



# City of Pensacola

## City Council Special Meeting

### Agenda - Final

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Thursday, October 5, 2017, 5:30 PM

Council Chambers, 1st Floor

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#### Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation

#### ROLL CALL

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. [17-00577](#) TRIUMPH GULF COAST PROJECT SOLICITATION

**Recommendation:** That City Council consider projects to be submitted to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners under the Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation.

**Sponsors:** Brian Spencer

**Attachments:** [BCC letter re Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation](#)  
[Fla Stat 2017-63 -- Gulf Coast Economic Corridor](#)  
[Council President response to BCC re Triumph Fund Projects](#)  
[Project Summaries 082217](#)  
[Hollice T Williams 1 Pager V3 063017 Final](#)  
[DeVilliers Reus A Streetscape - 1 Pager V4 Finalized- 062817](#)  
[Triumph youth env program](#)  
[West Cervantes Street CMP 1 Pager V3- 063017](#)  
[West Main Street Corridor Improvements](#)  
[West Moreno Revitalization Strategy 1 Pager v2 Final-062617](#)

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### ADJOURNMENT

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# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 17-00577

City Council

10/5/2017

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council President Brian Spencer

**SUBJECT:**

TRIUMPH GULF COAST PROJECT SOLICITATION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council consider projects to be submitted to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners under the Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

In June of 2017 Governor Scott approved an Act relating to the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor (Triumph Funds) as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident in 2010.

As part of the Act, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., was created. Further, and in relevant part under Section 3 (Section 288.8013(2)(c)) it states:

Each board of county commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the county (emphasis added) and shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast Inc., with a list of proposed projects and programs located within its county....

City Council has received notification from the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners requesting a list of five (5) proposed projects and/or programs from the Council.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider City Council, City staff and the CRA in identifying the projects/programs for the City to be submitted to Escambia County for consideration.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) BCC Letter re: Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation
- 2) Fla Stat 2017-63 - Gulf Coast Economic Corridor
- 3) Council President response to BCC re: Triumph Fund Projects
- 4) Project Summaries - Mayor's Projects
- 5) Hollice T. Williams
- 6) DeVilliers Reus A Streetscape
- 7) Triumph youth env program
- 8) West Cervantes Street CMP
- 9) West Main Street Corridor Improvement
- 10) West Moreno Revitalization Strategy

**PRESENTATION:** Yes



Board of County Commissioners • Escambia County, Florida

July 12, 2017

Chairman Brian Spencer  
Pensacola City Council  
222 W. Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

**RE: Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation**

Dear Chairman Spencer,


On June 2, 2017 Governor Scott signed the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act into law. The Act directs \$1.5 billion to be spent in the eight disproportionately affected counties in Northwest Florida over a fifteen-year period. Currently there is \$300 million available to the eight counties through Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. The Act guarantees a minimum allocation of five percent, or \$15 million, be spent in each of the disproportionately affected counties the first funding cycle, and a minimum of four percent thereafter.

The Act directs each board of county commissioners to solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the county. As such, Escambia County would like to request a list of five proposed projects and/or programs from your board. Attached are an Escambia County project application form and the Triumph legislation (Ch. 2017-63) which lists the seven eligible funding activities. In the near future, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will develop the formal submittal and selection process, and they will ultimately approve all projects and programs before awards are made.

The funds expected over the next fifteen years from Triumph Gulf Coast have the potential to create generational change in Escambia County and Northwest Florida. Our elected local governing boards and Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. can work together to ensure worthwhile projects are funded to create lasting positive changes for the citizens of Northwest Florida.

Please contact Chips Kirschenfeld, Director of Natural Resources Management by phone at (850) 595-4988 or by email at [jtkirsche@myescambia.com](mailto:jtkirsche@myescambia.com) for guidance to work through the process. You may submit your board's proposed projects at [restore@myescambia.com](mailto:restore@myescambia.com). If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

  
Doug Underhill, Chairman  
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners



# Innovative Stormwater Park & Streetscape Synergize Hospital-Based Community Revitalization

The West Moreno Stormwater and Streetscape Project is an innovative project that addresses stormwater and flooding mitigation, sustainable urban design and place making, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. This public investment has potential to create an exponential return to the community.

The City has been awarded a FEMA grant to construct needed stormwater improvements to mitigate repetitive flooding in the West Moreno district. The project is sited near the entrance to Baptist Hospital - Pensacola's only inner city hospital, and institutional anchor for the West Moreno neighborhood. There is a vision to use this stormwater project as a catalyst to transform the blighted and underserved, high poverty neighborhood surrounding the hospital. The funded stormwater facilities plan can be modified to a dual-purpose, stormwater park/gateway facility that will be the cornerstone of transformation in the district and support hospital-driven revitalization.

This proposed investment in public realm improvements will create a vibrant, well-lit, aesthetically attractive "Complete Street" streetscape with street trees and banners. The park will provide an inviting and inclusive gathering place that supports outdoor activity, health and wellness through its design. Some land acquisition is required by the project. The City has used this creative approach to transform its downtown eastern gateway through the design and construction of Admiral Mason Park, an award winning, dual purpose stormwater and recreation facility.

A recent study, jointly funded by Baptist Hospital, the City of Pensacola and Escambia County, showed that hospital employees, visitors, patients and neighborhood residents need a convenient, central and accessible public space for walking, or sitting that is safe and attractive. The study, also, identified a market gap and unmet demand for retail services generated by the residents and thousands of people coming into the neighborhood because of the hospital. This project will create a significantly enhanced entrance to Baptist Hospital that is distinct, safe and walkable and contribute to the neighborhood as a desirable place to live and work with amenities that are convenient and accessible.

- **Development of a Recreational Stormwater Park.** Repetitive flood damage is a major contributor to blight within the West Moreno neighborhood. The development of a recreational stormwater park will address stormwater retention and treatment and provide a critical neighborhood asset which promotes health and wellness and actively diversifies the public realm. This amenity will include green space with attractive landscaping, multi-use paths, park seating, decorative lighting, and children's play equipment. **Budget:** \$2.6 million
- **Streetscape Improvements.** Addressing several key factors, streetscape enhancements will improve walkability, accessibility, neighborhood safety and beautification of public thoroughfares. Improvements will include installation of decorative lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, on-street parking, banners and subsurface infrastructure. **Budget:** \$6.5 million

Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL  
Project Title: West Moreno Stormwater Park  
Budget: \$ 9.1 million

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## WEST MORENO STORMWATER PARK & STREETScape



