



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle Room B-106

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – **Chair Darden** called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Roll Call - Upon roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.
Sign-in sheets attached.
3. Chairman's Comments
 - a. Reminders to All Members, and Staff, Visitors: Please sign in on the sheet provided. State your name and organization when addressing the committee to assist with minutes. Silence cell phones and keep conversations to a whisper, as the recording system captures all sounds.
4. Changes to the Agenda –
None.
5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items –
None.
6. Regular Business
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from December 4, 2025
Bob Mayes motioned for approval, seconded by **Robert Magliozzi**, motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 11, 2025
Not completed at this time.
 - c. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre- Agenda Meeting from January 2, 2026
Not completed at this time.
 - d. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine Updates

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. McRae introduced Deputy John Smith, marine patrol deputy. **Sgt. McRae** reported that Deputy Smith conducts derelict vessel investigations in coordination with another deputy. **Sgt. McRae** presented the Marine Patrol report and expressed appreciation to the Marine Advisory Committee for the approved funding supporting needed Sheriff's Office equipment.

Deputy Jonathan Smith presented his report and discussed a joint operation conducted the previous day with Officer Lee of the Punta Gorda Police Department, which included the removal of vessels. He reported that warnings are issued for violations and that citations are issued if corrections are not made. **Deputy Smith** also explained the various types of violations addressed.

Mr. Hyde inquired whether vessel lighting requirements complied with state regulations, including 360-degree visibility for two miles. **Deputy Smith** responded in the affirmative, and a discussion followed regarding various violations.

Ms. Ginsberg inquired about the new anchoring law, and a discussion followed.

Sgt. McRae reviewed the applicable statute and reported that a tracking spreadsheet is maintained in coordination with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission. The spreadsheet includes vessel information, ownership details, permitting status, and violations.

Commissioner Deutsch asked whether a Florida vessel license is required for documented vessels. **Sgt. McRae** responded that registration is required if a vessel remains in the water for more than 30 days, and a discussion followed.

Mr. Sluzewski requested a brief synopsis of the new anchoring law. **Sgt. McRae** identified the statute as FSS 327.4111 and read the statute aloud for the committee's awareness.

Mr. Hyde asked whether the statute was separate from the Anchoring Limitation Areas (ALA) and a discussion ensued.

Ms. Ginsberg clarified that federally documented vessels operating in Florida state waters have 90 days to remit sales tax and 30 days to register, similar to undocumented vessels. **Sgt. McRae** stated that he has not encountered any federally documented vessels to date.

City of Punta Gorda Police Department

Officer Lee thanked the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department for its cooperation and reported that the Punta Gorda Police Department maintains a spreadsheet tracking anchored vessels within its jurisdiction, noting challenges in identifying some vessels due to lack of markings. He discussed joint enforcement efforts related to lighting, anchoring, permitting with the FWC, and illegal anchoring, and reported that a patrol vessel is deployed daily.

Mr. Hyde inquired about coordination between the Anchoring Limitation Areas (ALA) and new legislation, and a discussion followed.

Chair Darden reported that the Punta Gorda Police Department and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will submit applications to the 2027 grant program, and a discussion ensued.

e. Derelict Vessel Report – Liz Eastes



Ms. Eastes presented her report. **Officer Lee** reported that he spoke on the vessel removals and that the process is ongoing, followed by discussion.

f. FY26/27 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Debbie Thibideau/Jacob Jenkins



Mrs. Thibideau and Mr. Jenkins reported that the applications were updated to remove volunteer hours and clarify parent organization requirements for auxiliary approval. They also reported receipt of five applications to date, with three weeks remaining in the application period.

Chair Darden commented on the clarity of the report and announced he would be absent from the Feb. 5 meeting. He stated that Feb. 5 would be the initial review of applications, emphasized the limited review window, and noted the importance of member attendance at the Feb. 5 and March 5 pre-agenda meetings. **Chair Darden** further stated that funding discussions must be completed prior to the March 12 meeting, at which time all voting will occur. **Mrs. Thibideau** stated she would review the application spreadsheet during the meeting.

Mr. Hyde asked whether any applications had been received from Punta Gorda. **Mrs. Thibideau** responded that none had been received to date and noted that quarterly reports had been received.

g. MSBU Update – Matt Logan



Mr. Logan was not present but submitted his report.

h. Community Services Update – Tina Powell



Ms. Powell presented her report.

