

2025 CITY MANAGER'S
**ANNUAL
REPORT**





Dear residents,

As we reflect on the past year, I'm proud to share how Port St. Lucie continues to grow with purpose, guided by our mission to provide exceptional services that enhance our community's safety, beauty and quality of life through innovation, engagement and fiscal responsibility. Together, we've made meaningful progress in creating the kind of City our residents are proud to call home.

Port St. Lucie remains the safest large city in Florida, a distinction we've earned through strong partnerships between our Police Department and the community. We continue to invest in public safety, with a second law enforcement training academy class that graduated in 2025 that will go directly to work for the Port St. Lucie Police Department — and the third PSLPD-only class already has begun training. We are ensuring our Police Department is highly trained and equipped to keep our City safe, investing in a new police training facility that will open this year.

We've continued to invest in critical infrastructure that supports our growing population. From major roadway improvements and stormwater upgrades to planning for future water supplies, these projects are designed to protect our environment, improve mobility and enhance everyday quality of life.

We also are developing new parks and recreation offerings, including the City's first regional park, Tradition Regional Park, scheduled to open in 2026 and Torino Regional Park, where we recently broke ground. Further, we are investing in another top priority of our residents — preserving Port St. Lucie's green spaces and places through the Naturally PSL Initiative, acquiring 255 acres since the resident-driven program launched last year, or one acre for every 1,000 residents. And we're just getting started!

Our City also is attracting new opportunities that will bring jobs and long-term economic benefits. From the announcement that professional soccer would be coming to Port St. Lucie the groundbreaking for new waterfront dining at The Port District, we are seeing progress made in every corner of our City.

These achievements are a direct result of your engagement, your ideas and your belief in what Port St. Lucie can be. As we look ahead, we remain focused on delivering the high-quality services our residents deserve.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we are shaping a bright and promising future for Port St. Lucie.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesus Merejo". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue decorative graphic element that consists of several overlapping, curved, wave-like shapes.

Jesus Merejo, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Dear residents,

For those of us who love the City of Port St. Lucie, we know it's a special place to be. This year, we proved it to the rest of the country as well.

In June, Port St. Lucie was named one of 10 All-America City winners by the National Civic League. It was a tremendous honor, one that speaks to who we are as a community and how we work with our residents hand-in-hand.

This year's theme for the All-America City Awards was Strengthening Environmental Sustainability through Inclusive Community Engagement. In its award presentation, the National Civic League cited Port St. Lucie's "inclusive leadership, transparent governance and a community-first approach (that) is setting a new standard for how diverse, fast-growing cities can thrive — resilient, connected and forward thinking."

We have worked hard to build a culture of listening, connecting and acting on what matters most to our community. Through our Citizen Summit, surveys, neighborhood meetings and everyday conversations, we've created meaningful opportunities for residents to shape the future of our City. And you've responded — by sharing your ideas, voicing your priorities and partnering with us to turn vision into action.

In 2025, we reached major milestones that reflect this collaboration. We advanced environmental projects that create and preserve green places and spaces. We invested in parks, stormwater systems and roads that enhance quality of life. And we did it all with one purpose: to create a City that works for everyone.

The All-America City Award is a proud moment, but it's also a reminder that our work is ongoing. With your continued engagement, we'll keep moving toward a future that reflects the best of who we are.

Thank you for being an essential part of Port St. Lucie's success story. It's my privilege to serve as your mayor and I look forward to continuing our journey together.

Sincerely,



Shannon M. Martin, Mayor



Mayor & City Council



Stephanie Morgan
District 1

David Pickett
District 2

Shannon M. Martin
Mayor

Anthony Bonna, Sr.
District 3

Jolien Caraballo
Vice Mayor & District 4

Vision

To be a leader in finding innovative solutions that put residents first and support opportunities for all people to thrive.

Mission

To provide exceptional services that enhance our community's safety, beauty and quality of life through innovation, engagement and fiscal responsibility.

Strategic Goals



Goal 1
Safe, Clean & Beautiful



Goal 5
High-Quality Infrastructure & Facilities



Goal 2
Strategic Growth for a Resilient Future



Goal 6
Culture, Nature & Recreation



Goal 3
Engaged & Connected City



Goal 7
High-Performing Government Organization



Goal 4
Diverse Economy & Employment Opportunities

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Highlight of the Year



2025 WINNER PORT ST. LUCIE



Port St. Lucie's team celebrates after the announcement that the city is now an All-America City.

The National Civic League's All-America City Award recognizes communities that come together across sectors—residents, nonprofits, businesses and local government—to solve tough challenges and create lasting positive change. It is important because it highlights collaborative, community-driven solutions rather than top-down fixes, showing what is possible when people work together. The award also elevates successful local initiatives as models for other cities, encouraging civic engagement and innovation nationwide.

It also gives a city:

- National recognition for its efforts
- Boosts civic pride
- Helps attract investment and talent
- Provides a powerful platform to share successful strategies with other communities across the country



National Civic League President, Doug Linkhart, speaks about the impact of the award for Port St. Lucie at a local celebration.

In 2025, 20 finalists were selected and invited to Denver where they shared ideas, learned from national experts and presented their work to a panel of civic leaders. Ten winners were recognized as All-America City Award recipients, including Port St. Lucie!

This annual report highlights work done throughout the year by our staff through the lens of the All-America City criteria:

Civic Engagement

Collaboration

Innovation

Impact

These are some of the other accolades the City earned in 2025.

City

- 2025 All-America City winner
- 2025 Hope Award Trailblazer honor

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Parks & Recreation

- American Planning Association, Florida chapter, The Port District Master Plan - Award of Excellence

Communications

- 2025 National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) — Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Award — Community Engagement Forum — Port St. Lucie International Fest
- 2025 Communicator Awards — General-Web Applications & Services, Distinction — City of PSL Website Relaunch
- Florida Public Relations Association, Silver Pinnacle Award for Government Communications Team of the Year

Finance and Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

- National Triple Crown Award for Financial Excellence. This distinction is awarded to local governments that receive all three of GFOA's top awards in the same year:
 - » Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting — recognizing the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for its accuracy, transparency and adherence to the highest accounting standards
 - » Distinguished Budget Presentation Award — honoring the City's budget document for clearly showing how taxpayer dollars are allocated to meet community goals, in partnership with OMB
 - » Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) Award — celebrating the City's easy-to-read summary of financial information that helps residents understand how their tax dollars are managed

Human Resources

- 2025 Platinum Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health Award

Neighborhood Services

- American Planning Association, APA Housing and Community Development Division, Honorable Mention
- Housing Innovation Award for the City's American Rescue Plan Act 2025 Homebuyer Assistance Program, launched in partnership with the Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast

OMB and Strategic Initiatives & Innovation

- Recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2024-25. The City has satisfied nationally recognized guidelines and best practices for effective budget presentation for 36 consecutive years. In addition to receiving the award, the City's budget received two special recognitions:
 - » Special Strategic Goals and Strategies Recognition
 - » Special Capital Program Recognition
- Maintained the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing Accreditation for Quality Public Procurement Department for 23 consecutive years and the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials Award for Excellence in Public Procurement for 23 consecutive years
- Earned the National Purchasing Institute Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award in 2025, maintaining the achievement for three consecutive years.

Planning & Zoning and CRA

- American Planning Association, Florida chapter, Great Places in Florida People's Choice Award

Police

- Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) re-accreditation

Public Works

- Colt Schwerdt, Professional Manager of the Year
- Robert Carlsen, Orange Heart Medal for Hurricane Relief
- Treasure Coast Branch Award of Excellence

Special Events and Communications

- Gold for the 2025 International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA)/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Award for Best Printed Materials
- In collaboration between Special Events and Communications Dept, Port St. Lucie International Fest and the Irish Festival earned six awards from SUNsational Awards from the Florida Festivals & Events Association (FFEA)

Strategic Initiatives & Innovation

- Sabrina McLeod, Data Champion, What Works Cities

Utility Systems

- Summer Burdick, APWA Young Leader Award



Delivering for our residents

Port St. Lucie's recognition as an All-America City is rooted in the real, lasting impact it makes on residents' lives.

