



Charlotte County 2018 Draft Legislative Agenda Items

Appropriations Items for Discussion		
Project Title	Amount Requested (if applicable)	Project Detail
Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative – Phase II El Jobean Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project	\$2,000,000	This project includes constructing central wastewater service to 358 properties in order to replace inadequate On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDSs), restoring the storm water conveyance system to improve removal of sediment and pollutants, and educating property owners on Best Management Practices (BMPs) when applying pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.
Toledo Blade Blvd.	\$1,500,000	Seeking funding for the expansion of approximately 1.5 miles of Toledo Blade Blvd. from two to four lanes necessary to accommodate additional traffic and development of the area as well as provide access to a planned Business & Technology Park that will promote economic development and workforce training in targeted industries in Charlotte County.
Sustainable Brewing Program	\$500,000	Seeking funding for the construction of necessary classroom facilities to support the creation of the first Sustainable Brewing program in the state of Florida in partnership with Florida Southwestern State College and Western Michigan University.
Piper Road Infrastructure	\$1,250,000	Seeking funding to construct necessary water and wastewater infrastructure along Piper Road, which is scheduled to be widened by the County in FY19. Piper Road is located within the Airport ECAP, which is designated as an emerging SIS. This infrastructure is necessary to attract new business to the Airport ECAP and support the efforts of business recruitment within the targeted industries.

Sunrise Park	TBD	Seeking funding for the expansion of recreational facilities at Sunrise Park that will honor the memory of Corporal William Gaines, a local resident of Charlotte County who was killed in the line of duty in the October 23, 1983 bombing of Marine barracks in Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War. The County will seek funds through applicable state grant programs and/or appropriations.
South County Library & Archive	\$500,000	Seeking funding through the State Library Construction Grant program to provide furniture, fixtures and equipment for the South County Library & Archive. This library that will meet the current and future needs of the community in Punta Gorda/South Charlotte County.
Manasota Key 10-year Beach Management Plan	TBD	Seeking state cost share for the design of the Manasota Key 10 year beach management plan which has become critically eroded from the Sarasota County line to the Stump Pass Beach State Park. Tropical Storm Colin in June of 2016 had severe impacts to the shoreline resulting in the condemnation of two structures. Total project cost for FY18/19 is TBD.
Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training	\$1,500,000	Seeking state funds to purchase and/or build an Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting training prop, compliant with FAA regulations, for the purpose of maintaining FAA training requirements as outline in FAR 139.
Community Action Team (CAT)	\$750,000	Seeking continuation funding to maintain the Community Action Team in Charlotte County. Charlotte County was awarded funding for a new CAT team program in the FY18 budget. CAT team show a decrease in child welfare, juvenile justice and psychiatric residential placement. Annual savings are projected between \$1M-\$8.5M annually to the state and Charlotte County based upon individual family needs being met through this intervention.
Policy Issues for Discussion		
Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)		Monitor the progress of the Constitution Revision Commission and engage in advocacy efforts that support the guiding statements of Charlotte County's Legislative Agenda.
Regional Planning Councils		Support legislation providing county with authority to opt out from mandatory membership in a regional planning council.
Certified Engineering Inspections		Support efficient and effective government by reducing the requirement for mandatory CEI services on projects that have less than 50% state funding.
MSBU Assessment Methodology		Support legislation to allow for the collection of a special assessment in a MSBU that will allow for the implementation of a workplan to extend beyond 10 years.
Tourist Development Tax		Support revision of Ch 125.0104(4)(e) FS to allow for expanded membership on the Tourist Development Council to include commercial taxpayers who reside in neighboring County but have a vested interest in the development of tourism in

	the County of their business.
Home Rule	Oppose any efforts that seek to modify or weaken the powers and duties of local governments granted under Chapter 125 & Chapter 200, Florida Statutes
Vacation Rentals	Oppose legislation that would preempt the ability of local governments to regulate short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

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