## CHAPTER 2017-63

### House Bill No. 7077

An act relating to the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor; amending s. 288.80, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.8012, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 288.8013, F.S.; deleting the creation and identification of purposes of the recovery fund; requiring a specified percentage of payments made to the state under a specified settlement of litigation related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill be immediately transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund; providing an appropriation and for the transfer of funds; providing requirements for the allocation of funds; requiring Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., to make awards for projects or programs within disproportionately affected counties based on specified minimum allocations; requiring each board of county commissioners for such counties to solicit certain projects and programs from certain elected local governing boards; requiring such boards of county commissioners to provide Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., with a list of projects and programs that are consistent with certain awards and priorities; providing a requirement for the list; providing for the disposition of any remaining funds; limiting administrative costs; requiring interest in the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., trust account to be deposited into the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund; revising provisions related to the investment of funds in the trust account; limiting the annual salary of employees or contracted staff of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; revising annual reporting requirements; amending s. 288.8014, F.S.; expanding the membership of the board of directors; specifying conditions for appointing additional board members; deleting references to the recovery fund; deleting obsolete language; revising conflict of interest restrictions imposed on board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; removing the requirement that Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., retain an independent financial advisor and an economic advisor; revising provisions relating to conflict of interest restrictions imposed on retained staff; amending s. 288.8015, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.8016, F.S.; requiring Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., to publish on its website specified information before making an award; amending s. 288.8017, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising provisions governing the uses of awards from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; repealing s. 377.43, F.S., relating to the disbursement of funds received for damages caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; specifying that certain conflict of interest restrictions imposed on board members of the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., apply to members appointed on or after a specified date; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 288.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



288.80 Short title.—This section and ss. 288.8011-288.8018 ~~ss. 288.8011-288.8017~~ may be cited as the “Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act.”

Section 2. Section 288.8012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.8012 Definitions.—As used in ss. 288.8011-288.8018 ~~ss. 288.80-288.8017~~, the term:

(1) “Awardee” means a person, organization, or local government granted an award of funds as authorized in s. 288.8017 ~~from the Recovery Fund~~ for a project or program.

(2) “Department” means the Department of Economic Opportunity.

(3)(2) “Disproportionately affected county” means Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County.

(3) ~~“Earnings” means all the income generated by investments and interest.~~

(4) “Settlement agreement” means the agreement entitled “Settlement Agreement Between the Gulf States and the BP Entities with Respect to Economic and Other Claims Arising from the Deepwater Horizon Incident,” which was entered into on October 5, 2015, in the case styled *In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana ~~“Recovery Fund” means a trust account established by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., for the benefit of the disproportionately affected counties.~~

Section 3. Section 288.8013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.8013 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; ~~Recovery Fund~~; creation; funding; investment.—

(1) ~~There is created within the department of Economic Opportunity a nonprofit corporation, to be known as Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., which shall be registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter 617, and which is not a unit or entity of state government. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., may receive, hold, invest, and administer the Recovery Fund in support of this act. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., is a separate budget entity and is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the department of Economic Opportunity in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.~~

(2) Seventy-five percent of all payments to the state pursuant to the settlement agreement shall be transferred immediately by the Chief Financial Officer from the General Revenue Fund to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund ~~Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., must create and administer the Recovery Fund for the benefit of the disproportionately affected counties.~~



The principal of the fund shall derive from ~~75 percent of all funds recovered by the Attorney General for economic damage to the state resulting from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, after payment of reasonable and necessary attorney fees, costs, and expenses, including such attorney fees, costs, and expenses pursuant to s. 16.0155.~~

(a) Such funds are appropriated to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., and shall be released by the department for deposit into the trust account established by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., pursuant to subsection (3) as follows:

1. Seventy-five percent of the moneys received by the state pursuant to the settlement agreement on or before July 1, 2017, shall be immediately released to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

2. Seventy-five percent of the moneys received by the state pursuant to the settlement agreement after July 1, 2017, shall be released to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., no later than 30 days after such funds are transferred to the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.

(b) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall make awards for projects or programs within the geographic boundaries of each disproportionately affected county based on the following minimum allocations:

1. At least 40 percent of the moneys transferred to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., pursuant to subparagraph (a)1., must be allocated equally among the eight disproportionately affected counties based on a minimum allocation of at least 5 percent per county.

2. For each transfer of funds to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., pursuant to subparagraph (a)2., at least 32 percent of the moneys must be allocated equally among the eight disproportionately affected counties based on a minimum allocation of at least 4 percent per county.

(c) Each board of county commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the county and shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., with a list of proposed projects and programs located within its county. The submitted list of proposed projects and programs must include projects and programs submitted by other elected local governing boards and projects and programs recommended by the board of county commissioners.

(d) Any remaining funds shall be allocated by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., for administrative costs and to make awards pursuant to s. 288.8017. Administrative costs may not exceed 0.75 percent of the funds released to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

~~(3) The Recovery Fund must be maintained as a long term and stable source of revenue, which shall decline over a 30-year period in equal amounts each year. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall establish a trust account at a federally insured financial institution to hold funds received from the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund and make deposits and payments. Interest~~

~~earned in the trust account shall be deposited monthly into the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., may invest surplus funds in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, pursuant to s. 218.407, and interest earned, net of fees, shall be transferred monthly into the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund Earnings generated by investments and interest of the fund, plus the amount of principal available each year, shall be available to make awards pursuant to this act and pay administrative costs. Earnings shall be accounted for separately from principal funds set forth in subsection (2). Administrative costs may are limited to 2.25 percent of the earnings in a calendar year. Administrative costs include payment of investment fees, travel and per diem expenses of board members, audits, salary or other costs for employed or contracted staff, including required staff under s. 288.8014(9), and other allowable costs. The annual salary for any employee or contracted staff may not exceed \$130,000 and associated benefits may not exceed 35 percent of salary Any funds remaining in the Recovery Fund after 30 years shall revert to the State Treasury.~~

~~(4) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall invest and reinvest the principal of the Recovery Fund in accordance with s. 617.2104, in such a manner not to subject the funds to state or federal taxes, and consistent with an investment policy statement adopted by the corporation.~~

~~(a) The board of directors shall formulate an investment policy governing the investment of the principal of the Recovery Fund. The policy shall pertain to the types, kinds, or nature of investment of any of the funds, and any limitations, conditions or restrictions upon the methods, practices, or procedures for investment, reinvestments, purchases, sales, or exchange transactions, provided such policies shall not conflict with nor be in derogation of any state constitutional provision or law. The policy shall be formulated with the advice of the financial advisor in consultation with the State Board of Administration.~~

~~(b) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., must competitively procure one or more money managers, under the advice of the financial advisor in consultation with the State Board of Administration, to invest the principal of the Recovery Fund. The applicant manager or managers may not include representatives from the financial institution housing the trust account for the Recovery Fund. The applicant manager or managers must present a plan to invest the Recovery Fund to maximize earnings while prioritizing the preservation of Recovery Fund principal. Any agreement with a money manager must be reviewed by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., for continuance at least every 5 years. Plans should include investment in technology and growth businesses domiciled in, or that will be domiciled in, this state or businesses whose principal address is in this state.~~

~~(c) Costs and fees for investment services shall be deducted from the earnings as administrative costs. Fees for investment services shall be no greater than 150 basis points.~~

~~(d) Annually, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall cause an audit to be conducted of the investment of the Recovery Fund by the independent certified public accountant retained in s. 288.8014. The expense of such audit shall be paid from earnings for administrative purposes.~~

~~(4)(5) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall report on June 30 and December 30 of each year to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the financial status of the Recovery Fund and its investments; the established priorities; the project and program selection process, including a list of all submitted projects and programs and reasons for approval or denial; and the status of all approved awards.~~