From lowering the millage rate for 10 consecutive years to working on significant projects aimed at improving traffic flow and public safety, the City is delivering on its promises.

As a data-driven organization, the City is always looking at ways to improve quality of life for our residents, including expanding its parks. It's this kind of thoughtful progress that makes Port St. Lucie a place people are proud to call home.

10 years straight the millage rate has been reduced

\$40.2 million in savings as a result of millage rate reductions

41 miles of roads resurfaced

42 miles of roads receiving asphalt rejuvenation treatment

5.3 M visitors to Port St. Lucie parks

Traffic improvements

Half-Cent Sales Tax keeping our promises for the past decade

The voter-approved Half-Cent Sales Tax continues to play a vital role in improving Port St. Lucie's infrastructure. Voters approved this sales tax in 2018 and Port St. Lucie has been working diligently to complete the promised projects on time.

One of the most visible efforts is the ongoing work along Floresta Drive. Phase 2 was completed in March and Phase 3 is now underway.

Since it began, the project has added sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting and landscaping that enhances safety and mobility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike. Once complete, the improvements will extend from Southbend Boulevard to Prima Vista Boulevard — a total of more than 4 miles.

In FY 2024-25, the City used sales tax funds to resurface more than 41 miles of roads across the City, including neighborhoods such as Northport Village and Sandpiper Bay.

These Half-Cent Sales Tax projects reflect the City's continued focus on maintaining and improving infrastructure in a fiscally responsible way, ensuring that residents benefit from smoother, safer streets today and in the years ahead.

Since 2018, the following progress has been made thanks to the Half-Cent Sales Tax:

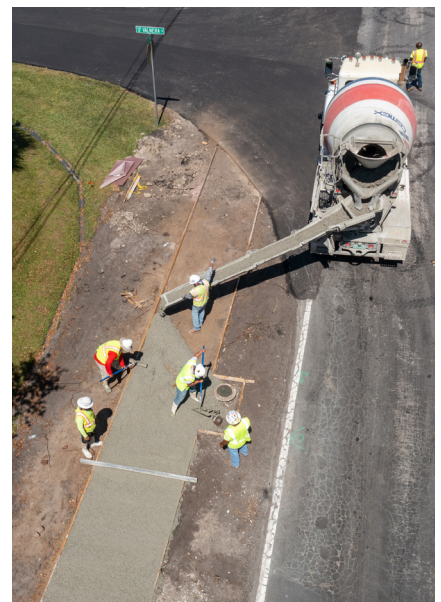
- Floresta Drive segments 1 and 2 were completed and segment 3 is now underway.
- Torino Parkway intersection improvements at Cashmere Boulevard and California Boulevard were completed.
- The California Boulevard widening project is ready to move into the design phase following public input.
- Work continues on St. Lucie West Boulevard intersection improvements at Cashmere, Bayshore, Peacock and California boulevards.
- Landscaping improvements along U.S. 1 were completed.
- Sidewalks have been added from Inca Terrace to Savage Boulevard, Abingdon Avenue from Import Drive to Savona Boulevard, and Brescia Street from Gatlin Boulevard to Savage Boulevard. Construction has begun on a sidewalk at Lakehurst Drive.
- Resurfacing efforts have taken place across Port St. Lucie. In FY 2024-25, the sales tax was used to resurface 18.75 miles of roads.



Floresta Drive



Torino Parkway



Sidewalks

Road projects to better connect Port St. Lucie

Improving traffic flow and safety are top priorities the City of Port St. Lucie is focused on. In FY 2024-25, that included several key projects, including:

- Turn lane improvements at East Torino Parkway and Midway Road, along with a modern roundabout at North Torino Parkway and Turtle Dove, was completed. Additionally, the City added in the new roundabout a kinetic sculpture called Whorl, funded by the Public Art Fund, which changes colors as motorists drive around the new roundabout.
- As 2025 came to a close, two segments of the Port St. Lucie Boulevard South Improvement Project were completed and a third had started. The segment from Gatlin Boulevard to Darwin Boulevard (which was being overseen by the City) and from Darwin Boulevard to Alcantarra Boulevard (which was a Florida Department of Transportation project) were completed in December. The segment from Alcantarra Boulevard to Paar Drive, overseen by FDOT, began in summer 2025.
- In October, work began on intersection improvements at Tulip Boulevard and College Park Road.
- In May, intersection improvements started at St. Lucie West Boulevard and Peacock Boulevard.

Partnering for progress on our roads

As new development takes place, the City works with developers to ensure key infrastructure is included in their plans.

In the last year, two new east-west roadway connections have opened in Tradition, linking Rangeline Road to Becker Road and Rangeline Road to Crosstown Parkway. These new corridors will improve access and support future growth in one of the City's fastest-developing areas.

Another example currently under construction is a new traffic signal at Community Boulevard and Discovery Way in Tradition. This signal will improve safety and traffic flow in a growing area. The City worked closely with partners to fast-track the design and move it quickly into the construction phase.

These efforts reflect the City's commitment to smart planning, strong partnerships and building infrastructure that keeps pace with our growing community.



Planning for the future

From small updates to major Citywide initiatives, the Planning and Zoning Department focused on smart planning that supports the City's strategic goals, future growth and quality of life.

One of the biggest efforts was working to update the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, which will help shape how and where the City grows over the next two decades. Residents played a key role through public workshops, surveys and stakeholder meetings.

In 2025, public art in Port St. Lucie continued to grow as an integral part of the city's identity, emphasizing creativity and community pride. Through the City's Art in Public Places Program, funded through developer contributions, several installations were accomplished including the Whorl, a kinetic sculpture in Torino and The Heart in the Park, which was fully funded by Mattamy Homes in Tradition. The Planning & Zoning Department played a key role in this effort by integrating public art into long-term development plans, ensuring that new projects and redevelopment areas intentionally included artistic elements.

Public safety



Keeping Port St. Lucie safe

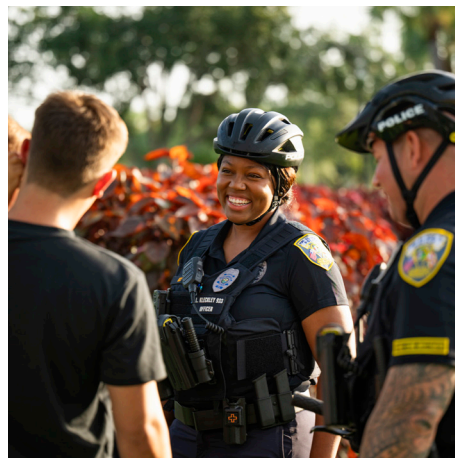
In 2025, Port St. Lucie remained the safest large city in Florida and continues to build on that reputation.

To keep pace with Port St. Lucie's continued growth, the Police Department expanded its community-focused approach by launching a sixth Neighborhood Policing District in FY 2024-25.

Originally planned for completion in FY 2026-27, the project was fast-tracked thanks to a thorough review of staffing, response times and service calls. The new district enhances coverage and strengthens the department's ability to serve residents with a more localized, responsive approach to public safety.

Work also continues on a new state-of-the-art police training facility that will provide a vital resource for ensuring the ongoing safety and well-being of the community. The three-story, 54,000-square-foot facility will be located at the municipal complex across from City Hall.

The first police training facility in the City's history, it will include training areas, a virtual simulation room, firearms range, a multi-purpose classroom and more.





Building the future 2025 all-agency graduation

Oct. 9, 2025 marked another historic moment for not only the Port St. Lucie Police Department — its the department's second all-agency graduation from the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex — but also for all law enforcement agencies on the Treasure Coast. This collaboration aimed to bring together the most promising candidates and instills in them their commitment to serve with courage, knowledge and integrity with the focus on making Port St. Lucie the safest city in the country.

The academy began in 2024 with the support of the Port St. Lucie City Council, as part of a recruiting and retention plan. With a team filled with veterans and experienced professionals, the academy is committed to training the best and brightest. They learn from those who have walked the path before them, gaining insights and skills that will prepare them for a reward career in Port St. Lucie.

Eyes in the sky: Innovation in action for PSLPD

The Port St. Lucie Police Department is taking public safety to new heights — literally.

