

County Continues to Focus on Recovery and Resilience

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Construction has begun on the new recreation center and pool at Port Charlotte Beach Park. The County Commission will commemorate the occasion with a groundbreaking ceremony at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 16. The park is located at 4500 Harbor Blvd., in Port Charlotte. The public is invited to attend.

Portions of Bayshore Live Oak Park located at 23157 Bayshore Road in Charlotte Harbor have reopened. Open amenities include parking, greenspace, and the fireplace pavilion. Other portions of the park remain closed due to damage and safety hazards.

Repairs to the pirate ship playground at Englewood Beach have been completed and the playground has reopened.

The county launched a revised Disaster Recovery Projects Dashboard feature on its website on Wednesday. The dashboard can be reached at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/disasterprojects or by clicking the project status graphic on the website homepage.

The dashboard contains the more than 1,200 recovery projects county staff and contractors have completed, are currently working on or will be working on in the future. There is a map that enables users to find projects by location. A project list is also searchable by project name. The dashboard contains funding sources and amounts, descriptions of the work being done and which storm event caused the damage to the facility or amenity.

As I mentioned in past columns, the County Commission has been laser focused on resiliency and recovery so we can restore damaged facilities and build new ones that can better withstand extreme weather conditions. The county hosted the 4th Annual Florida Resilience Conference Sept. 17-19 at Sunseeker Resort in Charlotte Harbor. Commissioner Joe Tiseo participated in the panel "Closing the Gap: State and Local Solutions to Federal Funding Cuts." He joined state and local leaders to discuss how Florida communities can adapt and strengthen resilience efforts despite funding challenges.

This annual conference brings together experts and decision-makers from across the state to share strategies for ensuring a more resilient and sustainable future for Florida.

The commission has scheduled a public meeting at 2 p.m., Oct. 14, 2025, in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle in Port Charlotte to solicit public input on its Resiliency and Modernization Plan.

The county is also seeking public input for the draft Integrated Master Plan and Resiliency Implementation Roadmap before it is finalized and submitted to the Department of Commerce. The project will assist Charlotte County in prioritizing utility operations and engineering projects using a decision framework that includes resilience and modernization.

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