



City of Port St. Lucie

Proposed FY 2022 State Legislative Program

ST. LUCIE RIVER/C-23 WATER QUALITY PROJECT AT MCCARTY RANCH REQUEST: \$463,000

BENEFIT:

This project will minimize the fresh water and nutrient discharges into the C-23 Canal, and then, into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. When the entire project is complete, it will take 1,871 acres of fallow citrus grove and a 538-acre water impoundment located at McCarty Ranch Preserve and convert them into a shallow water quality and treatment facility. Every year, this project will keep up to 21 percent of nutrient-laden discharges from entering the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, protecting the quality of its water.

DETAILS:

- The overall project will be constructed in seven phases.
- Received clearance to place Area 1 into service in July 2019.
- Received clearance to place Area 2 into service in August 2020
- Received clearance to place Area 3 into service in March 2021.
- Area 4 is currently out to bid for construction.
- Design of Area 5 and 6 began in July 2021.
- This appropriation request for the design of Area 7A for a 286-acre impoundment, which will annually hold back 2.3 billion gallons of water, 12,473 pounds of nitrogen and 1,687 pounds of phosphorus from entering the waterway.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SOUTHERN GROVE JOBS CORRIDOR – ANTHONY F. SANSONE, SR. BLVD EXTENSION REQUEST: \$3,500,000

BENEFIT:

The proposed 4,600 linear foot roadway extension, Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Blvd, will include drainage, utility service and electrical improvements that will provide direct access to an additional 120 acres of vacant land. The infrastructure improvements can accommodate an estimated 2 million square feet of warehouse distribution development, generate over 1,800 new jobs, and promote economic development in the City of Port St Lucie's jobs corridor.

DETAILS:

- The City of Port St Lucie is requesting funding assistance for a roadway improvement project in the Tradition Center for Commerce.
- Total project cost: \$7,000,000. The City of Port St Lucie and developer's contribution: \$3,500,000.

TRADITION REGIONAL PARK: Community Building REQUEST: \$500,000

BENEFIT:

A Community Building constructed in this location would benefit the residents by providing a place to recreate in area of the City that is currently void of this type of facilities, as indicated by the need assessment. This facility could also serve as a distribution point or potential shelter in the event of a Hurricane or other state of emergency.

DETAILS:

- The Parks & Recreation System 10-Year Master Plan, adopted July 2019, identified Tradition Regional Park as a key recommendation for additional park development through a statistically valid needs-assessment.
- The City Council has approved the conceptual master plan in January 2021 for build-out of Tradition Regional Park as a multi-phased, multi-year project.
- Total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$33 million dollars. Phase I development of the park includes four baseball fields, four softball fields, three soccer/multipurpose fields along with ancillary support facilities such as parking, restrooms, and lighting. Phase I current estimated cost is \$14,000,000.
- A Community Building has been conceptualized as a future amenity for the park and recently determined to be of high importance for Phase I development, as there are currently no comparable facilities in this growing area of the City.

OTHER REQUESTS:

RECREATION

The City also supports Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) funding that provides state funds for the acquisition or development of lands for public outdoor recreational use. Port St. Lucie is seeking \$200,000 in FRDAP development funding for O.L. Peacock Sr. Park.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Continued support of historic preservation funding sources to support interior stabilization and major restoration work to the recently relocated 1917 Peacock House and 1952 Lodge. With support of state funding, the structures were recently relocated to a city owned park along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The structures were originally owned by the Peacock family of Saint Lucie County that were involved in ranching and agriculture.

PROGRAMS WE ARE SUPPORTING:

ST. LUCIE COUNTY'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

St. Lucie County's 2022 Legislative Program common priorities in the areas of Economic Development, Budget & Taxation Policy, Environmental/Natural Resources, Transportation & Infrastructure, Public Safety, Health & Human Services, Education and Agriculture.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP)

The City supports continued FDEP program funding for Alternative Water Supply; Water Quality and Restoration; Indian River Lagoon Water Quality Improvement Projects and other funding sources to support local government

projects to improve water quality and stormwater management. Further, the City supports innovative long-term funding mechanisms and partnerships to support water quality and build future supply. The City also supports funding for land acquisition to improve the preservation of community green space, the development of park space and to support stormwater management and resiliency.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) WORK PROGRAM

The City supports the funding of all ranked transportation projects by the FDOT in the 5-year work program. Support includes reimbursement of the funding committed by FDOT and advanced by the City for the widening of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. Additional projects include St. Lucie West/I-95 Interchange Improvements, sidewalk construction, intersection improvements, bridge rehabilitation, and traffic signal operation and maintenance.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) The City supports the funding of innovative economic initiatives to improve the state of Florida, including but not limited to: Job Growth Grant Fund, Community Development Block Coronavirus Grants, Community Planning, Workforce Development and Small and Minority Business Development Resources. Additionally, the City supports DEO funding to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state through partnerships with local and state government agencies, community organizations and private businesses.

INDIAN RIVER LAGOON-SOUTH AND EVERGLADES RESTORATION

The City supports funding for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and the Indian River Lagoon-South Restoration Project (IRL-S).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The City supports funding to maintain open doors for afterschool and school age care, keeping youth safe under the new health and safety requirements of COVID and relieving the impact on working parents.

POLICIES WE ARE SUPPORTING:

Resolutions approved by the Florida League of Cities Policy Committees in the areas of Local Self Government, Community Redevelopment Agencies, Transportation Funding, Water Supply & Water Quality, Communication Services Tax Protection and Short-Term Rentals.

MOBILITY FEES

Support the continued ability of municipalities to utilize a mobility fee in order 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 has the ability to prioritize mobility projects that best meets the needs of the City; to advance mobility projects.

SOBER HOMES

The City of Port St. Lucie supports legislation to regulate “recovery residence” as defined in Florida Statutes §397.311(36) as “residential dwelling unit... that provides a peer-supported, alcohol-free, and drug-free living environment.”