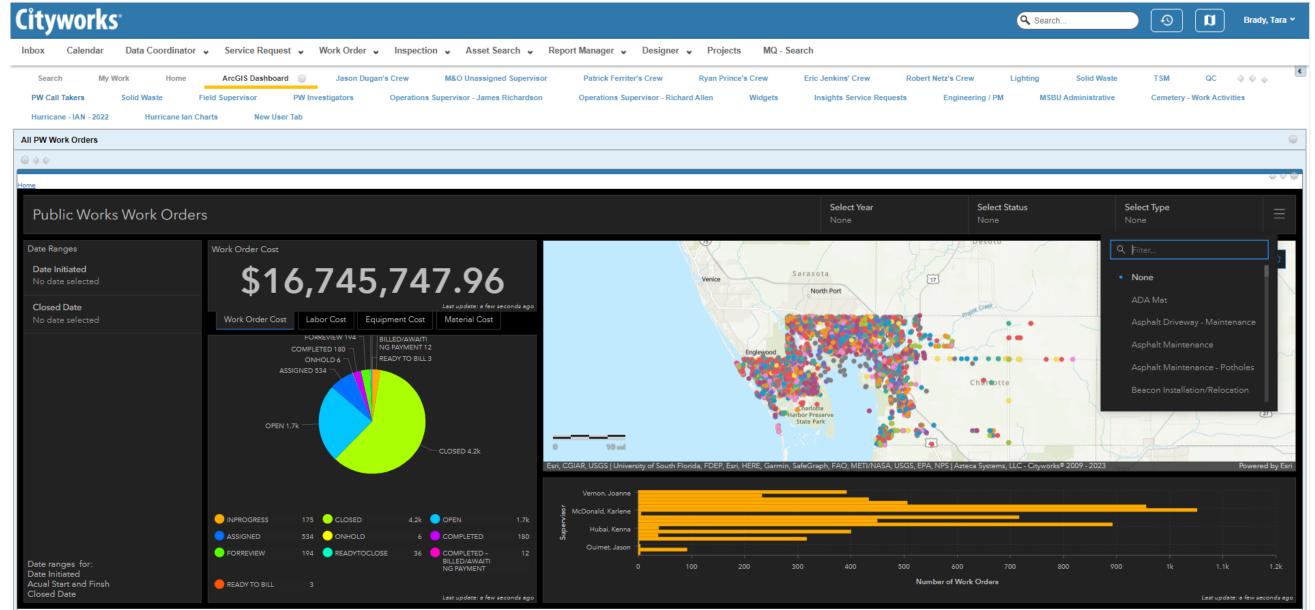




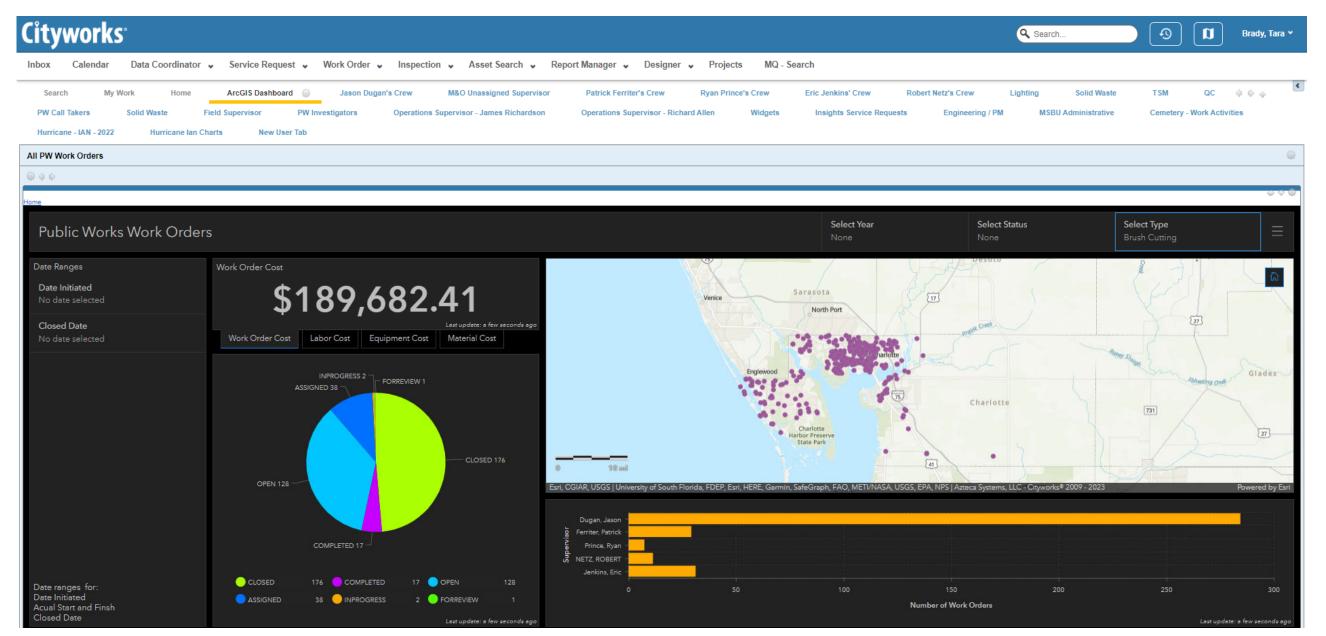




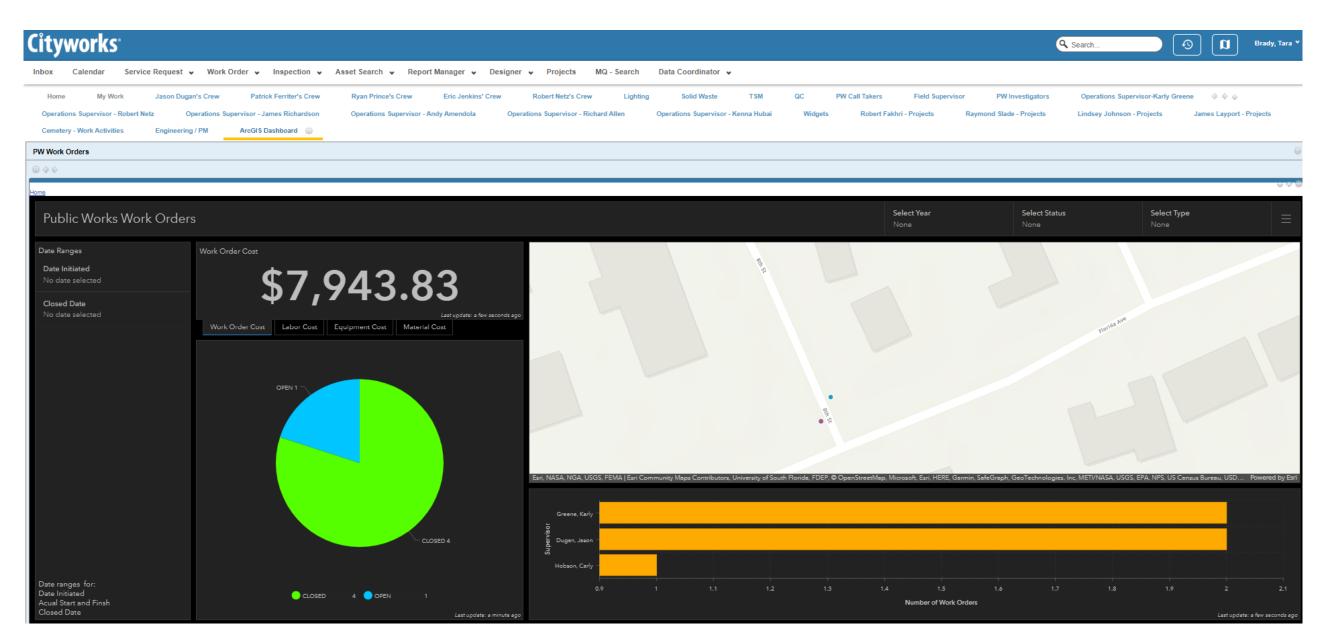




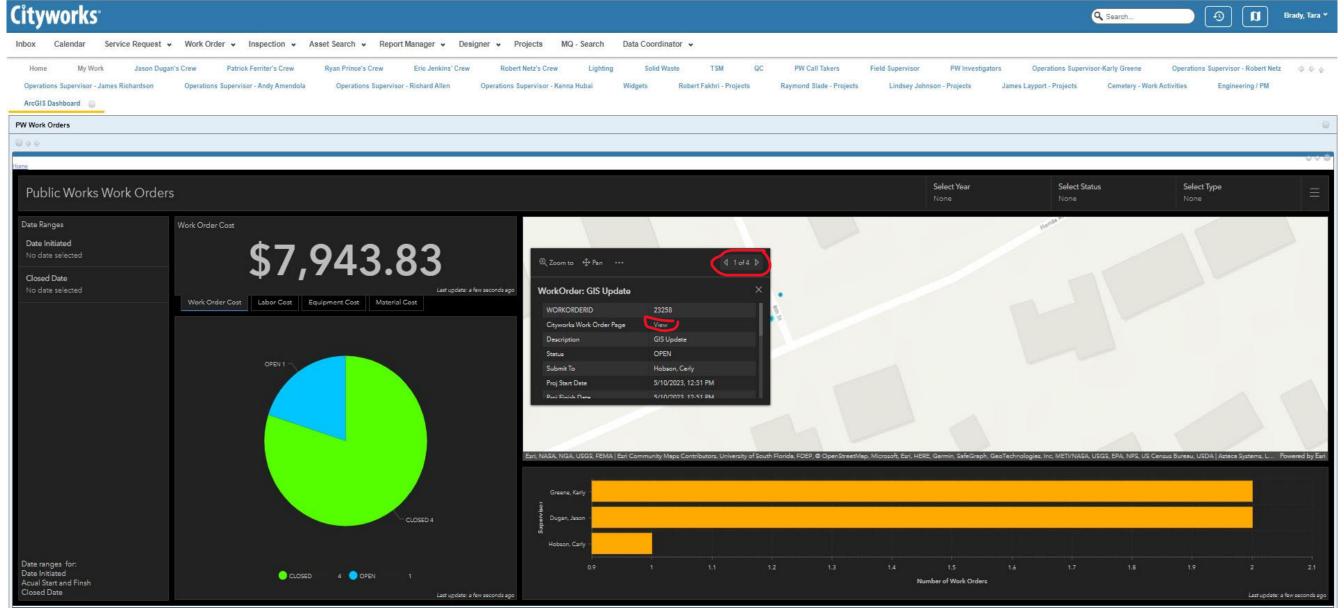




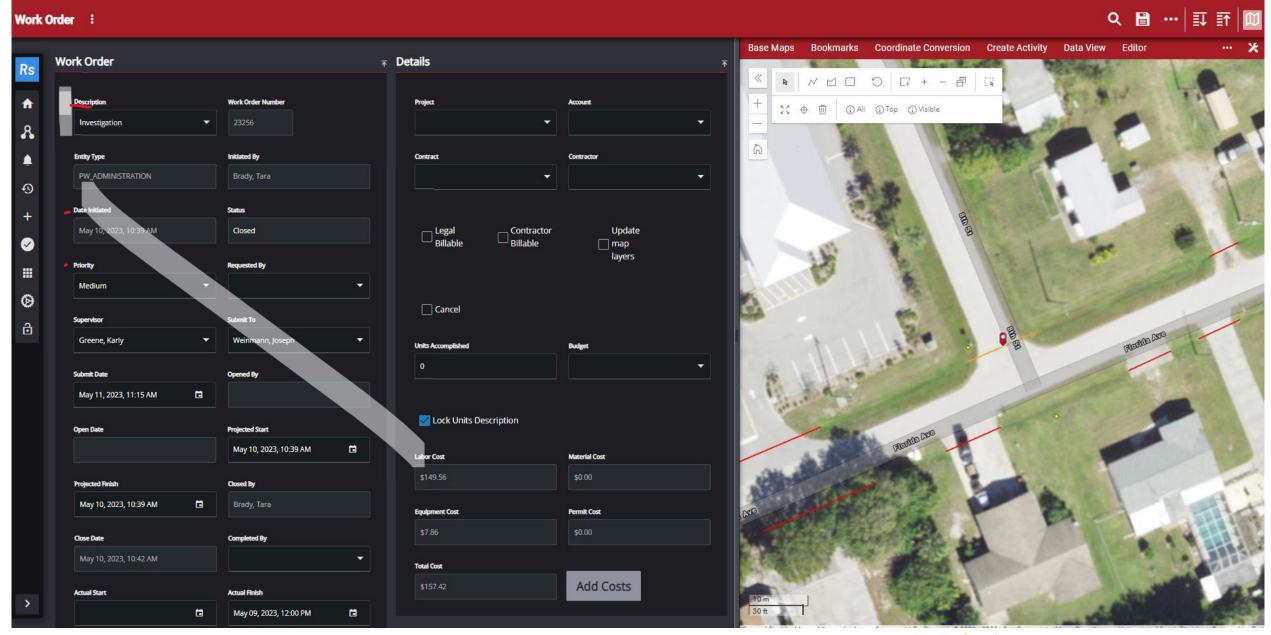




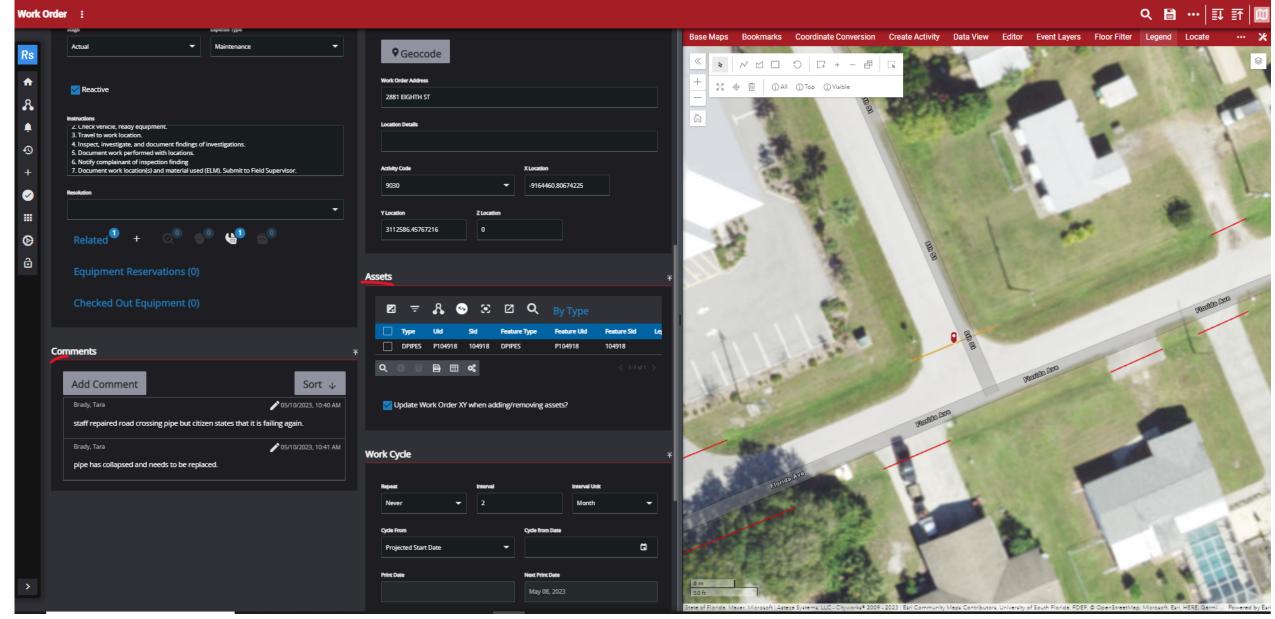




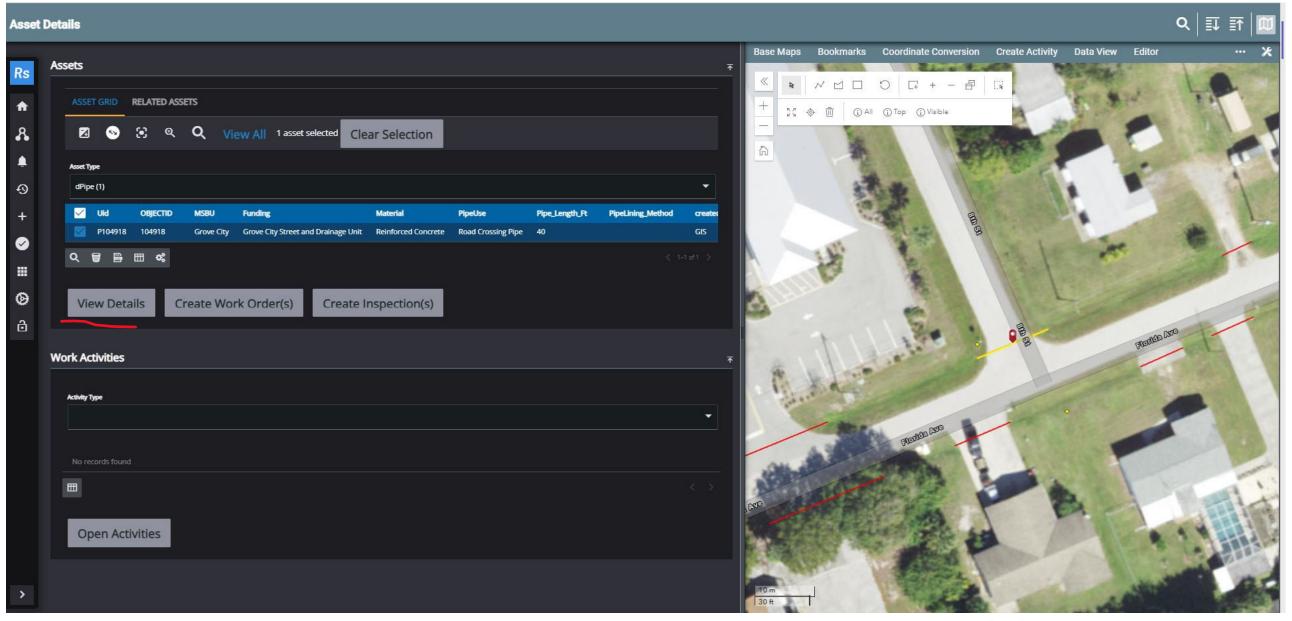




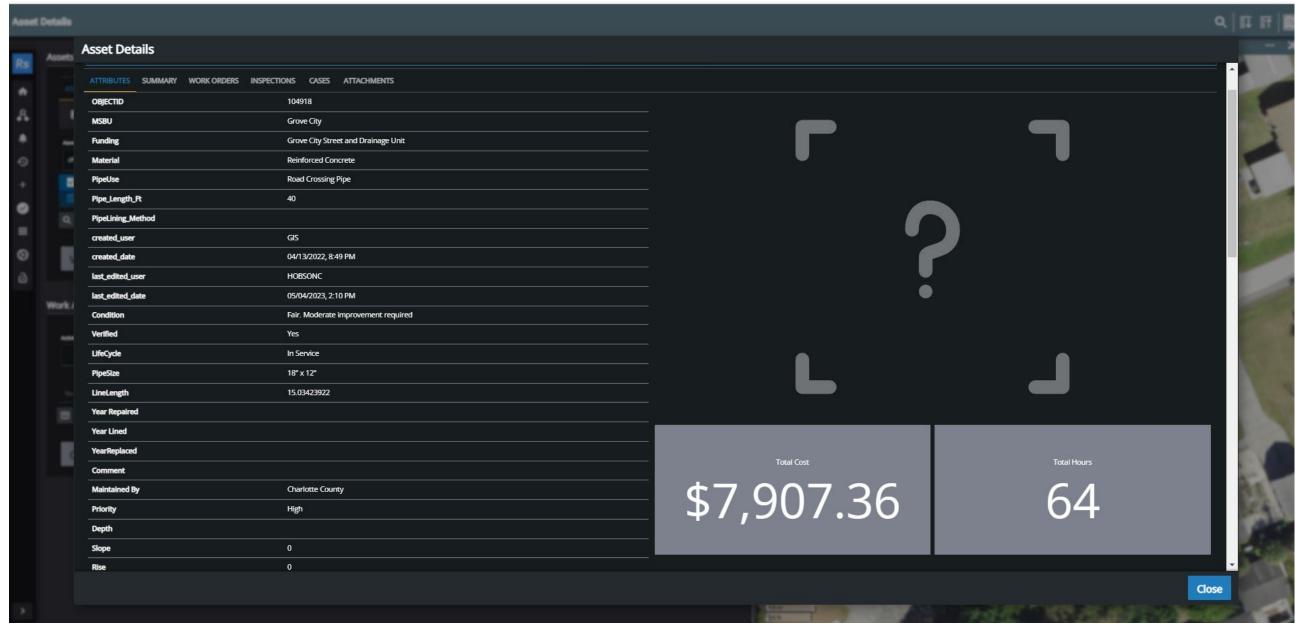




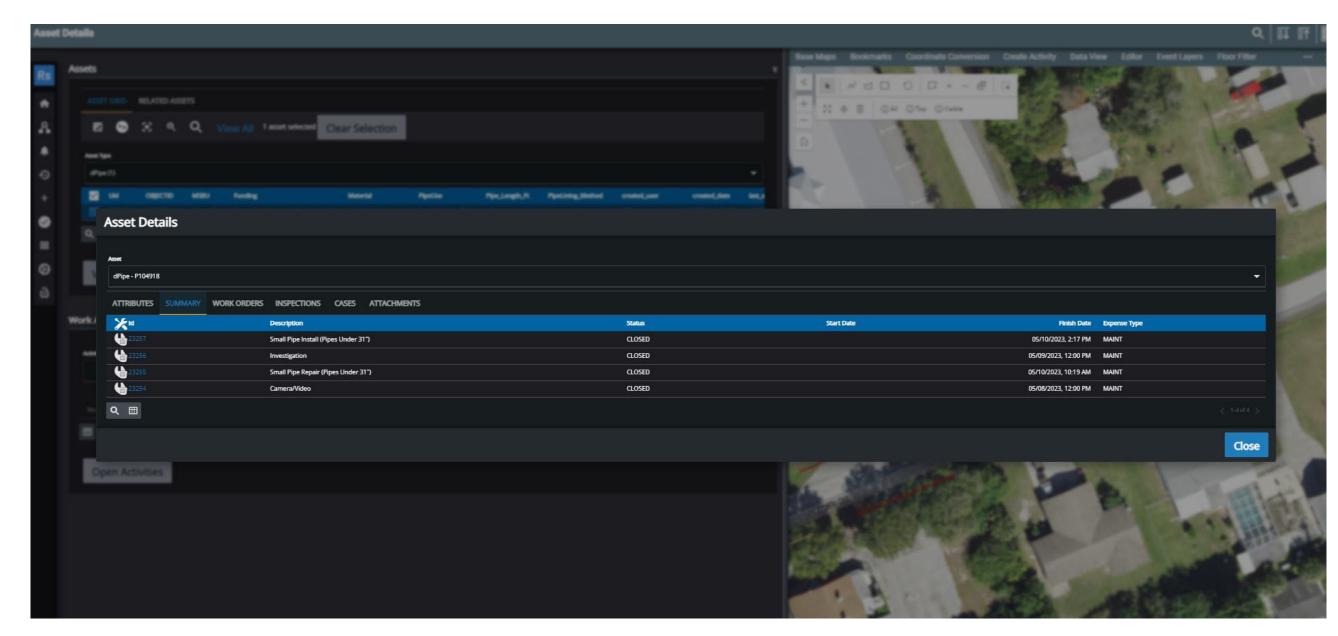




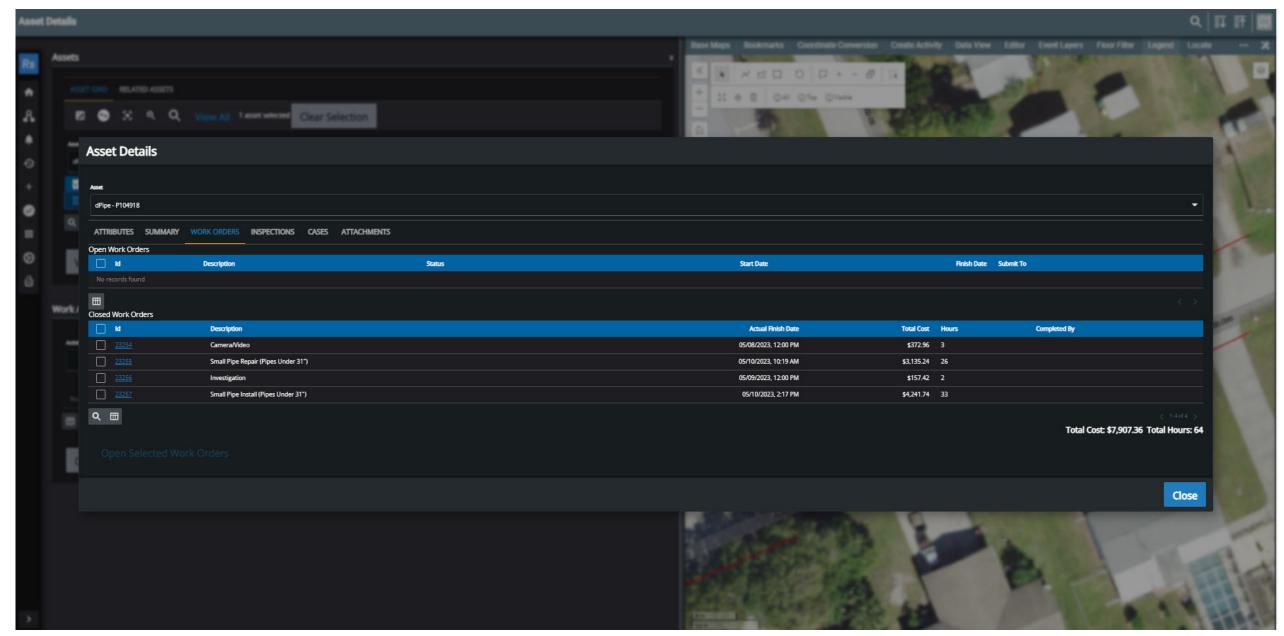




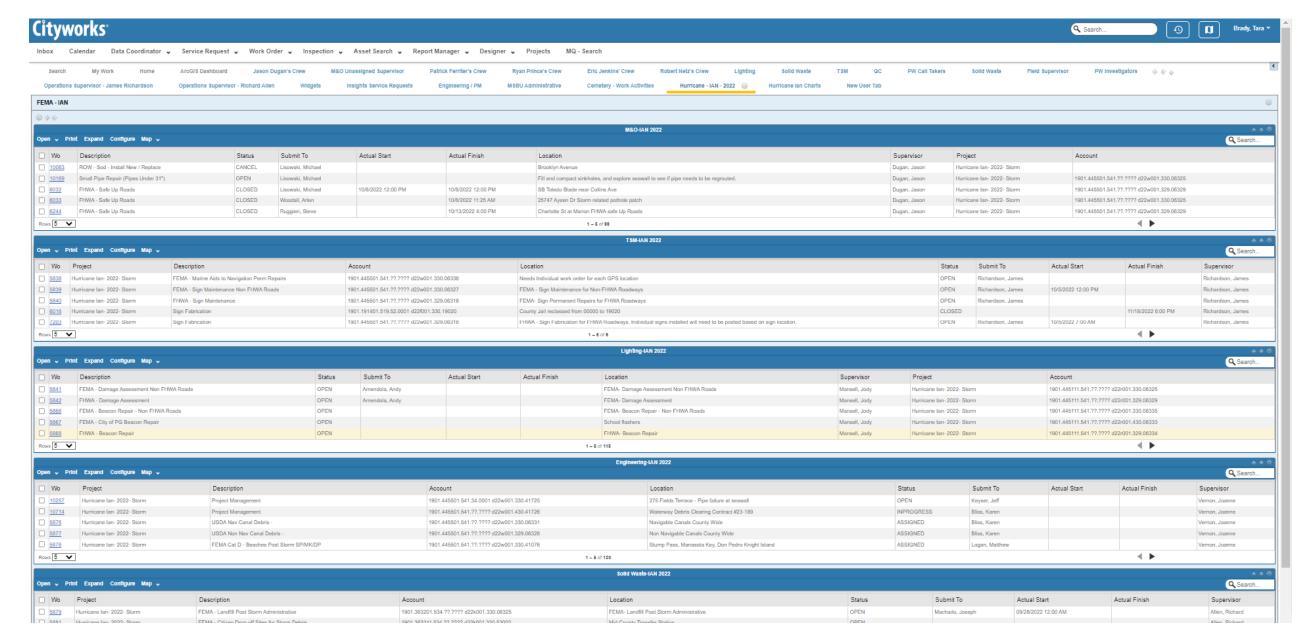




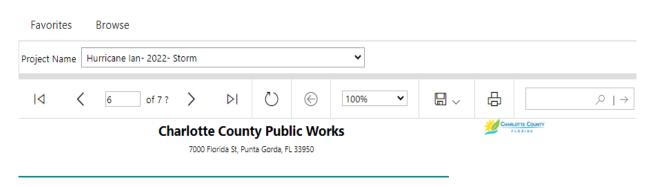






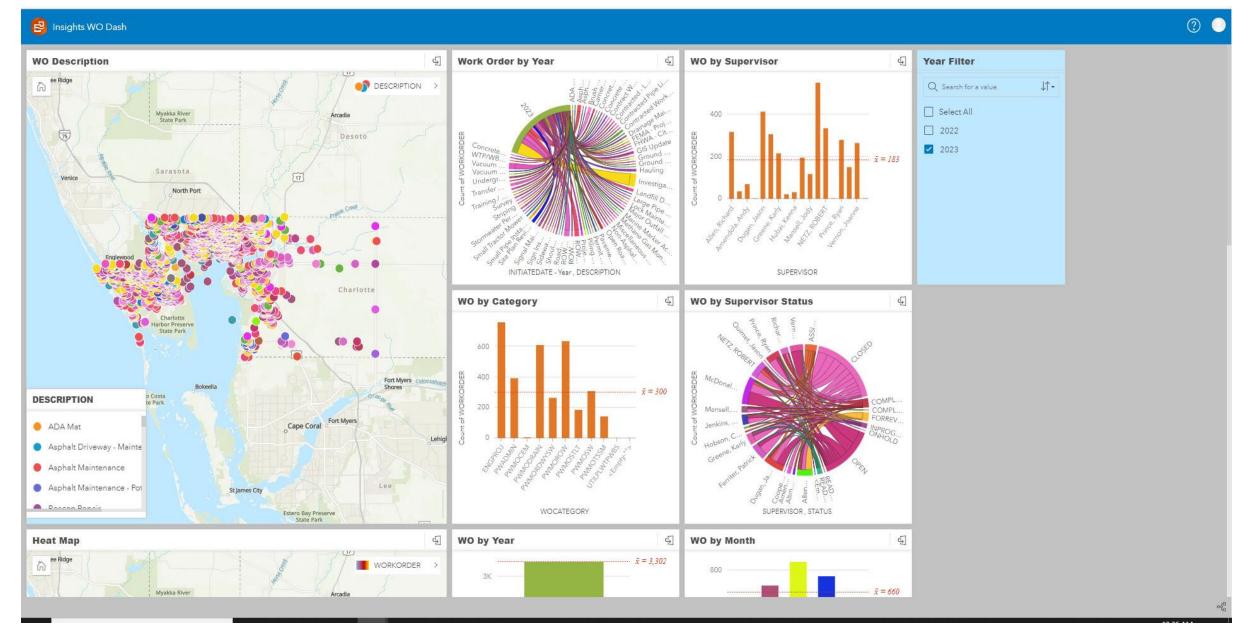




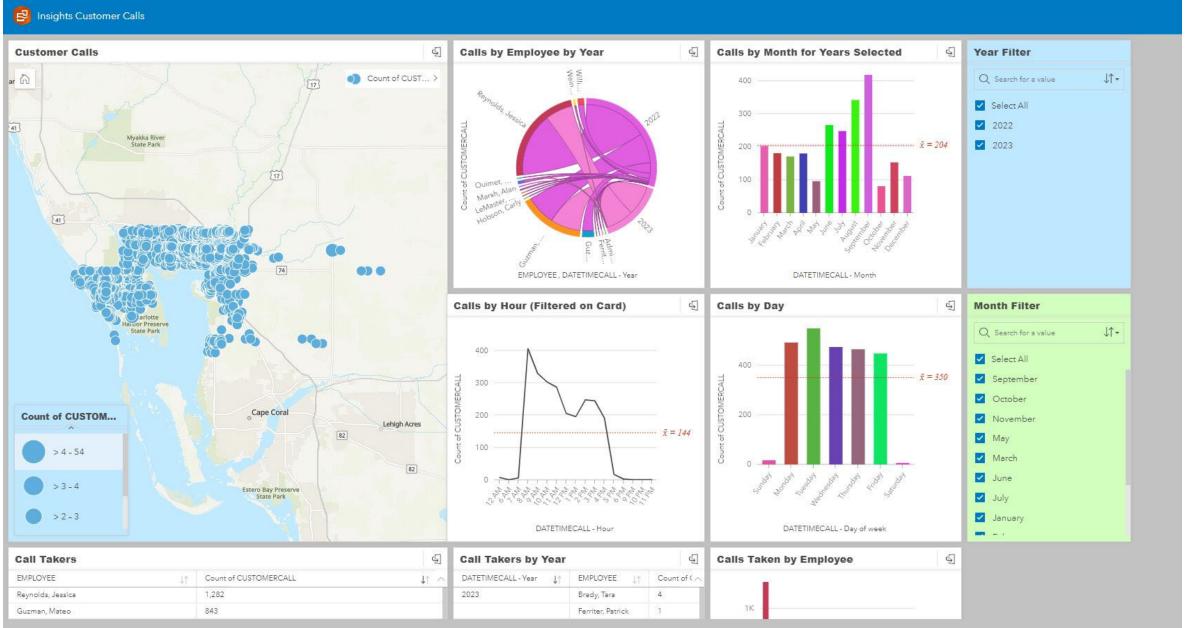