In 2025, PSLPD finalized a contract to launch its first-ever Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, a cutting-edge initiative that will allow drones to respond to emergency calls within seconds. These drones will provide real-time aerial views to officers and the City's upcoming Real Time Public Safety Center, helping improve response times and situational awareness.

The program includes six drone air docks placed strategically across the City, each capable of launching multiple drones. With advanced radar technology, the drones can safely navigate the skies, detect objects up to 7 miles away and avoid collisions.



As a bonus, the department also received 13 indoor drones to support SWAT and day-to-day operations at no additional cost. This innovative program positions PSLPD as a leader in using technology to protect and serve faster, smarter and safer than ever before.

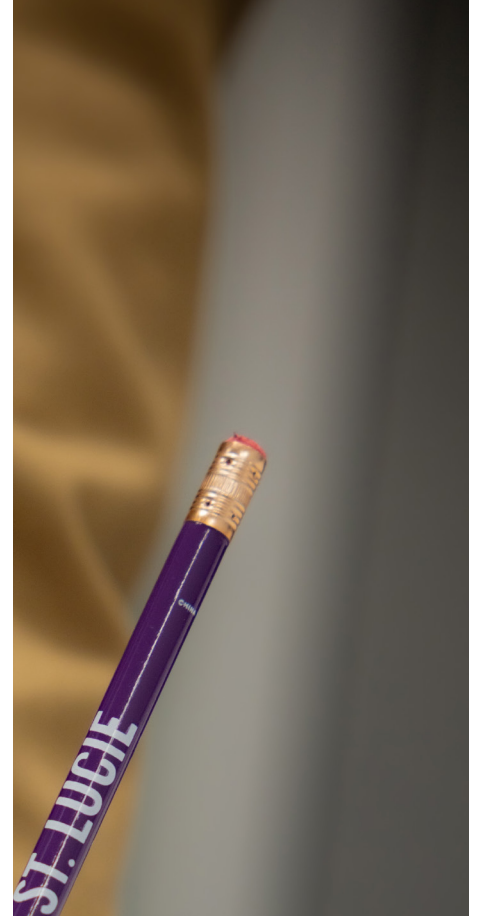
Fiscal stewardship

Celebrating a decade of lower tax rates

In 2025, the City of Port St. Lucie marked a major milestone: 10 consecutive years of lowering the property tax (millage) rate.

Since 2015, the rate has dropped by 25%, saving taxpayers a total of \$40.2 million. The current rate is at 4.9750 which makes Port St. Lucie's millage rate the third lowest among Florida's largest cities.

But the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility doesn't stop there. Over the past decade, Port St. Lucie also has reduced its debt by \$400 million and improved its credit rating, helping to lower borrowing costs and strengthen long-term financial health.



Strong credit ratings reflect sound financial planning

In 2025, Port St. Lucie earned continued recognition for its strong financial management. Moody's Investors Service upgraded several of the City's bond ratings, reflecting improved financial strength and conservative fiscal management:

- Issuer and General Obligation Bonds: Upgraded from Aa3 to Aa2
- Utility Systems Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds: Upgraded from A1 to Aa3

Strong bond credit ratings help keep borrowing costs low, allowing the City to invest more efficiently in critical infrastructure like water and sewer services. It also highlights City Council's strategic vision and the Utility team's commitment to sustainable, long-term planning.

BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR

25/26

2.21%

INCREASE FROM FY 24/25 DUE TO INFLATION AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

TOTAL BUDGET
\$869,811,393

GENERAL FUND

2.44%

\$5.1M INCREASE OVER FY 24/25

TOTAL BUDGET
\$212,526,70

Crosstown Voter Debt Reduced

The voter-approved debt service millage for Crosstown Parkway is reducing to 0.3143 in FY 25/26 from 0.3743 for FY 24/25.

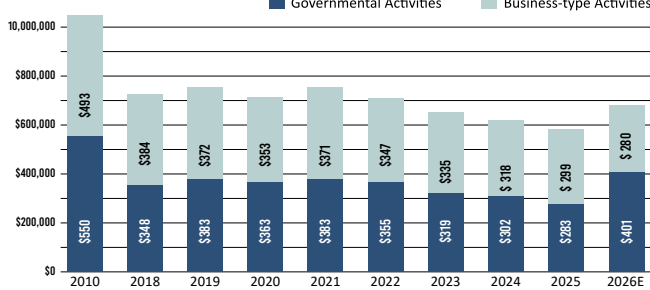
Operating Millage

Operating Millage is reducing from 4.6807 to 4.6607.

DEBT REDUCTION

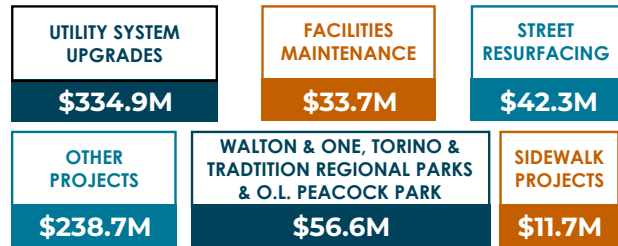
The City's long-term debt has been reduced as a result of principal payments and refinancing, when appropriate, from a high of more than \$1.042 billion in debt in FY 09/10 to a **projected \$681 million for FY 25/26** based upon the estimated principal payments. This represents a **34.7% reduction in debt** over the past 16 years.

Total City Debt



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City is prudently planning projects while slightly decreasing the current debt load. Projects planned over the five-year period are projected to cost **\$725.8M**.

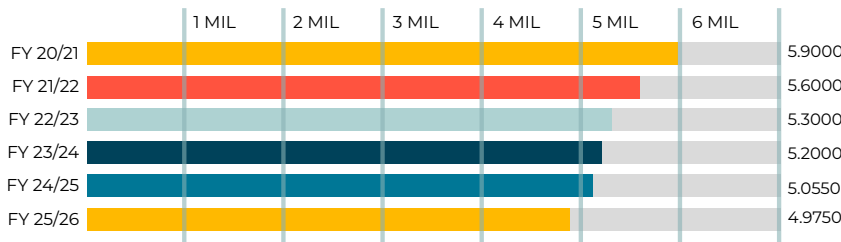


Tax Base Increase

The 2025 certified taxable value increased by 12.95% over 2024 certified value, because of increased growth and property appreciation, from **\$22.7 billion (FY24/25)** to **\$25.6 billion (FY25/26)** as of July's certification.

MILLAGE RATE

Millage rate is the tax rate per \$1,000 of taxable property value. The City's adopted Operating Millage rate is **4.6607** per thousand for **FY 25/26**. The adopted total millage rate is **4.9750**. This is the tenth year the millage rate is reduced.



Assessed impact of millage reduction on City taxes for a median home with a homestead exemption increased by the Save Our Homes law limit of 3%

	FY 24/25 Tax Year City Taxes	FY 25/26 Assessed Value	FY 25/26 Tax Year City Taxes
Assessed Value	\$242,980	\$250,026	\$250,026
Exemption Amount	\$50,000	\$50,722	\$50,722
Taxable Amount	\$192,980	\$199,307	\$199,307
City Total Millage Rate (Per \$1,000 of value)	5.055	5.055	4.9750
Total City Taxes per Year	\$975.51	\$1,007.48	\$991.54
Difference with Adopted Millage Reduction			(\$15.94)

Although the median market value of an average single-family home in PSL is \$342,800, the median assessed value by the County Property Appraiser is \$250,026. The assessed value is used to determine the annual property tax.

STORMWATER

Stormwater Fee will increase by \$6 for total of \$189 for residential and \$141. for vacant property.

SOUTHERN GROVE

Southern Grove debt and tax payment reduced to **\$1.9 million**, which is supported by the Governmental Finance Fund.

SOLID WASTE

The Solid Waste Assessment Fee will increase to \$467.33 per contractual obligations with the City's solid waste vendor & land disposal fee adjustment by St. Lucie County.

UTILITY SYSTEMS

The Utility Operating System is increasing the water rate by 3.5%, while sewer rate remains the same.

