

PASCO COUNTY MULTI-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2020
ATTACHMENT A – PORT RICHEY WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

In July 2015, Treasury approved Pasco County's (County) Multi-year Implementation Plan (MYIP). One of the projects included in the MYIP was the City of Port Richey's (City) Waterfront Improvement project. Since the approval of the MYIP in 2015, several changes have occurred within the Waterfront Improvement project's scope of work. These changes have made it necessary to amend the County's MYIP.

AMENDED PROJECT SUMMARY:

As described in the original project summary, the City has 25 man-made canals designed to carry boats to the Gulf of Mexico. Over the years the canals have collected silt and other debris, degrading the surface quality of the Pithlachascotee River and making navigation difficult. The City initiated preliminary engineering and obtained environmental permits over the last several years in an effort to improve the quality of the waterways and navigability.

To date, the City has completed feasibility studies, permitting, and preliminary designs for the dredging and environmental restoration of a series of 25 severely impacted water bodies and finger canals within the City limits. Environmental permitting efforts included coordination with various regulatory and commenting agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Services, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to successfully reduce mitigation requirements from a previously permitted 63-acre seagrass protection zone to a 0.78-acre fill and transplanting effort, which is estimated to save the City over \$1.5 million in construction and monitoring costs.

The City has authorization from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to dredge approximately 57,000 cubic yards from these water bodies to improve public access and water quality. Final engineering efforts include final dredging design, dredged material management engineering, support during formation of a special district, construction administration, and monitoring for permit compliance during and after construction.

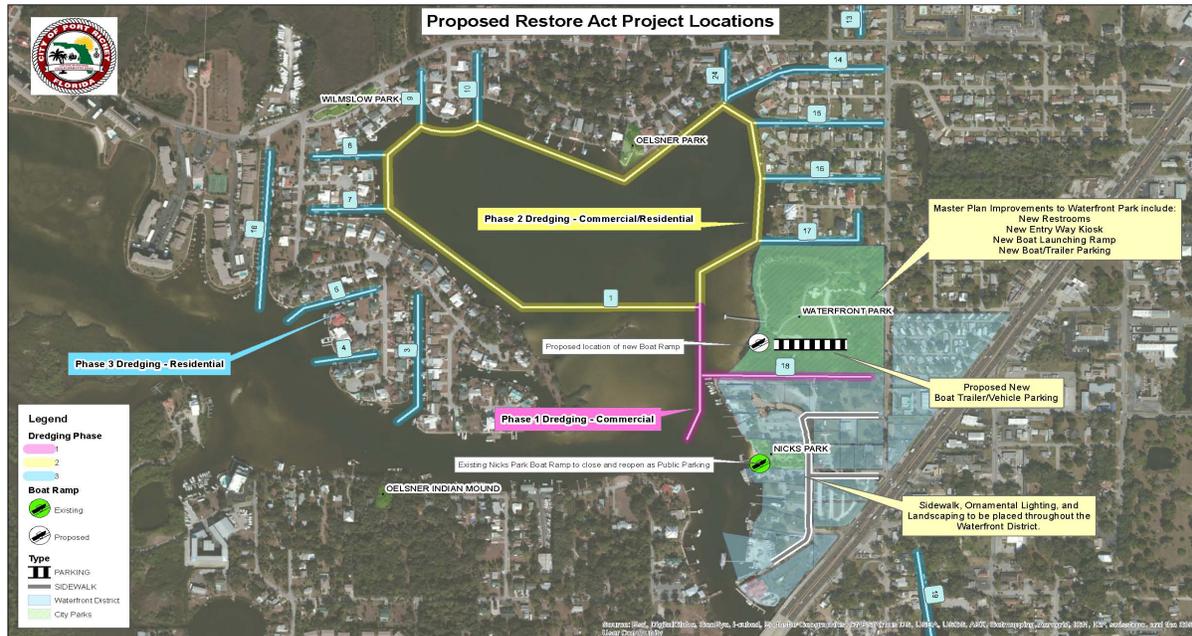
ORIGINAL APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK:

Phase 1: Phase 1 which was designated as the commercial part of the City dredging initiative. The areas to be dredged included the common canal between Gill Dawg's Tiki Bar and Grill and Port Richey Waterfront Park. The proposed new boat ramp access in the park, and the canal leading to the Pithlachascotee River, as well as street improvements and Nick's Park upgrades were also included in this phase. Phase 1 dredging is annotated as pink on the following map. The estimated cost of Phase 1 is \$1,042,000.00.