Project	Hurricane lan- 2022- S	torm		
Project Name	WO Count: 389	Labor Hours	Material Units	Equipment Hours
Hurricane lan- 20	022- Storm	97638.30	87992.78	43943.78
Account #	WO Count: 1	Labor Hours	Material Units	Equipment Hours
1901.345403.53	9.??.???? d22wb01.330.39004	451.00		371.50
Work Order #60	087	Labor: 451.00 Hours	Materials: 0 Units	Equipment: 371.50 Hours
Description: FEMA Push) - Non FHWA	-Debris Removal (Includes Initial road	Actual Start Date:		
Status: OPEN		Actual End Date:		
Account Number: 1 d22wb01.330.39004	901.345403.539.??.????	Location:		
		Comments		
Equipment	Manufacturer	Model	Year	Total Hour
33530	FORD	F250 SD CREW4X2	2013	50.00
33533	FORD	F250 SD 4x4	2013	44.25
33543	FORD	F250 SD 4x2 REG	2013	10.00
33760	INTERNATIONAL	4300	2013	20.00
34400	INTERNATIONAL	WORKSTAR	2015	3.00
34403	FORD	F250 SD 4x4	2015	6.00
34410	EAGER	15HDB-PT	2015	5,50
34650	ALTEC ENVIRO	DRM12	2016	10.00
34672	VOLVO	EW180E	2016	40.00
34684	FORD	F350 CREWCAB	2016	10.00
35438	FORD	F150 SUPERCREW	2017	32.75
35617	FORD	F550 4X4SCAB	2017	10.00















Public Service Highlights

- Transit
- Human Services
- Not-for-profit Funding
- Judicial Funding



Charlotte County Transit Operations



Transit Services

