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North Charlotte Regional Park Recreation Center

Quality of Life

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Area: Mid Location: 1185 O'Donnell Boulevard, Port Charlotte

Need:

The North Charlotte Regional Park master Plan included community amenities and a recreation center. The park is nearly at "full build out" with the exception of the recreation center. Additionally, there is no permanent location for administrative offices for the Community Services Department, and this facility would be able to provide those in a central location of Charlotte County.

Purpose:

Provide recreational facilities in the most populated portion of Charlotte County, which currently has the lowest level of recreational facilities.

Objectives:

Build 30,000 sq ft Recreation Center with multi-purpose gymnasium, fitness center, multi-purpose classrooms, community garden and administrative offices for the Community Services Department.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$8,132,000
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$8,132,000
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$454,753

Will the project impact public health and safety?

The project will promote healthy lifestyles and activity by providing a fitness center, recreational gymnasium, and multi-purpose facilities to support active/healthy lifestyles.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? Companies seeking to relocate or establish in Charlotte County will view the facility as a positive with regard to quality of life.

- Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs? There would be a significant increase in O&M for the department, as this is a new facility.
- Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity? Matching grant funds may be applied for from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, up to \$200,000.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension? No, however North Charlotte Regional Park is a 1998 and 2002 Sales Tax Extension project.

- Is this a joint project with another entity? No.
- 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?

Access to the recreational facilities will serve all segments of the community.

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Is the project included Master Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan?

Yes for both. North Charlotte Regional Master Plan includes a recreation center that has not been built. The department is currently developing its park master plan and it will be incorporating that into the Comprehensive Plan. The additional amenities assist the County in established level of service for Parks and Recreation called for in the Comprehensive Plan.

- Will the project impact environmental quality of the County? There will be minimal environmental impact, if any.
- Percentage of population served

50% or more. The Recreation Center will serve the mid-County section of Charlotte County, which has the greatest density of any area in the County.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

This facility will significantly improve the quality of life in Charlotte County, and provide much needed access to recreational facilities in the County.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No.



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