Ms. Ginsberg requested an update on the South Gulf Cove boat ramp project, noting that construction had been anticipated to begin this month but that permitting issues remained. **Ms. Powell** responded that county permitting is required and proceeds more quickly; however, permitting cannot begin until a vendor and contractor are selected. She outlined the permitting and project process, and a discussion followed, including input from **Chair Darden** regarding design, acquisition, and project requirements.

7. New Business –

a. FY 27 Grant Applications for review

Chair Darden stated that the committee had completed discussion of grant application reviews under New Business and moved to discussion of channel signage related to the Port Charlotte Beach Complex ordinance.

b. Signs for channel with ordinance

Sgt. McRae thanked Kim Sargent for raising the channel signage issue, noted minimal complaints, and summarized recent enforcement and outreach efforts. He reported that Charlotte County has no ordinance on the matter and is working with Ms. Powell to install signs. A discussion followed with **Chair Darden** and **Mr. Hyde**.

Mr. Vigne reported an issue with Marker 8 and a slow-speed sign; **Mr. Campbell** confirmed the contractor addressed Marker 8 and the sign was repaired last week. Discussion took place regarding sand and channel conditions.

Ms. Ginsberg thanked Mr. Campbell for relocating a marker in South Gulf Cove lagoon, noting it had been struck again.

- c. Motion to approve Gene Pawlowski as the replacement for Robert Hickey

Mr. Killion motioned to approve Gene Pawlowki, seconded by **Mr. Mayes**, motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business - None.

9. Citizens Comments – None.

10. Member Discussion – None.

11. Next Meetings

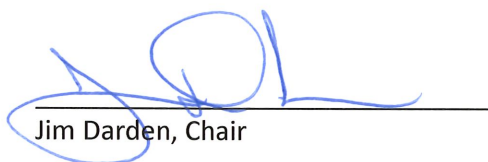
- The next pre-agenda meeting will be held Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of the E. Jay Carlson Community Development Building (18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte).
- The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in Room B-106 in Building B of 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Killion motioned to adjourn, seconded by **Mr. Mayes**, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Kimberly Sargent, recording secretary
Community Development



Jim Darden, Chair

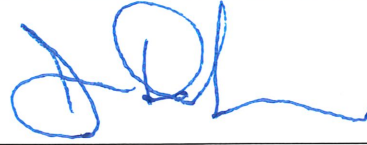
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MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Members – Agenda - Sign-In Sheet
January 8, 2026

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Jim Darden, Chair
Member-at-Large



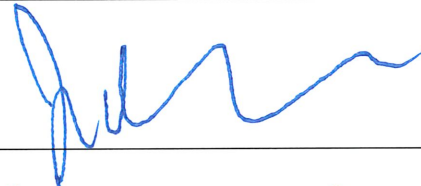
Hank Killion, Vice-Chair
Member-at-Large



Betty Campanella, Secretary
America's Boating Club - Peace River

Robert Eckert
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood

Jenna Ginsberg
South Gulf Cove Yacht Club



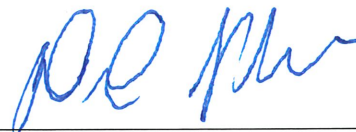
Robert Magliozzi
Member-at-Large



Richard Russell
Member-at-Large

~~Robert Hickey~~ *Resigned*
Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance

Dave Vigne
Pirate Harbor Yacht Club



Richard Sluzewski
Punta Gorda Boat Club



Bob Mayes
Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club



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Mike McIntosh
Punta Gorda Sailing Club



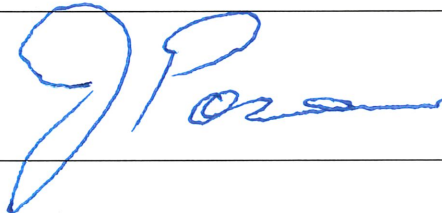
Michael Walsh
Harbor Heights Yacht Club



Laura Gassett-Shoemaker
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Cape Haze




Jim Pase
Isles Yacht Club



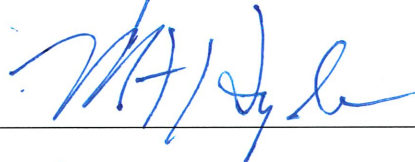
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Noel Hyde
City of Punta Gorda




