



2026 PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE STATE DELEGATION

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

- Aligns with Strategic Plan and complements Federal Legislative Program
- Provides means to advocate for vital state funding sources for critical projects and programs
- Developed in consultation with the City's Legislative Team.



2026 STATE PRIORITIES

- PROPERTY TAX REFORM
- RANGELINE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL
- GLADES WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL #2
- HOGPEN SLOUGH HPS-60 WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE
- SMART CITY POLICING – DRONE EXPANSION
- PORT ST. LUCIE COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN
- LAND ACQUISITION AND POLICY CHANGES TO SUPPORT HIGH-PERFORMANCE PUBLIC SPACES
- SOUTHERN GROVE & CITY JOBS CORRIDOR
- CORRIDOR OF OPPORTUNITY: PRIMAVISTA BOULEVARD

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

We urge the Governor and Florida Legislature to support a policy that allows cities like the City of Port St. Lucie to continue investing wisely in our future, with the flexibility and tools needed to do so effectively. Without it, the City's ability to plan for growth, manage debt, or serve our residents on a day-to-day basis will be significantly impacted.



WATER QUALITY/WATER SUPPLY

HOGPEN SLOUGH HPS-60 WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE

Request: \$1,000,000

- The improvements to the control structure will allow for automated control of the structure that will alleviate the amount of flooding from heavy rainfall and protect from tidal events and storm surge from the St. Lucie River. The work for the project will consist of constructing a new control structure with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system integrated with the City's overall system that will be immediately upstream of the existing structure. The areas immediately upstream and downstream of the structure will be dredged to remove sediment buildup and banks will be stabilized and armored to prevent erosion.

WATER QUALITY/WATER SUPPLY

RANGELINE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL

Request: \$1,000,000

- To construct the Rangeline Water Treatment Facility (RLWTF) by 2029. The RLWTF will utilize reverse osmosis (RO) as a treatment process. A deep injection well system is proposed to primarily be used for the disposal of RO concentrate and other non-hazardous RO water treatment by-products. The proposed injection well system will also be used to dispose of groundwater on occasions when there is a need to bypass the RLWTF with the groundwater supply. The proposed injection well system will consist of two (2) Class I Industrial injection wells (IW-1 and IW-2) and one (1) dual-zone monitor well (MW-1). The USD is seeking funding to assist with one of these injection wells.

GLADES WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL #2

Request: \$1,000,000

- To construct an additional Class I deep injection well (IW-2) at the City's Glades Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in the near future. The WWTF's current treatment capacity is 12 million gallons per day (MGD) and will ultimately be expanded to a treatment capacity of 24 MGD by 2031. The USD currently operates a single Class I deep injection well system at the Glades WWTF that will not meet the needs of the future expansion. The injection well system is used for disposal of treated wastewater and also serves as a backup disposal option for reverse-osmosis concentrate from the James E. Anderson Water Treatment Plant (JEAWTP). Effluent is treated to high-level disinfection standards prior to disposal via the Glades WWTF deep injection well system.



PUBLIC SAFETY

SMART CITY POLICING – DRONE EXPANSION

Request: \$750,000

- The Port St. Lucie Police Department (PSLPD) is seeking to expand its newly launched comprehensive drone program in order to improve response times in the City's 120 square miles, the third largest city in terms of land mass in the state of Florida. The program will include three additional air docks to enhance the program, with an emphasis on eastern Port St. Lucie.
- The Smart City Policing – Drone Expansion program will allow the Police Department to potentially drop response times below two minutes at the City's furthest points, significantly improving response time, officer safety and operational capacity. This technology will strengthen PSLPD's ability to respond to today's most dangerous threats and natural disasters, ultimately protecting lives and enhancing community resilience.

PARKS & NATURAL LANDS

PORT ST LUCIE COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN

Request: Conceptual Design

- To better meet the recreational needs of the community, the City is proposing to repurpose existing administrative office space within the community center into public recreation areas, approximately 6,841 sq. ft. As demand for accessible indoor recreation continues to grow, the current layout limits opportunities for residents to engage in fitness, wellness, and community-building activities.
- Repurposing existing space is a cost-effective and sustainable approach that maximizes public use without the need for new construction. The improved facility will serve a broader range of residents, including underserved populations that encompass approximately 1,500 students from nearby Title I schools. It will also continue to support senior wellness through ongoing fitness and health programs at the center. The improved facility will strengthen community engagement by transforming the center into a more inclusive and active public space in a city with only two dedicated community centers in 121 square miles.





