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Charlotte County Administration



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA



Mission

**Delivering
Exceptional
Service**

Vision

**To preserve and enrich
our community's quality
of life for those who
live, work and play
in our paradise.**

Values

Charlotte CARES
Committed
Accountable
Resourceful
Energetic
Supportive



Charlotte County ■ 2023-24 Strategic Plan

Bold Goals to Encourage Fresh Ideas, Identify Ripe Opportunities and Forge New Partnerships



The Charlotte County Commission has four Strategic Focus Areas: Public Services, Economic & Community Development, Infrastructure, and Efficient & Effective Government. Within this framework the commission set bold goals, ambitious but attainable targets to reach within the next five years.

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Public Services



BOLD GOALS

- Define levels of maintenance by 2024
- Optimize organization based on levels of service

Economic & Community Development



BOLD GOALS

- Add 200 affordable housing units per year
- Hire 20 interns by 2024
- Implement One Charlotte, One Water plan by 2024

Infrastructure



BOLD GOALS

- Fund & update capital needs assessment through 2029
- Define & balance capital & operating budgets

Efficient & Effective Government



BOLD GOALS

- Strengthen resiliency
- Ensure culture of continuous improvement
- Increase line of sight

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State of Emergency- Continued

- Purpose: Funding programs; expedite, stream-line approval processes; most resources through State EOC Missions

IAN:

Governor: Initial EO 2022-218 on 09/23/22

Current EO 2024-287 on 12/18/24 (11th 60-day extension)

CC SLE: Initial SLE RES 2022-115 on 09/26/22

Current SLE RES 2025-029 on 02/12/25 (125th 7-day extension)

HELENE:

Governor: Initial EO 2024-208 on 09/23/24

Current EO 2025-10 on 01/17/25 (2nd 60-day extension)

CC SLE: Initial SLE RES 2024-156 on 09/24/24

Current SLE RES 2025-025 on 02/10/25 (20th 7-day extension)

MILTON:

Governor: Initial EO 2024-214 on 10/05/24

Current EO 2025-26 on 01/31/25 (2nd 60-day extension)

CC SLE: Initial SLE RES 2024-171 on 10/06/24

Current SLE RES 2025-021 on 02/07/25 (18th 7-day extension)



Facilities to remain closed – long term repairs needed

- Kiwanis Park playground; Riverside boat ramp; Spring Lake canoe/kayak launch; Tringali multi-purpose trails; freestanding shade structures
- Tringali Recreation Center remains closed
- Mid-County Regional Library remains closed, currently under construction. Anticipated completion date is spring of 2026
- Eastport utilities remains closed

Continue Delivering Exceptional Services

- Health, Safety, Welfare
- Safe Community – (Public Safety - Fire/EMS, Emergency Management, Animal Control)
- Infrastructure – Roads, Drainage, Waterways (Public Works), Water & Sewer (Utilities)
- Human Needs – Intake Services, Housing, Families, Seniors, Veterans (Human Services)
- Building, Permits, Zoning – (Community Development)

Continue Delivering Exceptional Services

- Quality of Life – (Comm Services - Parks, Libraries, Natural Resources, Historical)
- Tourism
- Communications
- Facilities Management, Human Resources, Budget & Administrative Services
- Administration – Leadership Team, Capital Projects, Legislative, Asset Management, Water Quality



Community Services

Challenges & Opportunities

- Long Term Recovery
- Continued growth
- Operations - Labor Retention & Recruitment
- Projects – Quality of Life; Infrastructure
- Implement master plans; financial plans

Single Family Permits

Single Family Permits Intaken - FiveYear History

	FY21 Units	FY22 Units	FY23 Units	FY24 Units	FY25 Units
October	297	399	238	362	225
November	250	388	284	342	187
December	401	418	317	735	243
January	122	386	171	132	
February	257	462	243	221	
March	347	568	340	377	
April	345	480	229	368	
May	299	374	331	394	
June	333	443	308	240	
July	360	264	289	292	
August	352	364	371	278	
September	411	259	366	245	
Total	3,774	4,805	3,487	3,986	604



Single Family Permits

Single Family Permits Issued - FiveYear History

	FY21		FY22		FY23		FY24		FY25	
	Units	Value \$M	Units	Value \$M	Units	Value \$M	Units	Value \$M	Units	Value \$M
October	238	\$52.6	222	\$70.4	244	\$77.2	330	\$100.2	271	\$83.0
November	170	\$46.5	270	\$80.6	235	\$75.1	356	\$109.0	162	\$54.0
December	194	\$54.1	288	\$82.5	174	\$51.2	315	\$95.0	192	\$67.0
January	248	\$67.8	381	\$113.7	278	\$84.4	419	\$120.0		
February	207	\$57.3	399	\$116.1	232	\$67.1	342	\$101.0		
March	224	\$61.1	341	\$108.0	252	\$75.3	361	\$105.0		
April	230	\$64.0	454	\$133.6	214	\$66.2	355	\$106.0		
May	253	\$76.6	390	\$116.1	281	\$83.1	394	\$116.0		
June	351	\$105.2	344	\$97.1	331	\$100.2	240	\$75.0		
July	279	\$79.2	416	\$128.9	318	\$89.5	292	\$91.0		
August	326	\$97.4	427	\$133.8	315	\$92.7	278	\$86.0		
September	294	\$84.9	233	\$68.4	355	\$103.7	196	\$62.0		
Total	3,014	\$846.7	4,165	\$1,249.2	3,229	\$965.7	3,878	\$1,166.2	625	\$204.0