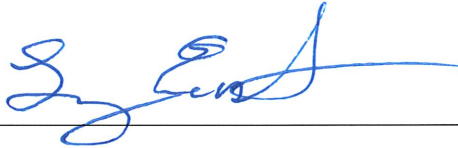
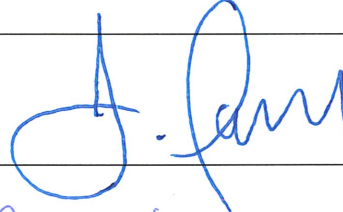
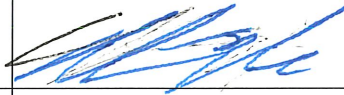
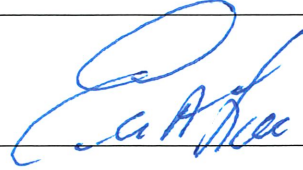
Ralph Lombardo
Member-at-Large



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Port Charlotte Yacht Club

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Staff – Agenda – Sign-In Sheet
January 8, 2026

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| Michael Benjamin , Dredging Project Manager | |
| Debbie Thibideau , Grants Analyst Budget & Administrative Services |  |
| Jacob Jenkins , Finance Boater Revolving Fund | Jacob Jenkins |
| Liz Eastes , Marine Environmental Specialist |  |
| Matthew Logan , Projects Manager Engineering | |
| Tina Powell , Parks & Natural Resources Manager Liaison |  |
| Robert Campbell (Eric) , Signing and Marking Coordinator, Public Works | Present |
| Sgt. Kris McRae , Marine Patrol Supervisor / CCSO |  |
| Michael Marsh , Lieutenant / CCSO | |
| Richard Nelson , DV Detective/CCSO | |
| Corporal A.J. Russell , Marine Patrol Punta Gorda Police Dept. | |
| Officer Eric Lee , Marine Patrol Punta Gorda Police Dept. |  |
| Matthew McElroy , Interim Chief Charlotte County Fire and EMS | |

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Chris Mott, Battalion Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Jeremy Tuttle, Battalion Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
Office of the County Attorney

Michael Kerns Marine ops Lieutenant
Charlotte County Fire

M. Kerns 576

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Guests - Regular - Sign-In Sheet
January 8, 2026

Please **PRINT** Your Name and Affiliation

| NAME | AFFILIATION |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Jonathan C. Smith | CCSO Marine Unit |
| Sty R. Deutch | CC |
| Gene Pawlowski | PBCH Boston Alliance |
| Stephen R. Deutch - Present | |
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MEMORANDUM

Date: As of January 7, 2026
To: Marine Advisory Committee
From: Matthew Logan, Coastal Project Manager
Subject: **December 2025 MSBU Project Update**

Ackerman Waterway: No active project at this time. Refer to Manchester Waterway.

Alligator Creek:

- Engineering Assessment Report for a claim for Helene and/or Milton – Completed June 20, 2025.
- Finalize the plans for dredge project and Complete the bid documents to bid with the Pirate Harbor Project.

Buena Vista Area Waterways

- Kelly Brothers began mobilization on October 6. Dredge is 100 complete. Trucking and Grading of material on the shoreline was completed by first week in December. The shoreline is open for the enjoyment of the Public

Edgewater North: No active project at this time.

Gulf Cove Waterways:

- Need to resurvey the interior due to reports of shoaling
- Draft plans for the interior dredge project need to be finalized

Harbour Heights:

- No active project at this time. This project was placed on hold.

Hayward Canals:

- No active project at this time.

Public Works Engineering

Manchester Waterway:

- An RLI has been submitted to the Purchasing Department for an Engineering contract to address multiple spots throughout the system. Negotiations are underway with the selected firm.

Northwest Port Charlotte: An RLI has been submitted to Purchasing for Engineering Services to design and permit the access channel(s) leading into the Apollo, Venus, and Cheshire Waterways.

Peace River Shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor:

- The dredge project is in final design stages and construction bid documents are being prepared to bid with the Alligator Creek Project

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove Tender House:

- 30 percent Tender House plans advancing towards 60 percent submittal

South Gulf Cove Waterway:

- Proceeding with an RLI for the access channel and interior spot dredge

Suncoast Waterway: An RLI submitted to the Purchasing Department to conduct Navigational Dredging. The contract has been awarded to Florida Marine Contracting and Recovery. They have begun mobilizing to the area for work to commence.

