

2012

Charlotte County
Annual Report



2012 BCC Major Focus Areas

- Maintain a safe and healthy community
- Remain fiscally sound
- Economic Development
- Tourism (sports and film)
- Transportation projects
- Parkside CRA
- Maintaining our assets / water resources
- Aging septic systems / Harbor quality
- Keep service levels balanced with resources

Budget Summary

Continue to increase the effectiveness of local government and maintain a strong financial condition.

- 2 year budget process
- Community Scorecard
- Continue performance-based budgeting

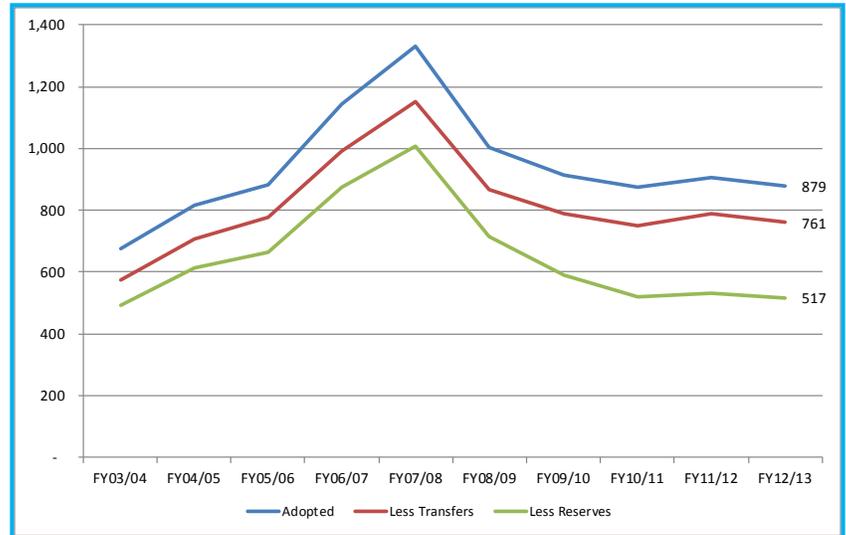
Flat Rate Millage Rates

Commissioners vote to keep millage rates flat as property values decrease.

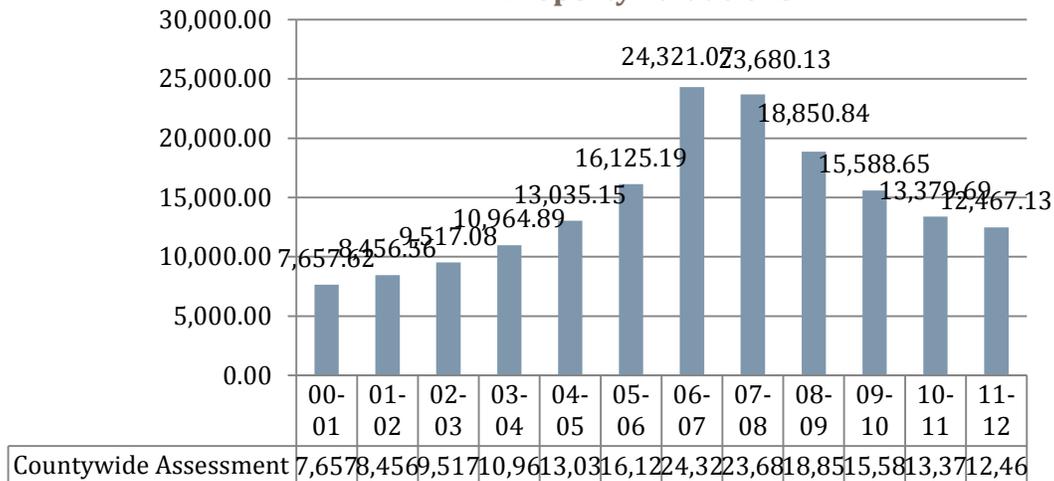
Question: Will the average taxpayers bill decrease?

Answer: Every taxpayers situation is different -however, many tax bills will go down.

Net Amended Budgets (in Millions)



Property Valuations



Countywide Assessment	7,657.62	8,456.56	9,517.08	10,964.89	13,035.15	16,125.19	24,321.07	23,680.13	18,850.84	15,588.65	13,379.69	12,467.13
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Capital Projects

Parkside CRA

- Sunrise Waterway and Sunshine Lake algae removal.
- Team Port Charlotte and Weed and Seed
- Parkside Revitalization Plan (per comprehensive plan)
- Elcam multi-use path
- Harbor Boulevard improvements

Englewood Library & West County Archive

- From 7,000 s.f. to 12,000 s.f.
- Complete April 2013
- Archive: 1,000 s.f.
- New meeting room
- Expanded children's area



Englewood Beach Boardwalk Renovation

This replaced a badly deteriorated boardwalk surface with composite material warrantied for 25 years.



2012 Highlights

Public Safety

A new Marine Rescue and firefighting vessel purchased through Impact Fees. The new boat is a 27-foot Boston Whaler with a 650 GPM pump. Marine 2 will be based at Lashley Marina and will be the primary emergency response vessel for Charlotte Harbor and the Peace River. Additionally, Marine 2 responds in support of Marine 1 in the ICW, Gulf Island and the Gulf of Mexico.



Sales Tax Transportation Project

Burnt Store Road – Phase I

Phase I – From North Jones Loop to Notre Dame Boulevard – Complete

Phase II – seeking full funding

Phase III – Zemel Road south to Lee County line- currently in design with Construction in Fall 2013



Energy Efficiency and Green Projects

FPL direct rebates from solar power, solar hot water, window tinting and demand control totaled \$95,066.

Solar Panels

Solar electric panels were installed at Human Services building, Charlotte Sports Park, and Fire Station 12



Bio-Recycling Center

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has issued a permit to SYNAGRO for the construction and operation of the Charlotte County Bio-Recycling Center at the Zemel Road Landfill. This will be a regional facility for the treatment of biosolids (composting). SYNAGRO's treatment of the biosolids will produce an AA-rated product. The facility will consist of a 90,000 square foot active-phase "windrow" composting area under two pre-engineered fabric covered buildings that will allow for up to 14 windrows. Windrow composting is the production of compost by piling organic matter or biodegradable waste in long rows or windrows. These rows are then turned to improve porosity and oxygen content. The SYNAGRO facility will also include a 50,000 square foot curing area and will be operated by three employees. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Solar Lighting

Solar powered LED driveway and parking lot lights were installed at Cedar Point Park.



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