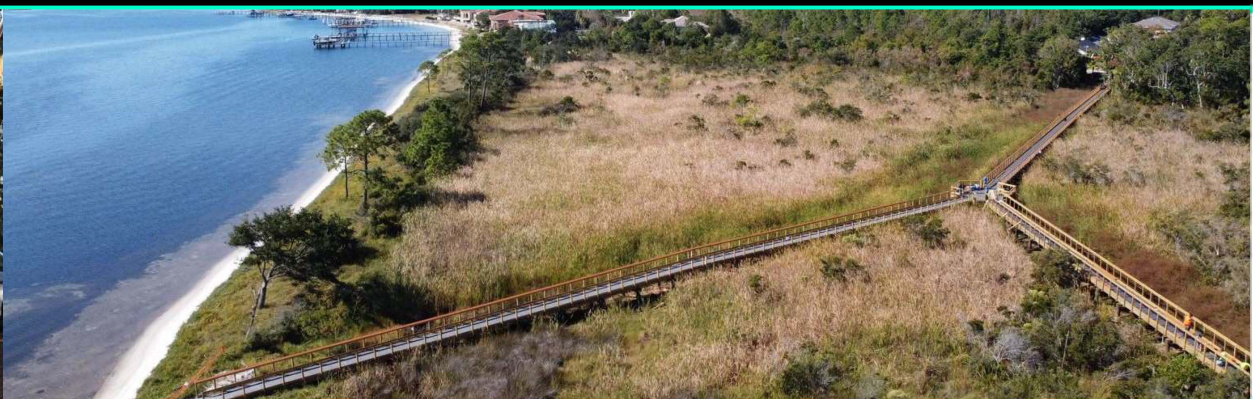
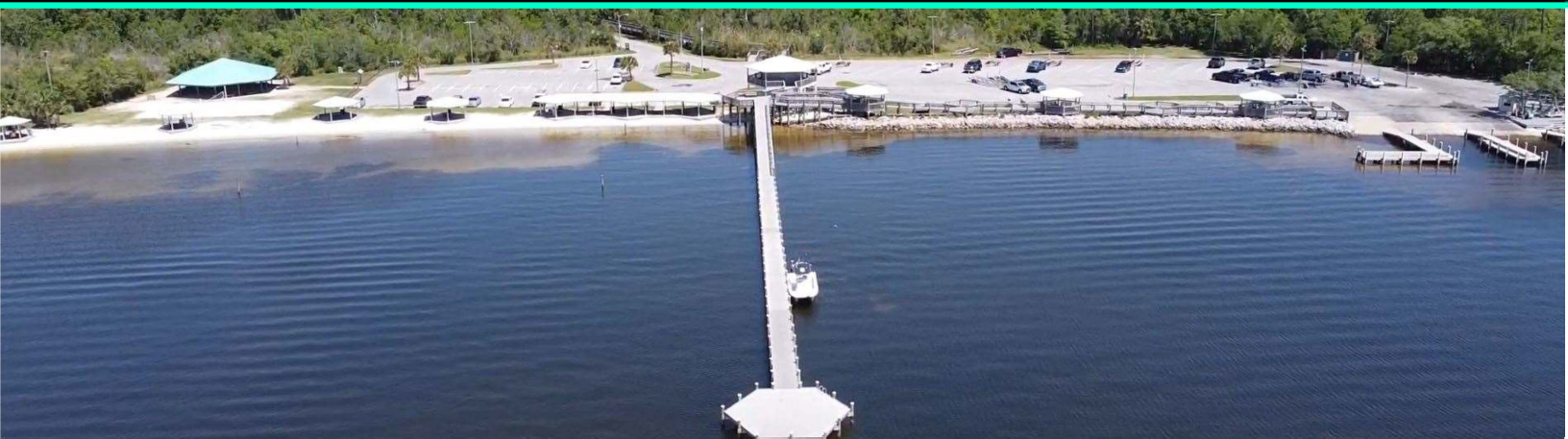




2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



City of Gulf Breeze



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Mayor Fitch & City Council



Mission Statement:

"Gulf Breeze will preserve and enhance its hometown character and natural environment to foster a high quality of family life."

VALUES

INCLUSION ∞ COLLABORATION ∞ SERVICE ABOVE SELF

To describe our daily commitment to public service, our core values are:

INCLUSION is the attitude, tendency, or policy of integrating all people in a society, with the intention that all who are involved shall benefit through their participation and contribution to the process.

COLLABORATION occurs when two or more people work together towards a shared goal.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF is showing acts of kindness with the knowledge you may never be recognized, pushing yourself beyond normal boundaries for the betterment of others, and making yourself uncomfortable to make others more.

The City of Gulf Breeze strives to cultivate a safe, family-friendly community that supports inclusion, collaboration and outstanding service for all its citizens.



Mayor Fitch was elected to the City Council in 2012 and was re-elected to her 2nd term as Mayor in 2022. She also serves the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program Policy & Finance Boards, FL-AL Transportation and Planning Organization, Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council, and the Florida League of Mayors.



Seat B 2020-2024

Mayor Pro Tem Naile was elected to the City Council in December 2016. He also serves on the Gulf Breeze Regional Water System Board of Directors and the Fairpoint Regional Utility Board of Directors and presides as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Fitch.



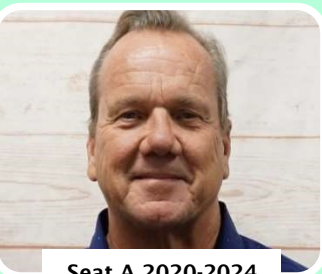
Seat D 2022-2026

Councilman Hebert was elected to the City Council in 2018 and was re-elected to his 2nd term in November 2022. He serves as the Ex-Officio Council appointee to the Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and completed the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials Program in 2019.



Seat C 2022-2026

Councilman Torgersen was elected to the City Council in 2018 and was re-elected to his 2nd term in November 2022. He serves as the Council appointee to the Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Council and completed the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials Program in 2019.



Seat A 2020-2024

Councilman Schluter was appointed to the City Council in 2019 to fill an unexpired term. He previously served on the Council from 2006 to 2014, as well as the Development Review Board, Bay Area Resource Council, Advisory Park Board, and Gulf Breeze Sports Association.

Creating a Strong & Resilient Community



“ Our strategy for enhancing community resiliency is based on five fundamental pillars: Effective City Governance, Infrastructure, Quality of Life, Local Economy, and Neighborhoods. Each of these pillars is crucial to maintaining stability not just within our City but also in the surrounding region.

Our team is committed to delivering exceptional customer service while constantly assessing and enhancing our operations to ensure a robust and resilient community.”

FOCUS ON RESILIENCY

It is undeniable that this yearly review exemplifies a City that is continuously progressing. It highlights a considerable number of enhancements in policies and programs, along with substantial improvements in infrastructure and planning development.