Public Works Engineering

410 Taylor Road | Unit 104 | Punta Gorda, FL: 33950
Phone: 941.575.3632 | Fax: 941.575.3664

FY23 & FY24 BALANCES AS OF 01/06/26

| County Project Number | WCIND Project Number | Agency | Equipment or Program Title | Grant Funds Awarded | Grant Funds Expended | Grant Award Balance | Disposition | Notes: |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| s392306 | | Charlotte County Parks | Artificial Reef Monitoring | \$ 50,000 | \$ 21,550 | \$ 28,450 | Active - extended to 4.26 | |
| s392307 | C254 | Charlotte County Public Works | New Marine Markers | \$ 120,000 | \$ 96,094 | \$ 23,906 | Active - extended to 4.26 | schedule delays |
| s392308 | C253 | Charlotte County Parks | Derelict Vessel Removal | \$ 64,000 | \$ 12,488 | \$ 51,512 | Active - extended to 4.26 | schedule delays |
| s392404 | C270c | Charlotte County Public Works | Sunrise Channel Dredge | \$ 125,000 | \$ 77,811 | \$ 47,189 | Active - Extension approved 9.2 | schedule delays |
| | | | | \$ 359,000 | \$ 207,943 | \$ 151,057 | | |

FY25 BRF BALANCES AS OF 01/06/26

| County Project Number | WCIND Project Number | Agency | Equipment or Program Title | Grant Funds Awarded | Grant Funds Expended | Grant Award Balance | Disposition | Notes: |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| s392500 | | Charlotte County Parks | Ainger Creek Boat Ramp Redevelopment | \$ 250,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 250,000 | Active - Extension approved 9.2 | Permitting |
| s392504 | C280c | Charlotte County Public Works | Sunrise Channel Dredge | \$ 150,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 150,000 | New CNIF Grant | off cycle |
| s392509 | C264 | Punta Gorda Police Department | Boats, DV Removal & Holiday Overtime | \$ 347,414 | \$ 14,809 | \$ 332,605 | Active - Extension approved 9.2 | Production delays |
| s392513 | C265 | Charlotte County Sheriff's Office | Vessel, Motors, LE Equip., Overtime & Training | \$ 184,846 | \$ 107,475 | \$ 77,371 | Active - Extension approved 9.2 | Construction delays at |
| s392519 | | City of Punta Gorda | Pump Out Boat | \$ 5,000 | \$ 3,477 | \$ 1,523 | Active - Extension approved 12.1 | Ext request - marina delays |
| | | | | \$ 937,260 | \$ 125,760 | \$ 811,500 | | |

FY26 BRF BALANCES AS OF 01/06/26

| County Project Number | WCIND Project Number | Agency | Equipment or Program Title | Grant Funds Awarded | Grant Funds Expended | Grant Award Balance | Disposition | Notes: |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| s392601 | c271 | Heal Our Harbor | Ambassadors Training Program | \$ 10,450 | \$ 0 | \$ 10,450 | Active | |
| s392602 | | Civil Air Patrol | Sundown Flights | \$ 26,250 | \$ 1,840 | \$ 24,410 | Active | |
| s392605 | | PNR | Military Reef | \$ 75,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 75,000 | Active | |
| s392607 | | Charlotte County Public Works | New Marine Markers | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 5,000 | Active | |
| s392609 | c272 | Punta Gorda Police Department | Boats, DV Removal, Holiday OT | \$ 109,476 | \$ 0 | \$ 109,476 | Active | |
| s392611 | | Peace River Sail & Power Squadron | Boater Safety Materials | \$ 4,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 4,000 | Active | |
| s392612 | c273 | Public Safety | Fire Rescue Vessel | \$ 369,821 | \$ 0 | \$ 369,821 | Active | |
| s392613 | c274 | Charlotte County Sheriff | LE Equip, OT, Training | \$ 212,528 | \$ 0 | \$ 212,528 | Active | |
| s392614 | | Charlotte County Public Works | Marine Debris Removal | \$ 80,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 80,000 | Active | |
| s392615 | c275 | Charlotte Harbor Environmental Ctr | 4th Grade Environmental Education, Sign | \$ 50,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 50,000 | Active | |
| s392616 | | US Coast Guard Auxiliary 87 | Patrol Boat Shelter | \$ 4,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 4,000 | Active | |
| s392619 | | City of Punta Gorda | Pump Out Boat | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 5,000 | Active | |
| s392620 | c276 | Learn to Sail | replacement equipment, enclosure | \$ 17,600 | \$ 0 | \$ 17,600 | Active | |
| s392621 | c277 | US Coast Guard Auxiliary 98 | Trailer, Comm, BS educational materials | \$ 14,618 | \$ 0 | \$ 14,618 | Active | |
| s392623 | c278 | Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing | Class Materials and Equipment | \$ 7,069 | \$ 0 | \$ 7,069 | Active | |
| s392627 | | PNR | Living Shoreline | \$ 20,000 | \$ 14,750 | \$ 5,250 | Active | encumbered |
| s392630 | | Charlotte County Public Works | Stump Pass Monitoring | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 0 | Active | |
| s392631 | | Charlotte County Public Works | North Manasota Key Beach Nourishment | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 0 | Active | |
| s392652 | c279 | Charlotte County Public Works | Maintenance to Navigation Aids | \$ 90,000 | \$ 23,687 | \$ 66,313 | Active | exp/encumbered |
| s392653 | | Englewood Fire Department | Replacement boat | \$ 150,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 150,000 | Active | off cycle |
| | | | | \$ 1,500,812 | \$ 290,277 | \$ 1,210,535 | | |

