



City of Port St. Lucie

Proposed FY 2023 State Legislative Program

ST. LUCIE RIVER/C-23 WATER QUALITY PROJECT AT MCCARTY RANCH REQUEST: \$ 3,121,000

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 construction of Area 7A for a 234-acre impoundment, which will annually hold back 1.14 billion gallons of water, 9,762 pounds of nitrogen and 1,320 pounds of phosphorus from entering the waterway.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOBS CORRIDOR: FOURTH PHASE OF TOM MACKIE BOULEVARD REQUEST: \$3,000,000

BENEFIT:

The recent announcements of new industry relocating and expanding to Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County, has created additional demand from manufacturing and distribution companies located in the Tradition Center for Commerce. Due to the increased demand, the City of Port St. Lucie is requesting \$3 million for the fourth extension of Tom Mackie Boulevard, a 3,150 linear foot roadway that will serve as the main north-south spine road of the Tradition Center for Commerce. The extension of Tom Mackie Boulevard will provide access to 130 acres of undeveloped land that can accommodate an additional 800,000 square feet of industrial development and create an additional 500 high wage jobs for St. Lucie County residents and the Treasure Coast region.

DETAILS:

- The City of Port St Lucie is requesting funding assistance for a roadway improvement project in the Tradition Center for Commerce. The fourth extension of Tom Mackie Boulevard is a 3,150 linear foot roadway that will serve as the north-south spine road for the Tradition Center for Commerce. The project includes all work associated with the construction of approximately 3,150 linear feet of roadway, including earthwork, clearing and grubbing, sidewalks on both sides, swale and underground drainage, installation of FPL conduit, potable water system, wastewater system, sanitary lift station and all work and materials to provide a complete project.

- Total project cost: \$10,017,600. The City of Port St Lucie's contribution: \$5,397,600 and a grant of \$1,620,000.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX/ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

REQUEST: \$1,000,000

BENEFIT:

The City of Port St. Lucie is seeking a \$1,000,000 appropriation to support construction of the Port St. Lucie Public Works Administrative Complex & Emergency Operations Center. This facility will provide a hurricane hardened centralized hub for staff that are currently working out of six (6) different facilities, five of which have no hurricane rating. Numerous inefficiencies due to the separated facilities necessitate the need for a centrally located hub that could house the entire staff with a Category 5 rated hurricane facility.

DETAILS:

- All Public Works staff are deemed essential and act as 1st responders in the event of an emergency. This facility is to be constructed with and EOC center to serve during extreme events as hurricanes.
- This complex and emergency operations center will allow us to immediately mobilize after such events and clear roadways to insure safe passage to facilities such as hospitals.
- The total cost is \$15,000,000.

POLICE TRAINING FACILITY

REQUEST: \$1,000,000

BENEFIT:

The City of Port St. Lucie is seeking a \$1,000,000 appropriation to support construction of the Port St. Lucie Police Training Facility to train Officers and Police Personnel more effectively. The growing needs of both the agency and the city has demanded the increase in high liability trainings. The project is designed to support the projected growth of the city and agency, providing a state-of-the art training facility that will allow multiple trainings to be conducted simultaneously, meeting the need for state mandates.

DETAILS:

- The Police Training Facility will provide internal training to improve direct service to citizens. The multilevel training facility will support the needs of the department as demand for direct policing services continues to grow with the growth of the City (current population: 217,523)
- The Police Training Facility will allow the department personnel to receive basic required training and advanced training in an efficient and effective manner.
- Additionally, the facility will allow the department to host advanced training classes for other departments in the region. ***Highly trained law enforcement officers provide superior service to their communities.***
- Improved police response to calls for service, including but not limited to mental health crisis, violent crime, active shooter, and civil disorder.
- The total cost is \$20,000,000

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 2023 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

St. Lucie County's 2023 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 TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) STATE BEAUTIFICATION FUNDING (KEEP FLORIDA BEAUTIFUL)

The City supports restoration of funding for Keep Florida Beautiful. Keep Florida Beautiful brings together a network of more than 40 local affiliates throughout the state serving as one of Florida's largest volunteer-based community action and education organizations. Funds requested will be used to benefit local Florida communities through litter removal, new environmental protection programs, recycling education, youth engagement and beautification projects.

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 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).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The City supports funding for afterschool and school age care.

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; and to advance mobility projects.

ATTAINABLE 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.

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 CONVERSION

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 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.