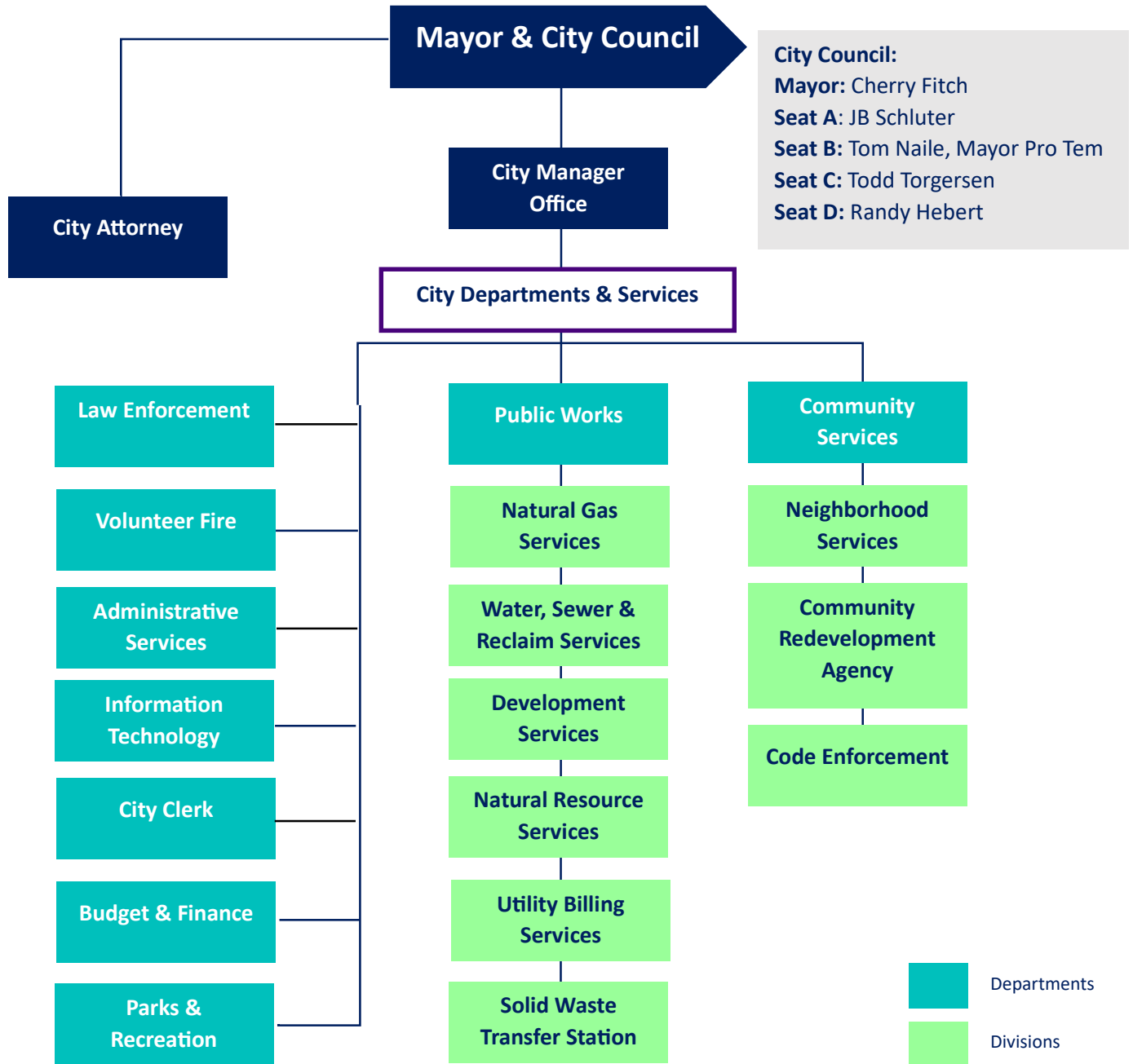
As we embark on the 4th year of our Resiliency Strategic Plan, it's imperative that we prioritize and concentrate our efforts to guarantee that the City of Gulf Breeze can endure, adjust to, and rebound from adversity. Our community's resilience is the cornerstone of our continued ability to accomplish these objectives, and we must avoid spreading ourselves too thin or squandering our resources to ensure that we attain optimal outcomes.

Gulf Breeze's character and vitality heavily rely on its neighborhoods. That's why our policies prioritize fortifying and maintaining them, starting from the infrastructure and extending to all City services, including planning, utilities, and public safety.

Neighborhood Services are essential for the smooth functioning of the community. They help residents and business owners identify the priorities of their neighborhood, plan for the long term, and align their goals with those of the larger region. With comprehensive neighborhood services, residents of Gulf Breeze can be confident that their community is moving in the right direction.

CITY OF GULF BREEZE

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Starting October 1, 2021, thru 2023, Gulf Breeze Mayor Cherry Fitch and City Council secured a historic number of non-emergency related appropriations and grants totaling approximately \$21,108,333. Thanks to our 2020 Year Strategic Plan and 2019 Capital Improvement Plan, agency partners are able to see their dollars stretch by multiple funding sources per project.

Grant projects and partners:

- **\$415,000 Soundside Drive Septic to Sewer Project Design:** Gulf Consortium/RESTORE
- **\$3,000,000 Soundside Drive Septic to Sewer Project Construction:** Gulf Consortium/RESTORE
- **\$3,800,000 Police Station & City Services Annex:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- **\$6,000,000 Tiger Point Wastewater & Reclamation Facility:** Gulf Consortium/RESTORE
- **\$2,500,000 Reclaim Water Expansion:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) & Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD)
- **\$1,200,000 Paddlers & Recreational Fishing Upgrades for Shoreline Park, Vista Park, and Woodland Park:** Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC)
- **\$375,000 Eufaula Street Water & Sewer Improvements Project:** (50% Match), Gulf Consortium/RESTORE
- **Shoreline Wetlands Boardwalk:**
 - **\$500,000:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
 - **\$33,333:** Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Taxes
 - **\$30,000:** Commissioner 5 Colten Wright
 - **\$5,000:** Commissioner 2 Dave Piech
- **\$150,000 Shoreline Basin Stormwater Project Design:** Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) with the Florida Division of Emergency Management
- **\$100,000 Multi-Use Pathway:** Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- **\$3,000,000 Multi-Use Pathway:** Capital Trust Agency (CTA)
- **100% Private land donation, Highway 98 Multimodal Overpass:** Publix



LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019 the City Council established a clear path to building a resilient community. Highlights of Past and Current Initiatives include:

- Placing a strong focus on Natural Resource Management and Resiliency.
- Charter Review and Adoption of a new City Charter.
- Neighborhood Enhancement Plans.
- Amending and Reinstating the Fire Board including board terms, and specified administrative responsibilities of the Board and Fire Chief.
- Adoption of the Shoreline Park Master Plan Map update.
- Approving the First Amended and Restated Agreement for the Supply and Purchase of Water by, between, and among Fairpoint Regional Water System and its partner utilities.
- Adoption of a Revised Real Property Acquisition Policy to include procedures for acquiring on going business enterprises and procedures and policies for properties suitable for affordable housing.
- Amending the City Code to revise provisions for the operation of Golf Carts on City Streets.
- Development of a Comprehensive Council-Manager Roles and Responsibilities Handbook.
- Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Creation of a 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- Formulating a 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- Undergrounding Utilities Hwy 98.
- SR 399 / US 98 Interchange Plan Renewal of Gulf Power Franchise Agreement.
- New Solid Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement.
- Partnership with Holley Navarre Water System (HNWS), SRC for Reclaimed Water.

2023 STATISTICS

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The City Council held meetings totaling over 30 Hours. Meetings included:

- 23 Regular Meetings
- 2 Special Meetings
- 4 Workshops
- 6 CRA Meetings
- 1 Gulf Breeze Financial Services Meeting

DOCUMENTS:

The Council reviewed over 4,046 pages of documents, including 3,513 pages of agenda documents and 533 pages of minutes.

- 25 Resolutions Adopted
- 8 Ordinances Adopted
- 2 Proclamations Issued

CITY CLERK:

Clerked a total of 52 meetings:

- 36 City Council
- 5 Gulf Breeze Regional Water Board
- 4 Tourist Advisory Committee (TDAC)
- 5 Advisory Park Board (APB)
- 350 agenda items processed
- 86 Public Notices posted
- 135 Public Records Requests
- 35 Special Assessment Liens Processed
- 55 Contract/Agreements Processed
- 38 Pre-Bid Meetings Attended

GENERAL ELECTIONS:

- Qualified 6 Candidates to run for City Council.
- Processed all Campaign Treasurer Reports for each Candidate & assisted Candidates as needed.