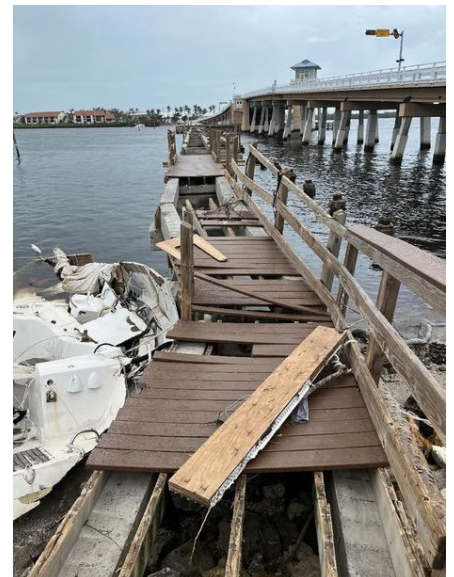
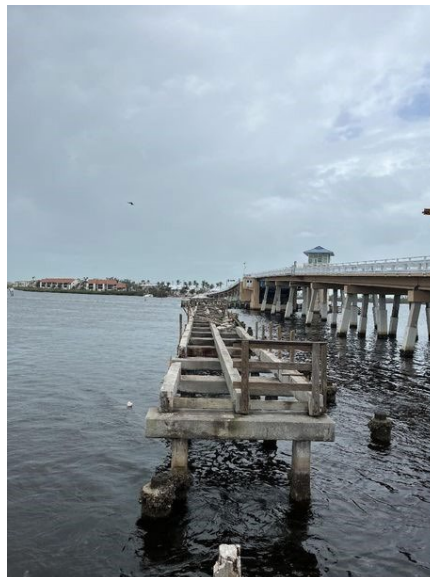
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 2026
To: Marine Advisory Committee
From: Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager
Subject: Community Services Boat Ramp and Fishing Pier Projects Update

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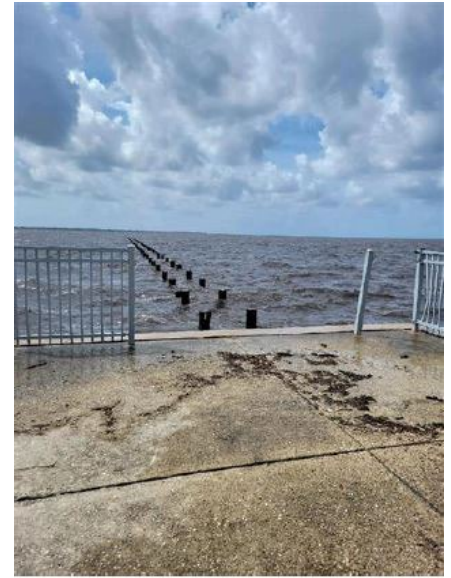
Project updates for Community Services boat ramp and fishing pier facilities:

- **Ainger Creek Park:**
 - Park Redevelopment project managed by Facilities; updates on the Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: First draft plans delivered Friday 11/14; were deemed incomplete after review. Awaiting updated plans and schedule. No Jan. update provided.
- **Allapatachee Park:**
 - Parking lot improvement project is being managed by Community Services; construction award going to BCC in Feb.
- **Anger Fishing Pier:**
 - Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.



- **Bayshore Live Oak Park:**

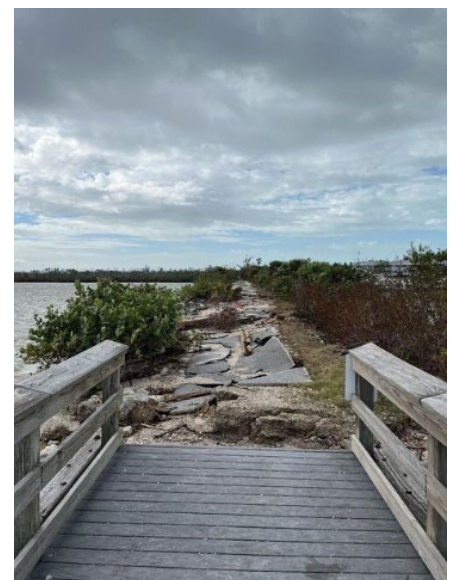
- Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; some areas remain closed until further notice.
- Parking lots, greenspace, fireplace pavilion and horseshoes have re-opened.
- Design is in negotiation.