~~(5)(6) The Auditor General shall conduct an operational audit of the Recovery Fund and Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., annually. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall provide to the Auditor General any detail or supplemental data required.~~

Section 4. Subsections (2), (3), (4), (7), and (9) of section 288.8014, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.8014 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; organization; board of directors.—

(2) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall initially be governed by a five-member ~~5-member~~ board of directors. Each of the Trustees of the State Board of Administration, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member from the private sector. As of the effective date of this act, the number of board members is increased to seven, with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appointing an additional member from the private sector in one of the four least populous disproportionately affected counties, as identified by the United States Census Bureau in its April 2016 estimates of county populations, to ensure that two such counties are represented on the board. The board of directors shall annually elect a chairperson from among the board's members. The chairperson may be removed by a majority vote of the members. His or her successor shall be elected to serve for the balance of the removed chairperson's term. The chairperson is responsible to ensure records are kept of the proceedings of the board of directors and is the custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed with the board; the minutes of meetings of the board; and the official seal of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

(3) Notwithstanding s. 20.052(4)(c), each initial appointment to the board of directors by the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration shall serve for a term that ends 4 years after the Legislature appropriates funds to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. ~~the Recovery Fund~~. To achieve staggered terms among the members of the board, each initial appointment to the board of directors by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve for a term that ends 5 years after the Legislature appropriates funds to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. ~~the Recovery Fund~~. Thereafter, each member of the board of directors shall

serve for a term of 4 years. A member is not eligible for reappointment to the board; ~~except~~, however, any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for an additional term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be made by November 15, 2013.~~ Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by the officer who originally appointed the member. A vacancy that occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(4) The Legislature determines that it is in the public interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143, notwithstanding the fact that the board members are not public officers or employees. For purposes of those sections, the board members shall be considered to be public officers or employees. In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s. 112.313(9), a person appointed to the board of directors must agree to refrain from having any direct interest in any contract, franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising from an award by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., during the term of his or her appointment and for 6 2 years after the termination of such appointment. It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person to accept appointment to the board of directors in violation of this subsection or to accept a direct interest in any contract, franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., to an awardee within 6 2 years after the termination of his or her service on the board. Further, each member of the board of directors who is not otherwise required to file financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file disclosure of financial interests under s. 112.3145.

(7) The board of directors shall meet at least quarterly, upon the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of the membership, to ~~review the Recovery Fund~~, establish and review priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the ~~in~~ disproportionately affected counties, and determine use of funds ~~the earnings~~ available. A majority of the members of the board of directors constitutes a quorum. Members may not vote by proxy.

(9)(a) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., is permitted to hire or contract for all staff necessary to the proper execution of its powers and duties to implement this act. The corporation is required to retain:

1. An independent certified public accountant licensed in this state pursuant to chapter 473 to inspect the records of and to annually audit the expenditure of funds ~~the earnings and available principal~~ disbursed by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

2. ~~An independent financial advisor to assist Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., in the development and implementation of a strategic plan consistent with the requirements of this act.~~



~~3. An economic advisor who will assist in the award process, including the development of priorities, allocation decisions, and the application and process; will assist the board in determining eligibility of award applications and the evaluation and scoring of applications; and will assist in the development of award documentation.~~

~~2.4. A legal advisor with expertise in not-for-profit investing and contracting and who is a member of The Florida Bar to assist with contracting and carrying out the intent of this act.~~

~~(b) All Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall require all employees of the corporation shall to comply with the code of ethics for public employees under part III of chapter 112. Retained staff under paragraph (a) must agree to refrain from having any direct interest in any contract, franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising from an award of funds by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., during the term of his or her appointment and for 6 2 years after the termination of such appointment.~~

~~(c) Retained staff under paragraph (a) shall be available to consult with the board of directors and shall attend meetings of the board of directors. These individuals shall not be permitted to vote on any matter before the board.~~

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 288.8015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.8015 Board of directors; powers.—In addition to the powers and duties prescribed in chapter 617 and the articles and bylaws adopted in compliance with that chapter, the board of directors may:

(2) Make expenditures including any necessary administrative expenditure ~~from earnings~~ consistent with its powers.

Under no circumstances may the credit of the State of Florida be pledged on behalf of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 288.8016, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.8016 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; duties.—Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall have the following duties:

(4) Operate in a transparent manner, providing public access to information, notice of meetings, awards, and the status of projects and programs. To this end, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall maintain a website that provides public access to this information. At least 14 calendar days before approving an award pursuant to s. 288.8017, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall publish on the website a summary of the project or program and indicate its intent to approve the award.

Section 7. Section 288.8017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 288.8017 Awards.—

(1) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall make awards from available funds earnings and principal derived under s. 288.8013(2) to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, ~~notwithstanding s. 377.43~~. Awards may be provided for:

(a) Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;

~~(b) Payment of impact fees adopted pursuant to s. 163.31801 and imposed within disproportionately affected counties;~~

~~(c) Administrative funding for economic development organizations located within the disproportionately affected counties;~~

~~(b)(d) Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 ss. 288.0655, 288.0659, 288.1045, and 288.106 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;~~

~~(e) Economic development projects in the disproportionately affected counties;~~

(c)(f) Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which that are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of development in the disproportionately affected counties;

(d)(g) Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;

(e)(h) Grants to support programs of excellence that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have home campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties; and

(f) Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferrable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and

(g)(i) Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and, Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, or related content on behalf of one or all of the disproportionately affected counties.

(2) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall establish an application procedure for awards and a scoring process for the selection of projects and programs that have the potential to generate increased economic activity in the disproportionately affected counties, giving priority to projects and programs that:

(a) Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long-term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.

(b) Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.

~~(c) Expand high growth industries or establish new high growth industries in the region.~~

~~1. Industries that are supported must have strong growth potential in the disproportionately affected counties.~~

~~2. An industry's growth potential is defined based on a detailed review of the current industry trends nationally and the necessary supporting asset base for that industry in the disproportionately affected counties region.~~

~~(c)(d) Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.~~

~~(d)(e) Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.~~

~~(f) Have investment commitments from private equity or private venture capital funds.~~

~~(g) Provide or encourage seed stage investments in start-up companies.~~

~~(h) Provide advice and technical assistance to companies on restructuring existing management, operations, or production to attract advantageous business opportunities.~~

~~(e)(i) Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.~~

~~(f)(j) Provide outcome measures for programs of excellence support, including terms of intent and metrics.~~

(g)(k) Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.

(h) Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.

(i)(4) Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

(3) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., may make awards as applications are received or may establish application periods for selection. Awards may not be used to finance 100 percent of any project or program. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., may require a one-to-one private-sector match or higher for an award, if applicable and deemed prudent by the board of directors. An awardee may not receive all of the funds earnings or available principal in any given year. An award may supplement but may not supplant existing funding sources.

(4) A contract executed by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., with an awardee must include provisions requiring a performance report on the contracted activities, must account for the proper use of funds provided under the contract, and must include provisions for recovery of awards in the event the award was based upon fraudulent information or the awardee is not meeting the performance requirements of the award. Awardees must regularly report to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., the expenditure of funds and the status of the project or program on a schedule determined by the corporation.

