

HENRY ST PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AND CONNECTING POINTS OF INTERESTS

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Area: City of Punta Gorda
Location: W Henry Street
Category: Quality of Life

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure, safety

Need:

Property improvements to this site will provide a parklike setting and additional amenities to increase site usage, and connectivity to attractions on-site including, Hounds on Henry (dog park), Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, History Park, Community Garden, Peace River Wildlife Center (coming soon) and enhance the quality of life.

Purpose:

Provide safe accessible park amenities to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

Objective:

To enhance connectivity to the Punta Gorda Pathways, Peace River Wildlife Center, History Park, Community Garden, and Library. Site amenities may include rest room facilities, enhancements to Hounds on Henry Dog Park, parking, and site furnishings.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$3,067,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$1,817,000 – Tier I \$1,000,000 – Tier II
Annual Operating Cost:	\$TBD

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, by providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. Parks promote physical activity and can positively impact health and overall wellness of the community

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, improving the park will increase home values and desirability. A new facility further develops the park for

additional activities that increase visitors to Charlotte County

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Yes, new O&M cost will be incurred for restroom facility, dog park, sidewalk, landscape, and lighting maintenance

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

No

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Yes, joint project between Public Works, Facilities, Urban Design, Charlotte County, Historical Society, and Peace River Wild Life Center

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

Yes, will provide safe transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling into town

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, this project is included in the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element; Park and Recreation Master Plan; and Master Plan

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda? If so, How?

No

Will the project improve quality of life in the City of Punta Gorda?

Yes, access to the Punta Gorda Pathways, Library, History Park, Hounds on Henry, Community Garden, Peace River Wildlife Center will all have a positive effect on health and quality of life for the community

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

Yes, to be done in conjunction with the Peace River Wildlife Center's new facility on the site