- Shoreline renourishment is in progress.

- **Boca Grande Fishing Pier:**

- Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- The parking lot and canoe/kayak launch have been re-opened.
- Design is at 90% and in permitting with the regulatory agencies.



- **Butterford Waterway Park:** No projects at this time.

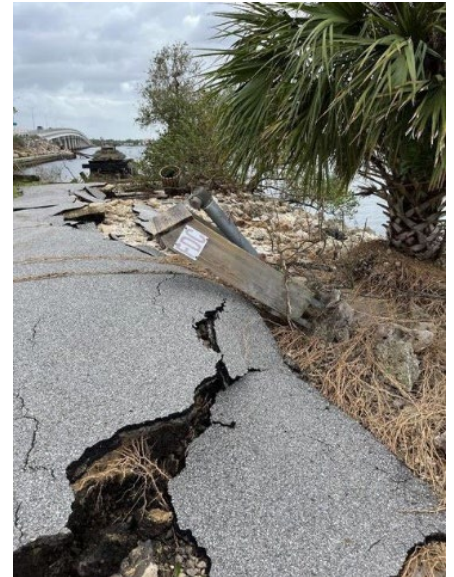
- **Cedar Point Environmental Park:**
 - Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; minor repairs were completed in July 2023.
 - Pier sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice. Design and permitting complete; engineer preparing bid docs.

- **Centennial Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.

- **Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center:**
 - Seawall replacement design project is being managed by Community Services; the design team has completed 60% designs and submitted permit applications. Staff replied to an Army Core Request for Additional Information.

- **Darst Park:**
 - Community Services is managing the boarding pier, seawall replacement and ramp scour protection; design is at 90% and in permitting with the regulatory agencies.

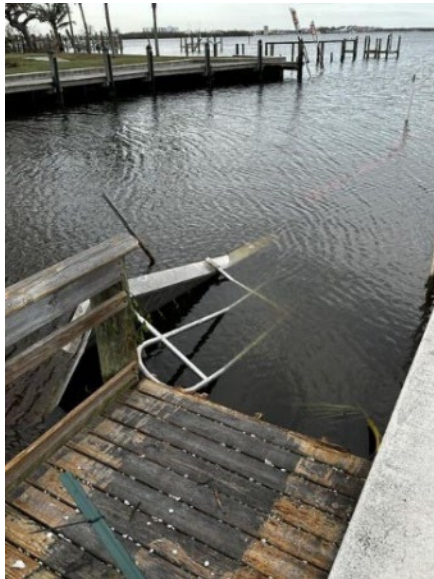
- **El Jobean Fishing Pier:**
 - Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
 - Design team is preparing technical memo for resiliency alternatives.



- **Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park:**
 - Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
 - The parking lot has been fully re-opened.
 - Resiliency alternatives presented to BCC 11/25; design team has begun the Walkovers with Limited Boardwalk Connectivity option.

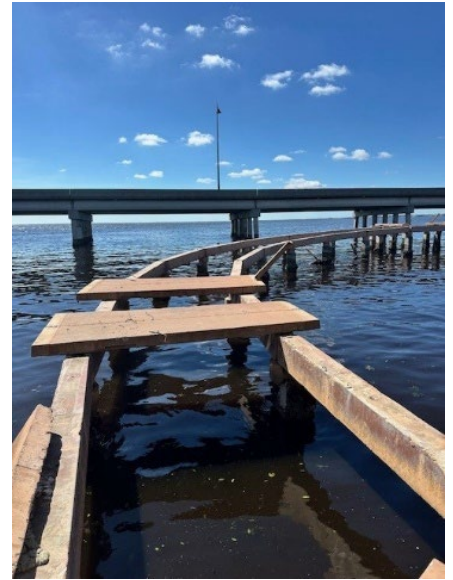


- **Harbour Heights Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Hathaway Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park:**
 - Park sustained significant damage from Helene/Milton.
 - The park has been partially reopened, the canoe/kayak launch, a portion of the boarding pier remain closed.



- **Live Oak Point:**

- Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- Ian damage repair construction preparing to submit to purchasing.
- Helene/Milton damage design approved by BCC 11/12; contract is in Legal for review.