Section 8. Section 377.43, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 9. The revision made by this act to s. 288.8014(4), Florida Statutes, applies only to persons who are appointed to serve on the board of directors of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., on or after July 1, 2017.

Section 10. The Division of Law Revision and Information is directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" where it occurs in this act with the date this act takes effect.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2017.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 2, 2017.





# City of Pensacola

*America's First Settlement  
Established 1559*

Office of the City Council

August 21, 2017

Chairman Doug Underhill  
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners  
221 Palafox PL  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Re: Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation

Dear Commissioner Underhill,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 12, 2017 regarding the solicitation list request for five proposed projects and/or programs from the City Council.

The City Council will work with the Mayor's Office in developing the list for the City of Pensacola and will make such submission in accordance with the process set forth by the County and in compliance with the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act.

Thank you for this notification. We look forward to working with Escambia County in developing projects and programs that will benefit the citizens of Pensacola and Escambia County.

Sincerely,

Brian Spencer  
President  
Pensacola City Council

cc: Mayor Ashton J. Hayward  
Members, Pensacola City Council

## AIRPORT MRO Expansion



**Project Title: Airport MRO Expansion**

**Budget: \$25 – 100 million**

**Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor**

### Gulf Coast Aerospace Corridor – Florida Advantage

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In its 2016 survey on Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness, the global consulting firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) ranked the State of Florida at number two among all states in attractiveness to the Aerospace manufacturing industry. Florida has clearly established itself as an industry leader, and particularly with recent aviation sector investment in Pensacola. We have an opportunity to build upon and take advantage of this national trend favoring our state and region.

Aerospace is a \$240 billion industry in the U.S. and key to the economy of four Gulf Coast states experiencing economic damage from Deepwater Horizon incident. While Florida already makes a compelling case for companies searching for location opportunities, to continue the region's work as a true contender for aviation and aerospace projects

This project proposes to expand on construction of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hangar facilities and related office, assembly and material handling buildings at the City owned Pensacola International Airport.

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# Pensacola Bayfront Redevelopment

## \$56 Million

CMP Excursion  
Ship Dock

CMP Marina

Main Street  
West Corridor  
Improvements

Downtown  
Parking  
Infrastructure

Sanders Beach  
Stormwater  
Park

Port of Pensacola Berth 6

Baywalk

Port of Pensacola Warehouse 4 Repurpose

# PORT OF PENSACOLA WAREHOUSE 4 REPURPOSE

**Project Title: Port of Pensacola Warehouse 4 Repurpose**  
**Budget: \$15 Million**  
**Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor**

Broad Regional Partnership to progress Marine STEM

A broad interest group of the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition, University of West Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Naval Sea Systems Command - Panama City and the City of Pensacola are seeking to partner on a marine research, development and education facility to be located at Warehouse 4, Port of Pensacola. The facility will provide research for: military or commercial autonomous vessels, product development and commercialization to market; intelligent subsea structures, environmental and ecosystem assessment with classroom and laboratories supporting those activities. It is also anticipated the facility will support actual marine research vessels for both offshore and inshore operations and possibly the FWC Enforcement Division operations relocated from the landing site of the new Pensacola Bay Bridge.

Warehouse 4 is approximately 45,000 ft sq and historically used for bulk storage of raw materials. The warehouse would be repurposed and renovated to accommodate the research space, classrooms, laboratories, manufacturing areas, storage and offices in modern recycled containers for mobility, flexibility and reusable workspace. This type of modern workspace and manufacturing energizes creativity in rapidly developing technology STEM fields. The building needs some renovation and repairs in addition to infrastructure improvement supporting the new functions.

The engagement of a regional university, panhandle wide military, an award-winning robotics and artificial intelligence research facility, a state agency combined with the private sector to commercialize developed products in a City owned facility has the absolute potential to provide regional impacts on economic transformation of the panhandle.





# PORT OF PENSACOLA BERTH 6

**Project Title: Port of Pensacola Berth 6**

**Budget: \$ 14 million**

**Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**

## Berth 6 Restoration Creates Lasting Economic Impacts

Port Pensacola is one of Florida's 14 deep water ports and the port's ability to conduct logistics operations (import and export of goods for international and domestic markets) is critical to the overall economy of the Gulf Region. In fact, as a deep-water Port, functional infrastructure, berths and piers are essential to port operations, i.e. pier-side loading and unloading of cargo vessels/ barges with various types of heavy equipment including cranes. Constructed in the 1960s and exposed to almost 50 years of harsh saltwater and general working environment, Berth #6 reached the end of its service life.

Completion of the Berth #6 Infrastructure project will restore Port Pensacola to full operational capability and restore the economic benefits a deep-water seaport brings to the Gulf Region. But, growth in jobs and investment cannot occur without berth infrastructure repairs. Closure of Berth 6, and its 560 feet of pier, reduced operational capability of the port by 20%, resulting in a loss of flexibility in accommodating multiple vessels at the same time and causing some vessels to be turned away.

At maximum capacity, a restored Berth 6 could support an additional 365 vessel dockage days, worth \$11 million to \$18 million in additional economic impact EACH YEAR over the 40+-year life of the asset. One dockage day = 1 ship in port for 1 day. Overall, from 2014 to 2015, dockage days grew by 28%, reaffirming the fact that Port Pensacola is on an upward trajectory and illustrating the importance of available infrastructure to continue to increase Port activity.

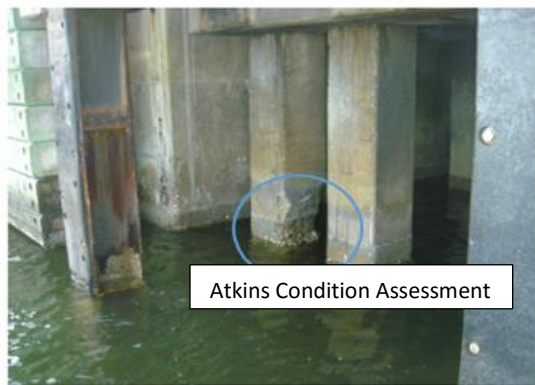
Port Pensacola supports local NW Florida businesses – i.e., GE Energy's Scenic Highway Wind Turbine facility, International Paper, and Offshore Inland to name a few. Even crushed rock used in local road and other construction projects comes to Northwest Florida through our local port.



Port of Pensacola



Berth 6



Atkins Condition Assessment

"This project pays dividends for a while."

"This project leverages State of Florida (FSTED) money."