COMPLETED CITY PROJECTS FY23

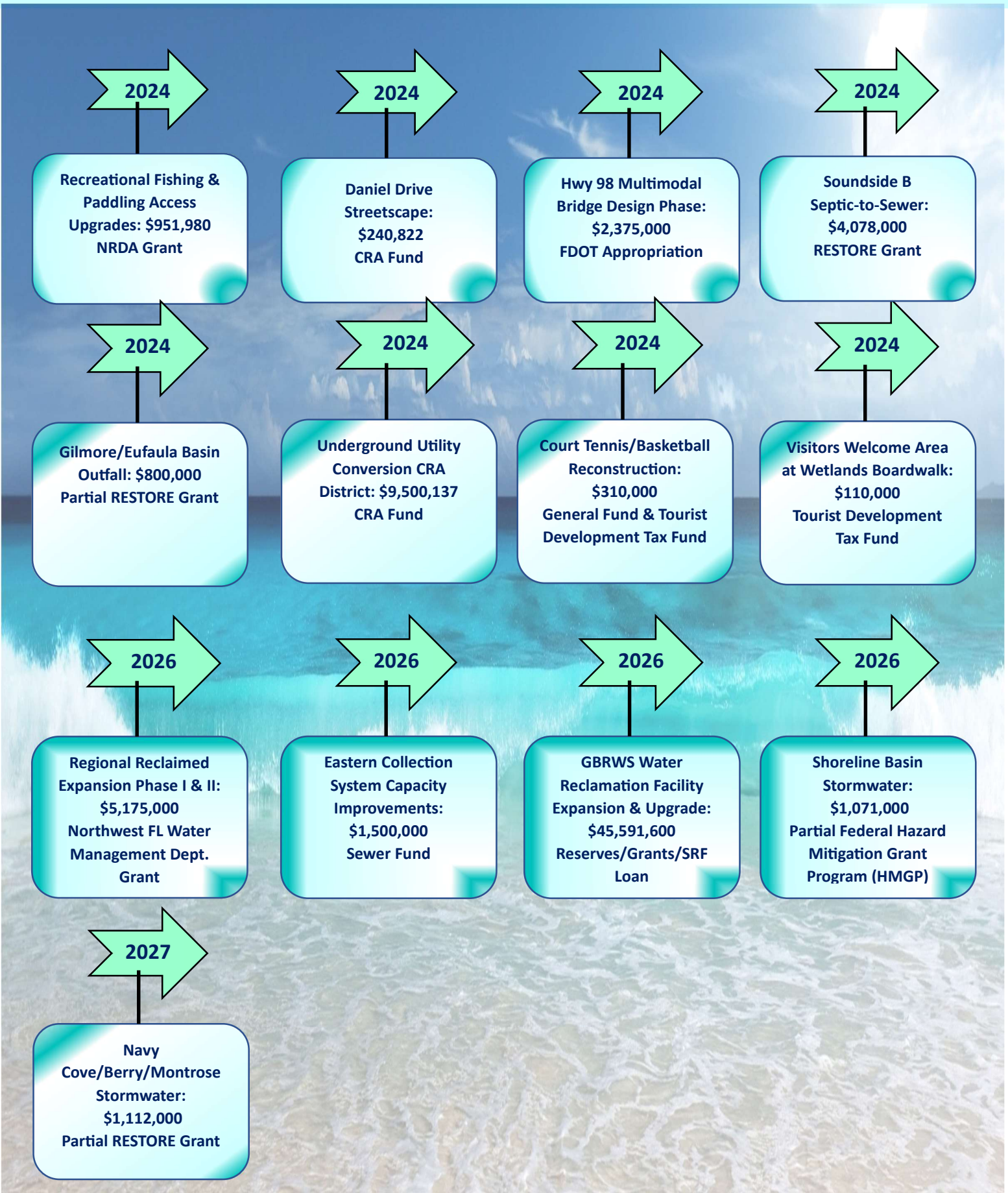
- Police Station & City Services Annex
- Montrose Outfall Dredging
- Soundside Septic-to-Sewer – Phase B



- Shoreline Field Visitor Seating and ADA Enhancements
- Shoreline Field Pressbox Window Installation and Replacement
- 5-Year Recycling, Debris & Trash Contract Renewal
- Underground Utilities Hwy 98 Construction
- Underground Utilities Neighborhood Collectors Design
- West Water Plant Replacement Design
- Reclaim Water Expansion Plan Design
- \$7 Million Infrastructure Storm Hardening:
 - Eufaula Concrete Water Main Replacement
 - Highpoint Concrete Water Main Replacement
 - Soundview Trail Water Main Replacement
 - Eventide Lift Station Rehabilitation
 - West Elevated Tank Replacement
 - Hydrant Repair and Replacement



WEST WATER PLANT REPLACEMENT



AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, & SERVICES

GULF BREEZE NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

The City of Gulf Breeze Natural Gas Department underwent a Pipeline Safety Audit conducted by the State of Florida's Public Service Commission to guarantee the secure construction, operation, and maintenance of the natural gas pipeline. The state inspectors carefully examine and assess the following during the audits:

- Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Anti-Drug and Alcohol Plan
- Distribution Integrity Management Plan
- Construction Inspection
- Records Inspection
- Emergency Plan
- Regulator Station Inspection
- Excavation Damage Complaints
- Public Awareness Plan
- Operator Qualification Plan
- Field Inspection

In addition to previous accolades, the Gulf Breeze Natural Gas Department has maintained (0) violations in 2020, 2021, and 2022 on the annual PSC safety audit.



Employee & Supervisor of the Year



JENN FINFROCK
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Jenn's expertise as an AP Specialist in the Finance Department has proved invaluable since joining the City's workforce in 2019. Accounts Payable is responsible for the spending of \$94 +/- million in federal state and local dollars.



TAKODA RUBLE
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Takoda joined the Natural Resources Division of the Public Works Department in 2019 and was promoted to Supervisor in 2020. This division is responsible for the City's Natural Resource Management, which includes, monitoring the City's Tree Protection Ordinance and Water Quality Reporting, as well as maintenance of the Public Stormwater System, which includes streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and the waste transfer station.



BUDGET

IN BRIEF | FY2023

EMPLOYEES:

137 Full-Time



= 5 People

GOVERNMENT CITY SERVICES:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:



RECREATION | PARKS:



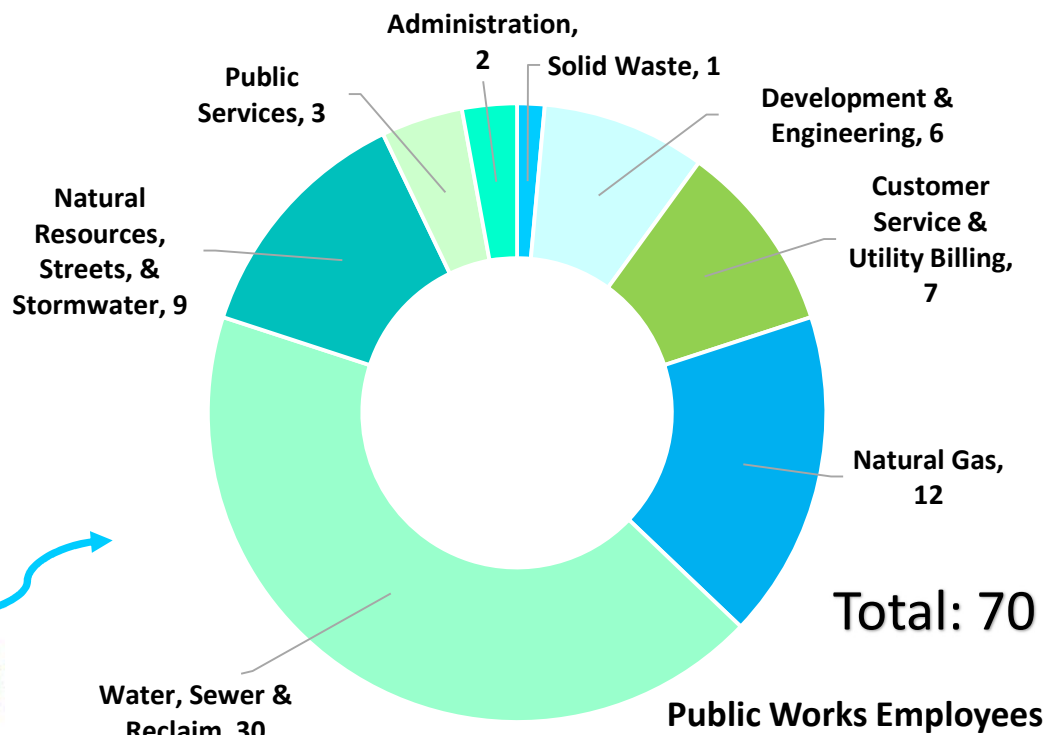
LAW ENFORCEMENT:



PUBLIC WORKS:

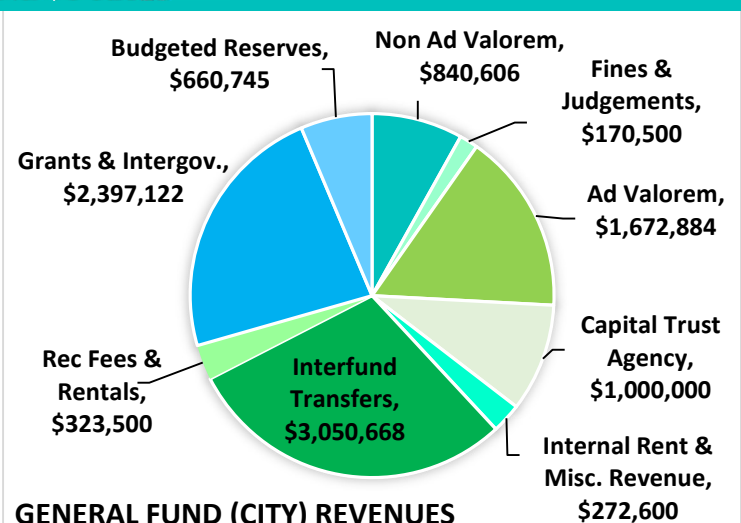
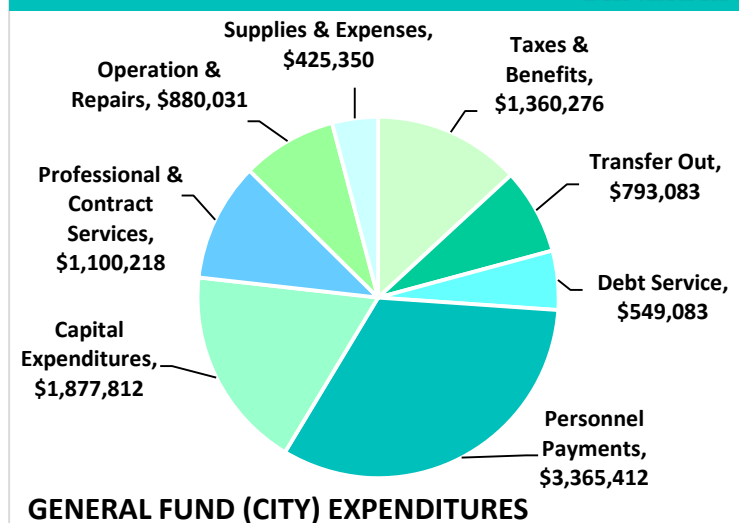


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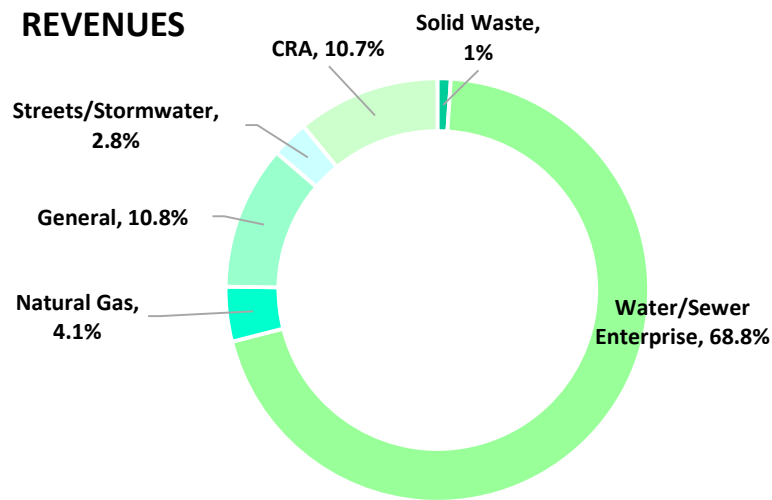


REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND | FY2023



REVENUES



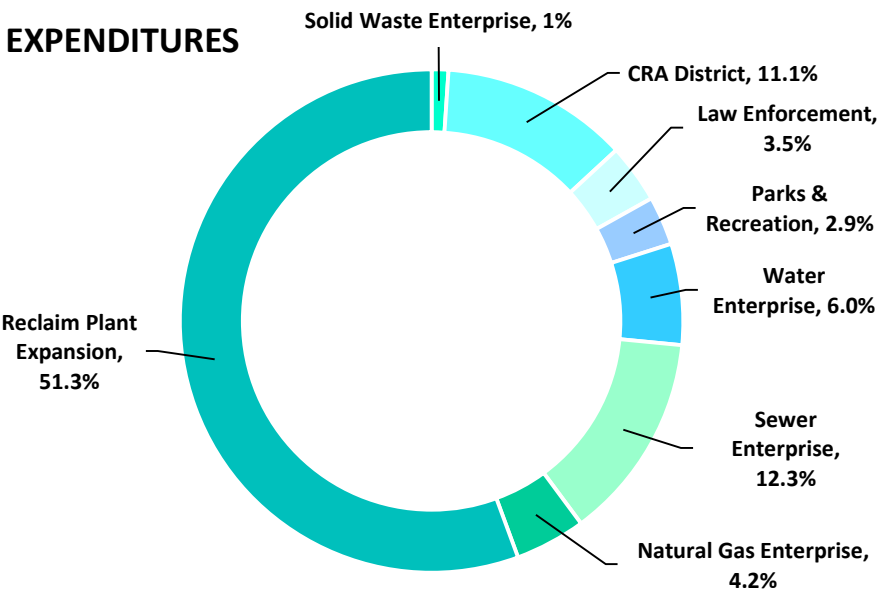
CITY & NON-CITY FUNDS | FY2023

Water/Sewer Enterprise	\$70,421,950
Natural Gas Enterprise	\$4,199,500
GBFS Enterprise	\$217,745
General (City)	\$11,049,369
Red Light	\$500,000
Streets/Stormwater	\$3,176,656
CRA District	\$10,963,201
Tourism Development	\$775,000
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$992,100

CITY & NON-CITY FUNDS | FY2023

Law Enforcement	\$3,465,252
Fire Control	\$344,946
Recreation Center	\$1,034,523
General Government	\$1,552,499
Internal Services	\$747,763
Parks & Recreation	\$2,834,757
Community Services	\$371,525
Streets Division	\$1,221,390
Stormwater & Drainage	\$1,955,266
Water Enterprise	\$5,951,660
Sewer Enterprise	\$12,132,214
Natural Gas Enterprise	\$4,190,089
Reclaim Plant Expansion	\$49,908,696
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$991,823
Tourism Development	\$565,500
CRA District	\$10,985,368
Red Light	\$416,779

EXPENDITURES



RESILIENCY

- 100% Stormwater Fees
 - Local Options Sales Tax
 - Grants
 - Sewer Rates
 - Natural Resources
-
- Eufaula Stormwater
 - Montrose Stormwater
 - Gilmore Stormwater
 - Bay Cliffs, Stormwater
 - Septic Elimination



INFRASTRUCTURE

- 100% Fuel Tax
 - 50% Franchise Fees
 - CRA Funds
-
- 15-Year Paving
 - Right-of-way Maintenance
 - Multimodal Overpass
 - Undergrounding Utilities



QUALITY OF LIFE

- Tourism Development (Bed Tax)
 - Grants
-
- Rec Improvements
 - Shoreline Park South Rehabilitation
 - Recreational Fishing Pier Improvements
 - Wetlands Trail Boardwalk Phase II