Public Transit

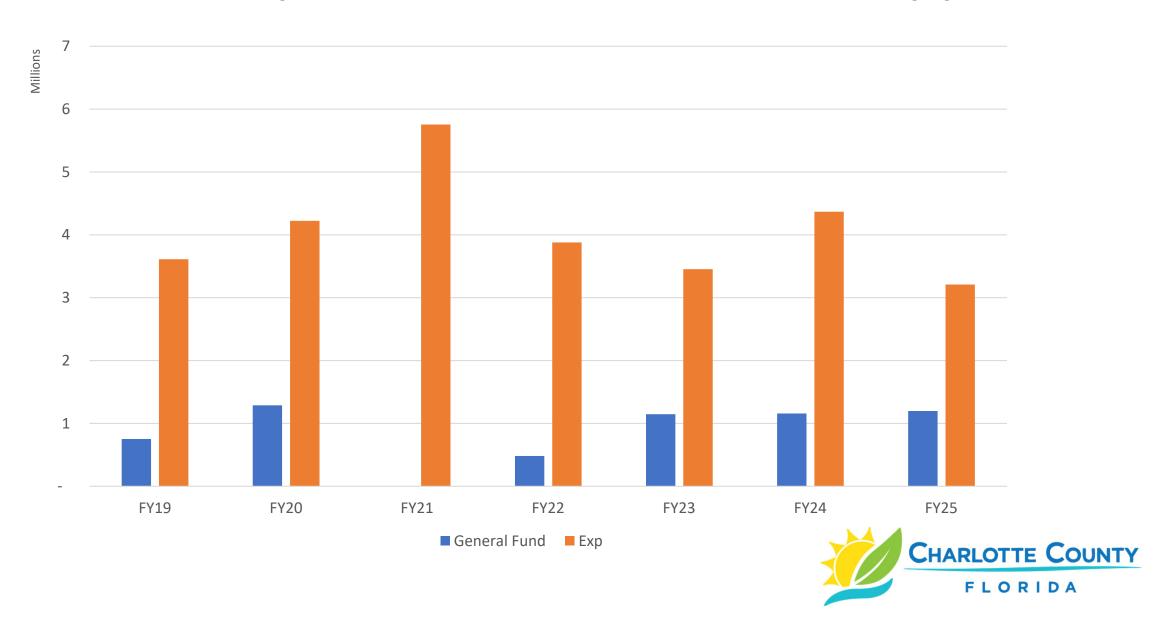
- Anyone, anywhere, any purpose
- Primarily federal grants (50% match)
- General Fund Budget: \$254,818
- 33,751 trips in 2022

Transportation Disadvantaged

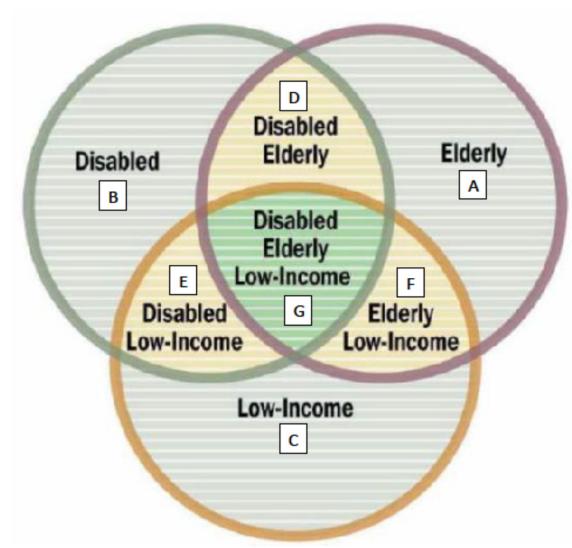
- Qualified by age, income or disability
- State grant (10% match)
- General Fund Budget: \$155,557
- Requires Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and Local Coordinating Board (LCB)
- 19,926 trips in 2022



Transit Expenditure & Gen Fund Support



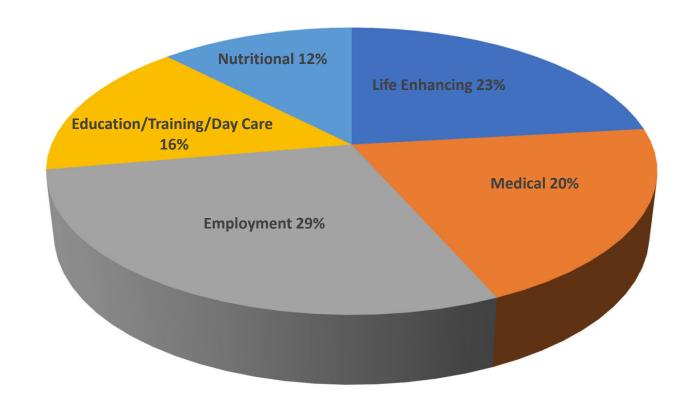
Transportation Disadvantaged



General TD Population Forecast	2019	