– Escambia RESTORE Committee Members,  
December 2015

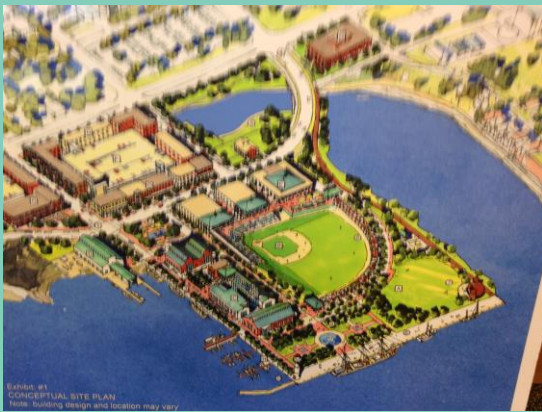
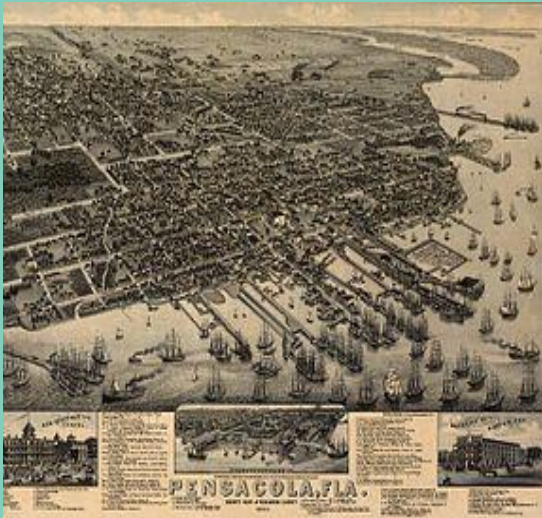
# COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK MARINA

**Project Title: Community Maritime Park Marina**  
**Budget: \$3 million**  
**Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**

Leading the Southern League in sellouts and total attendance the Wahoos Stadium, housed on a former brownfield at Maritime Park, has been a strong contributor to the increase in downtown activity. Bringing a marina online adjacent to the stadium provides a larger opportunity to compete for tourism dollars by hosting national and international maritime sporting events, local and national fishing tournaments and excursion ships. Boat access, both in the marina and south bulkhead, dramatically enhances activity at the park and the quality and diversity of park experiences and can lead to an increase in game attendees, special event attendees, and downtown visits.

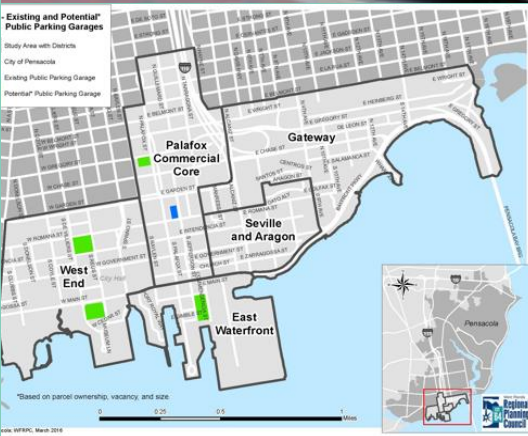
Our recommended marine infrastructure and tourism development project is situated on the waterside adjacent to the Pensacola Bayfront Stadium at Community Maritime Park. This project proposes to examine and construct a marina providing access to the waterway adjacent to Maritime Park – home to Blue Wahoos Baseball. Community Maritime Park was constructed on a former brownfield in downtown Pensacola in 2009 with the vision of locals and tourists enjoying the amenities that this type of development brings to the waterfront redevelopment district.

Project permits are in place. A breakwater has been constructed to protect the marina. Three dock structures are proposed, accommodating nearly 50 vessels in Phase I.





# DOWNTOWN PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE



**Project Title: Downtown Parking Infrastructure**  
**Budget: \$ 11 million**  
**Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**

Parking Strategies as a Catalyst to Economic Development: Business District Infrastructure

The City of Pensacola, and in particular the downtown core, has experienced significant growth over the past five years, and the rate of change over the next five to ten years has the potential to be even greater.

In order to keep a parking shortage from pinching future downtown growth, in 2015 the City engaged the West Florida Regional Planning Commission to examine current parking supply, review best practices and project future parking demand.

Demand analysis calculations show the study area having a net deficit of 2,268 parking spaces. Based on research regarding cities of similar size and characteristics, it is evident that an effectively implemented parking model can result in a more profitable outcome for existing commercial enterprises and lead to new investment.

To attract and support commercial investment including headquarters and small businesses, parking strategists recommend using parking flexibility as an economic development tool.

To achieve a broader economic development vision for the downtown commercial core, funding is requested to design and construct a mixed-use parking structure that meets the goals outlined above. Parking demand supporting the growth of Palafox Commercial core, increases in Port of Pensacola activity, Gateway Zone attraction of Tech Park, growth of Pensacola Bay Center and increased demand at Community Maritime Park were considered in the study. Future parking demand was forecasted based on construction permits through January 2016 and future attraction efforts.

# COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK (CMP) EXCURSION SHIP DOCK



**Project Title: Community Maritime Park (CMP)  
Excursion Ship Dock  
Budget: \$ 2 million  
Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**

Access to waterways in our traditional fishing community endures as an important part of our economy and culture. Bringing an excursion ship dock infrastructure on line meets planning goals to further activate Pensacola Bay, market and preserve our maritime history and bring tourism venues on line in America's 1st Settlement.

Supporting infrastructure is needed to accommodate vessels similar to research or tall ships at the maritime park. We are encouraged that bringing this amenity on line can support international sailing races, short excursion cruises and maritime festivals in our port City. Positive economic impact is expected by adding a potential tourism venue that will attract excursion ships while enhancing tourism and economic development options in our City.

Tourism destinations are transformed by the arrival of an increasing number of cruises and Florida ranks first in state economic benefits from the cruise industry. Although, current and new infrastructure will not support mega-cruise ships, Phase 1 funding for design and engineering will help the City determine construction costs to accommodate smaller excursion vessels, tall ships and similar ships.

Cruise tourism generates an estimated \$18 billion a year in passenger expenditure and has been the fastest growing sector of the travel industry for the past 20 years at an average annual growth rate of passengers of 7.4%.

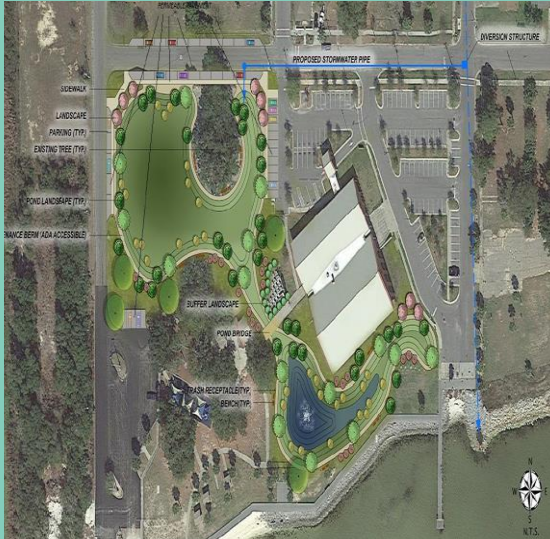


# SANDERS BEACH STORMWATER PARK

**Project Title: Sanders Beach Stormwater Park**

**Budget: \$5 million**

**Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**



The positive impact of this project will serve well beyond Northwest Florida. The expansion of the Sanders Beach park will help link the waterfront park and community resource center to the redevelopment of the 19 acre American Creosote Superfund Site, creating a 24 acre urban park and lifting a blighted community. Superfund redevelopment projects are complex but offer vast urban acreages of property for development creating jobs, siting industry and providing public lands. Replicating this experience at Sanders Beach and American Creosote will provide guidance for reinvestment and redevelopment of the seven superfund sites in Escambia County, the 11 in NW FL and the 89 in the State of Florida. Otherwise the strategically located properties will remain vacant and neglected parcels fenced off from any product use, jobs and tax revenue to local governments.



