

### 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## COMMUNITY MATTERS



#### MESSAGE FROM THE CRA CHAIR

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), led by a knowledgeable and caring volunteer Board, is in a unique position to connect leaders, develop impactful collaborations and work within our communities to collectively create positive change. When local government, civic members and the business community strive towards a shared objective – redevelopment happens! These historic economic engines, our six CRA areas – Golden Gate, Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach, Old Palm City, Port Salerno and Rio – and their residents, property owners and businesses are reaping the benefits.

It is exciting to share the many achievements of the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency during Fiscal Year 2019. In the past year, the CRA has continued to lead with a big picture view. We have worked effectively with our talented colleagues throughout the County including our state and federal agencies; and we have continued our investment in infrastructure, without which, redevelopment is not only challenging, but often impossible. Part of our quest to pave the way for redevelopment is an overhaul and update of our Land Development Regulations. This massive, two-year initiative will alleviate conflict, decrease confusion and clarify what property owners, business owners, residents and developers can do with their property.

We will continue moving forward, seeking innovative collaborations, creating development opportunities, transforming neighborhoods, respecting traditions and always remembering that These Communities Matter.

Saadia Tsaftarides, Chair Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency

#### **CRA BOARD MEMBERS**

(left to right)

Mark Palazzo, Old Palm City
Michael Readling, Rio
Chair - Saadia Tsaftarides, Golden Gate
Vice Chair - Catherine Winters, Port Salerno
Michael Banas, Hobe Sound
Cindy Hall, Jensen Beach
Rich Kennedy, Member-at-Large



#### WHO WE ARE

#### MISSION

The Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is revitalizing and restoring the neighborhoods and town centers of the Martin County CRA areas. We are dedicated to maintaining the unique character of our communities by encouraging sustainable economic investments, promoting walkability and livability, and working collaboratively with the Neighborhood Advisory Committees and the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to advance the future health and success of our communities.

#### VISION

We envision economically and environmentally sound CRA areas with safe, healthy neighborhoods and vibrant town centers; a network of well-planned, interconnected parks, public open spaces and complete streets; a full spectrum of high-quality housing that accommodates all walks of life; well-designed community infrastructure; and successful redevelopment that celebrates the distinctive identity and community character of each area and contributes to the overall sustainability of Martin County.

#### VALUES

INNOVATION ~ COLLABORATION ~ CONSISTENCY ~ SUSTAINABILITY ~ STEWARDSHIP



#### CRA Staff

(left to right)

Joshua Mills, Project Manager
Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist
Susan Kores, Manager
Jordan Pastorius, Senior Project Manager
James Clasby, Project Manager

#### Staff Consultants

Stephanie Merle, Finance Elizabeth Lenihan, Attorney

#### WHAT WE DO

A Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is a public entity that finances redevelopment within focused, geographic areas to reverse deterioration, revitalize the business climate, increase property values and encourage active participation and investment by citizens and the private sector. Under Florida law (Chapter 163, Part III), local governments can designate a CRA area when certain conditions exist. To establish a CRA, a municipality must:

- Adopt a Finding of Necessity to formally identify adverse conditions
- Adopt a Community Redevelopment Plan to address the unique needs/goals of the target area
- Establish a Redevelopment Trust Fund for each area to enable staff to implement the redevelopment plan

#### How WE Do IT

A **Neighborhood Advisory Committee** (NAC) guides each community redevelopment area. Comprised of 5-9 engaged individuals, the committee provides advice and recommendations on identified projects, goals and objectives.

The seven member **Community Redevelopment Agency Board** reviews the recommendations of the NACs, adopts redevelopment plans and budgets, provides direction to staff and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is the governing body that directs the activities of the agency. They approve and allocate project funds and appoint the CRA and NAC members.



#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

(left to right)

Chair - Edward V. Ciampi, District 5
Stacey Hetherington, District 2
Sarah Heard, District 4
Vice Chair - Harold Jenkins, District 3
Doug Smith, District 1

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Golden Gate

Saadia Tsaftarides, Chair Mariann Moore, Vice Chair Joseph Hatton, III H. Kelly Hirsh Jackie Vitale Cynthia Ramsey Rebecca Hartman