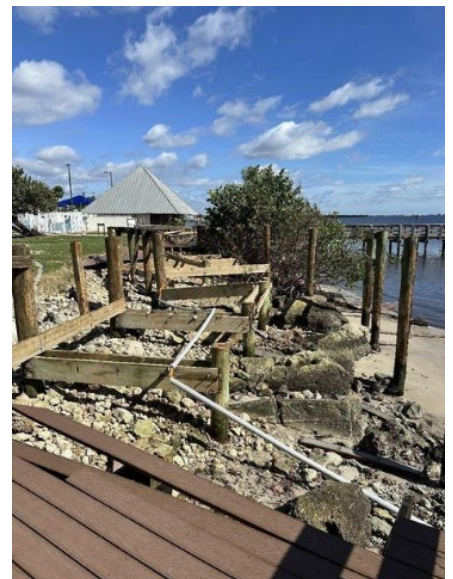


- **Placida Fishing Pier:**

- Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- Design team is preparing technical memo for resiliency alternatives.



- **Placida Park:**
 - 2014 Sales Tax expansion project managed by Facilities; updates on the Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: The amendment for the design contract & additional preconstruction services was approved by BOCC on 11/12. FDEP issued the environmental resource permit on 11/7. The USACE public notice will be issued in The Daily Sun for 3 consecutive weekends starting 11/23, continuing 11/30 - 12/7. Schedules will be updated further upon ACOE permit issuance. Mitigation credits were approved by the BOCC on November 12th. No Jan. Update provided.
- **Port Charlotte Beach Park:**
 - Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; areas remain closed until further notice.
 - The beach, sport courts, playground, sailing center and one boat ramp have partially re-opened.
 - Ian damage design in progress; staff responded to RAI in Dec.



- 2020 Sales Tax Recreation Center project managed by Facilities; updates on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: The surge tank and foundation has been formed out with underground utility work underway at the pool. Auger piles have been completed, and the elevator shaft and foundations are being formed at the Rec Center. Underground utility work is underway. No Jan. Update provided.
 - 2020 Sales Tax Tier 2 Pool project managed by Facilities: See above.
 - Park Amenities Project is being managed by Community Services; construction bid docs in process.
- **Riverside Park:**
 - Ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels due to safety issues cannot be address via repairs. Ramp repair project managed by Facilities; updates on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: Construction kickoff meeting was held on October 30th with Facilities, Community Services, Thomas Marine Construction, and Weiler Engineering to discuss project schedule, schedule

of values, and ACOE permit requirements. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2026, due to the long lead time of the floating dock. No Jan. Update provided.

- **South Gulf Cove Park:**

- Boat ramp sustained damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- Pre-construction meeting with contractor 12/4; county permits submitted in Dec.

- **Spring Lake Park:**

- Canoe/kayak launch sustained damage from Ian; closed until further notice.

- **William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park:**

- 2020 Sales Tax Phase 3 project managed by Facilities; updates on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: The contractor is preparing to submit a revised guaranteed maximum price package for the priorities Community Services provided to align better with the budget, per BOCC direction. No Jan. Update provided.

Community Services Boat Ramp and Fishing Pier Projects Summary - 1/1/2026

| Park | Park Status | Project | Project Notes | Project Status |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Ainger Creek Park | Fully open | Redevelopment | Preparing bid docs | FWC grant awarded |
| Allapatachee Park | Fully open | Parking lot improvements | Construction going to BCC | Ian FEMA Phase 3B |
| Anger Fishing Pier | Closed | Full park Helene/Milton damage | | H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Bayshore Live Oak Park | Closed | Full park Helene/Milton damage | Design contract in negotiations | Ian FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Boca Fishing Pier | Partially open | Full park Helene/Milton damage | Design in progress | Idalia FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Butterford Waterway Park | Fully open | None | N/A | |
| Cedar Point Environmental Park | Partially open | Pier Helene/Milton damage | Preparing bid docs | H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Centennial Fishing Pier | Fully open | None | N/A | |
| Charlotte Harbor Event Center | Fully open | Seawall replacement | In permitting | |
| Darst Park | Partially open | Boarding pier and seawall Ian/Helene/Milton damage | In permitting | Ian FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| El Jobean Fishing Pier | Closed | Full park Helene/Milton damage | Preparing tech memo | H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Englewood Beach | Partially open | Full park Helene/Milton damage | Design in progress | H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Harbour Heights Park | Fully open | None | N/A | |
| Hathaway Park | Fully open | None | N/A | |
| Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park | Partially open | C/k Launch, RR and partial pier Helene/Milton damage | FEMA process | Ian FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Live Oak Point Park | Closed | Full park Ian/Helene/Milton damage | Design contract in legal review | Ian FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Placida Fishing Pier | Closed | Full park Helene/Milton damage | Preparing tech memo | H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Placida Park | Fully open | Redevelopment | In permitting | |
| Port Charlotte Beach | Partially open | Ian/Helene/Milton damage | Ian design in permitting | Ian FEMA Phase 3B; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| | | Redevelopment - Sales Tax | Facilities project in process | |
| | | Redevelopment - Park Amenities | Preparing construction bid docs | |
| | | Shoreline renourishment | Complete | |
| Riverside Park | Partially open | Boat ramp replacement | Construction kick-off 1/2026 | |
| South Gulf Cove Park | Partially open | Boat ramp Helene/Milton damage | In permitting | Ian FEMA Phase 3A; H/M FEMA Phase 3B |
| Spring Lake Park | Partially open | Canoe/kayak launch Ian damage | | Ian FEMA Phase 3A |
| W.R Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park | Fully open | Redevelopment - Sales Tax | Facilities project in design | |

