



## Projects in Process/Completed

### Our Vision

To ensure that the City of Fort Walton Beach CRA continues to be a waterfront-oriented community that provides a mixed-use urban environment with a diversity of housing, variety of employment opportunities; thriving downtown core; vibrant and distinctive neighborhoods; attractive parks, open spaces, and cultural amenities; and well-designed public street, transit facilities, greenways, trails and blue ways.

### Our Mission

To focus on eradicating blight, enhancing infrastructure, and improving community safety through targeted urban design and investments that create a more attractive, safe, and economically vibrant downtown area.

### Future Goals and Objectives

#### Walter-Martin Streetscape

#### CPTED Upgrades:

- Public Parks
- High Crime Areas
- Assistance Grants

#### Downtown Redesign/Streetscape

#### Brooks Street Lighting

#### Economic Incentive Grants

#### Wayfinding Signage

#### Workforce Housing Assistance

### Land Use and Urban Design

- Public Parks creation and upgrades
- The Heritage Museum addition
- Demolition of blighted properties for public and private expansion.
- “Around the Mound” site design plan for redirecting Hwy 98 and creating walkable downtown

### Economic Development

- Preservation and relocation of the Gulfview Hotel to be utilized for local business office space rentals.
- Development Incentive Grants
  - Facade Improvements
  - Building Code Upgrades
  - Development Permit Fees
  - Nuisance Abatement
  - Asbestos Abatement
- Downtown Design Guidelines plan to be implemented when Around the Mound project is completed

### Community Policing

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies implemented in public parks to provide safer environments.
- Provide CPTED site analyses for private companies and grant program to assist with improvement expenses.
- Interdepartmental coordination to address a specific high crime area that has resulted in a decrease in negative activity.
- Coordinate with the community policing team to provide safe areas and community outreach.
- Build trust and improve community relations.
- Removal of specific design elements that encourage negative activity behavior.

### Beautification/Blight Removal

- Removal of specific design elements that encourage negative activity behavior and homeless encampments.
- Large downtown mural to depict the unique qualities of the area.
- Chester Pruitt Park Memorial preservation
- Area focused grounds maintenance improvements.
- “Erase the Trace” storm drain murals to project to discourage litter and dumping into the sound.