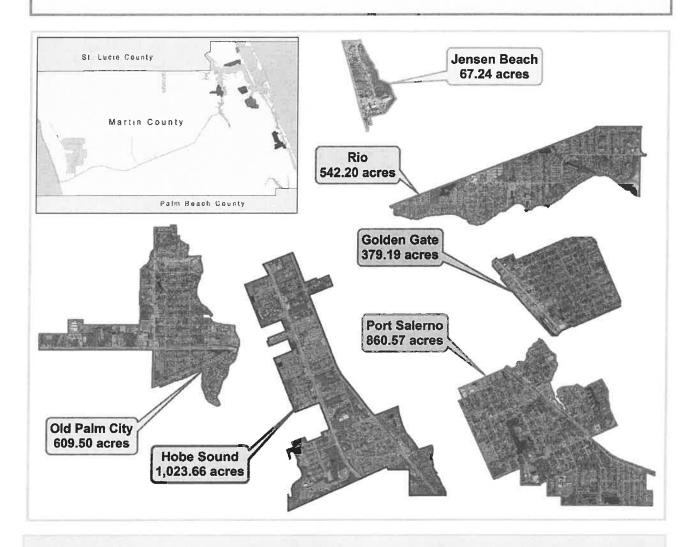
Jensen Beach Cindy Hall, Chair

Brent Rasmussen, Vice Chair Ron Rose

Hobe Sound Michael Banas, Chair Allyson von Holten, Vice Chair Audrey Capozzi Simone Scott **Robert Krebs** 

Blake Capps

Tracey Sullivan



Old Palm City

Mark Palazzo, Chair Douglas Legler, Vice Chair Mike Searle Rex Sentell Ken Natoli Jane Landrum Chuck Smith Scott Rodriguez Jessica LeMaster

Port Salerno

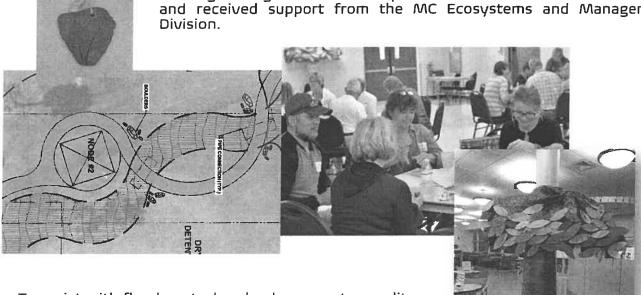
Edward Olsen, Chair Helen Fisher-Quintana, Vice Chair Catherine Winters Chandler Josie Ellen Asselin Cathy Harvey Marygrace Haluska Karen "Mike" Worden Jaime Rolle Taylor

Michael Readling, Chair Adam Guzi, Vice Chair Richard Kennedy Debra Harsh Jill Pinkham Estanislao Field JoAnn Gaieski

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

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• An exciting project in the Old Palm City CRA area combines community engagement, art and science! The Ripple project will construct new stormwater treatment areas with improved water quality at four distinct sites using a series of artist designed elements. In FY 2019 the community engagement phase was completed, including exhibitions at the Courthouse Cultural Center and the Cummings Library. The conceptual design was also completed, thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Staff applied for construction funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and received support from the MC Ecosystems and Management Division.



 To assist with flood control and enhance water quality, a stormwater bioswale has been designed for neighborhood enhancement with the assistance of the MC Public Works Department.

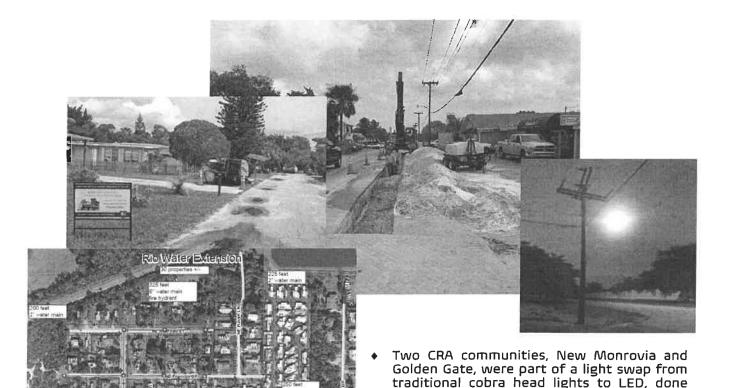


"Bioswales are stormwater runoff conveyance systems that provide an alternative to storm sewers. They can absorb low flows or carry runoff from heavy rains to storm sewer inlets or directly to surface waters, Bioswales improve water quality by infiltrating the first flush of stormwater runoff and filtering the large storm flows they convey."