Median market value for a single-family home in **Port St. Lucie**

\$342,800

Park projects

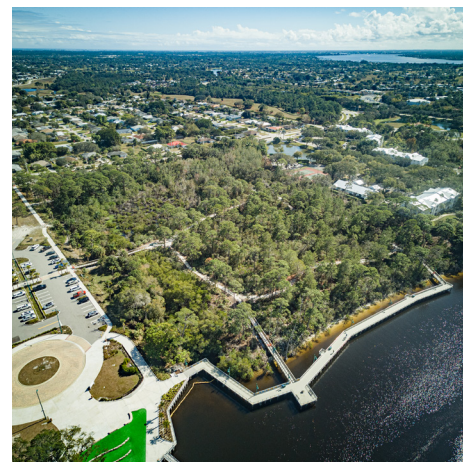


Designing the future of parks in PSL

Residents continue to tell the City they value places where they can connect with nature, stay active and enjoy life in Port St. Lucie. To meet those requests, the City remains committed to creating more spaces where residents can enjoy the community's natural beauty.

This year, the Parks and Recreation Department completed designs for four exciting projects — O.L. Peacock Sr. Park, Wilderness Trail Park, The Preserve at The Port and Duck Court — and moved them all into the final stages before construction. That means more trails, green spaces and places to play are on the way!

At the same time, the City kept momentum going on other major efforts. Progress was made on the Sportsman's Park Campus Master Plan and construction continued at Tradition Regional Park and Stars and Stripes Park. Plus, design work for Torino Regional Park hit the halfway mark and a groundbreaking was held in December — all with a goal toward making places residents can come together for fun, recreation and connectivity.



Transforming recreational opportunities in Port St. Lucie

Port St. Lucie made significant steps in 2025 to create more places to enjoy the outdoors, helping transform recreation opportunities for residents and visitors.

Work on the City's first two regional parks is now underway. A groundbreaking was held for Torino Regional Park in December and construction on Tradition Regional Park continued to make tremendous progress.

Torino Regional Park will cover nearly 200 acres and bring a "Play Forest" concept to life, with nature-themed playgrounds, splash pads, sports courts, walking trails and a future skate park. It's designed to be a vibrant space where kids can explore and adults can unwind in a lush, green setting.

Tradition Regional Park will span 124 acres, serving as an active space for people to enjoy. That will include a first of its kind, inclusive BMX track that will accommodate a variety of wheeled activities, including BMX riders, skateboarding and inline skating. There also will be lighted sports fields, including baseball, softball and multi-use fields.

These parks will be destinations, drawing Port St. Lucie residents as well as visitors from around the region, the state and beyond.

With more green space and recreational opportunities on the way, Port St. Lucie is investing in places where people can be active in a beautiful outdoor setting.



Torino Regional Park Groundbreaking



Tradition Regional Park

Community Redevelopment Area updates



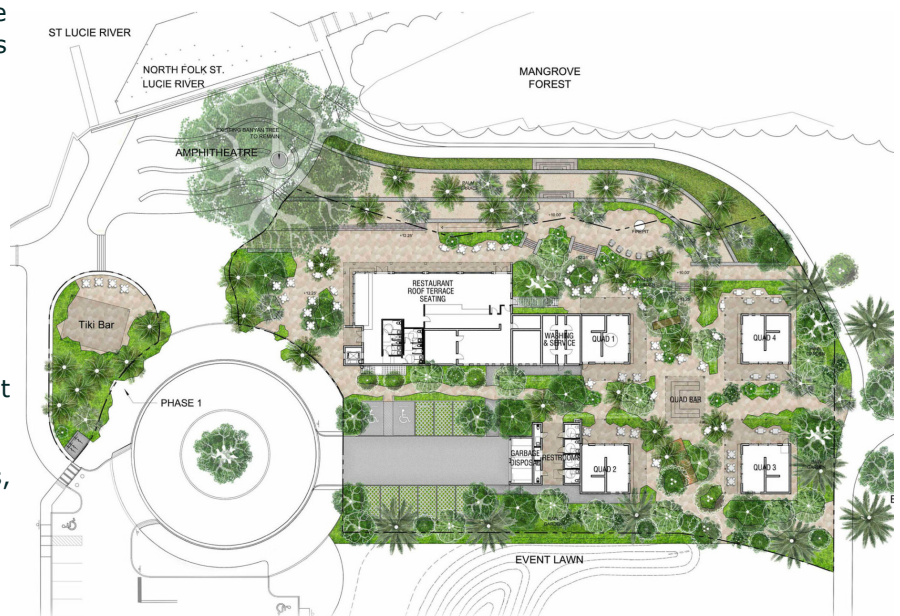
The Grove: A new riverfront destination takes shape

In October, Port St. Lucie celebrated the groundbreaking of The Grove, a waterfront dining and gathering space located along the St. Lucie River in The Port District.

For years, residents have said they would like to see more dining and entertainment venues along the waterfront and The Grove brings that to them.

The result of a public-private partnership between the City, SūDā Investments and Atlas Restaurant Group, The Grove will feature open-air restaurants, cafés and inviting public spaces where people can relax, connect and enjoy the outdoors. When completed, it will be a place designed for people, inspired by community input and built to enhance quality of life.

As one of the City's most anticipated projects, The Grove is set to become a vibrant hub for residents and visitors alike — and a shining example of how thoughtful planning and collaboration can transform public spaces.





Boardwalk at The Port District completed, enhancing riverfront

A walk on Port St. Lucie’s wild side just got easier.

The Boardwalk at The Port District is now fully connected from Veterans Park at Rivergate to the preservation tract, allowing visitors to enjoy an uninterrupted scenic walk that is more than three-quarters of a mile along the North Fork of St. Lucie River.

On June 25, the final segment of the boardwalk was successfully installed under the Port St. Lucie Boulevard Bridge. On Aug. 8, the fully connected boardwalk was opened to the public. This milestone marks a significant enhancement to riverfront accessibility, recreation and connectivity in the heart of the City.

The final segment connecting the north and south ends of the boardwalk was 704 feet long.

The project also provided repairs to the boardwalk that were damaged during Hurricane Milton. The boardwalk’s elevation was raised from just 2 feet above the high-tide line to 6 feet, which improves durability during storms. It also supports ecological restoration by providing more consistent shade that allows seagrass along the shoreline to become better established.



Southern Grove creates economic opportunities for community

The Southern Grove Jobs Corridor has blossomed into a dynamic economic growth engine. Spanning 1,200 acres along I-95, the Jobs Corridor is part of the larger 3,605-acre Southern Grove area within the Tradition region.

Since acquiring the land in 2018, the City has worked closely with partners to attract major employers and create new opportunities for residents.

Today, the corridor is home to a vibrant mix of healthcare, bioscience, education, retail and advanced manufacturing. Major companies have built facilities here, while new retail, restaurant and mixed-use developments are on the horizon.

Companies that have come to Southern Grove include:

- Accel International
- Amazon
- Cheney Brothers
- Costco Depot
- Digital Marine Integrators
- FedEx
- Import Mex Distributors
- Oculus Surgical
- TAMCO

That success has extended into other areas of the City, with companies expanding or adding new locations, including an Amazon Fulfillment Center, Florida Coast Medical Center, Freedom Boat Club and Lactalogics.

And the St. Lucie Economic Development Council reported that six new projects were being considered in Port St. Lucie, including manufacturers, technology companies and an entertainment district.

As the Jobs Corridor continues to develop, so, too does critical infrastructure to support it.

That includes creating a dedicated travel route for commercial vehicles that will keep the majority of truck traffic off SW Village Parkway. A north-south "spine road" is being constructed to connect Tom Mackie Boulevard and Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Boulevard, east of Village Parkway. Completion of the spine road, which was partially funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant, is expected in early 2026.



Professional soccer prepares to take the field at Walton & One

Port St. Lucie is ready to score big with the arrival of a professional soccer team and stadium, coming soon to Walton & One.

The new stadium will be home to the Port St. Lucie Sports Club, which will play in the United Soccer League (USL). The team will bring high-energy matches and family-friendly fun right to the heart of our City.

But the impact goes far beyond the field. The stadium is a first step toward creating a vibrant destination where people can live, work and play.

Plans for Walton & One around the stadium include new restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and housing options, all designed to create a walkable, welcoming community space. The stadium will be a critical component in transforming Walton & One into a true city center.

