CITY OF NORTH PORT STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY 2022-2025

Vision

A vibrant, desirable, and sustainable city where people are proud to live, work, and play.

Mission

To provide exceptional service to our entire community for the continuous enrichment of quality of life.

Values

- Accountability: We are dedicated to the highest ethical standards and accept personal responsibility for our conduct and obligations.
- Integrity: We maintain the public's trust through honest, transparent, respectful and equitable behavior.
- Teamwork: We promote collaboration that fosters excellence and innovation.
- Customer Service: We work with compassion, professionalism and purpose. We make a positive difference in the lives of the residents we serve.

Goals and Objectives

Health & Public Safety

Create and sustain a safe and healthy environment for residents and visitors of North Port

Strategic Objectives

- Determine needs for support of current and expanded services of fire and police based on current data, projected trends, and needs set forth in their individual Strategic Plans (NPFR Fitch Strategic Plan 2018-2023, and NPPD Strategic Plan of Action 2020-2025)
- Advocate for a local community hospital and actively encourage the offering of new and expanded medical services in the City
- Build cohesive public/private partnerships that leverage resources to address critical social service concerns
- Complete a long-range plan and identify funding sources for expansion of potable water distribution and waste water collection systems in platted lot areas city-wide assimilating local and state data and studies

Parks & Recreation

Expand access to community recreation, green space and Blueways for public enjoyment

Strategic Objectives

- Expand and improve accessibility to greenways and blueways connections
- Complete Phase II of Warm Mineral Springs Park Master Plan
- Relocate and expand Veterans Park
- Allocate resources to expand parks and recreation in the east end and west end

Infrastructure

Develop and maintain the City's roads, bridges, water control structures, stormwater drainage, waterways, potable water, and wastewater treatment and collection systems with creative infrastructure funding mechanisms and targeted investments; promote multimodal transportation opportunities throughout the City

Strategic Objectives

- Make targeted infrastructure investments including establish water and sewer to I-75; to all four quadrants, and plan for water and sewer at new interchange
- Identify funding sources to replace all water control structures and develop long-range replacement plan and funding sources for bridges
- Coordinate with Florida Department of Transportation to complete safety improvements at the interchanges of I-75 and Sumter and Toledo Blade Boulevard
- Coordinate with utility companies to establish a plan to facilitate the installation of internet service infrastructure in conjunction with other infrastructure projects
- Enhance connectability through adoption of a long-range plan including identification of funding sources for construction of new bridges
- Complete phasing plan for widening Price Boulevard west of Sumter Boulevard and east of Toledo Blade Boulevard, including identification of funding sources
- Continue to partner with Florida Department of Transportation and Charlotte County to enhance connectivity and establish a new interchange at Rain Tree Boulevard and Yorkshire Street
- Collaborate and partner with bordering counties on shared transportation needs
- Collaborate with Charlotte County on Hillsborough Boulevard
- Continue implementation of the long-range plan to complete looping projects for residential areas

Goals and Objectives

Economic Development & Job Creation

Support a vibrant and diversified economy to create local jobs and attract private investments

Strategic Objectives

- Encourage the development of a central hub within activity centers through regulatory review and developing various incentive strategies
- Establish and execute the master plan development for the Shire
- Establish improved neighborhood commercial centers
- Conduct a North Port economic feasibility study and implement its findings
- Maintain a business retention, expansion, and attraction program
- Support workforce development programs in partnership with federal, state, and not-for-profit organizations

Historical, Cultural, and Environmental Preservation

Protect and promote our natural, cultural, and historical heritage that help define the City's identity, contribute to the economy, maintain balance, and improve quality of life

Strategic Objectives

- Develop strategic partnerships to recognize historical buildings, archives, and timelines
- Establish City connection to the Legacy Trail and to Warm Mineral Springs
- Protect, conserve, and preserve environmentally sensitive lands and resources, including prudent acquisition
- Support the preservation of our watershed at Orange Hammock Ranch

Affordability, Growth & Development

Promote sustainable growth and development, while maintaining or enhancing quality of life in our City

Strategic Objectives

- Promote a range of housing options and affordability for current and future residents
- Continue to develop a land bank for the future that reflects the community's priorities when prudent

Neighborhood Enhancement

Support the beautification and revitalization of our neighborhoods

Strategic Objectives

- Support efforts to partner with residents and community agencies to revitalize and beautify neighborhoods
- Make targeted investments and adopt policies to address blight in neighborhoods
- Improve City gateway entry features

Efficient & Effective Government

Develop and promote City governance that fosters trust and utilizes departmental strengths and innovative philosophies to facilitate effective and efficient provision of all City services

Strategic Objectives

- Continue to enhance citizen education and engagement in government
- Improve communication and processes for quality decision-making for elected and appointed officials
- Provide convenient, customer-focused, modern, and technologically advanced services, resources, and website
- Complete a streamlined permitting process to stimulate economic development and enhance customer service