Permit Data

PERMITTING STATISTICS

Item	Total FY24	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Percent Increase or Decrease	FY24 YTD	FY25 YTD	Percent Increase or Decrease
Total Single Family Permits Issued (including Babcock)	3,878	174	315	192	-39.0	686	433	-36.9
Babcock Only SF Permits Issued	935	27	39	12	-69.2	164	106	-35.4
Total Single Family Permits - Intake (including Babcock)	3,996	317	735	243	-66.9	704	412	-41.5
Total Multi Family Permits Issued (including Babcock)	60	5	4	0	-	11	7	-36.4
Babcock Only Multi Family Permits Issued	33	4	1	0	-	5	3	-40.0
Total Commercial Permits Issued (including Babcock)	118	3	3	3	0.0	34	17	-50.0
Babcock Only Commercial Permits Issued	30	2	1	1	0.0	2	1	-50.0
All Other Permits Issued	41,080	9,103	3,324	2,781	-16.3	7,858	6,441	-18.0
Total Number of Permits Issued	45,136	9,285	3,646	2,976	-18.4	8,589	6,898	-19.7
Total Number of Permits - Intake	45,279	10,105	4,166	3,220	-22.7	8,186	7,129	-12.9
Customers Served in Lobby	40,512	3,357	3,044	2,724	-10.5	6,945	5,628	-19.0
Inspections	228,997	24,648	18,118	13,665	-24.6	43,483	28,245	-35.0

Permit Issuance Time Frame (in days) within the last 30 days

Residential Cage	6
Residential Single Family	12
Residential Swimming Pool	6
Residential Window-Door	6