The 1st phase of work has been completed with the installation of storm water treatment and enhancements to the existing park. The proposed project, 2nd phase entails purchasing a 1.48-acre property, Zelica Grotto Hall, which adjoins the City-owned Sanders Beach Community Resource Center, Park, and Boat Ramp. This regional park will provide enhancements to the Sanders Beach neighborhood and expansion of the economic growth of downtown Pensacola westward into the residential Sanders Beach and Main Street Corridor.



# BAYWALK

**Project Title: BAYWALK**

**Budget: \$3 million**

**Applicant: City of Pensacola Office of the Mayor**



*“This project will link to the new Pensacola Bay Bridge and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic circle creating an iconic entrance to America’s 1<sup>st</sup> Settlement”*

Mayor Ashton Hayward, 2017

As adopted in the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plan, the Pensacola Baywalk project is a road diet and continuous multimodal pathway along downtown Pensacola's three-mile waterfront. Fully constructed, the Baywalk will provide a continuous linkage between existing waterfront features like Plaza de Luna, and the Community Maritime Park, following the Maritime Heritage Trail, where the public can enjoy the downtown coastline and maritime history.

This one-half mile segment is immediately adjacent to a four(4)-lane divided state highway and features a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk which is directly behind the highway curb line. There are no designated bike lanes. The narrow sidewalk does not provide sufficient pedestrian access, traffic regularly exceeds the posted limits, making the area inhospitable for pedestrian and bicycles. The stormwater runoff currently discharges directly into Hawkshaw Lagoon, Project Greenshores, or Pensacola Bay. The adjacent shoreline is reinforced riprap edging Pensacola Bay invaded by Phragmites Australis, in dense stands that out-compete native vegetation and negatively affect salt marshes.



# MAIN STREET WEST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

**Project Title: Main Street West Corridor Improvements**  
**Budget: \$3 million**  
**Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor**

Complete streets implementation to provide multi-modal use, safely accommodating automobiles, transit vehicles and riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians. This project will provide transit for people and vehicles, but also often serve as places for commerce and recreation. The project will be compatible with the surrounding community, and support adjacent land uses and activities and will include:

- Constructing a ten-foot wide shared-use path on south side of Main Street utilizing brick pavers
- Share use path will be buffered by vegetative streetscaping
- Provide for benches and trash can amenities
- Implementation of 11' wide, center east-west turn lanes at A and E Streets
- Constructing a five-foot wide sidewalk on north side of Main Street
- North sidewalk will be buffered by the Installation of vegetative streetscaping.

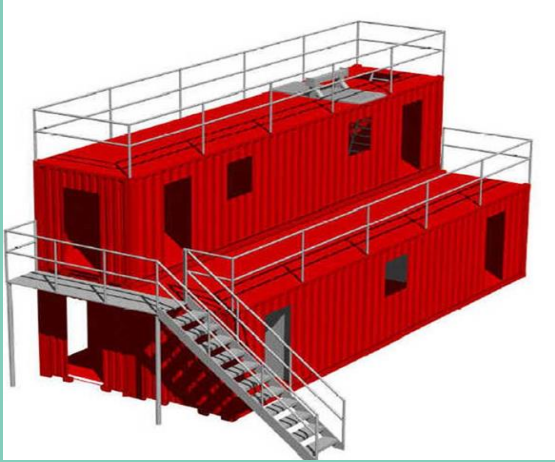




**Disaster Management  
Training Center**



# DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER



**Project Title: DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER**

**Budget: \$1 million**

**Applicant: City of Pensacola, Office of the Mayor**

The Pensacola Fire Department's Regional Certified Training Center offers training for existing workforce and potential recruits in disaster planning, emergency response and fire suppression management. The Regional Center is currently certified by the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards. Due to changing codes and National Fire Protection Agency standards our current facility and planning programs require upgrades to maintain certification. Meeting those requirements will require a new, pre-engineered training structure. Bringing a new facility online will allow the City to retain our certification as a state certified regional training center. Our training center produces qualified emergency planning and responders for all disasters to include but not limited to equipment and personnel for local disaster action plans, natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, structural fires, urban search and rescue, vehicle accidents, airport fire rescue and mass casualty incidents.

To maintain equipment for local action response planning and responding to disasters with rapidly evolving technologies, our City Emergency Information Center needs upgrades to communications software and hardware. Emergency Management within the city is vital to maintain delivery of city services, perform local government functions during times of disaster and put our existing industries quickly back on line. An upgraded platform will ensure that agency coordination is maintained through the City's Incident Command and assure mission critical functions will continue post event.

Providing emergency management workforce training and upgrading communications also factor into Insurance Classification Ratings (ISO) and business location decisions. Providing insurance cost savings for existing industries and new businesses by maintaining a high Service Class Rating and providing a trained workforce are powerful recruitment tools for our region.

# Multi-Purpose Urban Greenway Transforms Corridor

The proposed Hollice T. Williams Urban Greenway is an adaptive use of underutilized space beneath the elevated Interstate 110 highway, near its southern terminus in downtown Pensacola, adjacent to Pensacola Bay. This project will create a radically revitalized gateway corridor into the heart of the city and become a destination for those who seek a unique and culturally diverse venue for recreation or relaxation.

The Hollice T. Williams Greenway will achieve the multiple purposes of stormwater mitigation, recreation, and creation of a unique civic space designed to attract a diverse range of visitors and encourage neighborhood reinvestment. The project will aid the City of Pensacola in collecting, treating and routing 1.3 miles of stormwater, providing relief to diverse adjacent neighborhoods in flood prone areas near Hollice T. Williams Park. A concept similar to Tallahassee's Cascades Park, consisting of a network of underground channels, open streams and ponds designed to provide both flood protection and treatment of run-off during intense storms, the Hollice T. Williams stormwater/recreation basins will maximize the use of public lands to manage large run-off volumes generated quickly during storm events. Dual use dry ponds which double as youth athletic and passive fields.

In addition to its adaptive approach to stormwater management, urban place making will be achieved by this project. Taking a note from of New York's Highline Park, the City looks to transform the dreary hardscape of the highway underpass to a vibrant space supporting community health and wellness, tourism and economic development. The Greenway will feature gateways, waterscape, artistic hardscape, decorative lighting, sculptures, stonescapes, decorative seating, exercise stations, shade gardens and edible plantings.

The project will provide passive, active and community gathering spaces. It will serve people of all ages and interests from children to seniors, traditional and non-traditional athletes and the "forgotten youth" of the community. Private and non-profit partners, including Upward Intuition and Innisfree Hotels, are collaborating with the City to support the development and operation of a community garden, a world class competitive skate park/amphitheater and to build early-learning opportunities into the Greenway.

