

STATE OF FLORIDA

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2023 City of Naples



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NAPLES VISION

The enduring character of Naples reflects our commitment to protect and enhance the natural environment, and to preserve our small town feel and charm. These features, together with the positive business climate, sustain economic vitality. Residents place a high value on our town’s unique “sense of place”, natural beauty, quality of life, healthy economy, and ethical government; and actively engage and defend them.



2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES


Since City Council adopted the 2021 Vision, the Legislative Priorities have focused on legislation and projects that align and promote the City’s Vision Plan Priorities and Initiatives:

- OUR NATURE - Water Quality, Stormwater Management, and Resiliency;
- OUR PLACE - Invest in Infrastructure Improvements;
- OUR EXPERIENCE - Affordability;
- OUR GOVERNANCE - Engage and Collaborate with Local and Regional Partners, Address Impacts of Growth, Engage and Defend Home Rule, and Infrastructure Sensitivity.



The City of Naples 2023 Legislative Agenda includes funding requests to supplement City investment in projects that are important to the citizens of Naples. The City of Naples is appreciative of all the support and efforts that will be provided on our behalf and pledges to give our best effort to stand with the Governor’s Office and the Legislature to improve Florida’s natural environment.

Naples submits the following Legislative Priorities and Policy Proposals for consideration by the Governor, Cabinet Members, Members of the Florida Legislature, the Leadership within State Agencies, and other local, state, and federal interests that might be supportive of Florida’s communities.



The Naples City Council requests financial support, in the form of grants and/or appropriations for the following projects:

- *Naples Gulf of Mexico Beach Stormwater Outfall Pipe Removal & Water Quality Project*
- *Stormwater Lake Restoration Improvement*
- *West Goodlette Phase II – Naples Bay Red Tide Septic to Sewer*
- *Stormwater Outfall Check Valve Project*

The Naples City Council also seeks legislative and administrative support for the following legislative matters:

HOME RULE

The City of Naples’ Vision Plan also identifies “Preserve Small Town Character and Culture” as a priority. Local jurisdictions can best preserve, develop, and maintain their unique community character. The City requests the Delegations’ support in opposing any legislation that would reduce the City’s ability to retain current levels of Home Rule authority and the ability to preserve Naples’ character, culture, and charm at the local level. Legislation that seeks to preempt or undermine local governmental authority, impose state preemption, creates unfunded mandates, or adversely impact local funding streams is detrimental to effective and responsive governing at the local level.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Oppose any proposed legislation that preempts or otherwise restricts local laws, ordinances, or regulations regarding vacation rental frequency or duration. The City of Naples currently has a strong Ordinance that protects residents from the negative impacts of short-term rentals. Preserving the integrity of the local Ordinance is an essential component of preserving Naples small town feel and charm.

5G / 4G CELL TOWERS

Support any proposed legislation that strengthens the ability of local municipalities to regulate the installation of 5G and 4G cell towers in City-owned rights-of-way.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Support any proposed legislation that provides:

- Local zoning flexibility
- Funding for the development of workforce housing

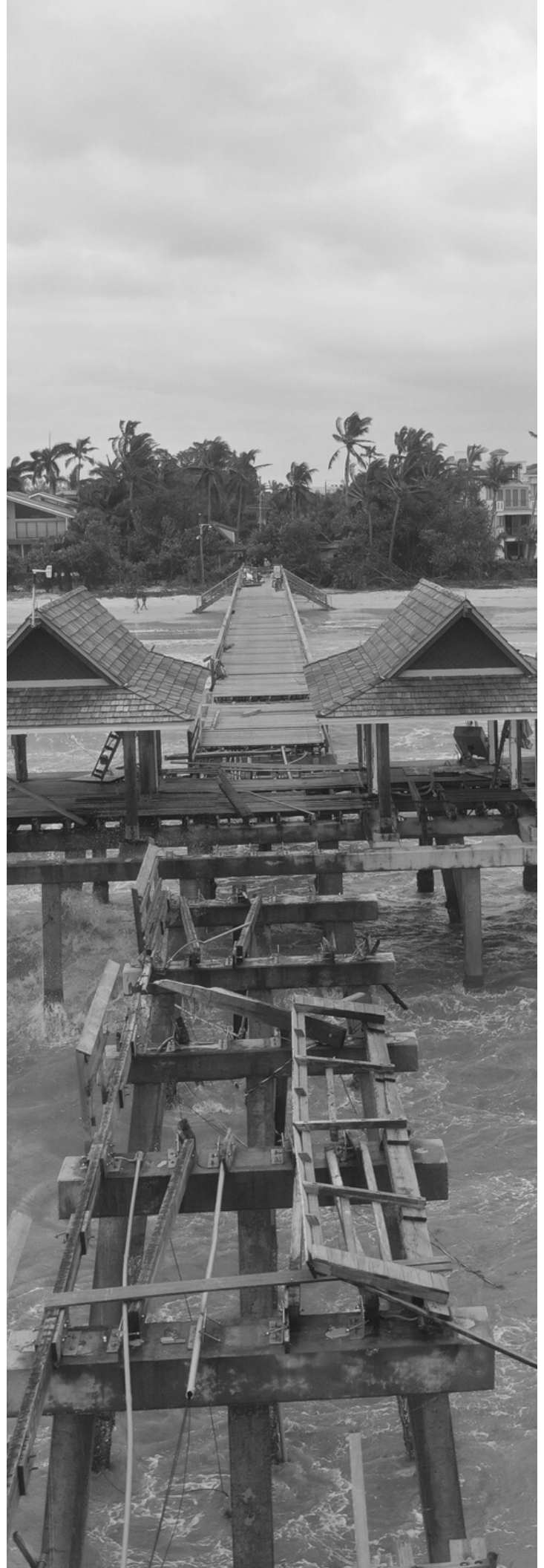
GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY WITHOUT EXCESS TAX IMPLICATIONS SUPPORT ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES:

The ability to transfer property ownership to immediate family members for owner-occupied use without excess tax implications.

HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY & HARDENING MEASURES

Support any proposed legislation that provides funding to local municipalities impacted by Hurricane Ian for recovery and rebuilding efforts. The City of Naples and our residents sustained significant damage from Hurricane Ian and request the following legislation:

- Funding for the rebuilding/replacement of the Naples Fishing Pier,
- Funding for the rebuilding of Lowdermilk Park,
- Funding for beach renourishment/replantings,
- Funding to increase the number of backup pumps and generators for the sanitary sewer system,
- Grant funding for homeowners to raise seawalls and add rip rap on Moorings Bay and River Park along the Gordon River,
- Support property insurance reforms that would broaden affordable flood coverage available to residents.



GRANTS / APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

GULF OF MEXICO BEACH STORMWATER OUTFALL PIPE REMOVAL & WATER QUALITY PROJECT: REQUEST \$10M (LOCAL MATCH OF \$10M)

In accordance with FDEP's directive to removed stormwater outfall pipes from the Naples beaches, the City has designed and already permitted a project that improves water quality, flood protection and the City's resiliency to climate change. After significant planning, design and engineering, work on the City's beach outfall removal project is planned to begin in 2023. Stormwater quality will be improved beyond the State's minimum standards through a state-of-the-art stormwater treatment train. Clean stormwater will then be pumped 1,000 feet offshore via a new pump station. During the rebuild of the stormwater collection system, Gulf Shore Boulevard will be increased in elevation and be resilient to sea level rise to the year 2100. This project exceeds FDEP's directive to improve stormwater quality, reduce beach erosion, protect environment species, and remove large, unsightly, and obstructive stormwater pipes from the beautiful beaches of Naples.

*Application Pending at FDEP (\$10 million). If not funded, seek appropriations request.
Contact: Bob Middleton, Interim Director -
Streets & Stormwater Department*



**STORMWATER LAKE RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS:
REQUEST \$1.5M (LOCAL MATCH OF \$1.5M)**

A \$30 million project over the next 10 years to dredge and/or treat lakes to remove accumulated pollution and install best management practices within and around lakes (such as littoral shelves, aeration, filter marshes, etc.). Lakes are considered one of the most important components of the stormwater treatment train.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Appropriations Request

Contact: Bob Middleton, Interim Director - Streets & Stormwater Department



**WEST GOODLETTE PHASE II – NAPLES BAY RED TIDE
SEPTIC TO SEWER – REQUEST \$10M (LOCAL MATCH
OF \$35M)**

This project is to install a sanitary sewer system that will eliminate 930 failing septic tanks within the City of Naples utility services area. The failing septic tanks allow nutrients to contaminate stormwater runoff to surface waters of the State. The project is currently under design. The design will also include the replacement of the water distribution system that has reached the end of its life expectancy. The estimated project cost for the new sanitary sewer system is \$30 million, and the water system replacement is estimated to be an additional \$15 million. This project is scheduled to be bid in late 2023.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Appropriations Request

Contact: Michelle Baines, P.E., Interim Director – Utilities Department



CYBER SECURITY EXPANSION

REQUEST \$1.95M

The City of Naples' technology requirements over recent years have grown exponentially. The City has been slow to adapt to this growth and has been unable to adopt required cyber strategy and cyber countermeasures to mitigate risk to its digital environment.

IT staffing has been maintained at an artificially low level limiting the amount of data (alerts) IT personnel can monitor and/or react to. Moreover, at current staffing levels, IT has been unable to dedicate time/resources required to define and implement the fundamentals of an IT strategy.

The lack of proactive environment management has resulted in inadequacies in the following areas:

- Backup and Recovery - \$400,000
- Overall cybersecurity posture - \$420,000
- Automated network access control - \$375,000
- Network segmentation - \$20,000
- Upgrade of physical access controls - \$420,000
- Mobile Device Management (MDM) - \$150,000
- Execution time analysis of links and attachments - \$60,000
- Redundant internet pathways/providers - \$75,000
- Data Center power and cooling redundancies - \$10,000
- Enhance intra building cellular communications (PDHQ) - \$20,000

Estimate to address issues above: 1,950,000



STORMWATER OUTFALL CHECK VALVE PROJECT: REQUEST \$2.4M (LOCAL MATCH OF \$2.4M)

The City of Naples has over 320 stormwater discharge pipes that discharge stormwater into surface waters, not including freshwater ponds. The City has a program to install flapper valves on the discharge pipes to prevent surface water from backing up into the stormwater system during King tides or storm surges during tropical storm events. The estimated cost to purchase and installation of the flapper valves is \$4.8 million. The City is requesting \$2.4 million for this project.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ITEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF NAPLES
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