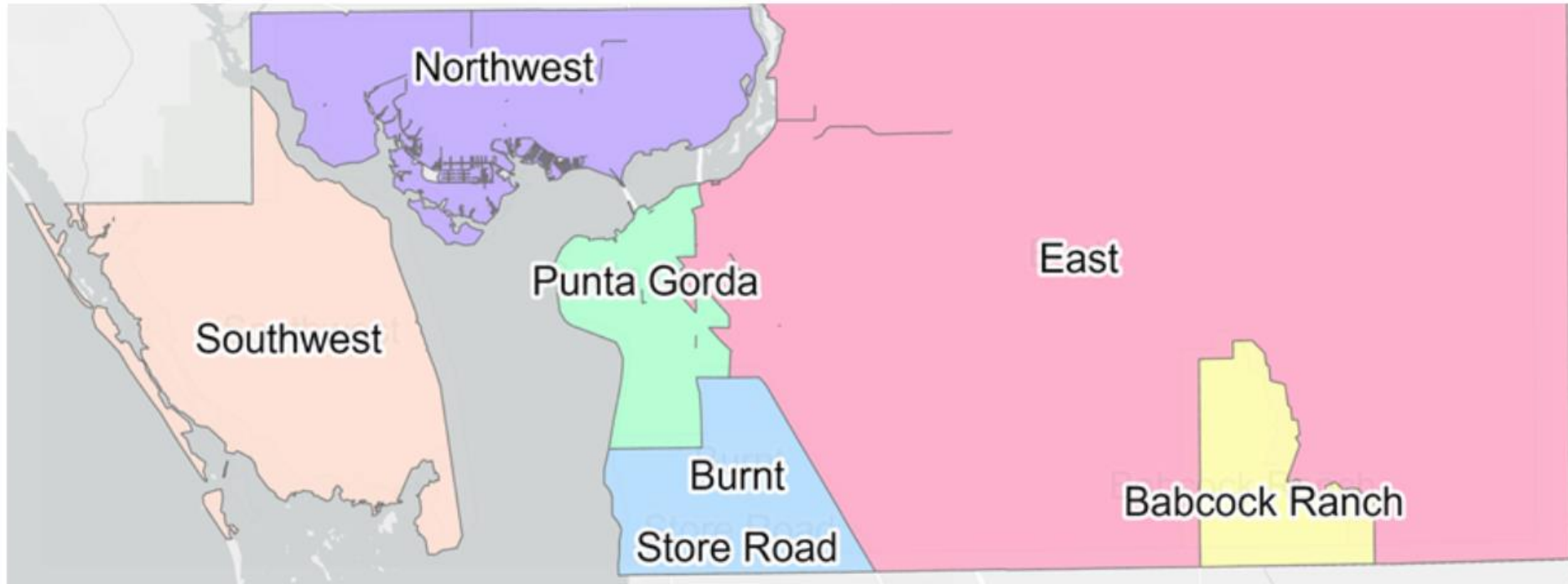
Permits Pulled In Person vs. Online

In Person	382
Online	2,838



Metro Forecasting Information on Future Growth

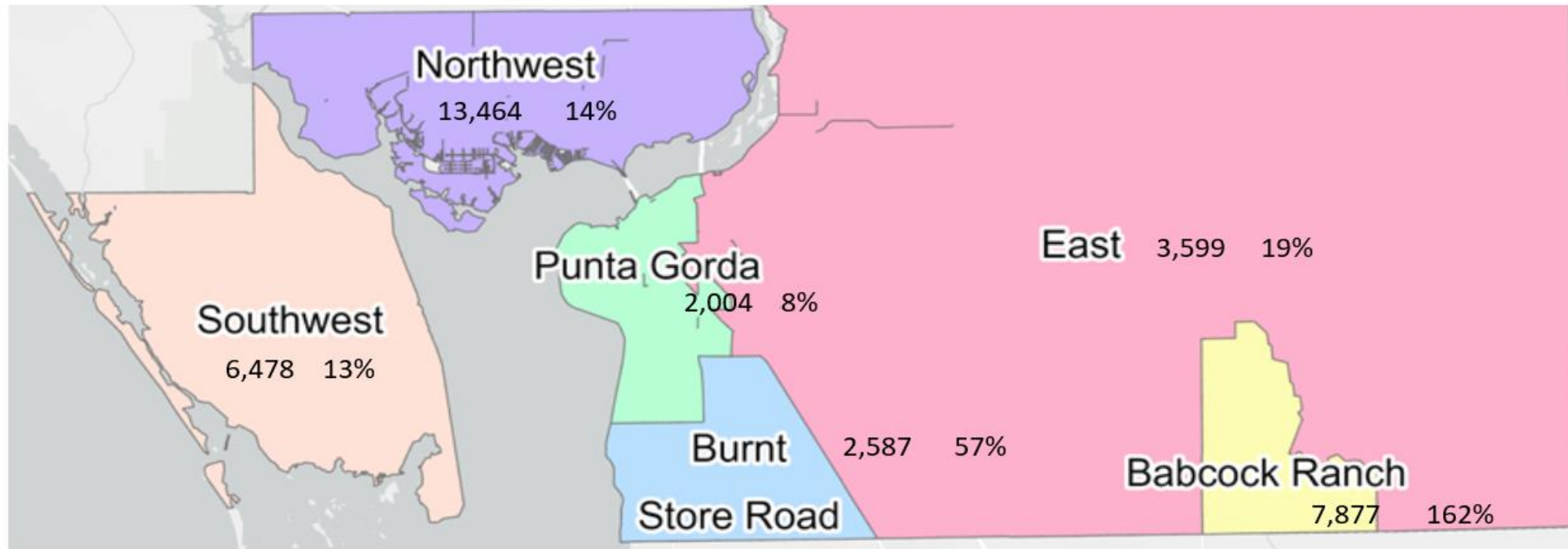
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Charlotte Count Projected Growth

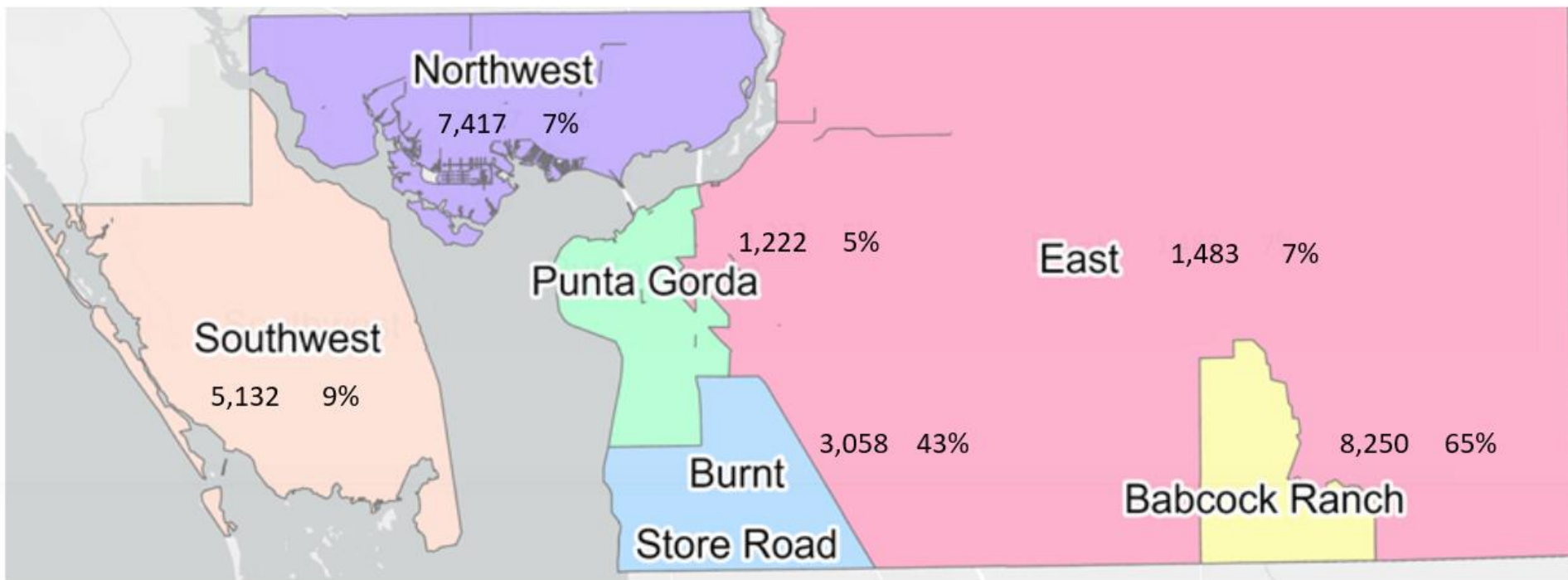
Population Forecast								
	2023	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	9995
Babcock Ranch	4,860	6,556	12,737	20,987	28,750	33,993	36,787	39,085
Burnt Store Road	4,567	5,237	7,154	10,212	14,668	18,802	20,802	34,856
East	18,519	19,452	22,118	23,601	25,212	26,666	27,751	47,843
NW	98,538	102,562	112,002	119,419	125,215	130,501	135,461	198,875
Punta Gorda	25,000	25,604	27,004	28,226	29,277	30,213	31,130	35,016
SW	50,350	52,104	56,828	61,960	67,179	72,413	77,423	123,245
Sum	201,834	211,515	237,843	264,405	290,301	312,588	329,354	478,920