SAFETY

- American Rescue Plan Dollars
 - General Fund
 - CRA Funds
-
- Rec Improvements
 - Shoreline Park South Rehabilitation
 - Recreational Fishing Pier Improvements
 - Wetlands Trail Boardwalk



Pavement Rehabilitation

PAVING COMPLETE
YEAR PAVED

2015	
2017	
2020	
2021	
2022	
FY2023	
FY2024	



PAVING COMPLETED

- Shoreline Park S. Boat Ramp
 - Chesapeake Dr.
 - Kenilworth Ave.
 - Laura Ln.
 - Loruna Dr.
 - McLane Rd.
 - N. Sunset Blvd.
 - Navarre St.
 - Williamsburg Dr.
 - Windsor Pl.
 - Waterford Ln.
 - Camelia St.
 - Canterbury Ln.
- CRA Paving:
- o Andrews Institute Dr.
 - o Northcliff Dr.
- Special Paving:
- o Peakes Point



PAVING FY2023-2024

- FY2022-2023 Paving Contract**
- FY2024 Paving Plan:**
 - Daniel Cir.
 - Azalea St.
 - Bay Cliffs Rd.
 - Boxwood Ln.
 - Chesapeake Dr.
 - Confederate Ct.
 - Cordoba St.
 - Florida Ave.
 - Highpoint
 - James River
 - Jamestown Dr.
 - Madrid Ave.
 - Norwich Dr.
 - Shenandoah Dr.
 - Smith Cir.
 - Waterford Rd.
 - Williamsburg Dr.

Shoreline Field Visitor Seating & Netting Installation

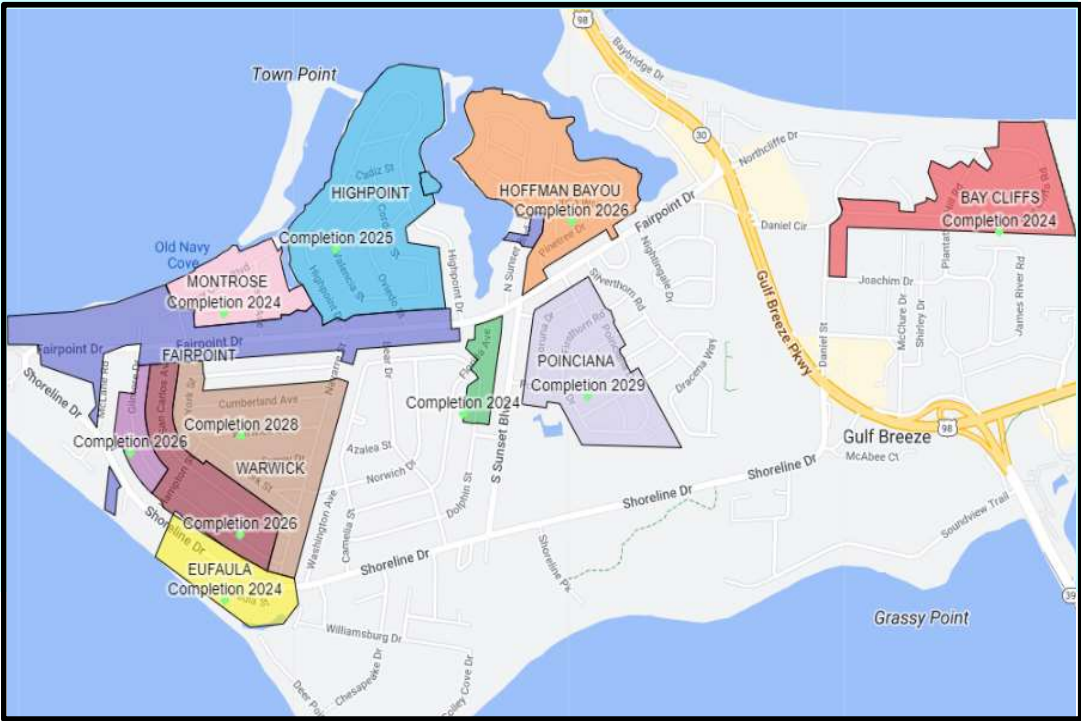


New visitor seating is coming to Shoreline Field this Fall, thanks to the Tourist Development Fund. The project will improve safety and crowd controls by separating the home team fans from visitors. Other amenities include an ADA Observation Area and an ADA Concrete Ramp for maximum accessibility with guard railings for safety.

City Septic-to-Sewer Conversion

The Gulf Breeze City Council funded a citywide program to convert properties that use septic tanks to a centralized collection and treatment system. The conversion of an estimated 1029 properties is estimated to cost over \$23 million. The goal is to primarily fund the conversions with grant funds and \$6 million in cash match. The conversion plan will be implemented over an eight-year time frame, with completion expected in 2029, providing 100% centralized sewer service within the City of Gulf Breeze.

STS Areas	Completion Date
Bay Cliffs	2024
Eufaula	2024
Fairpoint	2024
Florida Ave	2024
Montrose	2024
Highpoint	2025
Gilmore	2026
Hoffman Bayou	2026
San Carlos	2026
Warwick	2028
Poinciana	2029



Power outages lasting up to two weeks or more due to frequent hurricanes and seasonal storms are common occurrences in Florida. Undergrounding has been proven to effectively decrease the frequency of these outages, making it a necessary step for ensuring an uninterrupted power supply.

Underground Utilities



RESILIENCY SAFETY AESTHETICS RELIABILITY



CRA District along Gulf Breeze Parkway

Total Cost: \$9,500,137
Construction Awarded: 1.23.2023
Awarded to: Accurate Drilling Systems, Inc.
Construction Began: 4.14.2023
Tentative Completion Date: 3.4.2024



Neighborhood Collectors

Undergrounding of overhead utilities on Shoreline Dr., Fairpoint Dr., and South Sunset Blvd.
Total Cost: \$5,500,000
Tentative Design Date: FY2024
Tentative Start of Construction: FY2025

Police Station & City Services Annex

The new Police Station and City Services Annex is 90% grant funded. The new building is located on Fairpoint Drive at the Public Safety Campus with the Gulf Breeze Fire Station.

The new Police Station will include space for dispatch and a City Services Annex for Utility Billing and Customer Service Operations, located in a primary location for customers.

The new Police Station and City Service Annex is slated for completion in late Fall 2023. A full ceremony and tour will follow the completion of the project.



Police Department FY2023 Accomplishments

DONUT STRIKE FOR MANNA: The Gulf Breeze Police Department participated in the annual Donut Strike for Manna Food Bank event, which was a huge success. Eight agencies from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties came together to raise funds and collect food for neighbors in need. They were able to gather a total of 30,750 healthy meals, which provided much-needed sustenance to those in need. First Responders have been a consistent and remarkable contributor to this event since 2017, providing over 160,000 healthy meals to impoverished families and children.

M.A.D.D. NORTHWEST FLORIDA: M.A.D.D. of NW Florida recognized the agencies top 4 officers in DUI arrests; Officer Sean Banks, Officer Brandon Scapin, Officer Joshua Erlemann, and Officer Robin Shaffer for keeping our streets safe by removing impaired drivers from the roads. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

EXCELSIOR RECOGNITION: The Excelsior Recognition is the highest level of achievement in Florida accreditation a criminal justice agency can receive. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority recognizing professional excellence. Being an accredited agency means the agency meets or exceeds the highest recommended levels of transparency, accountability, and professionalism.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING: The officers successfully completed the active shooter training, which involved a rigorous exercise designed to simulate real-life scenarios with an active shooter.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: Officer Sean Banks

TOTAL
CRASHES
REPORTED:

300

TOTAL
TRAFFIC
STOPS:

8,246

TOTAL
CITATIONS
ISSUED:

3,824

TOTAL
ARRESTS /
WARRANTS:

373

TOTAL
INCIDENT
REPORTS:

904

TOTAL
CAD
REPORTS:

19,659

FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR END SUMMARY

The Gulf Breeze Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of 20 volunteer firefighters.