The stadium is being built without using taxpayer dollars. The entire project is privately funded by the developer and team ownership, making it a smart investment in Port St. Lucie's future.

With soccer at its heart, this project is helping shape a more vibrant, connected and exciting future for our City.



Reimagining events

Providing a place for Port St. Lucie to gather

The MIDFLORIDA Event Center has long been a place where Port St. Lucie gathers, celebrates and connects. This year, the Event Center hosted 414 event days, welcomed 187,000 guests (a 34% jump from last year) and surpassed its revenue goal by 12%, all while staying within budget.

From the debut of Treasure Coast Comic Con and LEGO® Brick Universe to the return of community favorites like the Seafood Festival and Christmas in July, the Event Center offered something for everyone. The Candlelight Concert Series became a fan favorite, often selling out multiple times a year.

Behind the scenes, the Event Center made major upgrades to improve the guest experience and operational efficiency. A full restroom renovation, new lighting and upgraded sound systems all are designed for smoother operations and a more comfortable environment.

A new ticketing system launching in 2026 also will reduce costs for customers and modernize the box office experience.

The MIDFLORIDA Event Center ended the year with a 12% increase in revenue, a 4.9-star customer rating and expenses held right on target. These results reflect the Event Center's commitment to being a high-performing, community-focused facility that delivers value to residents and visitors alike.



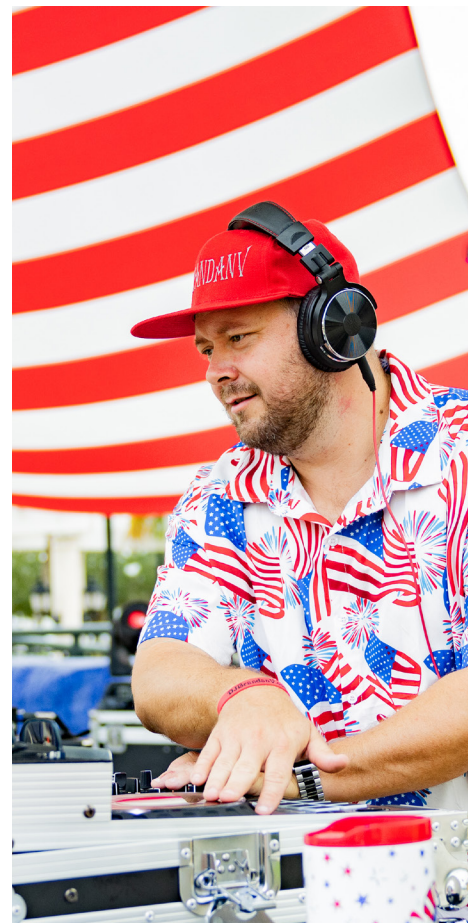


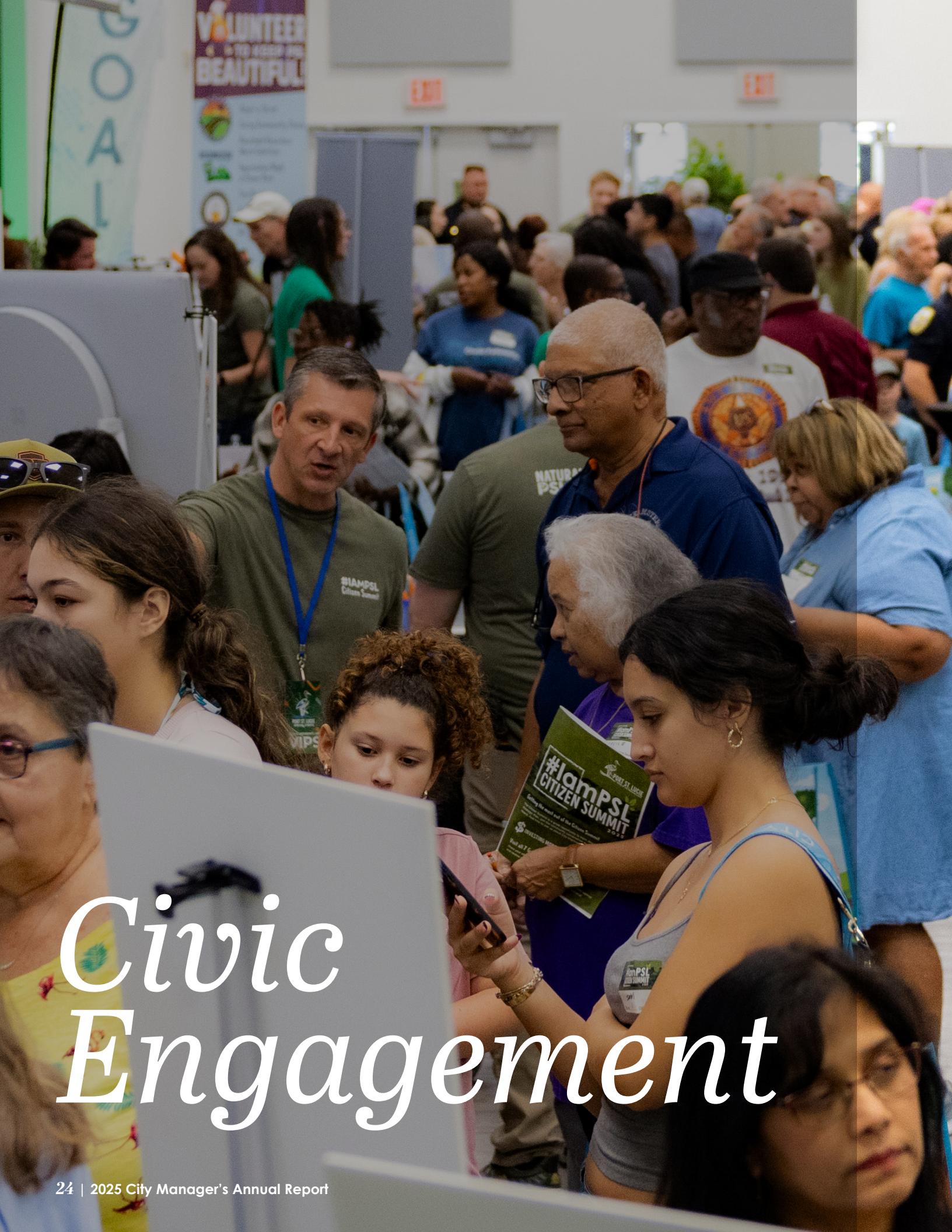
Enhancing community events

The Special Events Department took a fresh look at how Port St. Lucie hosts events.

The goal was to create a roadmap for events that bring people together, celebrate Port St. Lucie's culture and support local businesses. After months of research and collaboration with an outside consultant, the team developed the Special Events Study and presented it to City Council.

With Council's support, the team is now moving forward with a Special Events Master Plan, set to debut in summer 2026. The vision includes more opportunities for entertainment, stronger community connections and events that reflect the unique spirit of Port St. Lucie.





Civic Engagement



Empowering the voices of our residents

From informative public meetings and community job fairs to tree giveaways and neighborhood events, we've made civic engagement a cornerstone of everything we do as a City. These efforts connect us, empower voices and shape a City we're proud to call home.

The National Civic League recognized that commitment to engagement, which was a contributing factor to Port St. Lucie being named an All-America City.

City staff engaged with residents at:

380 events in 2025

1,500+ event hours

with **96,950** people

219 public meetings

9,851 public records processed

Your feedback matters



Residents guide the City's Strategic Plan at record-breaking Citizen Summit

The 2025 #IamPSL Citizen Summit welcomed more than 1,000 residents to the Port St. Lucie Community Center, setting a new attendance record for the annual event.

Designed as an interactive, family-friendly experience, the Citizen Summit invites residents to share their ideas, vote on priorities and learn how their feedback directly shapes the City's Strategic Plan.

One powerful example of this impact was the launch of the Naturally PSL Green Spaces & Places initiative, which was born from community input at the 2023 Citizen Summit after residents prioritized greater access to parks and preserves. Naturally PSL was launched at the 2025 Citizen Summit, allowing attendees to see the idea come to life and learn how the City is using innovative, resident-driven strategies to expand green space access.