Charlotte County Projected Growth 2030



County-wide 36,009 18%

Charlotte County Projected Growth 2035



County-wide 26,562 11%

Burnt Store Corridor

Current Entitlements

- Residential: 7,437 (PD approvals)
- Commercial (PD approvals):
 - up to 511,500 sq ft commercial uses
 - 20,000 sq ft office uses
 - 150 hotel rooms

Projects Underway

- Transportation study has been completed
- Board approved the East/West Connector alignment
- Drainage study is underway

5% Tourist Development Tax Revenues for Charlotte County

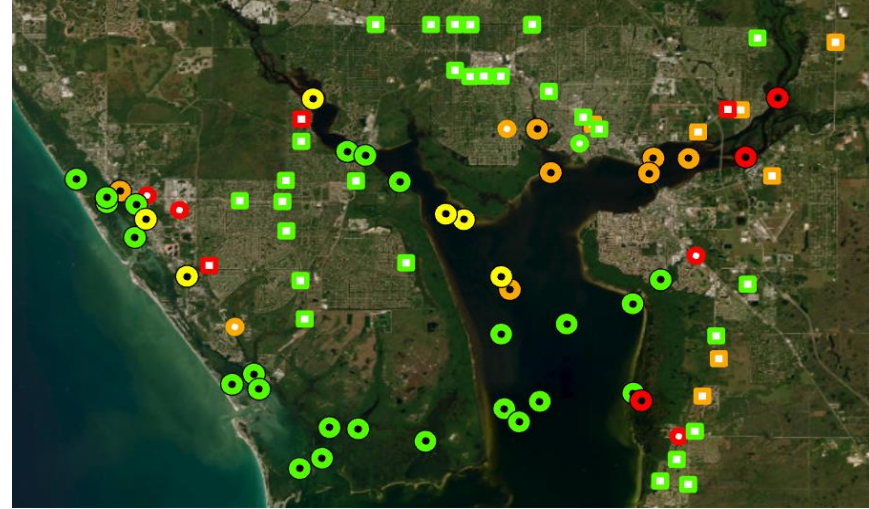
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Oct	\$152,889	\$168,306	\$178,919	\$ 204,770	\$ 255,365	\$ 358,478	\$ 440,189	\$ 365,016	\$ 343,320
Nov	\$158,203	\$189,539	\$198,701	\$ 275,100	\$ 259,390	\$ 412,964	\$ 469,913	\$ 423,160	\$ 578,139
Dec	\$297,009	\$316,367	\$323,076	\$ 400,368	\$ 400,833	\$ 597,742	\$ 614,798	\$ 662,441	\$ 666,407
Jan	\$467,585	\$499,757	\$491,503	\$ 642,905	\$ 636,834	\$ 962,615	\$ 963,143	\$ 1,097,198	\$ -
Feb	\$513,088	\$534,992	\$571,369	\$ 731,180	\$ 632,650	\$ 983,015	\$ 905,395	\$ 1,271,369	\$ -
Mar	\$862,409	\$957,412	\$1,009,357	\$ 701,101	\$ 954,893	\$ 1,321,665	\$ 1,131,680	\$ 1,366,170	\$ -
Apr	\$305,647	\$297,354	\$334,717	\$ 94,631	\$ 580,592	\$ 714,190	\$ 635,124	\$ 726,194	\$ -
May	\$201,359	\$211,547	\$231,827	\$ 158,981	\$ 468,992	\$ 504,735	\$ 475,807	\$ 600,335	\$ -
Jun	\$295,579	\$310,560	\$309,678	\$ 374,896	\$ 633,952	\$ 601,495	\$ 544,420	\$ 622,805	\$ -
Jul	\$258,844	\$247,089	\$235,647	\$ 339,761	\$ 578,083	\$ 599,348	\$ 523,940	\$ 689,023	\$ -
Aug	\$139,297	\$149,775	\$177,090	\$ 252,858	\$ 323,148	\$ 367,980	\$ 370,568	\$ 465,341	\$ -
Sep	\$283,784	\$240,669	\$274,873	\$ 263,413	\$ 347,248	\$ 338,283	\$ 434,940	\$ 427,847	\$ -
Total	\$3,935,693	\$4,123,367	\$4,336,758	\$4,439,963	\$6,071,981	\$7,762,508	\$7,509,916	\$8,716,898	\$1,587,867