Overlapping Circle Component		
E - Estimate non-elderly/disabled/ low income	4,071	
B - Estimate non-elderly/ disabled/not low income	14,955	
G - Estimate elderly/disabled/low income	2,315	
D- Estimate elderly/ disabled/not low income	23,948	
F - Estimate elderly/non-disabled/low income	2,527	
A - Estimate elderly/non-disabled/not low income	48,058	
C - Estimate low income/not elderly/not disabled	18,144	
TOTAL GENERAL TD POPULATION	114,018	
	62%	
TOTAL POPULATION	185,102	

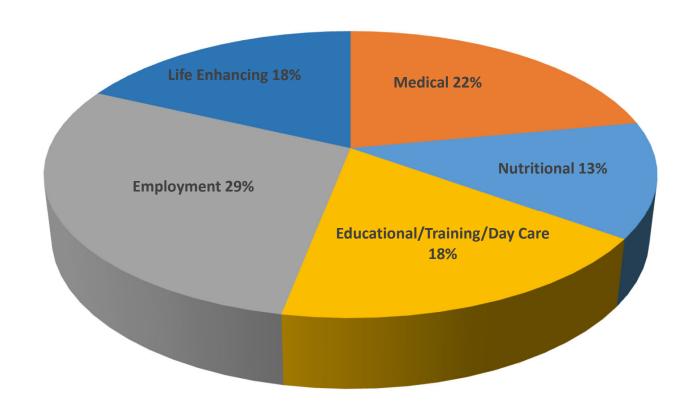


Transit Ridership – Purpose 2019



58% of ridership is subscription based.