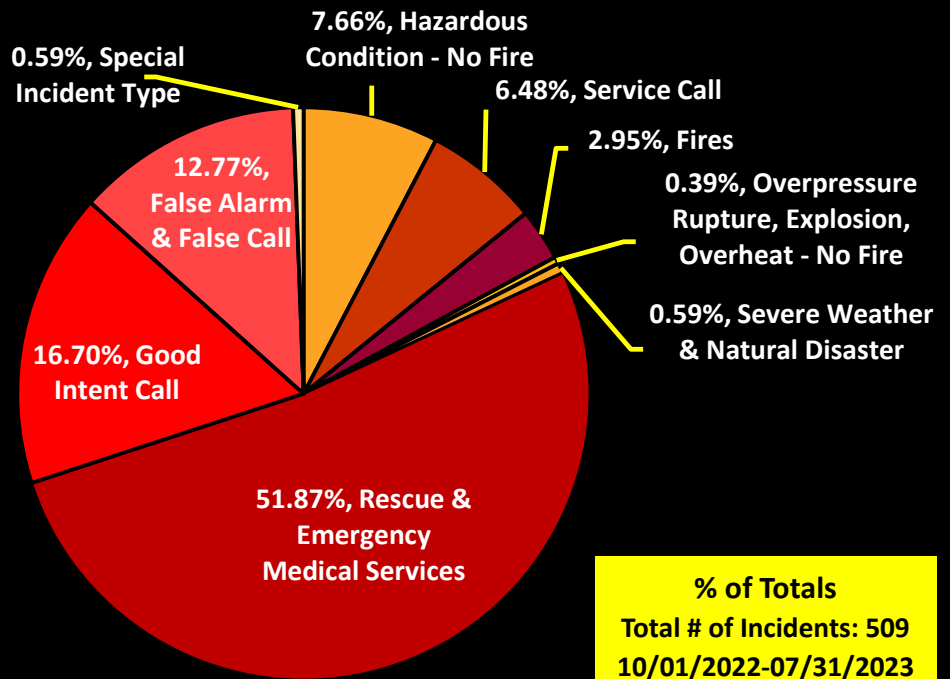


MISSION STATEMENT

Deliver the best possible service to our customers, the residents and visitors within the City and outlying areas where we provide prearranged mutual aid, in a safe, courteous and timely manner when faced with the perils of fire, man-made disasters, or medical emergencies.

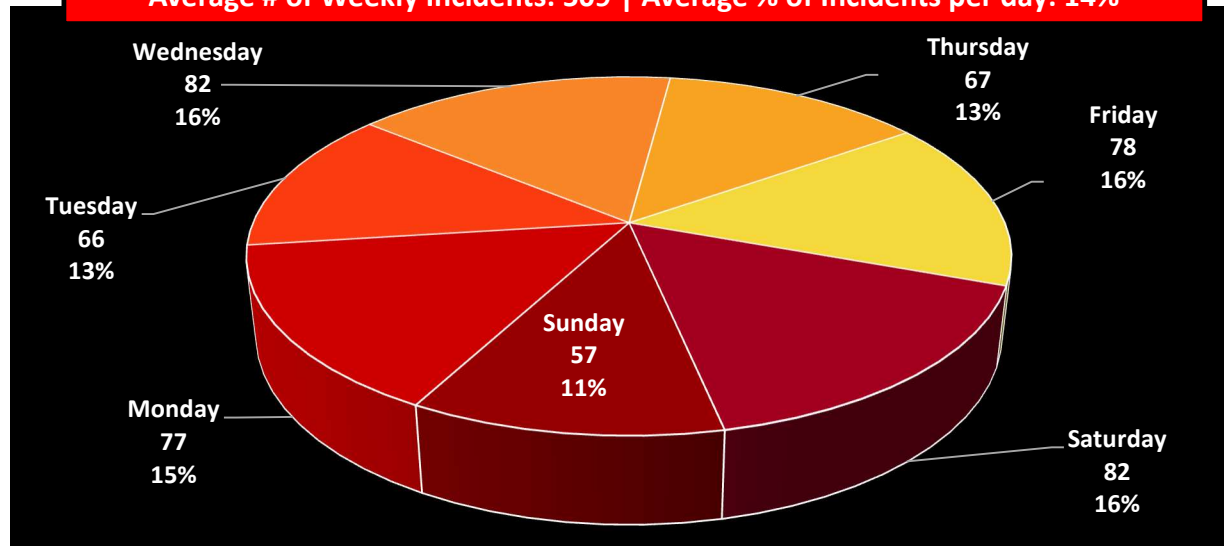
Major Incident Type Breakdown

Hazardous Condition - No Fire	39
Service Call	33
Fires	15
Overpressure Rupture, explosion, overheating - No Fire	2
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	264
Good Intent Call	85
False Alarm & False Call	65
Special Incident Type	3