Tourism news

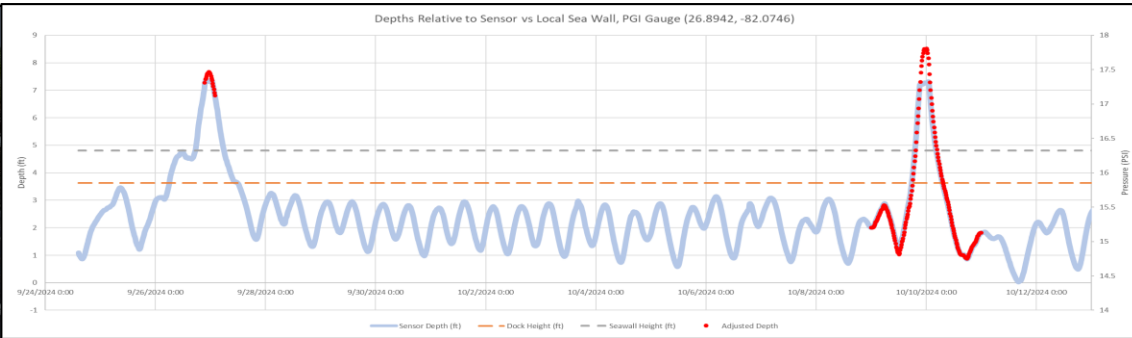
- **Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau** received visitor tracking research results from Q1 of FY 2025:
 - Economic impact of over \$316, increase of 7.5%
 - Destination welcomed approximately 331,300 visitors, a 5.8% increase
 - 32% of visitors opted to fly into Punta Gorda Airport, compared to 23% from last year
 - 99% of visitors were satisfied with their stay
 - 97% would recommend Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach as a vacation destination
 - 91% plan to return
- **American Cruise Lines** continue to expand
 - 2025/2026 offerings to include a total of 65 cruises
- **Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach** is a winter swimming/diving training site
 - U.S. Coast Guard Academy as well as 5 NCAA institutions including Susquehanna University, Wheeling University, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Wilkes University and Penn State University utilized our aquatic facilities
 - 148 athletes generating a total economic impact in excess of \$531,000

Water Quality Program

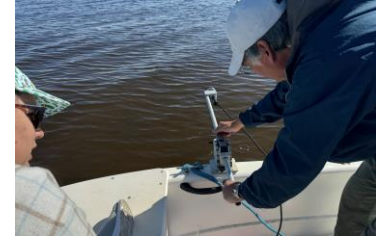
- Alongside agency partners, conduct monthly and storm event water quality monitoring
- Maintain depth sensors to track water levels and storm surge from events like Helene and Milton
- Assist local NGOs in creating citizen science opportunities



Learn more about our activities at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/one-charlotte-one-water/



Water Quality Program



--Monitoring, Modeling, and Watershed Improvement

Planning--

ONE WATER VISION: Create a comprehensive system for monitoring water quality and quantity trends in Charlotte County, creating meaningful stories to inform those activities that affect our waters now and into the future.

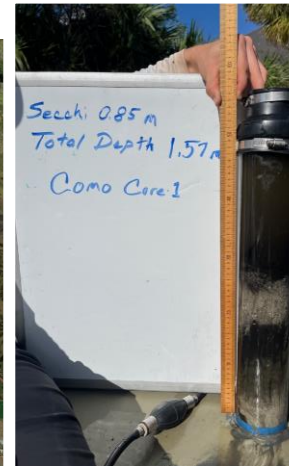
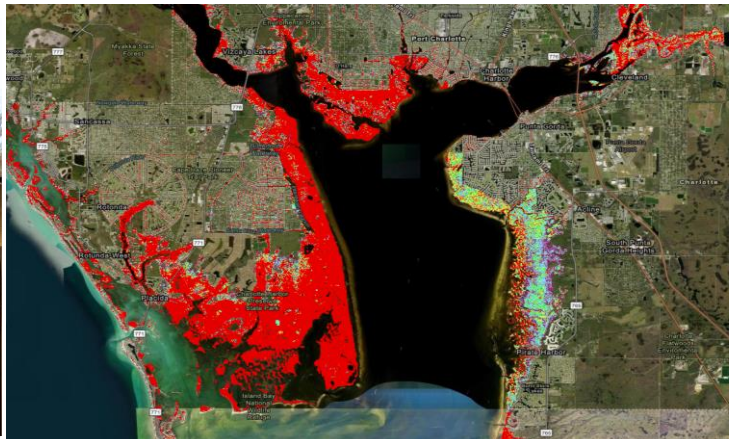
PATHWAYS TO THE VISION

		Establish a comprehensive water flow and pollutant load-based monitoring network, tracking and identifying regions with high rates of loading compared to background conditions and water quality criteria exceedances.
		Develop interactive flow, flood, and pollutant modeling products to inform water management and permitting decisions.
		Develop and implement water quality restoration plans throughout impaired areas of the county.
		Develop Watershed Management Plans to protect non-impaired waters.

