

Greater Palm River Area Community Plan Implementation Highlights

The following is based on implementation updates received from county staff and the *Greater Palm River Community Plan Implementation Status Report* prepared by the Hillsborough County Community and Infrastructure Planning Department and is not a comprehensive list.

Goal 1: Infrastructure and Utilities

EXPANSION OF PUBLIC DRINKING WATER.

- The county received a \$2.5-million-dollar grant connecting 300 households in the North Palm River Area in 2019.
- Negotiations are currently underway to transfer the ownership of water and wastewater infrastructure from the City of Tampa to Hillsborough County in the Greater Palm River area.

ADDRESSING INADEQUATE STORMWATER FACILITIES.

- Currently, construction is underway to alleviate flooding in Progress Village, north and south of Progress Boulevard along 83rd Street. This project should improve flood protection and provide water quality benefits within the neighborhood.

Goal 3: Traffic and Transportation

SAFER TRAVEL PATHS TO SCHOOLS.

- In 2019, improvements were made to area middle schools including Dowdell, Guinta and Progress Village to make walking, biking, and driving to, from or through school zones safer. Improvements included: installation of crosswalks, stop bars, pavement restriping, and school warning signs.

MAINTAIN BRIDGES.

- In 2022, the Maydell Bridge was improved, restoring local connectivity across the Palm River, decreasing Emergency Services response times, and providing connectivity for the Greenways and Trails Plan.

Goal 4: Parks and Recreation

PROVIDING ADEQUATE AND QUALITY PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

- Numerous improvements have been made to Winston Park including trails, benches, and tree planting. In late summer 2023, a splash pad is scheduled to begin construction along with expansion of parking.

Goal 6: Senior, Social, Health-Medical Services & Schools

CO-LOCATION PRACTICES WITH SCHOOLS, RECREATION, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE SITES TO PROVIDE MULTI-USE ACTIVITIES.

- In 2018, the Boys & Girls Club opened near Clair Mel Elementary, Dowdell Middle Magnet School, and Winston Park, demonstrating the co-location of education, recreation, and after school programs.