The Citizen Summit is more than a public meeting; it's a hands-on opportunity for residents of all ages to co-create the future of Port St. Lucie. Their voices continue to guide investments, shape programs and strengthen the connection between local government and the community it serves.

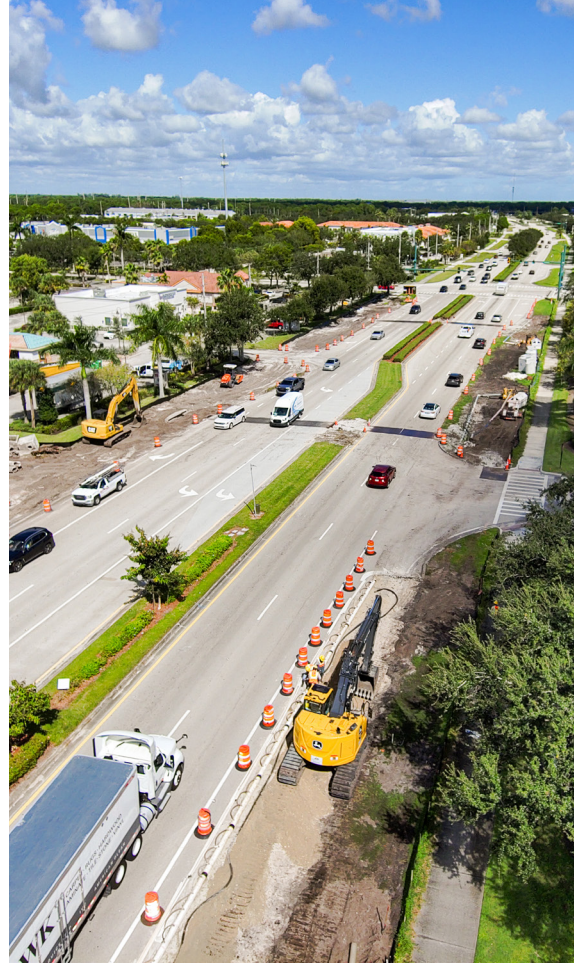
Shaping the future of our roads, together

In 2025, the City's Public Works Department took a thoughtful, data-driven approach to planning future roadway improvements — starting with listening to the people who use them every day.

Public Works is reviewing corridors from the initial planning stages through to design and construction to help meet the needs of our residents and improve our infrastructure. Through a series of public meetings across key corridors, residents had the opportunity to share feedback, ask questions and help shape the direction of major projects.

Public meetings this year included feedback for feasibility studies on:

- A 4-mile segment of Southbend Boulevard
- St. Lucie West Boulevard, focusing on the segment between Peacock and Cashmere boulevards
- NW East Torino Parkway
- Savona Boulevard between California Boulevard and Becker Road
- Bayshore Boulevard from Prima Vista Boulevard to Selvitz Road



Connecting with residents

Loving PSL, one block at a time



Something truly special is happening in Port St. Lucie and it's unfolding one block at a time. Through the Love Your Block program, powered by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, residents are stepping up, taking ownership and transforming their neighborhood in inspiring ways.

Port St. Lucie is proud to be one of just 16 cities nationwide selected for this initiative. We launched our pilot in the Whispering Pines neighborhood. With 16 mini-grant recipients and 710 volunteers, we've rallied 1,329 people in 2025 to clean 17 acres, install 20 new features — including Little Free Libraries and pet waste stations — plant trees, complete minor home repairs and remove 839 pounds of trash. In 2026, we'll move into the second year of this grant-funded program.

And behind every number is a story. Like the pollinator garden that now blooms along Tulip Boulevard, paired with the Little Free Library and seed exchange. Thirty-four volunteers, including Treasure Coast High School's Key Club and the grant recipient, helped bring it to life and will keep it thriving. None of this would've been possible without the support of several City departments. Teams from Communications, Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful, Strategic Initiatives and Innovation (Naturally PSL), Public Works and Neighborhood Services were instrumental in bringing these projects to life.



Ambassadors and Youth Council enhance PSL engagement

Port St. Lucie is making it easier than ever for residents to stay informed and involved in what's happening across the City. That includes creation of the Ambassador Program, an initiative designed to provide residents with information to share, engage with the community and support City initiatives.

City University is another program designed to connect residents with their City. The nine-week program gives participants a front-row seat to how Port St. Lucie works. The immersive, behind-the-scenes experience has grown rapidly over the past two years. In 2025, 73 graduates completed the program — one of the largest cohorts in program history.

The City also continued to invest in its next generation of leaders through the Youth Council. Now in its third year, the Youth Council welcomed 39 high school students from across the community. These young residents participated in events, shared feedback with City leaders and even helped plan youth-focused initiatives like the Big Summer Blowout.

Preparing together for hurricane season

To help residents stay informed and ready for tropical storms, the City's Emergency Management team hosted the 2025 Hurricane Preparedness Expo on June 7 at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

The event drew more than 1,400 attendees and featured expert presentations, emergency planning exhibits and live demonstrations from meteorologists and emergency professionals.

The annual Hurricane Expo empowered residents with tools and knowledge to strengthen their hurricane readiness, underscoring the City's commitment to safety, resilience and proactive disaster preparedness.



Creating pathways for new careers

A critical element of a strong local economy includes residents having access to meaningful employment.

That's why the City of Port St. Lucie's Human Resources Department partnered with CareerSource Research Coast to host the fourth-annual Community Job Fair in August at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

The event brought together 1,063 job seekers, 59 employers and 12 community partners, creating valuable opportunities for connection and career growth.

A "Dress for Success" clothing drive also helped 130 attendees prepare for interviews with confidence.

The City also participates in other career fairs across the community that can help launch careers.

One standout story is Kerby Jeanlouis, a high school senior who attended a career fair in 2024 and soon after was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee. In just one year, he earned his state license, was featured in a national publication and now mentors other students exploring careers in public service.

His journey is a powerful example of how local events can spark career success.





Collaboration



Working together toward a common vision

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do in the City of Port St. Lucie.

Whether it's improving roads, helping first-time homebuyers or securing grant funding for key projects, the City has teamed up with community partners and worked across departments to make meaningful progress.

This spirit of teamwork was a key factor in Port St. Lucie being named an All-America City and it continues to drive the innovative, people-focused work happening across our community every day.

\$17.2 M received in grant funding

164 homeowners applied for the new Residential Culvert Repair pilot program in the first month

75% of employees rate the City positively in providing a clear vision for the organization, higher than the national benchmark
Source: National Employee Survey

392 septic-to-sewer conversions, with 51 using grant funding

It takes teamwork

Keeping PSL safe, clean & beautiful, together

Keeping Port St. Lucie clean is a team effort and in 2025 that team was stronger than ever. The City's Litter Crew, Adopt-A-Street volunteers and pop-up cleanup groups all played a vital role in supporting our shared vision of a cleaner, safer and more beautiful community.

From January through November, 89 Adopt-A-Street groups volunteered more than 2,200 hours and collected nearly 27,000 pounds of litter. Meanwhile, the City's dedicated Litter Crew picked up more than 33,000 pounds of trash across expanded routes, including new areas along Becker Road and Crosstown Parkway. They also removed more than 4,000 bulky items, everything from tires to tables and added new trash cans and pet waste stations to help keep public spaces clean.

Pop-up cleanups brought even more energy, with 141 volunteers collecting more than 300 pounds of litter and unusual items like propane tanks and marble countertops.



Helping first responders get there faster

Every second counts in an emergency. Thanks to a collaboration between the City's Public Works Department and the St. Lucie County Fire District, help could be arriving even faster.

The City is working to install preemption systems on traffic signals across Port St. Lucie. These systems allow fire-rescue vehicles to temporarily override traffic lights, allowing them to move through intersections more safely and efficiently.

All new traffic signals will include this technology and the City is seeking funding to retrofit existing signals. While drivers could notice brief delays as signals return to normal after activation, the benefit is clear: faster emergency response times and safer roads for everyone.





Honoring old glory with flag retirement box program

Residents who want to respectfully retire their worn out and tattered U.S. flags now have a convenient way to do so in Port St. Lucie.

The City of Port St. Lucie launched a Flag Retirement Box Program to give residents an opportunity to easily and properly discard flags. Flag retirement boxes have been installed at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Park and the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. They are the first of their kind to be provided by the City.