FEMA Phases Key and Definitions

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| Phase 1 | Pre Award activities operational planning | Immediate staff post-storm assessments creating initial damage assessment |
| | | Initial assessment generates the Damaged Items (DI) list and is submitted to FEMA |
| | | Staff and Consultant create more detailed damage assessments |
| | | May require additional engineering assessments |
| Phase 2 | Impacts and abilities | On site field visits with FEMA |
| | | Schedule determined by FEMA |
| | | Damage Description and Dimensions (DDD) developed |
| | | County's first opportunity to negotiate with FEMA: what is damaged |
| | | This is a back and forth process |
| Phase 3A | Scoping | Scoping of the scale of damages agreed upon in the DDD |
| | | County's second opportunity to negotiate with FEMA: scope of damages |
| | | This is a back and forth process |
| Phase 3B | Costing | Cost estimates of the agreed upon scoped damages |
| | | County's third opportunity to negotiate with FEMA: cost of repairs |
| | | This is a back and forth process |
| Phase 4 | Final reviews | Final project reviews |
| Phase 5 | Obligations & recovery transition | Obligation of funds by FEMA on agreed upon costing |
| | | Recovery Transition Meetings |
| Phase 6 | Post award monitoring & amendments | Actual construction work for recovery/repair |
| | | County procurement process with appropriate FEMA language |
| Phase 7 | Final reconciliation & closeout | Reimbursement requests |
| | | Project closeout and reconciliation |

Derelict Vessels in Charlotte County as of 1/1/2026

| Status | Agency | Case # | CO # | Tagged Date | Size | Make | Style | Reg/DOC#/Name | General Location | Comment |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------|-------------|------|----------------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Open Case | FWC | FWC23ON0092452 | AV-509 | 9/26/2023 | 24 | N Americ | cabin | FL9273DN | Charlotte Harbor Canal | H. Idalia/Hold |
| Removed | FWC | FWC24ON0073761 | AV-518 | 8/25/2024 | 15 | Newport | sail | FL2296SH | Marchman Waterway | |
| Removed | CCSO | Char2504-020853 | AV/606 | 4/30/2025 | 32 | Charter Yachts | Sail | Sand Dollar | Peace River | |
| Removed | CCSO | Char2412017294 | AV/611 | 12/26/2024 | 18 | Brunswick | Sail | FL3454EA | Alligator Bay | |
| Ready for Removal | CCSO | Char 2508-001092 | AV/614 | 8/2/2025 | 24 | Dyer | Sail | FL4541LK | Grassy Point | |
| Removed | CCSO | Char 2508-009225 | AV/615 | 8/15/2025 | 31 | Pearson | Sail | FL9321PR | Gasparilla Sound/Across from Dog island | |
| Removed | CCSO | Char 2509-013316 | AV/619 | 9/18/2025 | 26 | Croft Craft | Sail | FL1090ND | Chadwick Cove | |
| Open Case | FWC | FWC25ON0102092 | AV/620 | 11/20/2025 | | | Cabin | | Peace River by Gilcrist | |
| Open Case | FWC | FWC25ON0102085 | AV/621 | 11/20/2025 | | | sail | | Peace River by Gilcrist | |
| Open Case | FWC | FWC25ON0109394 | AV/622 | 12/13/2025 | | Unknown | cabin | | Chadwick Cove | needs dive team |
| Open Case | FWC | FWC25ON0109628 | AV/623 | 12/13/2025 | | Unknown | cabin | | Chadwick Cove | needs dive team |

Open Case 5 Removed 5 Relocated 0 Ready for Removal 1 1 on administrative hold