

## Development Services – Natural Resources (2755)

### MISSION

The mission of the Natural Resources Division is to steward the City's natural resources through conservation, protection, management, and sustainable utilization, ensuring these resources enrich and benefit present and future generations.

### STRATEGIC PILLARS AND PRIORITIES

#### Environmental Resiliency & Sustainability



- North Port's programs, facilities, and operations should visibly encourage conservation, sustainability, water quality testing, and recycling practices and through development standards, codes, and ordinances that provide for a balance of green space and afford protection of the community's tree canopy.
- Support the protection of native species and habitats via public education, land acquisition, and conservation.

#### Good Governance



- Educate new and established residents and businesses on City services and offerings and Florida Friendly environmental practices.

### CORE SERVICE AREAS

*Permitting, Plans Review, and Inspections*

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Improved the process for reviewing environmental applications.
- Developed a comprehensive tree canopy assessment.
- Installed an air quality monitoring station.
- Implemented a gopher tortoise temporary sign program.
- Engaged North Port residents throughout the City and at over 15 attended events over the past year.

### INITIATIVES

- Consolidate and coordinate the City's efforts to protect natural resources within the City's boundaries.
- Increase protection and restoration of the City's tree canopy through assessment, mitigation, and implementation of a Citywide Tree Planting Plan.
- Initiate reforestation and habitat restoration plan for area adjacent to City's dog park.

## GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal	Enhance urban sustainability in the City through comprehensive tree canopy management, community engagement, and environmental initiatives.			
	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Target
Obtain software for city-wide tree canopy measurement and inventory of trees on city-owned property. *	N/A	N/A	50.00%	75.00%
Partner with Public Works to implement recycling outreach initiative. *	N/A	N/A	25.00%	50.00%
Provide technical assistance to Planning & Zoning on Chapter 5 of the ULDC rewrite. *	N/A	N/A	100.00%	N/A
City-wide tree planting plan. *	N/A	N/A	10.00%	30.00%
Increase the number of community events attended to enhance community engagement and promote environmental awareness. **	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Trees planted or donated throughout the City. **	N/A	N/A	N/A	500
Monitor the City's tree canopy coverage. ***	N/A	N/A	34.00%	34.00%

\*Natural Resources was a new Development Services Division in FY 2023 and these will be removed upon completion.

\*\*This is a new performance measure for the Natural Resources Division in FY 2025.

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## OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Adopted	FY 2025 Adopted
<b>Tree Fund (115)</b>					
Personnel Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$14,208	\$903,000	\$1,262,850
Operating Expenditures	-	-	359	171,870	1,068,200
Capital Outlay	-	-	117,316	-	272,490
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$131,883</b>	<b>\$1,074,870</b>	<b>\$2,603,540</b>

## STAFFING – FUNDED AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

DESCRIPTION	FY 2021 Amended	FY 2022 Amended	FY 2023 Amended	FY 2024 Amended	FY 2025 Adopted
Natural Resources Manager	-	-	1	1	1
Arborist	-	-	-	2	2
Environmental Planner	-	-	1	1	1
Environmental Specialist	-	-	1	2	2
Urban Forester	-	-	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>