Since the boxes were installed in July, nearly 1,000 flags have been collected for disposal.

The flag retirement boxes were generously donated by the Gulf Iraq Afghanistan Veterans Association, founded by City Councilman David Pickett.

The United States Flag Code indicates that the U.S. flag, “when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way.” After collecting the discarded flags, the City gives them to local organizations for proper disposal — working together with the community to honor our nation’s flag.

Reducing flood risk, one culvert at a time



When it comes to protecting neighborhoods from flooding, even small fixes can make a big difference.

That’s why the City of Port St. Lucie launched the Residential Culvert Assistance Pilot Program, a collaborative effort between the Neighborhood Services and Public Works departments and Port St. Lucie residents.

The program helps homeowners who have active code compliance cases for damaged culverts under their driveways. Repairing or replacing aging culverts is essential for keeping stormwater flowing and reducing the risk of localized flooding.

The program offers two ways to get help: interest-free financing over 10 years for any homeowner, or grant funding for income-eligible households through federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Both options include project management support to make the process easier and more affordable.

Through the end of the year, the program received more than 230 applications.

Grants

fuel progress across the City

Grants continue to play a vital role in helping Port St. Lucie fund important projects and move key priorities forward.

In Fiscal Year 2024–25, 10 City departments actively pursued grant opportunities, resulting in 25 awarded grants totaling more than **\$17.2 million**. The City's grants and advocacy efforts have resulted in more than **\$160 million** in grants for City projects over the past five years. These funds help support everything from public safety and parks to planning and neighborhood services.

The majority of 2025's grant funding, approximately **\$13.5 million**, was directed toward improving infrastructure, including roads, utilities and stormwater systems, aligning with the City's strategic goal of maintaining High-Quality Infrastructure and Facilities.

With 29 additional grants pending, representing more than **\$63 million** in potential funding, the City continues to seek out opportunities that reduce costs to taxpayers while delivering meaningful improvements for the community.

Here are some examples of ways grant funding has assisted initiatives across the City.



Police Department:

The Port St. Lucie Police Department secured more than **\$875,000** in grant funding to support a wide range of public safety initiatives. These grants are helping fund victim advocacy services, mental health and wellness programs for officers, fentanyl enforcement efforts and new technology like drones and e-bikes. Additional funding is supporting the launch of a Dive Team, pedestrian safety enforcement and the distribution of life-saving Narcan. These resources help the department enhance services, improve safety and support the well-being of officers and the community.



Emergency Management:

The City's Emergency Management team received more than **\$3.2 million** in hazard mitigation grant funding to help reduce long-term disaster risks. This includes support for infrastructure improvements and administrative costs. The City has submitted seven additional projects for approval, which could bring in more than **\$9.4 million** in additional funding.



Special Events:

The City was awarded a **\$30,000** grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to fund the 2025 Port St. Lucie International Fest. Now in its third year, the event continues to grow, offering even more cultural experiences from around the world. Attendees enjoy live performances, music, dancing, food, sports and clothing and artifacts from countries across the globe. It is an opportunity for participants of all ages to learn about different cultures in a fun, intimate and engaging event.



Laying the foundation for attainable housing

The City of Port St. Lucie is taking a comprehensive approach to addressing housing needs across the community. Recent initiatives focus on increasing attainable housing options, supporting first-time homebuyers and assisting residents facing housing instability.

- In June, City Council approved the mission, vision and guidelines for the **Essential Attainable Housing Incentive Program**, advancing efforts to expand housing options for Port St. Lucie's workforce and essential workers. City staff is now refining the program's tools and incentives, with additional details expected to return to Council in early 2026.
- The City of Port St. Lucie partnered with the Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast to launch a new **Homebuyer Assistance Program** for first-time buyers. Funded by \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars, the program helped four qualified residents purchase their first homes while ensuring long-term affordability through the Community Land Trust model. The City is exploring opportunities to expand similar programs to further support accessible homeownership in the community.
- The City partnered with the Continuum of Care and the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council to complete the final phase of the **Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) program**, using \$400,000 in grant funding to assist individuals experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk in Port St. Lucie. Completed Sept. 30, the Rapid Rehousing program provided rental assistance and supportive services to help participants transition into stable, permanent housing.

Keeping water safe and residents informed

The safety and quality of drinking water is the top priority for the City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department. While the City's drinking water meets or exceeds federal and state safety guidelines, as part of new federal requirements under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and Improvements the Utility Systems Department took steps to reduce any potential lead exposure in drinking water.

Staff inspected thousands of service lines in homes across the City. The USD developed a Service Line Material Map, giving residents an easy way to check the type of pipes connected to their homes.

To date, no lead has been found in service lines in Port St. Lucie's system.

Creating memories collectively



A record year at The Saints

Golfers had plenty to cheer about in 2025 as The Saints Golf Course teed up a banner year. With record-breaking rounds played and revenue at its highest levels ever for greens fees, merchandise and dining, the course also rolled out a series of improvements to make every visit even better.

The course saw major upgrades, including new sub-surface drainage to tackle persistent wet spots, repaired bunkers with enhanced drainage and fresh sand and smoother cart paths.

The driving range also got a makeover, with new artificial turf and a shaded awning to keep golfers cool while they practice. Plus, the launch of a convenient Range Membership program, now with 255 members, makes it easier than ever to hit the range.

With these enhancements, The Saints continues to be a favorite destination for golfers of all skill levels.

A community celebration of freedom

Port St. Lucie's Juneteenth celebration brought together residents, local organizations and City staff to honor the significance of this important holiday.

Through a series of planning workshops and the formation of three dedicated committees, the City worked closely with community partners to create a lineup of events that were meaningful and memorable.

The celebration included the Juneteenth 5K Run/Walk at Clover Park produced by the Treasure Coast Black Chamber of Commerce; Let Freedom Ring concert and drone show at Tradition Square produced by the St. Lucie County Boys and Girls Club; and A Celebration of Unity at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center produced by the City of Port St. Lucie.

More than 2,500 people attended the events, which featured world-renowned vocal artist and motivational speaker Dr. Wintley A. Phipps, dance performances, storytelling, a community panel discussion and more.



Brewing confidence and building skills

The City of Port St. Lucie's Human Resources Department continued its partnership with St. Lucie County Public Schools to support students with special needs through the Student Perks Coffee Cart program. This year, the initiative expanded to a second City location at Prineville, giving more students from two local high schools the chance to gain real-world work experience.

Through this hands-on program, students in the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program learn valuable job and social skills by serving coffee and pastries to City staff and visitors. Every interaction helps build confidence, independence and future employability.



The people pick

The Port District as a Great Places in Florida winner

Since The Port District opened in June 2024, it has been one of the most in-demand locations in Port St. Lucie.

That popularity was on full display when The Port District and Pioneer Park was the top vote-getter for the 12th annual Great Places in Florida People's Choice Award.

Great Places in Florida is a distinctive awards program held by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association where communities submit nominations and the public selects the winners. Each year, the program highlights unique and memorable places that serve their communities and draw visitors.

This year, the statewide contest celebrated places that reflect the deep ties between people and place — spaces that tell stories, honor culture and create everyday belonging. The Port District rose to the top thanks to enthusiastic public support.

Located along the St. Lucie River, the waterfront destination features scenic views, family-friendly amenities and a growing lineup of events. As a result, The Port District is quickly becoming a favorite gathering spot for residents and visitors alike.



Residents are on a roll

after outdoor skating rink opens

What started as a grassroots idea from local skaters became a reality in 2025.

Thanks to the passion and persistence of residents, including members of the St. Lucie Skaters group, the City transformed the once-closed Skate City at Whispering Pines Park into Port St. Lucie's first outdoor public roller and inline skating rink.

Originally built in 1999 and closed in 2010, the space has been completely resurfaced and reimagined for a new generation of skaters. Covering 39,000 square feet, Skate City is now open daily and free to the public.

This project is a shining example of what happens when community voices and City leadership come together to create something fun, active and inclusive for all ages.





Innovation



Innovation that serves the community

Innovation is central to serving Port St. Lucie residents. From adopting new technologies to streamlining services, the City is always looking for smarter, more efficient ways to keep the community informed, engaged and safe.