Transit Ridership – Purpose 2022



50% of ridership is subscription based.



Transportation Disadvantaged

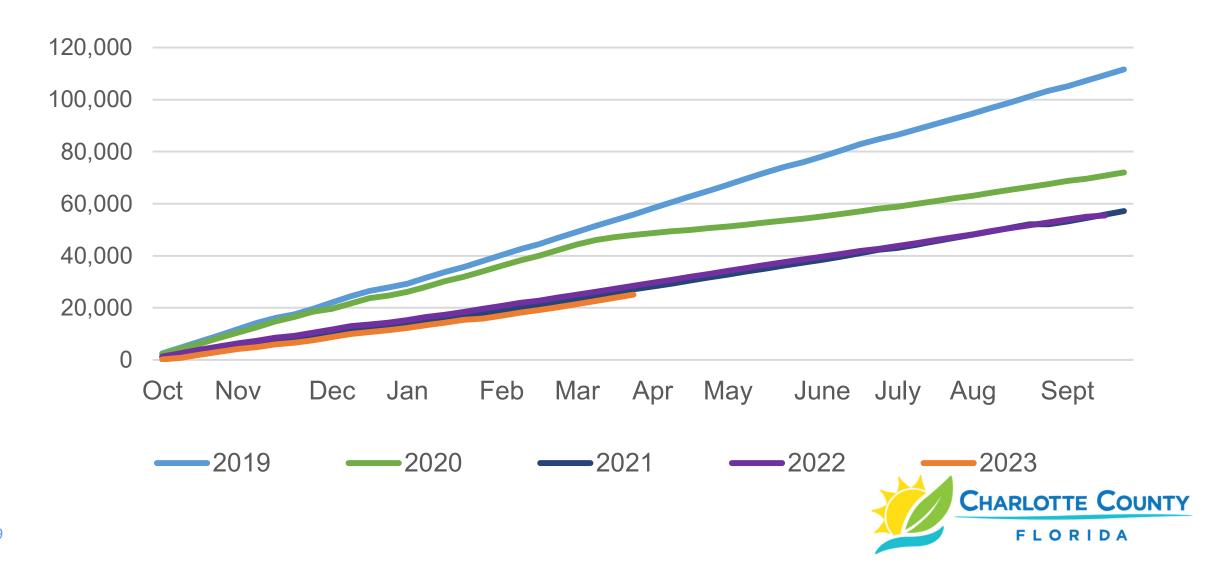
Coordinated Provider Programs (Sweat Equity)

- Veterans Transport
 - 2 vans; Mon / Wed / Fri
 - Medical trips to St Pete & Cape Coral
 - 764 trips
- Homeless Coalition
 - 1 van 7 Days a week
 - 258 Trips

- C.A.R.E.
 - 1 van 7 Days a week
 - 327 Trips



Cumulative Annual Ridership



Post-COVID Impacts

- Congregate meal sites
- Coordinated Partners
- Discontinued Fares

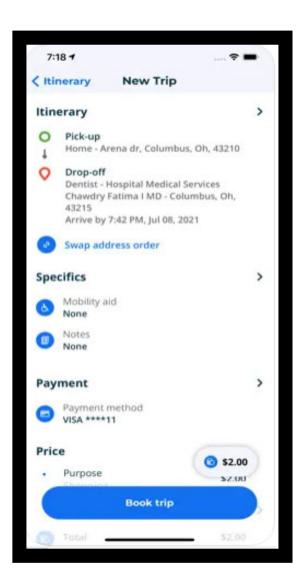


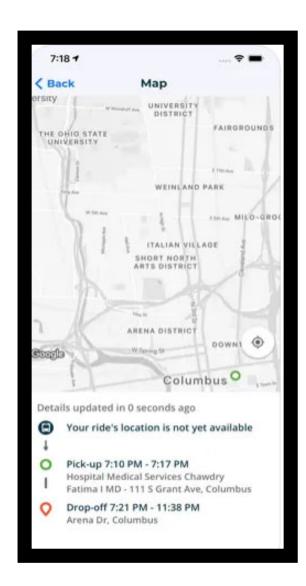
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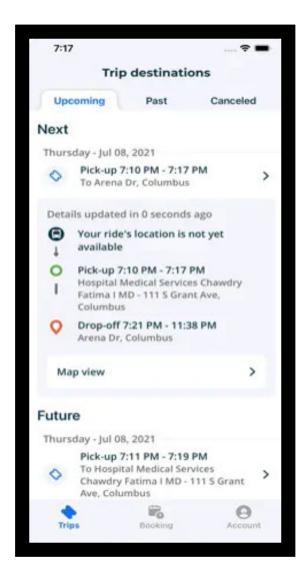
- Replace current software
- On-Demand service
- Citizens able to book and view trips
- Improve scheduling optimization



Scheduling Enhancements







Scheduling Dashboard



Transportation Development Plan (TDP)

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirement
- Major update required every 5 years containing a 10-year vision for transit
- Plan that identifies both funded and unfunded needs
- Collaborative process



TDP Items

- Post-COVID marketing
- Fare Study
- Rural service
- Coordinated Provider Programs
- Electric Vehicles

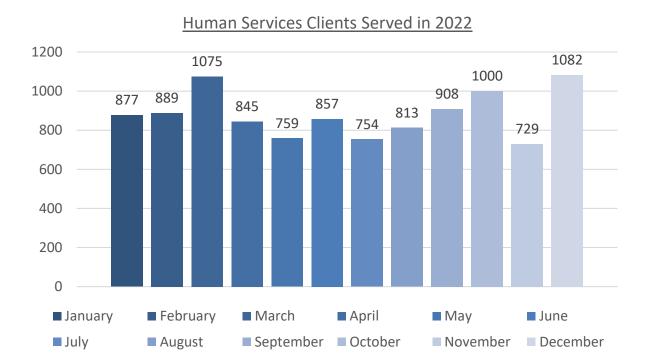


Charlotte County Human Services

To collaborate and provide programs & connections that increase financial stability and support individuals and families as they work to reach their fullest potential.

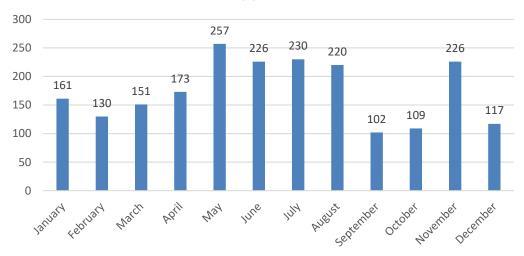


2022 Department Totals

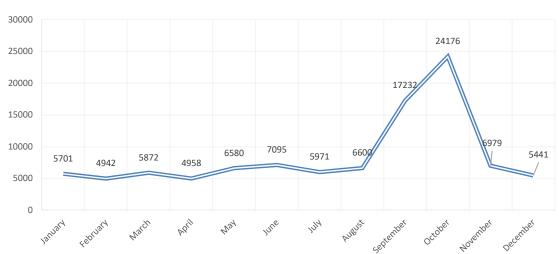


Total Clients Served in 2022	10,588
Total Online Applications in 2022	2,102
Total Calls/Requests for Service in 2022	101,547

2022 Online Applications Received



CALLS / REQUESTS FOR SERVICES





Intake Services Division

- Centralized intake for all human services and Family Services
 Center
- Information & referral
- Coordinated Entry and Assessment
- Mandated programs/other assistance
 - Indigent burial; ambulance waivers, etc.
- Resources
 - Short-term financial assistance
 - Food pantry
 - Warm handoff to case management & partners