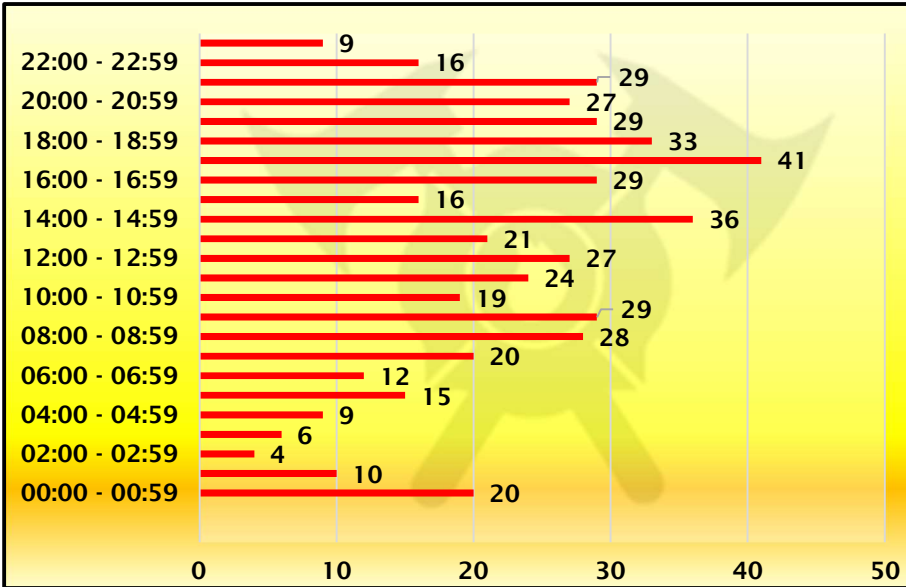


Busiest Days of the Week

Average # of Weekly Incidents: 509 | Average % of Incidents per day: 14%



FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR END SUMMARY



Average # of Incidents by Hour
10/01/2022 – 07/31/2023

← Total # of Incidents: 509

Average
Volunteer
Firefighter
Turnout
per Incident
by Month

Oct-22

4

Nov-22

4

Dec-22

4

Jan-23

5

Feb-23

4

Mar-23

3

Apr-23

4

May-23

4

Jun-23

4

July-23

4

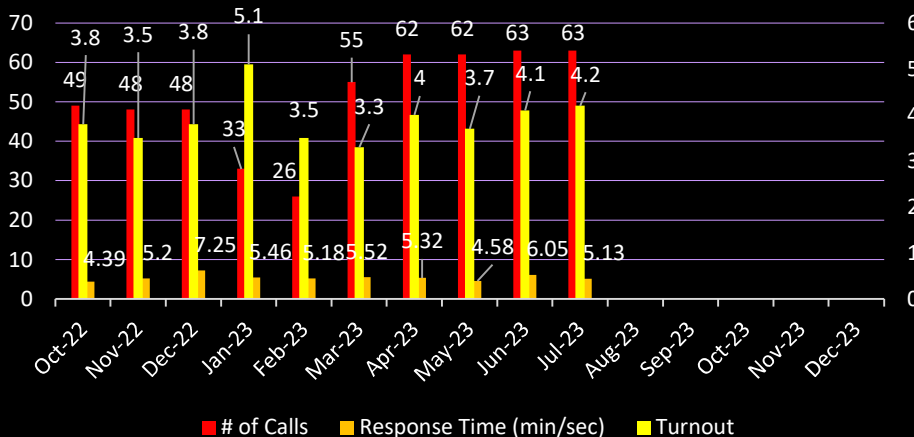
Aug-23

Sept-23

A Special Thank You
to Our Firefighters

Average Response Time by Month

5 minutes 4 seconds



FIRE INSPECTIONS FY2023

of Alarm Systems Present: 21

of Sprinklers Present: 47

of Fire Extinguishers Present: 404

Correct Deficiencies: 118

Cited Deficiencies: 225

Completed Inspections: 77

Completed Re-inspections: 53



Total Average # of Calls: **51**

Total Average Volunteer Firefighter Turnout: **4**

Total Average Response Time: **5 min 4 sec**



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

The City established a Community Redevelopment Agency in December of 1989 to retail and office units along US 98 (Gulf Breeze Parkway). The agency's primary objective is to revitalize the area and make it a vibrant and thriving community for both residents and visitors. With this focused approach, the redevelopment area is set to become a hub of activity and a center of growth for the City of Gulf Breeze.

- **Florida Redevelopment Agency** – Attended the annual conference of the Florida Redevelopment Agency for resources and take-aways, including how CRA's can address homelessness and park safety.
- **Underground Utilities** – Started construction for Sections A & B of the Hwy 98 Underground Utility project.
- **Highway 98 Multimodal Bridge** – Initiated the design of the Highway 98 Multimodal Bridge.
- **Daniel Circle Streetscape** – Completed the design for beautification and streetscape.
- **CRA Police Initiative** – Provided funding and enhanced enforcements such as school intersection safety during peak hours and community policing.
- **Façade Improvement Grant Program** – Administered the Façade Improvement Grant program to support maintaining a quality image and consistent character in the CRA.
- **Wayside Park Redevelopment Design** – Initiated the design for the redevelopment and repair of Wayside Park to enhance safety and aesthetics.
- **Safe Streets Lighting Program and Critical Infrastructure** – Provided financial support for essential infrastructure, including pedestrian lights, traffic lights, generators, irrigation wells, and lift stations within the CRA.
- **Landscape Maintenance** – Funded landscape maintenance within the CRA.
- **First Watch and Chipotle** – Completed a vacant property redevelopment project for the construction of First Watch and Chipotle.



PARKS & RECREATION

FY 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a wide range of leisure activities and top-notch parks that improve the quality of life for our residents, neighbors, and visitors. The Parks Division is in charge of everything from daily maintenance to long-term planning, ensuring that our parks remain beautiful and enjoyable for years to come.

SHORELINE PARK

- Installed new camera system at Shoreline Field.
- Installed new Shade Structures.
- Implemented Flow Bird Parking Management.
- Added additional parking at Shoreline Field.
- New lighting and parking layout at Shoreline South Boat Ramp.
- Installation of two additional outdoor volleyball courts, lighting, and bleachers.
- Designed waterside park improvements for recreational fishing, paddling, and boating.
- Replaced all hurricane-damaged lighting at Shoreline Park South with leased lights from FPL.
- Resurfaced Shoreline Park South and added crosswalks and ADA for safety.



COMMUNITY CENTER

- Redesigned the Parks and Recreation Website.
- Resurfaced floors in Gym A & Gym B.
- Hosted Summer Day Camp for 329 children and a free middle school program for 245 teens.
- Installed a new camera system for the Community Center.
- Purchased and installed a reader board sign on Shoreline Drive in partnership with GBSA.

POCKET PARKS

- Refurbished and repaired Bay Cliffs Boardwalk using excess materials from the Wetlands Trail Boardwalk.
- Partnered with 2 garden clubs for Arbor Day to plant new hardwood trees at Williamsburg and Shoreline Kids Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Hosted the Annual Springfest with over 2,500 participants.
- Hosted 6 Baseball Tournaments with over 50 participating teams.
- Hosted the 2022 Innisfree Basketball Tournament with over 60 out-of-town high school teams.
- Hosted the 2nd Annual Krewe of Mutts with 100 parade participants.
- Hosted the Jolly Holiday Market with over 80 vendors and 650 attendees.
- Hosted the Holiday Parade with over 50 parade participants and approximately 1500 attendees.

PARKS & REC

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FY2023

PROGRAM	AVG/PEAK	GBSA	PARTICIPANTS
AFTER SCHOOL	61/74	FLAG FOOTBALL	250
SUMMER DAY CAMP	130/144	TACKLE FOOTBALL	248
SPLASH PAD	49/107	CHEERLEADING	180
PICKLEBALL	19/50	VOLLEYBALL	160
		BASKETBALL	525
		LACROSSE	140

2023 Tournament Revenues

January: \$540

March: \$5,122.28

April: \$5,660

May: \$2,800

June: \$8,341.09

Total Profit: \$22,463.37



PARKS & RECREATION

FY 2024 GOALS

- Construct waterside park improvements for recreational fishing, paddling and boating.
- Launch 'Partners for Parks' Sponsorship Program.
- Partner with Tighten up Tennis to offer structured pickle ball lessons for ages 5 and up.
- Artist Robert Gilliard to decorate 17 utility boxes along the multi-use pathway with decorative wraps celebrating physical fitness.
- Host additional tournaments to support local businesses.

GULF BREEZE PARTNERS FOR PARKS



The City of Gulf Breeze is committed to improving the quality of life for our residents. One of the ways we can do this is through the City's "Partners for Parks" program. Learn more by visiting the city website under Parks and Recreation. This program is designed to promote and enhance the parks, greenways, open spaces, active play, and recreational opportunities within the community. With the help of Partners for Parks, Gulf Breeze is able to provide its residents with a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities that promote health, wellness, and community engagement.

The City of Gulf Breeze gratefully accepts monetary donations and/or purchases of gifts from the product list, located on the Gulf Breeze Parks and Recreation website, under Partners for Parks. Donations and gifts from individuals, businesses, and community organizations for our parks are appreciated. Donations offer a lasting legacy on behalf of a treasured memory.

Matrix Web Twin Tower	Park Bench	Raft Rider	Accessible Whirl	Botanical Plants	Bike Racks
Rubber Playground Flooring	Swing	Tire Swing	Bike Tool Station	Butterfly Benches	Character Trash Bins
Viewing Scope	Water Bottle Refill Station	Wooden Trash Bins	Cozy Cocoon	Dog Water Station	Martin Bird House

Your support makes our parks better!

Gulf Breeze Regional Water and Sewer System, (GBRWS))is committed to providing reliable water, sewer, waste water treatment, and reclaimed services to all customers in Gulf Breeze, regardless of their location within or outside the City limits.

