

Parks Boat Ramps Program **Amended 11/04/2025**

Category	Non-Concurrency
Project Number	2173
Location	Countywide
District	Countywide
Project Limits	Waterfront Parks Countywide
Related Projects	
Lead Department/Division	Parks and Recreation
Year Project Initiated	2021
Project Life Cycle	
Resilience Requirements:	2040 Vulnerability



DESCRIPTION

No FY26 increase is requested. The Parks Boat Ramp program allocates annual funding and maximizes grant opportunities from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the replacement and/or renovation of boat ramps countywide.

BACKGROUND

The Boat Ramp Program is designed to build new and renovate or rehabilitate boat ramps within Martin County's parks to improve safety, appearance, and performance. The program includes overall improvements to ramp surfaces, floating docks, fixed docks, pilings, lighting, shoreline protection, curbing, ADA compliance, and miscellaneous repairs. Necessary improvements will ensure the facilities are in good condition to ensure boater and user safety while meeting the needs of the community.

PROJECT ORIGATION

Infrastructure Needs

JUSTIFICATION

This project is in line with Goal 1 - Maintain and Improve Facilities, Objective 1.1 - Maintain and improve existing facilities. The Parks & Recreation Department has 20 boat ramp lanes of various ages and all with different renovation/upgrade needs. Boating is a major recreational activity in Martin County with an estimated 10,000 plus launches per year. Boat ramp renovations have been designated as a Board of County Commissioners priority.

Expenditures	Total	To Date		Funded					Unfunded
				FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31-35
Construction/Capital Maintenance	5,921,457	413,957		1,135,000	1,000,000	772,500	550,000	550,000	1,500,000
Expenditure Total	5,921,457	413,957		1,135,000	1,000,000	772,500	550,000	550,000	1,500,000

Revenues	Total	To Date	Carryover	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31-35
Ad Valorem	4,728,144	255,644	222,500	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	1,500,000
Grant	1,193,313	158,313	585,000	450,000	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Total	5,921,457	413,957	807,500	1,000,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	1,500,000

Total Unfunded:

0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Boat ramp replacements funded through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) are expected to reduce operating costs by utilizing durable, low-maintenance materials and incorporating modern designs that improve resilience to wear and environmental impacts. These upgrades minimize repair needs, enhance safety, and ensure long-term usability, allowing for more efficient resource allocation while maintaining high-quality facilities for public access.