Grants Administered	Funding Source
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Season of Sharing	Sarasota Community Foundation to United Way of Charlotte County





Neighborhood Services Division

HOUSING and HOMELESS PREVENTION

- Mortgage or rent assistance
- Down payment assistance
- Home-owner occupied rehabilitation
- Affordable housing development incentives- Charlotte HOME
- Water and electric bill assistance
- Case Management
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

CASE MANAGEMENT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH

- Family self-sufficiency; economic stability/resiliency; homelessness prevention; educational and employment supports; etc.)
- Juvenile Diversion program
- Community Action Agency Advisory Board (CAAAB)

Grants Administered	Funding Source
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	State Office on Homelessness of the Department of Children and Families (DCF)
Juvenile Civil Citation	Department of Juvenile Justice
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)	Florida Housing Finance Corporation
Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP)	Florida Housing Finance Corporation
Household Financial Stability Program (HFSP)	Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

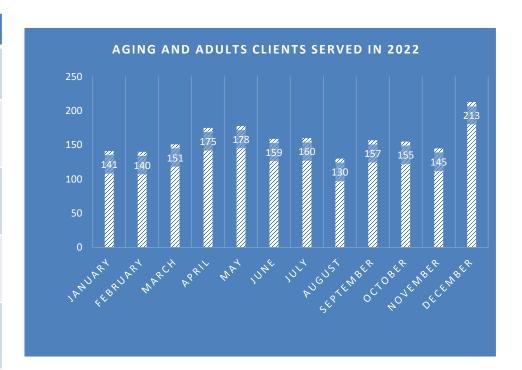




Aging and Adult Services Division

- Case management
- Community based care:
 Personal care, homemaking, respite, companion, transportation, nutrition, etc.
- Screening and assessment
- Alzheimer's & dementia programs
- Grandparents raising grandchildren programs
- Advocacy and outreach
- Welfare checks

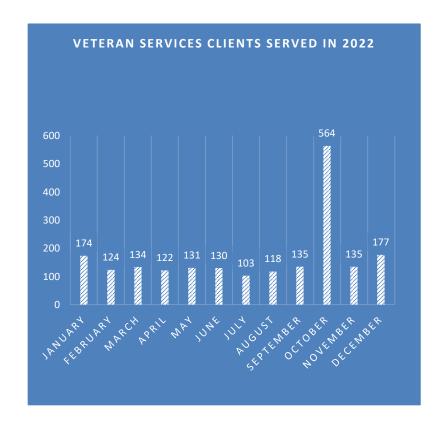
Grants Administered	Funding Source
Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Enhanced Home Care for the Elderly (eHCE)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Older Americans Act (OAA) IIIB	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Older Americans Act (OAA) IIIE, IIIES, IIIEG)	Department of Elder Affairs to Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Chester Cole Trust Fund	Chester Cole Trust Fund





Veteran Services Division

- Benefit review
- Claims assistance
- Healthcare benefits and enrollment
- Service-connected disability
- Non-service connected/survivor pension
- VA home loans
- Military funerals/national cemeteries
- Aid and attendance/VA nursing home
- Exemption of homestead



October 2017- April 2023	Economic Benefit to Veterans
Total Claims Filed	4,877
Cumulative Retroactive Awards	\$17,724,749
Cumulative Monthly Awards	\$3,789,586



Mandated Services

Florida Statute	Program Name	FY 2023 Budget
F.S. 39.304(5)	Children's Advocacy-Med Exams	\$36,000
F.S. 154.306	HCRA	\$75,000
F.S. 409.915	Medicaid Contribution	\$2,211,000
F.S. 406.50	Indigent Burial	\$30,000

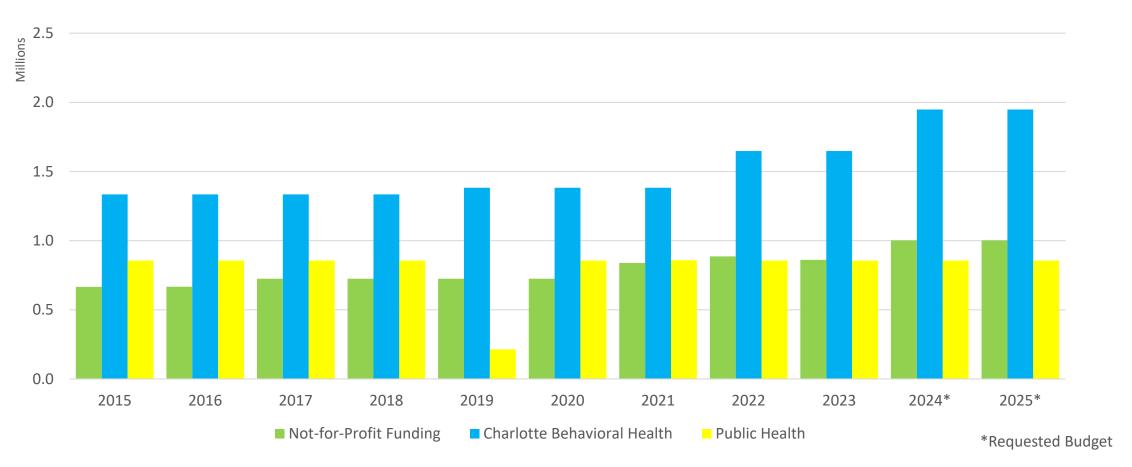
Mandated services make up approximately 40% of the Human Services budget



Not-for-Profit Funding



County Aid to Nonprofit Organizations and Health Department





Not For Profit Funding Requests

2022/23 Funding Level	2023/24 Request	2024/25 Request
784,000	916,546	916,546
1,648,361	1,948,361	1,948,361
25,000	-	-
37,500	37,500	37,500
15,000	15,000	15,000
25,000	25,000	25,000
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Charlotte Behavioral Health

- Central Receiving Facility A behavioral health hub that receives patients and serves as a coordinated system of entry for adults and youth under:
 - Baker Act
 - Marchman Act
 - Person experiencing an acute mental, emotional, or substance use disorder crisis
- Operates twenty four hours a day, seven days per week

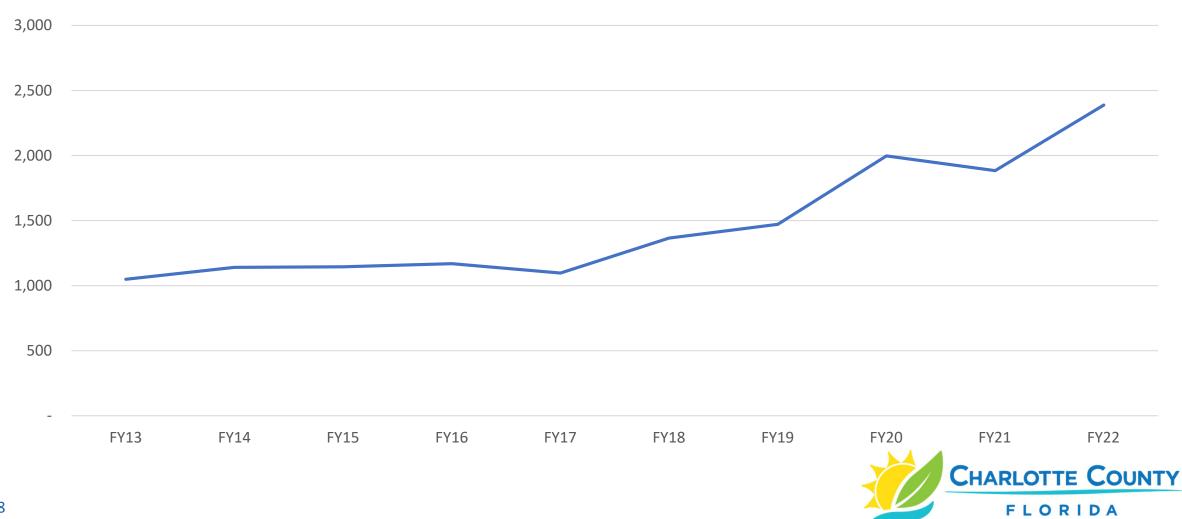


Charlotte Behavioral Health

• FS394.76 – All other contracted community alcohol and mental health services and programs, except as identified in s.394.457(3), shall require local participation on a 75-to-25 state-to-local ratio.