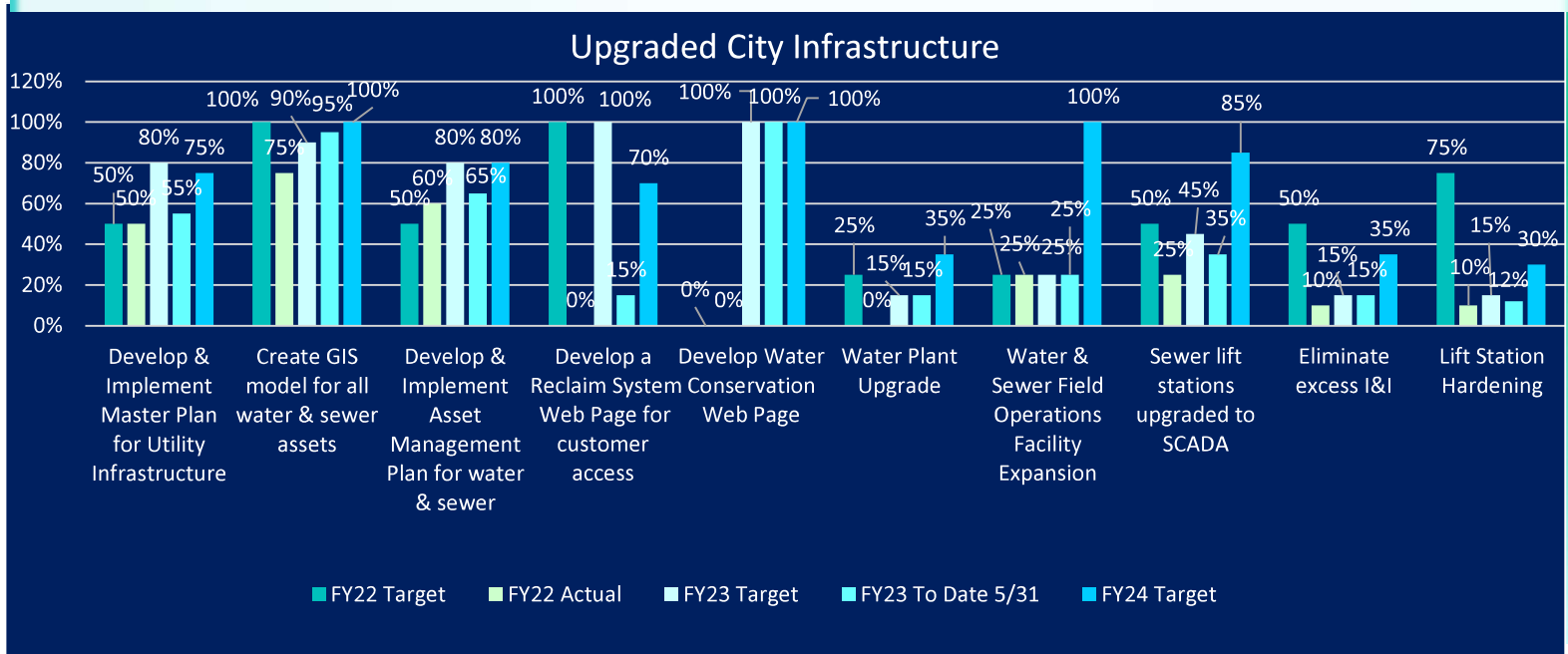


FY2023 Accomplishments

- Oversaw the transfer of water and sewage systems for FDOT's widening of Highway 98 to 6 lanes outside of City limits.
- Began design for 3 project areas in the Septic-to-Sewer (STS) conversion program - 70%-90% complete.
- The new GIS mapping system, Diamond Maps, has successfully received 95% of the information pertaining to water and sewer infrastructure.
- New water well
- Approved 20-year ownership agreement with FRUS to update the growth plan with Midway Water System and Holley Navarre Water System (HNWS).

FY2024 & FY2025 Goals

- West Water Plant Replacement
- West Elevated Tank Replacement
- Field Operations Building Expansion - currently in progress
- Develop an Asset Management Plan for future CIP planning and implementation
- Hardening of lift stations vulnerable to storms and storm surges
- Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) Expansion
- Regional Reclaim Expansion with HNWS - \$2 million grant with the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWMD)
- City Septic-to-Sewer project continuation
- Additional grant-funded projects in conjunction with Santa Rosa County (SRC) for the unincorporated service area (Septic-to-Sewer and Storm Resiliency)



NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resources Division is responsible for managing the City's natural resources, including tree protection and monitoring water quality. They also maintain the Public Stormwater System, which includes streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and the waste transfer station. In case of a natural disaster, this team follows the City's Emergency Operations Plan for preparedness and response.

FY2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Assumed landscaped maintenance responsibilities of Gulf Breeze Parkway.
- ✓ Resurfaced streets in accordance to the FY2023 paving plan.
- ✓ Repaired sidewalks around City Hall and installed and repaired 231 feet of new sidewalk.
- ✓ Selected design firm for the Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant received for the design of the Shoreline Basin Improvements.
- ✓ Maintained inspections for all traffic signals and received all reimbursements from FDOT.
- ✓ Completed right-of-way tree canopy maintenance cutting all limbs back to 14.5' above pavement and 8' above sidewalks.
- ✓ Continuous maintenance of drainage ditches throughout the city.
- ✓ Completed 100% of stormwater inlet inspections.

Goals for FY2024 & FY2025

- Repair all sidewalk hazards in existing neighborhoods.
- Completion of the Eufaula Outfall Project (partially grant funded).
- Additional lighting and replacement lighting determined from the Prioritized Paving list: Bay Cliffs Rd., Cordoba St., Florida Ave., Highpoint Dr., James River Rd., Madrid Ave., Norwich Dr., & Valencia St.
- Intersection and pedestrian improvements.
- Shoreline Park Basin Project - Funded at 90% from the Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Pursue additional environmental grants through Santa Rosa County RESTORE initiatives.
- Utility Undergrounding for collector streets: Shoreline, Fairpoint, Sunset, & Daniel



Division of Gulf Breeze Public Works Department

NATURAL GAS

The mission of the Gulf Breeze Natural Gas Department is to provide safe, clean, efficient, reliable energy to the customers of our system at the lowest cost.

SERVING APPROXIMATELY
4,751
CUSTOMERS

A LENGTH OF
162 TOTAL MILES
OF GAS MAINS

FY2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful compliance with Public Service Commission's annual audit for pipeline safety.
- Completed over 229 new service installations.
- Collected and entered 95% of the Natural Gas infrastructure into GIS Diamond Maps.
- Provided 45 Residential Gas Rebates totaling \$22,450.
- Public Service Commission approval of service area boundary with Okaloosa Gas District.

FUTURE GOALS (FY24 & FY25)

- Expand Natural Gas service to areas that currently do not have access to it.
- Enhance the technological components of the gas distribution system, such as GIS/Mapping, pressure, and flow monitoring.
- Compliance with the Public Service Commission's annual audit for pipeline safety.
- Create a plan to remove the gas vault in the median across from the regulator station at Hoffman Drive and U.S. 98, as well as replace old gate valves with non-greaseable valves.
- Create a plan to replace all steel gas pipes within the City limits with polyethylene pipe (PE).
- Place meters at both the Okaloosa and Pensacola Energy regulator stations for monitoring billed gas consumption.
- Install antenna for signal enhancement for Automatic Meter Readings (AMRs) down highway 98 where signals are weak and require manual reading.
- Update Digital Chart Recorders to SCADA Systems for monitoring live pressures and recording of the system.



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

In 2019, Mayor Fitch and the City Council established the Development Services Division under the Public Works Department.

The Development Services Division provides expertise and assistance to all City departments in implementing the City's Capital Improvement Plan and annual special projects as directed by the Mayor and Council, as well as turnkey design and management for outsourced contractor projects.

The Division has been instrumental in ensuring the City receives optimal returns on its investments. By providing in-house project engineering, monitoring, drafting, and mapping, the number of projects outsourced to private professional service firms has been significantly reduced, resulting in substantial savings for taxpayers. Since its implementation, Development Services has successfully saved the City approximately \$200,000 annually. Furthermore, they've successfully identified and resolved conflicts between various projects, leading to even more cost savings. Our efforts have been a resounding success, and we're excited to continue making strides.

FY2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Completed multiple design drawings for various projects.
- ❖ Assisted in executing and completing multiple City projects, including demolitions, new installations and improvements, and replacement of equipment.
- ❖ Completed Brickyard Bayou Step Agreement.
- ❖ Wrote and received a Twelve-Million-Dollar NRDA grant to be used for Septic to Sewer Conversion project.



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FY2024 Goals

- Continue to standardize construction specifications.
- Maintain standard detail CAD drawings for GBRWS.
- Enhance communication efforts with Engineers & Developers for as-built drawing requirements.
- Consistently enhance the QA/QC standards for construction-related projects.