-Natural Resources Conservation Services

#### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- The Jensen Beach infill sewer project was begun and completed in 2019, accomplishing our goal of providing sewer infrastructure throughout the Jensen Beach CRA area. Residents on Church Street, Cherry Terrace and Mango Terrace now have sewer access and their roadways were resurfaced. Design and permitting was done by the MC Utilities Department.
- Church Street in Jensen Beach will undergo electric undergrounding during the future construction of the roadway.
- The Rio water extension project was completed, with the construction of 1300 linear feet of water pipe, delivering potable water to 32 properties on four streets. This project, designed and permitted by the MC Utilities Department, was completed on time and on budget.
- Properties on Bridge Road between Dixie Highway and Hercules Avenue in Hobe Sound will receive new water mains and electric utility undergrounding.
- Design is underway for the provision of potable water to 450 Port Salerno properties west of Dixie Highway and north and south of Salerno Road.



through Florida Power & Light, for a total of

successful, the MC Public Works Department is now working with FPL to continue the

program throughout the county.

This pilot project was so

175 lights.

#### ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

- Bridge Road "Main Street" in Hobe Sound. In 2019, right-of-way donations were finalized for property owners on Bridge Road, staff coordinated with Florida Power & Light and South Martin Regional Utility for the undergrounding of utilities, the contract was awarded and construction began. This-soon-to-be-beautiful streetscape will promote economic development by providing new infrastructure, increased parking, new sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping. The enhanced roadway design will increase vehicular and pedestrian safety, corridor walkability and assist in future parcel redevelopment.
- Mapp Road "Town Center" in Old Palm City. This streetscape project is sure to be game changing for Old Palm City. Mapp Road, between Martin Downs Boulevard and Martin Highway, will feature 3/4 of a mile of new drainage structures, medians, on street parking, generous sidewalks, enhanced lighting, lush landscaping and pedestrian crosswalks that will increase safety, walkability and community connection!
- Dixie Highway (Jefferson Street to Indian Street) in Golden Gate. In partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation and the MC Public Works Department, this stretch of Dixie Highway will undergo improvements such as the construction of bike lanes, traffic calming, median sanctuaries and enhanced lighting that will increase the safety and walkability for the residents of the Golden Gate CRA area. Design and coordination is ongoing with a 2020 construction start date.







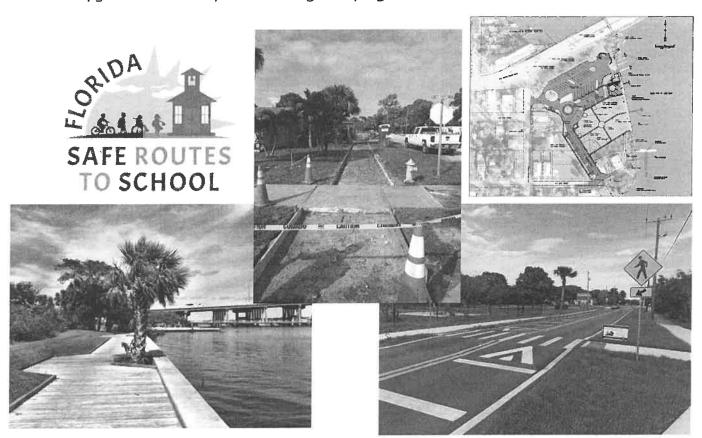
#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENTS**

 As the Rio CRA area continues to identify the need for an interconnected sidewalk system throughout the neighborhood, additional sidewalk connections are being planned north of SR 707 and east and west of Martin

Avenue.

"Sidewalks provide many benefits including safety, mobility and healthier communities. Simple things such as getting groceries or going trick -or -treating on Halloween can become complicated and hazardous when sidewalks are missing in a neighborhood." - Rio Resident

- The Safe Routes to School project in Port Salerno will provide new and connected sidewalks for the younger set to get to Port Salerno Elementary School safely and easily. Activities in 2019 included design, coordination, community outreach, public education and planning. This project, utilizing the funds and talent from the Florida Department of Transportation, the CRA and the MC Public Works Department, should be completed in 2020.
- Rio property acquisition strategy, acquiring key properties important to the achievement of future redevelopment, was put into action with the purchase of 1235 NE Dixie Highway and appraisal of 1166 Charlotte Street.
- CRA Project Managers coordinate with MC Code Enforcement staff, conducting code sweeps in all CRA areas and educating residents and businesses.
- In the Hobe Sound CRA area, Pettway Street is now safer for residents, visitors and motorists with a freshly repayed road, speed tables, crosswalks and signage.
- The CRA, District 5, MC Parks and Recreation Department and the community are collaborating on upgrades to Charlie Leighton Park which may include additional parking, picnic pavilions, a gazebo, and an upgraded Community Center. Design is in progress.



#### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Conceptual design is complete for El Camino! Focus groups were conducted with residents and business owners and a neighborhood engagement event was held and supported by the MC Sheriff's Office, the MC Metropolitan Planning Organization, House of Hope and Play it Again Sports. This multimodal trail will include both play and passive elements providing many community benefits: a safe route for pedestrians and bikers; increased health, safety and welfare of residents; and a beautiful focal point of community interaction.
- 36 Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings were held throughout all six CRA areas.
- Installation of the initial infrastructure needed to provide the Gomez/Pettway Affordable Housing project with access to sewer and water is complete. Design work for this new neighborhood continues. The county will build all the infrastructure necessary for Habitat for Humanity to construct 18 single family homes.



- A multi-use pathway is being designed by the MC Public Works Department in collaboration with the CRA, around a new stormwater treatment area off Mapp Road.
- In FY 2019, staff focused heavily on public outreach, holding over 50 public meetings and speaking to more than 15 community organizations.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Church Street in Jensen Beach is getting a face lift! The project design will encourage safer pedestrian
  and vehicular traffic for residents and visitors. Improvements include lighting, on street parking and
  roadway paving.
- Improvements to Manatee Park, the commercial fishing dock and Park Drive in Port Salerno are in design. This project involves the MC Utilities, the MC Public Works and the MC Parks and Recreation Departments and will provide sewer access, new sidewalk, lighting; enhanced boardwalk, parking and improved dock facilities.
- To encourage redevelopment and private sector investment in the county's six CRA areas, the MC Growth Management Department, CRA staff and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council are rewriting the land development regulations for all of the CRA areas. Chapter 18, a new chapter in the county's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, was created solely for CRAs.
- Opportunity Zones, created under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, stimulate economic development by incentivizing investments in low-income neighborhoods. A prospectus to highlight Rio's Opportunity Zone is available at <a href="https://www.martin.fl.us/rio-community-redevelopment-area">https://www.martin.fl.us/rio-community-redevelopment-area</a>.



Robert Gibbs toured our CRA neighborhoods to offer smart growth concepts to Martin County CRAs. For the past 25 years, Mr. Gibbs has developed innovative methods for successful commercial development. An in-depth presentation on urban retail was offered to the community.





#### LOCAL MONEY - INVESTED LOCALLY!

CRA projects are largely funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF captures a percentage of any new tax revenue generated within a CRA area year to year, 75% of which is then used to finance local projects and promote private investment. Supplemental funding for CRA areas can also come from grants, public/private partnerships, contributions, donations, investment, loans or bond revenues. *The Martin County CRA obtained \$1,095,000 in supplemental funding in 2019!* 

TIF is not an additional tax levy or a supplementary assessment on property owners, business owners or residents. TIF is a revenue generation tool available to help CRAs finance projects and leverage funds to promote private sector investment within the primary urban service boundary.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY FY 2019

October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019

Golden Gate CRA

Total Assets \$938,962.96 | Total Liabilities \$6,046.00

**Hobe Sound CRA** 

Total Assets \$3,009,453.23 | Total Liabilities \$119,165.83

Jensen Beach CRA

Total Assets \$672,363.57 | Total Liabilities \$5,617.50

Old Palm City CRA

Total Assets \$2,325,989.82 | Total Liabilities \$3,964.50

Port Salerno CRA

Total Assets \$2,301,481.08 | Total Liabilities \$7,593.71

**Rio CRA** 

Total Assets \$1,971,589.24 | Total Liabilities \$12,360.19

TOTAL ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY VALUES											
CRA	Base Year	Base Taxable Value	2019 Final Just Value	2019 Final Taxable Value							
Golden Gate	2002	\$51,415,512	\$144,717,720	\$98,676,189							
Hobe Sound	2000	\$93,126,222	\$351,851,870	\$224,727,103							
Jensen Beach	1999	\$ 9,454,379	\$48,956,660	\$44,500,956							
Palm City	2002	\$93,653,780	\$267,166,794	\$174,670,409							
Port Salerno	1999	\$77,238,908	\$323,296,077	\$184,796,779							
Rio	2000	\$91,321,557	\$294,854,390	\$193,111,853							

The most recent complete audit report, FY 2018, can be found in its entirety at:

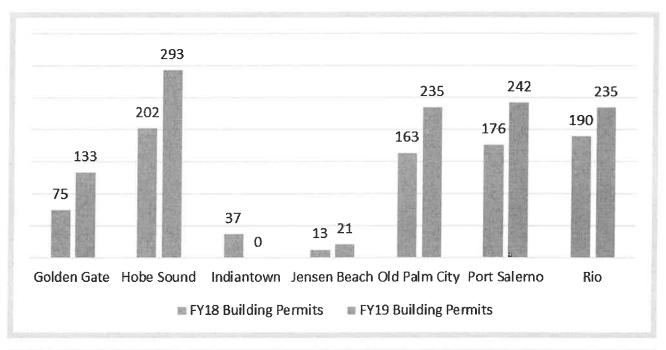
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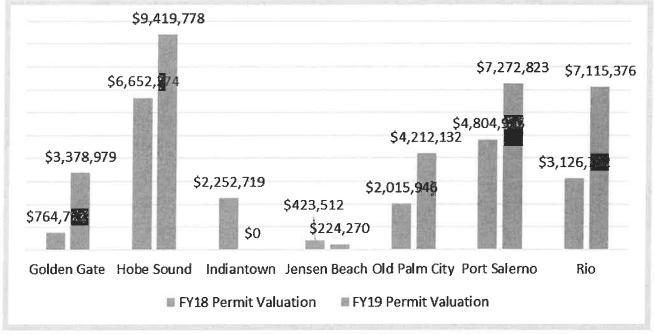
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#### **BUILDING IN THE CRA**

From 2018-2019, the number of building permits (residential and commercial) increased in all six of our CRA areas. It is noteworthy these permits and thus the projects they represent, have grown in value as well as in quality and significance.





Note: Permit numbers and valuation for Indiantown are only reported for the first two quarters of FY 2018.



#### Jensen Beach - Infill Sewer

This project provided sewer service to 16 customers on Church Street, Cherry Terrace and Mango Terrace and milled and resurfaced 500 feet of roadway. The entire Jensen Beach CRA area now has access to water and sewer.

The project was completed in the 4th quarter with a budget of \$160,333.

#### Hobe Sound - Pettway Street Traffic Calming

The scope of this project included: the extension of sewer lines across Pettway Street; removal of chicanes and bollard balls; street realignment and resurfacing; installation of speed tables and crosswalks; extension and upgrade of sidewalks; and replacement of driveway aprons.

The project was completed in the 4th quarter with a budget of \$135,675.

#### Rio - Sidewalk Connections

Connection and extension of sidewalks along Dixie Highway from Martin Avenue west to the railroad tracks.

The project was completed in the  $2^{nd}$  quarter with a budget of \$228,679.

#### Rio - Property Acquisition

The Rio CRA area has identified key properties, one of them being 1235 NE Dixie Highway, within the town center for future redevelopment.

This property was purchased in the 1st quarter at a cost of \$270,000.

#### Rio - Waterline Extension

The Rio water extension project completed construction of 1300 linear feet of water pipe, delivering potable water to 32 properties on four streets.

The project was completed in the 3rd quarter at a cost of \$87,087.

#### Affordable Housing

In FY 2019, the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency spent \$187,738.06 on the Gomez Affordable Housing project in Hobe Sound. This project is being done in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity of Martin County with the county providing all infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, utilities, lighting, drainage, parking, stormwater and landscaping) and Habitat building 18 single family homes.

#### **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

The Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency is committed to achieving the goals set out in its Countywide Community Redevelopment Plan. In FY 2019, great strides were made in economic development by reducing blight through the provision of utilities, specifically in Rio and Jensen Beach, and creating viable commercial corridors, such as the redevelopment of Bridge Road in Hobe Sound, Mapp Road in Old Palm City and Dixie Highway in Golden Gate. We continue to make public improvements such as sidewalk connections, roadway safety enhancements and efficient and attractive parking to support residential and commercial needs within all the redevelopment areas.

FY 2019 was a pivotal year in the quest for sound and redevelopment-friendly Land Development Regulations (LDR) with new LDRs adopted in Jensen Beach, and new code to be proposed in the remaining five CRA areas in FY 2020.

Redevelopment support also came in the form of land acquisition plans in three CRA areas and an additional \$1,095,000 in supplemental funding to augment our TIF and continue to provide superior projects throughout our CRA neighborhoods.

The Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency has clear, identifiable goals and carefully planned initiatives to achieve successful redevelopment in all six community redevelopment areas.

THESE COMMUNITIES MATTER







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All meeting times and locations can be found on our website.

Your participation is encouraged and welcomed!

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

The Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report addresses activities from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 as required by Florida Statute Section 163.356(3)(c) and Martin County Code 39.3.8.5.

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