Port St. Lucie has been cited as a model internationally for its efforts in building a culture of innovation.

Whether it's using digital tools to connect with residents or finding creative solutions to everyday challenges, this forward-thinking approach played a key role in earning the All-America City Award.

1 of 104

cities worldwide that have achieved What Works Certification

1 of 40

cities selected to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

1,000+

residents engaged in the development of Naturally PSL

A Culture of Innovation

International spotlight PSL's innovation gets global recognition

Port St. Lucie has woven innovation into every layer of City Hall by engaging employees, residents and elected officials in a collaborative, human-centered approach to strategic planning. What began as a workshop-style session — where staff, department heads, the Mayor and the full City Council reviewed resident feedback and brainstormed solutions — has grown into a citywide culture shift.

New employees are taught from day one that “everyone can be an innovator,” supported through the City’s Innovation Academy and a network of trained liaisons who help departments rethink processes and develop more efficient, resident-focused solutions. This mindset now shapes the City’s Strategic Plan, informed by insights gathered at interactive Citizen Summits and strengthened by project managers trained in problem framing, data analysis and prototyping.

By embedding innovation into strategic planning, Port St. Lucie has empowered teams to anticipate community needs — such as developing shade initiatives inspired by national models — and encouraged elected officials to participate directly in hands-on ideation. Council members and staff now work

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side by side to interpret resident input, sketch prototypes and explore new opportunities. While the shift has required adjustment and deeper collaboration, City leaders agree the payoff is significant: a unified, resident-first approach that aligns the entire organization around creative problem-solving and shared goals. These innovation practices were featured in an article by the Bloomberg Cities Network.

Innovate PSL strengthens culture of efficiency

In 2025, Innovate PSL laid the foundation for a more agile, efficient and empowered City workforce, starting with its signature Green Belt training program.

Modeled after the Denver Peak Academy, this hands-on training equipped staff across multiple departments with the tools to identify inefficiencies, streamline workflows and lead innovation from within.

The June cohort, one of the largest to date, included 13 participants from Planning and Zoning, IT, Utility Systems, Facilities, Finance, HR

and Neighborhood Services. Each participant was challenged to apply their learning by launching a real-world innovation project.

The results were immediate and impressive. At the June 4 Share It Session, six employees presented their innovations, which ranged from digitizing services and improving forms to optimizing traffic data collection. These efforts collectively saved the City an estimated \$56,000.

Later in September, another Share It Session celebrated six more Green Belt graduates, including standout

Grisette Smith from Utility Systems, who earned her certification within the same month by applying her training to streamline internal processes.

One of the most promising outcomes of this year’s Green Belt momentum was the launch of a dedicated innovation project within the Utility Systems Department. Staff began working collaboratively to define a problem statement and identify opportunities for field-based innovation.



NATURALLY PSL GREEN SPACES AND PLACES

The Naturally PSL: Green Spaces and Places initiative was a perfect example of why Port St. Lucie was selected to receive the All-America City Award in 2025.

The initiative was created in response to feedback from residents, who cited preserving and activating green space in Port St. Lucie as a top priority. The City took the problem to the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative and worked with more than 1,000 residents to co-create solutions through participating in the innovation track through the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins

University with support from the Centre for Public Impact.

The initiative introduced a Citywide trails map to raise awareness of Port St. Lucie’s cherished outdoor spaces.

Through the Naturally PSL Conservation Corps, volunteers will help steward City green spaces. With grant and technical support from the Trust for Public Land, this program is set out to create an engagement model to activate more underused green spaces in the City with resident-led stewardship activities and environmental projects.

In September, the City honored 13 individuals, youth and organizations with its first-ever Naturally PSL Environmental Stewardship Awards, recognizing those who go above and beyond to protect and preserve our natural environment.

The most outstanding achievement under the Naturally PSL Initiative is in acquiring approximately 256 acres of land — the equivalent of adding about one acre of future green space for every 1,000 residents in Port St. Lucie — as part of a goal to expand conservation and recreation spaces Citywide.

Continuing this momentum to acquire land for the City’s future, Naturally PSL has initiated the development of a non-profit trust to leverage public and private funding for future land acquisitions and green space activations that benefit all residents.

Ensuring a smart, secure IT infrastructure



Behind the scenes, the City’s Information Technology team is working hard to keep Port St. Lucie connected, secure and running smoothly.

The IT Department made major strides in 2025 to strengthen the City’s digital foundation. A key infrastructure upgrade improved system resilience and connectivity that is critical for day-to-day operations and emergency response.

The team also began developing performance dashboards in collaboration with external partners, giving departments new tools to track service delivery and align technology with Citywide goals.

Internally, IT continued to support staff through enhanced digital learning opportunities, helping employees build confidence with essential tools and stay current in an evolving tech landscape. These efforts will ensure the City has secure, efficient and forward-thinking technology that supports residents and employees.

Smart solutions

Forward thinking for stronger canal banks

This year, the City's Public Works Department completed a unique project to stabilize canal banks near Sagamore Terrace and Airoso Boulevard.

Using an innovative method called geotube dredging, the team reinforced 1,000 linear feet of canal bank in just four weeks.

Here's how it works: sediment and water are dredged from the canal and pumped into large, permeable fabric tubes. These tubes hold the sediment while allowing water to drain back into the canal. Once dried, the tubes form a strong, erosion-resistant embankment, eliminating the need for hauling in new materials or removing debris off-site.

This method is not only efficient and environmentally friendly, but it also sets the stage for future canal stabilization projects across the City. It's a great example of how Port St. Lucie is using smart, sustainable solutions to protect infrastructure and preserve our natural environment.



New technology provides real-time code enforcement notices

Thanks to a new tech upgrade, Port St. Lucie's Code Officers can now print Notices of Violation right from their vehicles, saving staff time and improving efficiency.

Previously, notices had to be processed and mailed by administrative staff, which could take several days. Now, officers can issue and leave a printed notice on-site in real time.

This streamlined process not only speeds up communication with property owners but also frees up staff time for other important tasks. It's a simple but impactful innovation that helps keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.



PSLinProgress: Watching projects come to life

In 2025, the City’s Communications Department launched PSLinProgress.com, a dynamic new website designed to bring Port St. Lucie’s biggest projects to life. From new roads and parks to stormwater improvements, utility upgrades and community redevelopment, this interactive platform gives residents a front-row seat to the progress happening all around them.

Rather than just listing facts and figures, PSLinProgress.com tells the story of each project visually with maps, photos, videos and easy-to-understand updates. It’s an easy to use, transparent way to keep the community informed and engaged, while showcasing the City’s commitment to smart growth and innovation.

Whether you’re curious about a new park in your neighborhood or a major road expansion across town, PSLinProgress.com makes it easy to explore how Port St. Lucie is building for the future — one project at a time. You also can keep track of all the City’s Capital Improvement Projects by visiting CityofPSL.com/ProjectTracker. The page is frequently updated to provide information on everything from culvert repairs to new traffic signals, sidewalk installations and more.

Investing in better service

To meet the needs of our evolving community, the City is always looking for ways to provide efficient, accessible services.

As part of that philosophy, the City’s Building Department acquired the former QVC facility at 300 NW Peacock Blvd., a move that helps bring services closer to residents and businesses, especially in the expanding Tradition area.



The new space will house staff from land development departments, improving coordination and customer service. While this new facility will improve access to services, the purchase was made with money from the Building Department Fund, which is generated by permit fees, meaning no taxpayer dollars were used.

	2025 YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Permits Issued	37,678	46,005	54,440	60,774	68,261	52,355	41,504	39,899
Single-Family Permits Issued	2,524	3,525	4,069	3,882	5,273	3,824	2,729	2,189
Certificates of Occupancy Single-family	2,494	3,839	3,835	4,658	3,911	2,893	2,711	1,824
Inspections Completed	138,375	192,002	210,048	248,274	208,545	155,421	137,302	115,073
Plans Reviewed	30,856	37,218	21,211	24,103	24,820	19,150	13,978	13,559
Online Permits Applied	35,274	42,327	50,658	50,937	48,166	26,855	18,395	13,421