The Greenway will be an iconic, one of a kind, urban green spine that will mitigate flooding, and provide community-wide enjoyment and activity options for all ages. This project will catalyze the revitalization of adjacent inner city neighborhoods and the entire corridor.

## Phase 1: Planning, Design and Permitting - \$1,500,000

Phase 1 has been funded through Escambia County's RESTORE Direct Component grant.

## Phase 2: Implementation and Construction - \$12,442,900

- Gateways
- Park Seating
- Splash Pad
- Community Garden
- Wet Detention Pond with Fountain
- Multi-Use Paths
- Decorative Lighting
- Early Learning Features
- Passive Gathering Areas
- Dual Use Competition Skate Park Facility and Amphitheater
- Landscaping
- Athletic Fields
- Art/Sculpture
- Dry Stormwater Ponds

Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL  
Project Title: Hollice T Williams Urban Greenway  
Budget: \$ 12.5 million

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## HOLLICE T. WILLIAMS URBAN GREENWAY





# DEVILLIERS, REUS AND "A" STREETScape

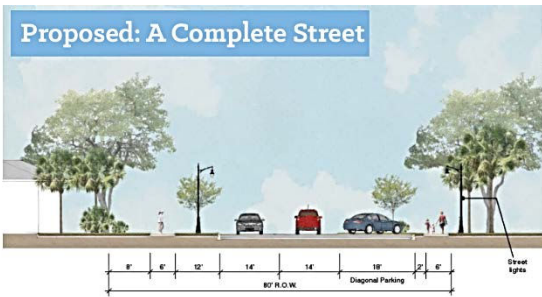
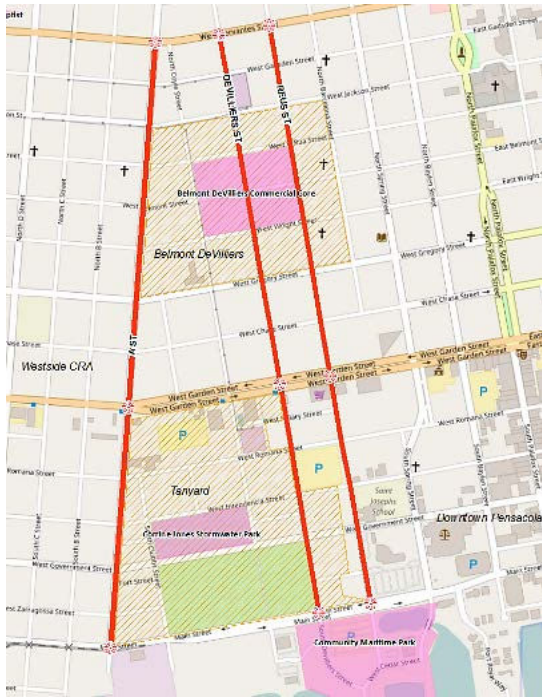
**Applicant:** City of Pensacola, FL  
**Project Title:** DeVilliers, Reus and "A" Streetscape  
**Budget:** \$20.8 million

## Complete Streets Serve As Powerful Economic Driver

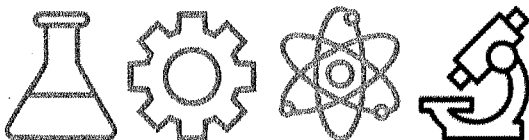
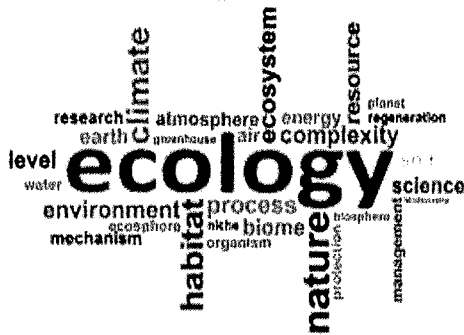
Inadequacies within Pensacola’s existing downtown neighborhood transportation corridors undermine the community’s connectivity to the waterfront. Outdated and deteriorated infrastructure conditions create an unsafe and uncomfortable environment which diminishes pedestrian and non-vehicular activity. These infrastructure conditions also limit area market potential for redevelopment by deterring private sector investment. “Complete Streets” streetscape improvements will leverage recent drainage and recreational improvements provided by the construction of the Government Street Regional Stormwater Facility at Corrine Jones Park and encourage westward moving development. Construction of a Complete Streets system of improvements, will support smart and equitable growth, which capitalizes on existing infrastructure, development potential and market demand. These community thoroughfares will be redesigned to address safety, lighting and aesthetic inadequacies and will include widened ADA accessible sidewalk systems, decorative street lighting, landscaping with shade trees, on-street parking and subsurface infrastructure. The improvements will enhance community walkability providing health, environmental and economic benefits to all residents of the City’s downtown neighborhoods.

- Integrates Pensacola’s Downtown Core and inner city neighborhoods by upgrading three key transitional streets, North DeVilliers, Reus and “A” Streets , providing connectivity to the City’s waterfront as well as major commercial corridors - Cervantes, Garden and Main Street.
- Enhances livability and linkages by employing sustainable urban design within Pensacola’s Inner City neighborhoods targeted for blight removal and revitalization.
- Provides walkability between three historical downtown neighborhoods (Tanyard, Belmont-DeVilliers and North Hill), the Community Maritime Park, the newly developed Corrine Jones Stormwater Park, as well as other community amenities.

The streetscape enhancements will transform the public realm and serve a wide range of users. These improvements will act as a powerful social and economic driver providing improved urban access along Pensacola’s western transitional core. By bridging the gap between Pensacola’s lower income communities and the downtown amenities and commercial corridors, the project will drive economic vigor and catalyze westward moving growth and vitality spurred by the success of Pensacola’s Downtown Business District and waterfront.



# YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL  
Project Title: Youth Environmental Empowerment Program  
Budget: \$1 million

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## Environmental Program Promotes Youth Employment and Stewardship

The Youth Environmental Empowerment Program is a summer education program which focuses on providing environmental education to youth, ages 11 through 19. The program will offer four weeks of summer learning with focused course work in ecology, resource management, pollution and society. Students will engage in field trips which are designed to provide interactive learning opportunities with environmental professionals such as environmental law specialists and businesses which promote green standards.

Program participation will facilitate employment of young adults within the environmental field and encourage lifelong careers within the environmental sector. Access to environmental education will encourage students to become environmental stewards and promote sound decision-making for generations to come.

The program will provide training to a total of 2,500 students over a five year period, with 500 students receiving training per year. After the first five years, the program will be reduced to 50 students per year and will be open to 5th grade students. Funding is requested for \$1,000,000 to cover the first five years of training. During and after the first five years, public and private partnerships will be developed to support the project.

Program success will be measured throughout the five year period with participant surveys conducted annually to determine program impact. Implementation will be guided by Escambia County School Board standards and an advisory board consisting of community leaders, environmentalists, educators, business leaders, and government officials.



# Complete Streets Corridor Management Restores Economic Appeal

The West Cervantes Street-Mobile Highway corridor, which spans from North "A" Street on the east to Dominguez Street on the west, serves as the principal commercial corridor and urban center of Pensacola's Westside and Brownsville communities. Historically, this former economic hub invited a wide variety of visitors to its once thriving city streets and entrepreneurial businesses. Today, however, the corridor has fallen victim to urban sprawl, deterioration, and disinvestment resulting in economic decline, dilapidated building stocks, and increased poverty and crime. Both communities have been designated for revitalization by the City and County respectively.

