

**Board of County Commissioners
December 13, 2016**

**2016 Gifford Neighborhood Plan
Annual Report Card: Year 3**

On July 15, 2014, BCC Approved the Gifford Neighborhood Plan

Culmination of 11 public meetings hosted by PCLG and county staff

Numerous department staff and agencies involved in developing the plan and now involved in implementing Action Plan

Gifford Neighborhood Plan

“Gifford Forever”



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GNP Contains 15 Objectives and 82 Actions

- Each objective has specific action items
- Each action item addresses who, what, when
- Each action must be implemented by its due date

Objective and Action Topics Include:

- Communication
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Streets, Sidewalks, Parks
- 45th Street Beautification project

GNP-related projects included in adopted CIE

**GNP Capital Project Costs
During FY 2013/14 to FY 2023/24
Over \$10.4 Million**

Includes:

- **45th Street Beautification**
 - **45th Street Resurfacing**
 - **45th Street Lighting**
 - **45th Street Culverting**
- **Improvements to Local Parks**
 - **43rd Avenue Sidewalk**
- **Stormwater Improvements in East Gifford**
 - **Signalization Improvements**

Major Plan Initiative

- 45th Street Beautification for “Gifford’s Main Street”
- Phase 1 (completed) East of 43rd Avenue
 - ❖ Widened shoulders/bike lanes both sides
 - ❖ Streetlight in-filling
 - ❖ Curbing certain portions
 - ❖ Re-surface 45th Street and side streets
 - ❖ Landscaping
 - ❖ Turn lane in front of GMS

Other 45th Street Associated Improvements

- Drainage pipe and water main replacement
- Coordinated with Gifford Community: Strong support to replace drainage and utility infrastructure as part of beautification

Projects Continued

- Phase 2 (2017/2018)
 - ❖ Culvert portions of canal along 45th Street
 - ❖ Landscaping on South Side
 - ❖ CIE Provides for Additional Culverting 2019-2021
- Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Utility Services, and MPO playing essential roles in implementing projects

2016 GNP Implementation Report Card

- Implementation of action plan items started before July 15, 2014 formal plan approval
- 26 Actions had 2014, 2015, and 2016 due date, 23 completed and 3 deferred
- All Ongoing Actions are completed (100%)

ACTIONS not implemented and deferred

- **Action 14.1, Establishment of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)**

Requires new taxing district and special board; impacts revenues available to residents; at this time small benefit outweighed by the set-up and operating costs. Implementation date deferred to re-consider by 2022.

- **Action 14.2, Establishment of Safe Neighborhood Improvement Districts (SNID)**

Requires new taxing district and oversight board; impacts revenues available to residents; requires property owners association incorporation and consent of at least 75% of all property owners in the district by referendum; at this time small benefit outweighed by the set-up and operating costs. Implementation date deferred to re-consider by 2022.

- **Apply for CDBG for Housing Rehabilitation**

Cannot apply for CDBG until West Wabasso sewer/East Gifford drainage project is completed and closed. Implementation date deferred to 2019, when opportunity opens up for new CDBG Application.

Actions Done or in Progress, implementation date deferred

- Action 8.5, PCLG Seeks Right of Way Donations (un-platted streets)

Action done for now; PCLG coordinated with staff and did seek ROW donations but were not able to help obtain needed ROW at this time. New opportunities may arise in future. Implementation date deferred to 2022.

- Action 12.2, Improve Street Lighting at 41st Street/32nd Avenue Intersection, and 49th Street

Action is in progress; Public Works submitted requests to both FPL and City of Vero Beach. Currently waiting for actions by electricity providers. Implementation date deferred to 2017.

Coordination with the PCLG

- Staff in regular basis has coordinated with the Progressive Civic League of Gifford (PCLG) for implementation of the GNP Actions
- PCLG reviewed and approved 2016 GNP Report Card

Recommendation

**That BCC review and
accept the 2016 GNP
implementation report
card**