CURRENT VISION TASKS

Categories	Task
	Install comprehensive water flow and elevation monitoring system to track pollutant loading rates, identify areas of flood and tidal surge risk, and calibrate/validate predictive flow and pollutant loading models.
	Build initial iteration of the <i>Spatially Integrated Model for Pollutant Loading Estimates</i> (SIMPLE) pollutant loading model to identify possible sources and drivers of pollutant discharges in the county.
	Coordinate with regional partners to initiate Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay water circulation study to determine hydrologic dynamics in areas experiencing chronic annual macroalgae and cyanobacteria blooms.
	Begin developing restoration plans based on prioritization described in this plan. For those impaired waterbodies recommended for TMDL development, confer with relevant partners to request FDEP's prioritization of these areas for modeling and restoration strategy development.
	Participate in and support implementing recommendations emerging from the regional harmful algal bloom working group.
	For waterbodies indicating potential water quality impacts but for which no impairment designation has been established, determine data needs as applicable and implement enhanced monitoring in the area to support assessment by FDEP. In addition, expand current monitoring program to account for impacts from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater discharge facilities and other point sources.

- Develop flood/tidal surge vulnerability assessment, examining areas at risk of current and future flooding due to sea level rise
- Introduced draft One Charlotte, One Water plan, which provides a suite of recommendations for protecting/improving our waters
- Research and test muck remediation strategies in our canals and the Harbor



Family Services Center – Phase 2 Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, Feb 15, 2024



Tampa Bay Rays – 2024 Spring Training



Charlotte Sports Park

- The Charlotte Sports Park is one of the showcase facilities within Charlotte County and a perfect location for special events, sports tournaments, 5K runs, and other recreation activities. The 82-acre park is the Spring Training Home of the Tampa Bay Rays.
 - Spring Training can provide an annual economic impact of almost \$15 million to Charlotte County.
- Home to Extended Spring Training, Florida Complex League, and Instructional League for the Tampa Bay Rays.
- Hosts tournaments, camps, clinics, & special events

Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

- 44,000 sq. ft. of meeting rooms, banquet facilities, dressing rooms and event space
- Hosts meetings, gala benefits, non-profit fundraising, concerts, sporting events and other special events



Airport Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Training Prop



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William R. Gaines Jr. Veteran Memorial Park



Cultural Center

Phase 1

- Public Input
- Site Evaluation
- BOCC Presentation & Direction re: Phase 2 – March 12, 2024

Phase 2

- Short-Term (BCC approved March 26, 2024) Funding Plan & Next steps
- combined scope, elements of three planned projects into one
 - Port Charlotte Library Replacement – originally planned for FY27 & FY28
 - Cultural Center Replacement - FY28
 - Historical Center - planned for FY30 & FY31
- Master Planning required to Define Programming and Building Requirements
- Design Approach (Based on Master Plan); Public Conceptual Design Charrette(s)

Fire Stations #3 (SR776/El Jo), #6 (Disston-US17), and #17 (Notre Dame/BSR-US41)



Road Widening Projects

- Sandhill Blvd Widening
- Construction forecast completion summer of 2028

Road Widening Projects



- Kings Highway Widening
- Construction forecast completion summer of 2026

Road Widening Projects



- Flamingo/Edgewater Widening
- Design Development forecast completion February 2025

Water Treatment Plants

- **Eastport**

Project Stage: Construction – Poole & Kent – Currently at 30% of construction completion. Expected completion in 2026. Construction budget \$115 million

- **Burnt Store**

Project Stage: Re-Design – Kimley Horn – Negotiating Contract. Design to increase capacity from 0.5 MGD to 1.0 MGD within the next 30 months.

Construction Manager at Risk – Receiving proposals 2/13/2025. CMAR will assist with Design and Construction. Total estimated budget \$20 million.

- **Westport**

Project Stage: Design – HDR – Currently at approximately 30% design. Construction will be completed in stages and spread out over time to reduce yearly costs. Total estimated construction budget \$90 million.

- **Rotonda**

Project Stage: Planning – We will be completing maintenance projects to increase efficiency within the plant. We will be adding a deep well within the next 5 years. Deep well budget - \$15 - \$20 million