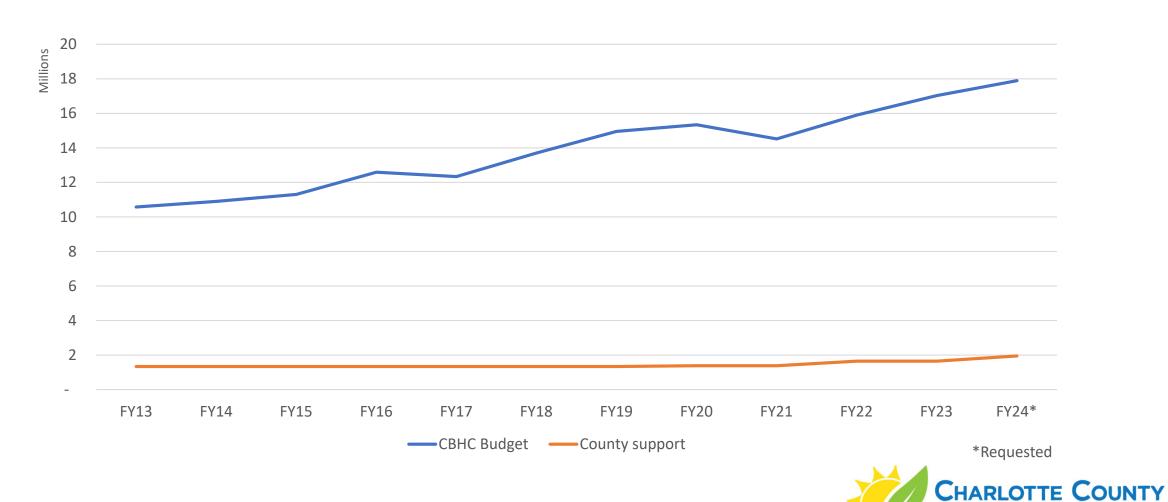


Charlotte Behavioral Health Central Receiving Facility Unduplicated Admissions



Charlotte Behavioral Health

Historical Trends – Total Expenditures



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Judicial Funding



Court-Related Budget

Services Included

- Circuit and County Courts
- Criminal Justice Information
 System
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Judges

- Court Administration
- Pre-Trial
- Probation
- State Attorney
- Public Defender



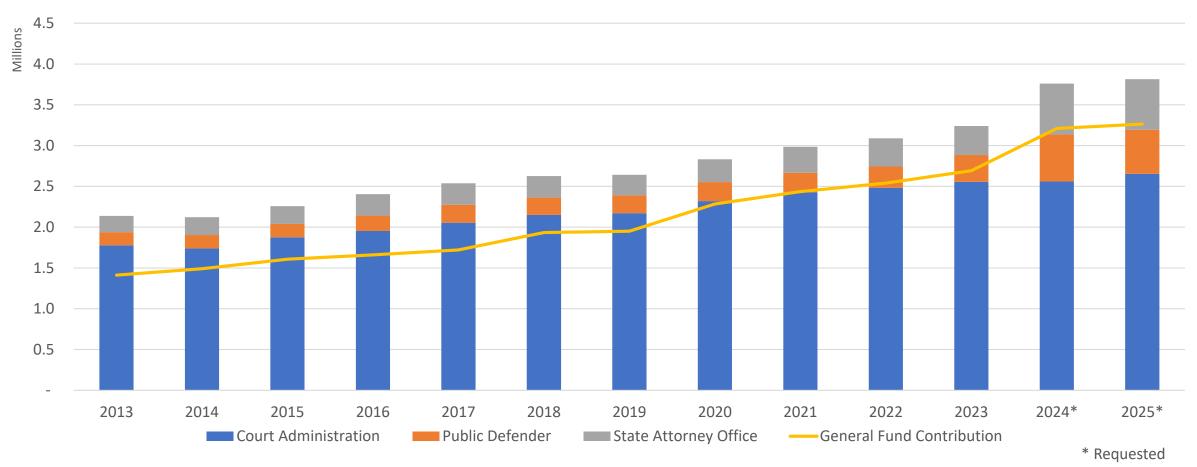
Court-Related Budget

FS 29.008 County funding of court-related functions

- Communications services
- Criminal justice information systems
- Facilities
- Utilities
- Security
- Staff and expenses to meet local requirements



Fine and Forfeiture Budget





Court Related County Funded Positions

Pre-Trial	9
Probation	7
State Attorney	3
Public Defender	2
Total	29



Fine and Forfeiture Budget Request

- 1 Position for Pre-Trial
- 3 Positions for State Attorney
- 3 Positions for Public Defender



Court Administration Pre-Trial



Office of State Attorney
Twentieth Judicial Circuit
Amira D. Fox
State Attorney
County Budget Recap



County	FY 22/23 Total Budget	FY 22/23 County Funded Positions	FY 23/24 Budget Request	% of Total Budget	FY 23/24 County Funded Positions	% of Positions	FY 22/23 Felony Cases**	FY 22/23 Drug Cases**	FY 22/23 % Drug Cases
Charlotte	335,265	3	623,150	1.80%	6	1.96%	1,493	688	20.19%
Collier	1,129,900*	11	1,160,100	3.36%	11	3.59%	1,699	687	20.16%
Glades	9,665	0	9,665	.03%	0	0	127	41	1.21%
Hendry	74,263	0	67,035	.19%	0	0	522	229	6.72%
Lee	3,141,305*	22	3,260,950	9.44%	22	7.19%	4,978	1,763	51.72%
Total County	4,690,398	36	5,120,900	14.82%	39	12.75%	8,819	3,408	100%
State Budget	26,763,087	267	29,422,943	85.18%	267	87.25%			
Total	31,453,485	303	34,543,843	100%	306	100%			
* Please note Narcotics Units were funded FY22/23 budgets	** Case numbers 7/1/22-5/8/23								

Office of the Public Defender 20th Judicial Circuit



Workload

The Office of the Public Defender for the 20th Judicial Circuit faces unique challenges in providing aggressive, front-end legal representation for its ever-increasing caseload of clients who have been diagnosed with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance addiction, who have been arrested and are facing criminal charges.

Mental health cases have risen from 1,003 cases in fiscal year 2018-2019 to **1,210** cases in 2021-2022. This reflects a 21% increase.

Funding

The Assistant Public Defender position for Early Resolution Court (ERC) and Initial Defense Unit (IDU) enable the Public Defender's Office to provide aggressive, front-end representation to its clients, therefore reducing time spent in custody and saving taxpayer dollars. The Facilities Coordinator position will be split among the 5 counties in our circuit. This position will coordinate the regular maintenance and upkeep of our county-provided office space across the 20th Circuit. These positions will assist in the agency's mission of defending the indigent accused.

The Office of the Public Defender, 20th Judicial Circuit, is requesting new funding for 3 positions:

Positions	Cost
Assistant Public Defender Early Resolution Court (ERC)	\$112,500.00
Assistant Public Defender Position Initial Defense Unit (IDU)	\$93,000.00
Facilities Coordinator (Split Cost)	\$10,328.00
Total:	\$215,828.00

County Alignment

The Circuit's larger counties are all involved or being asked to be more engaged in the funding of these positions.

- Lee County currently funds a total of **12 positions** in the total amount of **\$1,069,750**. If approved, the new budget will be for **13** positions, with a new total of **\$1,237,595**. An increase of \$167,844.
- Collier County currently funds a total of 4 positions in the total amount of \$332,923. If approved, the new budget will be for 6 positions, with a new total of \$442,946. An increase of \$110,023.
- Charlotte County currently funds a total of **2 positions** (plus \$2,986 for County Ordinance Costs) in the total amount of **\$160,600**. If approved, the new budget will be for **5** positions, with a new total of \$389,517. An increase of \$228,917.

Cost to Incarcerate

- At the Department of Corrections, the average cost to incarcerate in 2020-2021 was \$76.83 per inmate per day.
- In a recent Charlotte County case a client rejected an ERC offer of 60 days in jail. The offer went to 6 months in jail. The difference of 120 days at \$76.83 per day would be \$9,219.60.
- If 5% of Mental Health cases could be resolved through the acceptance of a similar offer, annual savings could be:
- \succ (1,210 Cases x 5%) x \$9,219.60 = \$557,785.80

Summary

Incarceration Cost Savings: \$557,785.80

Requested New Funding: \$215,828.00

NET Possible Savings: \$341,957.80

Thank you!

Questions?

