

Bissett Park Phase 3

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Area: South County

Location: 12455 Path Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Category: Quality of Life

Focus Area(s): Public Services, Infrastructure

Need:

Continue the implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Bissett Park Master Plan

Purpose:

Continue Phase 3 of Parks & Recreation Master Plan to renovate Bissett Park to meet the standards outlined in the plan.

Objectives:

Phase 3 includes a new 50,000-sq.-ft. recreation center with two gyms, three multipurpose rooms, one fitness room, a catering kitchen, locker rooms, a backup generator, storage, staff spaces, parking and required utilities.

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| Project Cost Prior Funding: | \$543,873 |
| Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax: | \$0 |
| Total Project Cost: | \$35,100,000 |
| Project Cost Required New Sales Tax: | \$35,100,000 |
| Annual Operating Cost: | \$1,100,000 |

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

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

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

Increase.

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

Yes, possibly Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2020 sales tax extension?

No.

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 amenities.

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

Yes, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Bissett Park Master Plan, and 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.