Water Quality - S2S – Septic to Sewer expansion

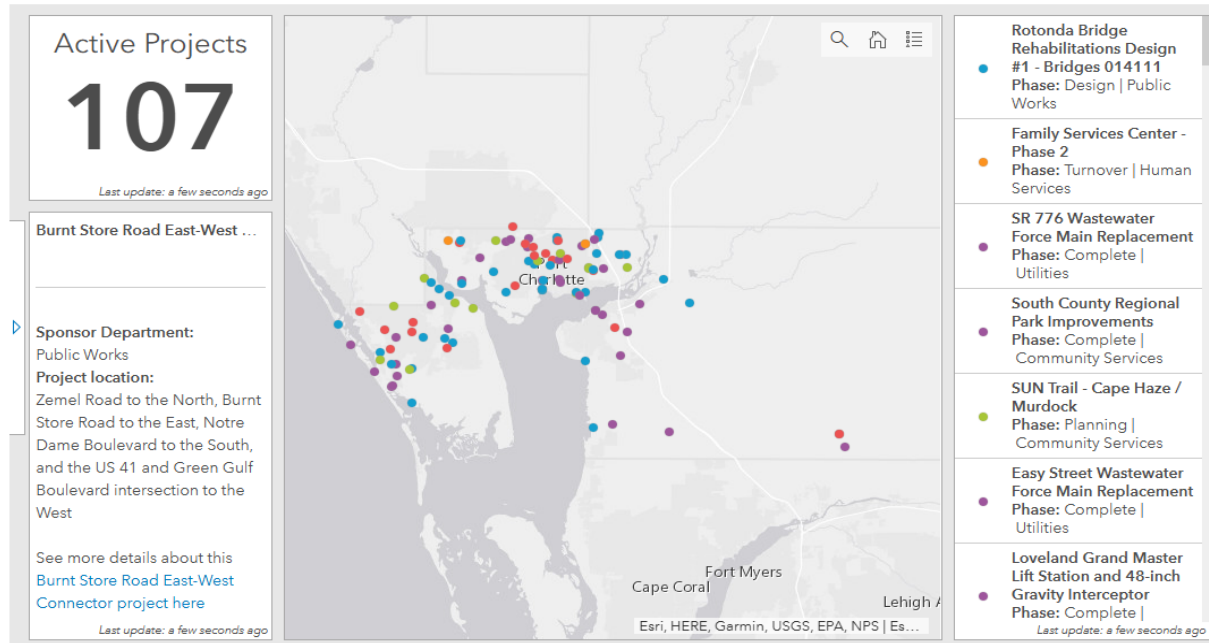
- **Ackerman**

Design – Complete, Construction at 60% complete.
Project construction estimate is currently \$70 million

- **Lakeview/Midway**

Design at 50% by Giffels – Webster Engineers

Project Status Updates

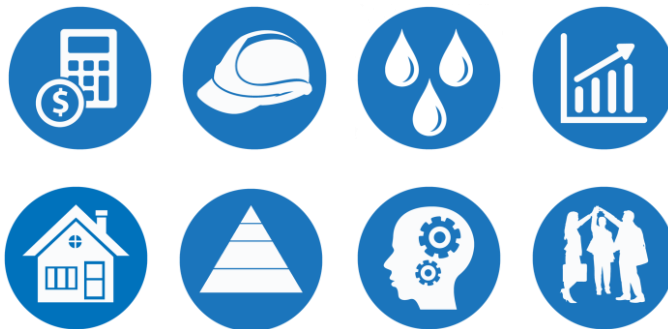


Intergovernmental Coordination

- Constitutional Officers – Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector
- Surrounding cities – Punta Gorda, North Port
- School Board, Airport Authority Dept of Health
- SWFL region counties – Sarasota, Desoto, Lee, Manasota
- Legislative - BCC, Administration, Staff – engaged at local, state, federal levels
- Policy & technical boards, committees – “seat at the table”

Communications

- Monthly Reports
- Charlotte County App
- Social Media
- Website
- CCTV 20



Monthly Report January 2025

Monthly Reports link:

[Monthly Reports | Charlotte County, FL \(charlottecountyfl.gov\)](https://charlottecountyfl.gov/monthly-reports)

Departments:

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Facilities Construction & Maintenance
Human Resources
Human Services
Public Safety
Public Works
Tourism Development
Utilities

Permitting

Charlotte County Behavioral Health Care Central Receiving Facility Expansion

1740 Education Ave., Punta Gorda
 5,578 sq. ft. building expansion, modifying the dumpster enclosure and expanding the existing south stormwater pond

McDonald's

5950 Duncan Rd., Punta Gorda
 3,859 sq. ft. building with dual drive-thru lanes and shared off-site retention

Publix Grocery & Liquor

Parcel # 402112251741 (El Jobean Rd. and Flamingo Blvd.)
 47,240 sq. ft. grocery store with a 2,100 sq. ft. attached liquor store, a 9,800 sq. ft. detached retail area, and associated parking, landscaping, utilities, and stormwater systems

West Port Village

17512 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte
 A modification for Ordinance Number 2020-008 to allow for a mixed-use development to include 350 single family lots/units, 330 multi-family units, of which 100 multi-family units will be affordable units, 150 hotel keys, 150,000 sq. ft. of government use, and 250,000 sq. ft. of commercial area

Under Construction



7 Brew Coffee

4275 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
 520 sq. ft. drive-thru coffee shop



Auto Shop Charlotte

524 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
 2,600 sq. ft. auto repair building and associated infrastructure



Charlotte Harbor Business Center

9225 Piper Rd., Punta Gorda
 139,200 sq. ft. warehousing and distribution development

Completed



Dollar General

25240 Sandhill Blvd., Punta Gorda
 Commercial retail store

Permit Stats

199 single-family permits issued
288 single-family COs issued
3,454 permits taken
2,920 permits issued (Jan. 2025)
45,136 permits issued (FY23-24)
12,794 permits issued (FY24-25)

FY23-24: Oct. 2023 through Sept. 2024
 FY24-25: Oct. 2024 through present

Project Spotlight

Babcock Ranch

39 single-family permits issued in Jan. 2025
3,303 single-family COs issued since March 2017

West Port

6 single-family permits issued in Jan. 2025
768 COs issued since April 2017

Current Plat Applications in Review

PP-24-07 Village 2 - Tract 1

Babcock Property Holdings, L.L.C. is requesting Preliminary Plat approval for a subdivision to be named, Village 2 - Tract 1, being a replat of Tract E-45, of Midtown at Babcock Ranch. The proposed subdivision consists of 220 lots and 10 tracts for roadway, drainage, and open space. The site contains 58.0± acres, within the boundary of the Babcock Ranch Community Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Increment 2 and in Commission District I.