Phase 2: Phase 2 was included as information only and included commercial and residential access canals along the perimeter of Millers Bayou. The estimated cost of

Phase 2 was \$1,618,000.00 (revised to include streetscaping costs). Phase 2 dredging is annotated in yellow on the following map. Funding for this phase is currently not secured.

Phase 3: Phase 3 included dredging of the residential access canals allowing access to Millers Bayou and the Pithlachascotee River. The estimated cost of Phase 3 is \$2,559,000.00. Phase 3 dredging is annotated in blue. Funding for this phase has not been secured to date.



PROPOSED AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK:

Waterfront Overlay District: The intent of the City Waterfront Overlay District is to improve the physical image and condition of the City’s commercial waterfront community, to protect the environmental sensitivity of the Pithlachascotee River, to enhance and revitalize the area into an economic focal point within the City by providing for land uses, the development that employs the highest and best use of the waterfront properties, and to expand the City’s tax base. The District will allow for a variety of commercial uses, including recreational aquatic activities, eating establishments, and specialty retail uses. The Overlay District is intended to allow for the conversion of the waterfront area into an attractive destination point within the community, improve the image and function of the area, and apply a more appropriate level of land use compatibility. The Waterfront Intermodal Overlay District Master Plan components include provisions for buffering, sidewalks, parking, directional signage, and streetscaping in the public right of ways.

Improvements envisioned for the Waterfront Overlay District include streetscaping, ornamental lighting, sidewalk and pedestrian access improvements, and public parking improvements.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. Improve boater access to the Waterfront Overlay District.
2. Improve water quality in the City's waterways and water entering the Pithlachascotee River.
3. Improve the habitats for fish and plant life in the City's waterways.
4. Increase disbursement time of storm water runoff.
5. Increase tidal flow.
6. Improve pedestrian access and visibility in the Waterfront Overlay District.

PROJECT NEED, PURPOSE, BENEFITS and RESTORE APPLICABILITY:

Need: The City has 25 man-made canals designed to carry boats to the Gulf of Mexico. Over the years the canals have collected silt and other debris, degrading the surface quality of the Pithlachascotee River and making navigation difficult. The City initiated preliminary engineering and obtained environmental permits over the last several years in an effort to improve the quality of the waterways and navigability.

Purpose: The primary purpose of the project is to dredge the canals that are located off the City's Waterfront Overlay District, to improve the quality of water in the City's waterways, to support improved aquatic life, and to improve access to the waterways that will benefit recreational and commercial users.

Benefits: The project provides numerous benefits to include improve water quality; a more robust aquatic ecosystem; improved storm water quality; and better access to the City's waterways for recreational and commercial purposes.

RESTORE Applicability:

1. Improve water quality, improve habitats for aquatic life, quicker disbursement of storm water runoff, and increased tidal flow.
2. Improve conditions for recreational and commercial purposes and promote tourism.
3. Greater accessibility to the water.
4. Educational signage about aquatic life and environmental conditions.

FUNDING*/:**

Funding from this project will be provided as follows:

RESTORE funding	\$667,000.00
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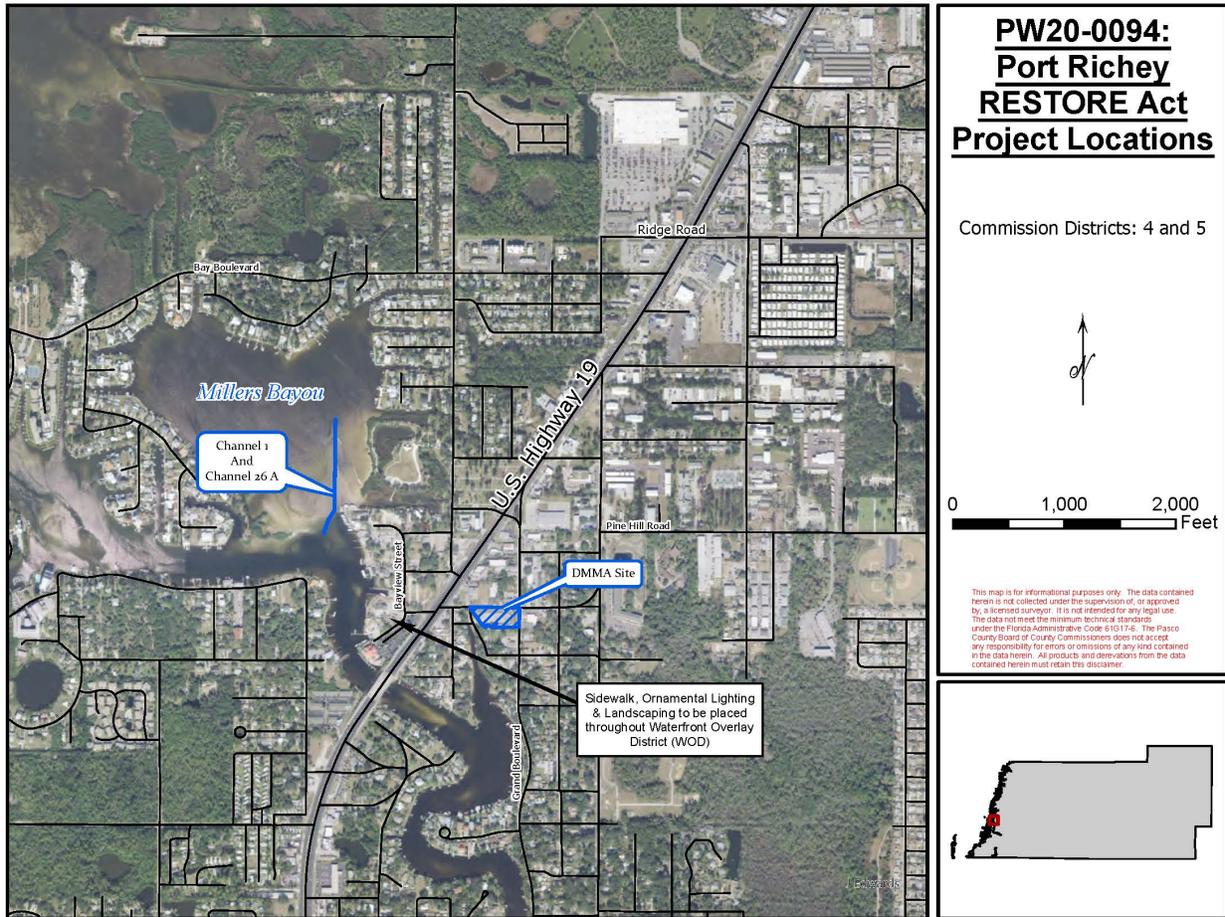
*The City previously expended \$375,000.00 as required for the matching grant.

**The City Council has authorized an additional \$200,000.00 in funding on this project to be expended as needed to complete the project.

The City has expended the monies to complete their portion of the funding. To date, the City has expended approximately \$724,410.00 in feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, obtaining permits to dredge the canals, preparing the DMMA site, and dredging.

LOCATION:

The map below provides the image of the amended project area.



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PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT:

Timeline	Proposed Date
Consultant scope of work request issued	
Consultant Notice to Proceed issued	
30% Complete (Design) – Submit to City for review	
30% Complete (Design) – Revisions from City review	
Preapplication meeting(s) with FDEP and ACOE	

Submit Environmental Resource Permits (FDEP and ACOE)	
60% Complete (Design) – Submit to City for review	
60% Complete (Design) – Revisions from City review	
Required Permits Approved (FDEP and ACOE)	
90% Complete (Design) – Submit to City for review	
90% Complete (Design) – Revisions from City review	
Submit Final Design	
Construction Bid Package – Submit to City for review	
Construction Bid Package – Revisions from City review	
Bid Advertisement	
Bid Tabulation and Award	
Contractor Notice to Proceed	
Start Construction	
Substantial Completion	
Complete Construction	
Construction Record Drawings Completion and Certifications	
Signed and Sealed As-builts by a Professional Engineer	
Project Close-out and Contract Termination	

CONCLUSION:

On May 19, 2020, the City presented this amended scope of work to the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for their approval. The BOCC approved the amendment to the project and the County’s Multi-year Implementation Plan as submitted.

The amendment includes:

1. Removing the construction of a new and improved public boat ramp at Waterfront Park, the improved parking, the design and dredging of the channel that enters

Millers Bayou and supports the new boat ramp, the street improvements in the local area, and the parking improvements in the existing boat facility.

2. Removing the relocation plans of the public boat ramp from Nick's Park to Waterfront Park.

The City is proposing to complete the project, including the redevelopment of the waterfront district, in three phases. Phase 1 of this plan is currently targeted with this round of RESTORE dollars.