

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Largo's Community Redevelopment Agency oversees the West Bay Drive and the Clearwater-Largo Community Redevelopment Districts. Largo is home to a daytime population in excess of 100,000, in the most densely populated county in Florida, in a region growing due to the tech and manufacturing sectors. With no vast tracts of land available for development and housing, this is a huge hurdle to Largo's growth track and a growing need to accommodate new residents and businesses.

Redevelopment is needed to eliminate blight, modernize infrastructure, unify substandard parcels, accommodate residential and commercial spaces, and correct haphazard development patterns. Redevelopment does not happen overnight and requires hard, long-term work and a multi-faceted approach.

REDEVELOPMENT GOALS



- Walkable downtown
- Mixed-use development
- Neighborhood preservation
- Community revitalization
- A liveable downtown for people all incomes to live, work, shop and play.



FOCUS

Build up infrastructure capacity to better serve the residents, businesses and service providers in the redevelopment districts.

SERVICES



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Stormwater Retention
- Sewers
- Drainage



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Bus shelters
- Trail connections
- Lighting



NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

- Landscaping
- Sewer connections
- Repavement & road rehab
- Pocket parks
- Housing infill



REDEVELOPMENT

- Public parking
- Wayfinding signage
- Development Assistance
- Signage assistance
- Land assembly

TRANSPARENCY & PUBLIC STEWARDSHIP



ADVISORY BOARD

- A citizens' advisory board to the Community Redevelopment Agency was formed to provide advice and feedback on redevelopment initiatives.



CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS

- The Board and Staff are subject to the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, adopted by the Florida Legislature as Part II of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- CRA meetings are televised and are available on Largo.com/LTV



ONLINE RECORDS

- CRA Documents such as the proposed and adopted budget, the Annual Report and audit, are posted online at Largo.com/redevelopment and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is produced and included in the City's CAFR.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



BAYHEAD REGIONAL STORMWATER PONDS

- A regional stormwater system was integrated into the Bayhead Athletic Complex in Fiscal Year 2012 to provide a recreational use and stormwater retention and treatment to serve properties in a portion of the West Bay Drive District.



4TH AVENUE PINELLAS TRAIL CONNECTION

- In Fiscal Year 2018, under the Downtown Community Streets Improvement Project, the CRA funded a pedestrian bridge to connect Downtown Largo neighborhoods to the Pinellas Trail and improve access to the bicycle and pedestrian network.



BAYSIDE COURT

- In Fiscal Year 2012, a new 144-unit apartment building was built in the Clearwater-Largo Road Community Redevelopment District on 7.44 acres that was previously an abandoned mobile home park. The project is a mixed-income housing project uniquely qualified to serve working families.

WEST FLORIDA DANCE STUDIO

- In Fiscal Year 2018 construction began on a new two-story, 9,016 square foot, two-story, dance center in Downtown Largo. The Dance Studio worked with the CRA to acquire the property so the business could meet their growth needs.



158 RIDGE ROAD APARTMENTS

- In Fiscal Year 2017 construction was completed on a \$3.6 Million-dollar investment featuring 29 units of urban loft-style apartments. This "pioneer" project in the West Bay Drive Redevelopment District also brought alleyway improvements and on-street parking.



WEST BAY DRIVE TRAIL HEAD IMPROVEMENTS

- In Fiscal Year 2019 construction will begin on beautification of the West Bay Drive Trail Head adjacent to the Medical Arts District. Enhancements will include improved pedestrian access, wider sidewalks, benches and landscaping to connect the Trail to Downtown businesses.



COMING SOON!