PP-24-08 Village 2 - Tract 2

Babcock Property Holdings, L.L.C. is requesting Preliminary Plat approval for a subdivision to be named, Village 2 - Tract 2, being a replat of Tract E-46, of Midtown at Babcock Ranch. The proposed subdivision consists of 231 lots and 10 tracts for roadway, drainage, and open space. The site contains 58.55± acres, is within the boundary of the Babcock Ranch Community Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Increment 2, and in Commission District I.

PP-25-01 Punta Gorda Commons East

Punta Gorda Acquisition II LLC is requesting Preliminary and Final Plat approval for a subdivision to be named Punta Gorda Commons East. They also seek approval of a Construction and Maintenance Agreement and surety to cover the construction of the plat infrastructure. The proposed subdivision, consisting of six lots and four tracts with supporting utility, and roadway infrastructure, is the east portion of the project proposed with DRC-21-00114, which will be plat in two phases. The site contains 38.993± acres, is in the Punta Gorda area and in Commission District II.





Credentials, Competition, and Community

Emergency Management:

Three members of our Emergency Management team earned prestigious certifications from the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA). Two specialists achieved their Florida Associate Emergency Manager (FAEM) certifications, while one earned the Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM) certification, recognizing their advanced expertise. All three were honored at the FEPA conference in Orlando, receiving certificates and commemorative pins. These achievements demonstrate our team's commitment to providing the highest level of service to our community. Congratulations to these dedicated professionals!

Fire & EMS :

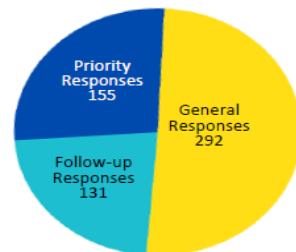
Charlotte County Fire & EMS's Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) competed at the Florida Fire and EMS conference in Orlando. The team faced realistic mayday scenarios, demonstrating their expertise in firefighter rescue. The RIT competition evaluates a team's ability to quickly locate, rescue, and stabilize a fallen firefighter. Our team's performance highlighted their skill, teamwork, and commitment to firefighter safety. We are proud of their dedication to training for these critical situations.

Animal Control:

Your local Animal Control team recently participated in their annual pepper spray and bite stick/baton training. This important training ensures our officers are prepared and safe when facing unpredictable situations in the field. It reinforces best practices and helps them maintain control while working with animals.

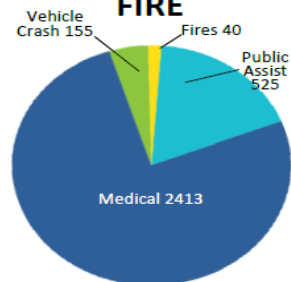
In other news, two members of the Animal Control team shared their expertise and enthusiasm at the Junior Achievement Inspire conference. This event provides local youth with valuable insights into a variety of career paths, giving them a chance to explore options beyond the traditional classroom setting. Our team members were excited to connect with these future leaders and showcase the important work of Animal Control.

ANIMAL CONTROL



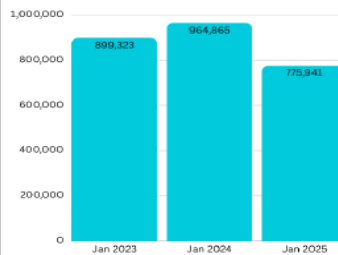
Total Calls: 578

FIRE

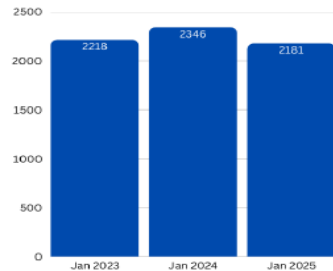


Total Calls: 3538

EMS Revenue



Billable EMS Calls



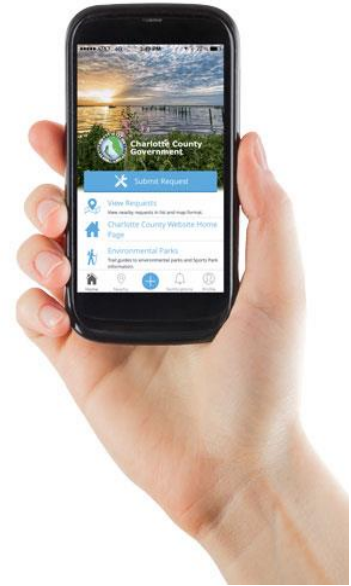
Charlotte County, FL App

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/apps/>

Connect with Charlotte County— Ask Questions, Report Issues, Track Progress, and Find County Services using the Charlotte County, FL App

The app makes it easy to report an issue such as a damaged street sign, illegal dumping, or just ask a question: Submit a Request. Choose the category and the app helps you include your GPS location, a photo, and a description.

Start now by searching your device's app store for Charlotte County, FL and download the free app: app store, google play



Social Media

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
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- NextDoor

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Any Questions?