OTHER REQUESTS/ SUPPORT FOR GRANT FUNDING

LAND ACQUISITION AND POLICY CHANGES TO SUPPORT HIGH-PERFORMANCE PUBLIC SPACES

Request:

- Funding to support land acquisition for high-performance public spaces and flexibility in allowing for high-performance public spaces on property acquired for stormwater purposes.
- Expand grant eligibility to recreational elements such as trails and park amenities when acquiring land for infrastructure and stormwater projects and stormwater amenities for park projects in order to create high-performance public spaces that maximize public benefits and provide enhanced value to taxpayers.
- Currently state and federal grant funding restrictions can limit the integration of such multifunctional uses due to siloed policies with singular purposes, focusing on solely stormwater or recreation. Such policy barrier presents a missed opportunity to address growth with innovation and collaborative projects.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SOUTHERN GROVE & CITY JOBS CORRIDOR

Request:

- The City of Port St Lucie is seeking funding assistance for roadway and other infrastructure improvement projects in the City's current and future jobs corridors through available state sources to advance job creation and economic development.
- The City's Jobs Corridor in Southern Grove is generating new jobs and opportunities in Port St. Lucie, a key priority of the City Council. The City is also seeking to develop job corridors in other locations of the City.

CORRIDOR OF OPPORTUNITY: PRIMAVISTA BOULEVARD

Request: Support for Conceptual Design

- The City is exploring land acquisitions and partnerships with St. Lucie Public Schools, the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Indian River State College, St. Lucie County and the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council (EDC) on maximizing the potential public benefits of the Primavista Boulevard. This project would support the design of public spaces that would provide more efficient and effective service delivery to taxpayers and provide greater opportunities for educational and economic advancement.

PROGRAMS WE ARE SUPPORTING

- St. Lucie County's 2026 Legislative Program
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Beautification Funding (Keep Florida Beautiful)
- Florida Department of Commerce
- Indian River Lagoon-South and Everglades Restoration
- Before and After School Care

SUPPORTING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS



- Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Agenda
- St. Lucie County's State Legislative Program



2026 STATE POLICY STATEMENTS

- Florida League of Cities
- Mobility Fees
- Housing
- Sovereign Immunity
- Opportunity Zones
- Public Records Exemption for Elected Officials
- Streamlined Permitting for Railroad Crossings
- Septic to Sewer Conversion
- County and Municipal Code Enforcement
- Funding for Cybersecurity Initiatives

POLICIES WE ARE SUPPORTING

Florida League of Cities

- Resolutions approved by the following Florida League of Cities Policy Committees: Finance, Taxation and Personnel, Land Use and Economic Development, Municipal Administration, Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations, and Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works.

Mobility Fees

- Support the continued ability of municipalities to utilize a mobility fee to ensure fees paid by new development in the City are spent in a timely manner within or adjacent to the City to provide mobility projects (improvements & services); to ensure the City can prioritize mobility projects that best meets the needs of the City; and to advance mobility projects.

Housing

- The City supports efforts to mitigate the rising costs of housing for low-moderate income residents and workforce personnel.

Sovereign Immunity

- The City opposes any changes to the \$200,000 (per person)/\$300,000 (per incident) caps for sovereign immunity

Public Records Exemption For Elected Officials

- The City supports a public records exemption for the home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of elected officials.

POLICIES WE ARE SUPPORTING

Opportunity Zones

- The City supports expansion of the opportunity zone program and effective placement to support economic development.

Streamlined Permitting For Railroad Crossings

- The City supports increased cooperation between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) and local governments to facilitate streamlined permitting to ensure secure railway crossings.

Septic To Sewer Conversions

- The City supports funding to encourage residents to convert from septic tanks to sewer systems to curb pollution that enters water bodies. Port St. Lucie would like to finalize one of the nation's largest municipal septic to sewer conversions by assisting residents.

County and Municipal Code Enforcement

- The City supports efforts to amend section 125.69, Florida Statutes, to allow for residents to submit anonymous code complaints to their local government.

Funding for Cybersecurity Initiatives

- The City supports funding of the competitive grant program through the Florida Digital Service to fund cybersecurity initiatives in cities and counties

2026 STATE LEGISLATURE IMPORTANT DATES

- October 6-10, 2025: Interim Committee Week
- October 13-17, 2025: Interim Committee Week
- October 29, 2025: St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation Meeting
- November 3-7, 2025: Interim Committee Week
- November 17-21, 2025: Interim Committee Week
- November 21, 2025: House and Senate FY 2026-27 Appropriations Requests must be submitted
- December 1-5, 2025: Interim Committee Week
- December 4-5, 2025: Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference
- December 8-12, 2025: Interim Committee Week

2026 STATE LEGISLATURE IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 13, 2026:** **Regular Session Convenes**
- January 16, 2026: Attestation Forms submitted
- **March 13, 2026: 60th day** **Last day of Regular Session**



DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS?

October 13, 2025