The West Cervantes Street-Mobile Highway Corridor Management Plan (CMP) establishes four key objectives designed to restore the economic vibrancy of the West Cervantes Street-Mobile Highway corridor by improving safety, accessibility, comfort and appeal in the built environment. These objectives include:

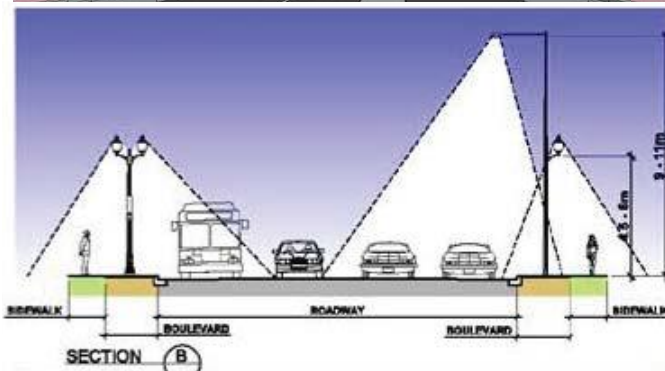
- **Improvements to Multimodal Transportation.** Analyses conducted during the preparation of the CMP identify critical multimodal facility inadequacies within the corridor. To address these inadequacies, plan implementation includes the adoption of a two lane roadway system with provisions for bicycle lanes, on-street parking, pedestrian crosswalks, additional public transit shelters, medians and streetscape improvements. Implementation follows the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Complete Streets principles and includes widened ADA accessible sidewalk systems with curb extensions, decorative lighting and landscaping enhancements.
- **Enhancements to Pedestrian Safety and Walkability.** Walkable communities generate activation of public thoroughfares, and promote neighborhood health and wellness. A recent traffic safety study documents a high incidence of pedestrian involved crashes along the corridor. To encourage safety and enlivenment of Pensacola's Westside and Brownsville communities, implementation includes improvements to sidewalk interconnectivity throughout adjoining neighborhoods and to community amenities such as existing parks and the library.
- **Improvements to Key Corridor Gateways (A Street, E Street, and Pace Boulevard).** Beautification of key corridor gateways provide appeal and evoke a sense of arrival representative of neighborhood character. Implementation includes dual purpose gateway improvements which promote quality of place and provide an amenity such as park seating or beautification.
- **Improvements to Workforce through Revitalization of Commercial Corridors.** Existing conditions along the West Cervantes Street-Mobile Highway Corridor include an abundance of vacant parcels and dilapidated structures which present prime opportunities for redevelopment. Implementation includes the use of sound urban design principles to generate redevelopment which catalyzes economic growth through the availability of office, retail and restaurant space, and promotes active public use. Quality mixed-use facilities offering outdoor seating or plazas will be proposed by redevelopment.

Implementation of the West Cervantes Street Corridor Management Plan (CMP), has gained unprecedented public and inter-agency support and is backed by a partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), West Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, City of Pensacola and Escambia County.

Applicant: City of Pensacola, FL  
Project Title: West Cervantes  
Street Corridor Management  
Budget: \$ 30 million

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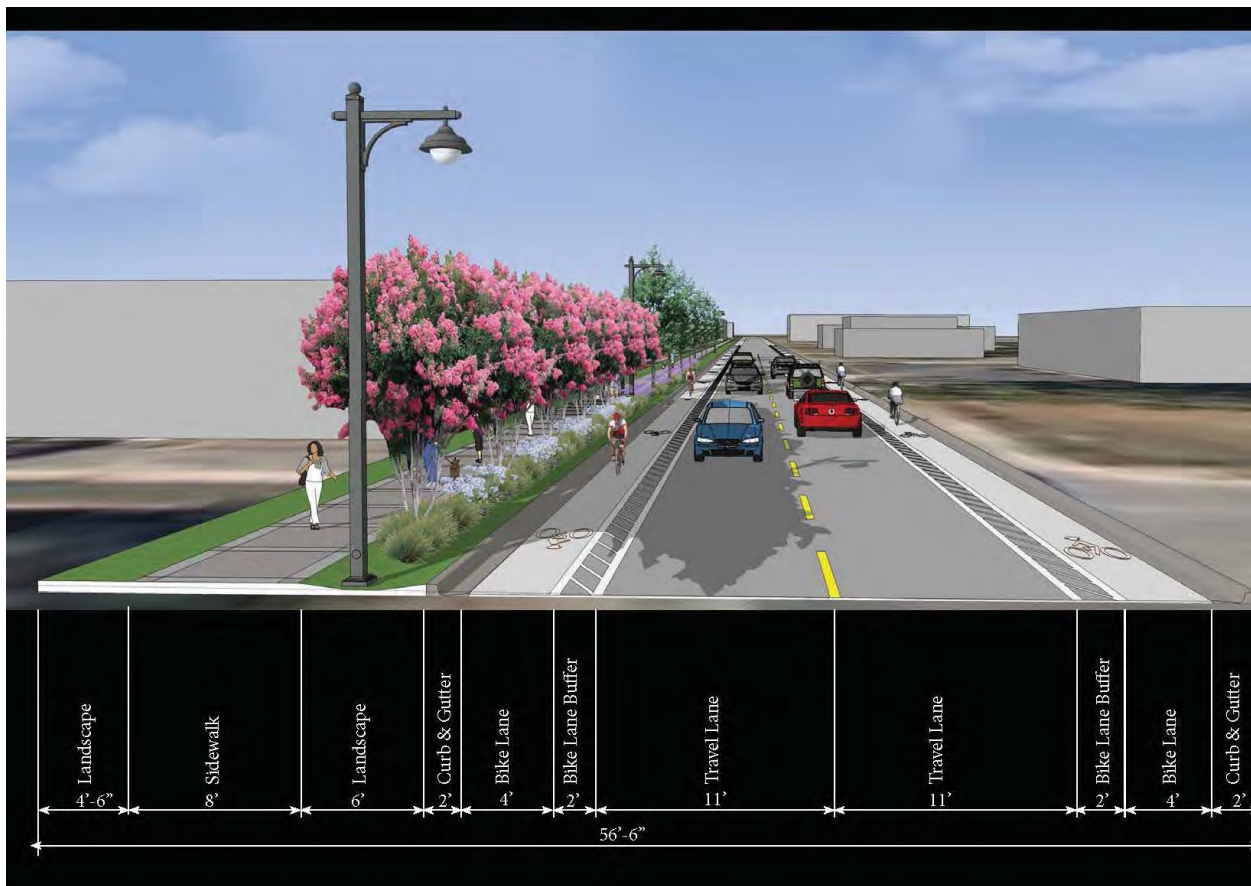
## WEST CERVANTES STREET CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT



## West Main Street Corridor Improvements - \$2,500,000

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MAIN STREET & E STREET – WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND LEFT TURN LANES