

Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Accomplishments

2000 - \$1,156

2001 - \$117,550

- Acquired loan from Venice Foundation for the streetlights
- Updated the Plan – small amendments
- Landscape Maintenance initiated
- Worked out issues of alcohol as it related to school and churches

2002 - \$307,905

- Streetscape project completed
- Design of Gateway signs
- Initiated Marketing activities in cooperation with OEVA
- Started work on the Architectural Design Guidelines
- Investigated Waterfront property for acquisition
- Hired full time CRA Coordinator

2003 - \$585,905

- CRA Office established in historic building – downtown Englewood
- Architectural Design Guidelines completed
- Storefront Improvement Program created and implemented
- Marketing Activities continued with focus on “sense of place” also brochure and banners
- Regular Landscape maintenance of the street and County-owned properties
- Acquisition of a Waterfront site at 67 Cherokee Street
- Helped residents hold meetings to form the Homeowners Association – OEVHA

2004 - \$863,271

- CRA Office with increased traffic and inquiries
- Two Storefront Improvement projects completed, 3 others approved
- Marketing Plan revised and focused on cooperative activities and continued many of same activities. Historic brochure created and 1st year for History Week
- Landscape Maintenance of Dearborn Street and County-owned property and Improvement started on street ends, replaced 2 street lights and added 2 trash cans and benches
- Land in the 400 block of Dearborn Street with access off of Cedar St. was acquired for additional parking (70 spaces)
- Acquired property adjacent to County-owned lot at the corner of Orange and Green St. that will allow access from 3 streets for future development
- Investigated opportunities for waterfront property and held public workshops

2005 - \$1,332,771

- CRA Office has seen increased traffic with investors from out of town
- Two Storefront projects completed
- Marketing Plan revised and activities altered to target specific markets; advertisements in magazines, received good coverage from Charlotte Life; several businesses/persons were featured; Sarasota Magazine had 2 stories and featured 3 artists from the community; 6-page write up in "Times of the Islands"
- Acquired 640 Dearborn Street (west end of Dearborn) for public access to the water and future development
- Cooperative effort by OEVA, OEVHA, Englewood Rotary, Lemon Bay Playhouse, Englewood Art Center Englewood, Lemon Bay Arts Alliance, Brooks Hauling and host of others helped create Lemon Bay viewing site at the west end of Dearborn St. and did a massive clean-up on the Cedar Street Parking area
- Acquired a parcel of property for the development of a Stormwater/Greenway site
- A new project was created for Facilities at Kiwanis park/Buchan Airfield
- Hired a consultant for the Retail Market Analysis – Strategic Planning Group, Inc.
- Assisted Planning with the Arts Overlay meetings being held with the residents
- Working with the Post Office and a postal drop box was placed on Dearborn Street at the Corner Market
- Contracting with DMK to permit the Gateway signs
- Housing Study completed in area around Dearborn Street and information will be provided to homeowners on County programs to assist in the rehabilitation
- Worked with the County Sidewalk Program to identify key locations for sidewalks
- Information Kiosks purchased and will be installed as permitted
- Improvements and routine maintenance provided at 4 public waterfront areas to increase view and remove invasive plants (Located where the street ends meet the bay at Perry St, Cherokee St., Buchan's Landing and Fray St.)
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2006 - \$2,001,665

- Completed the Englewood Retail Market Analysis
- Purchased waterfront property at 61 Cherokee Street for future public park/access this expanded the waterfront site to approx. 1.8 acres
- Completed design of improvements to the Cedar Street Parking Lot. This will include new paving, lighting, bathroom facilities and a drinking fountain. Facility construction is expected to be completed in 2006. An overhead parking light has been installed. This site is also being investigated for possible stormwater treatment through a vault system that would be located under the parking area.
- Purchased property at 10 Harbor Lane and increase public waterfront and create a possible location for a boat dock, maritime museum, or other possible uses.
- Creation and maintenance of Englewood CRA website – www.scgov.net/hometownenglewood
- Contracted for a Parking study in the downtown business district to identify future on-street and off-street parking opportunities.

- Cooperatively working with the Sarasota County Stormwater Division to prepare a plan for a regional stormwater system for new development
- Working with Sarasota County Planning Staff and a consultant to implement a County-initiated rezone that will create a Residential/Commercial Transition Overlay District (artist district) and amend the Town Center Plan
- Hired Elaine Wickwire, Administrative Assistant, to help with the administration of the CRA
- Contract for the permitting of additional signage including two gateway signs and 2 information kiosks.
- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. was selected for the update of the CRA Plan
- Provide for updating the marketing plan in cooperation with the Olde Englewood Village Merchants Association. Marketing activities include print and radio advertising, sponsorship of events, banners, direct mailings and website promotion. For information on Englewood events go to the merchants site: www.OEVA.net
- Investigated improvements for Dearborn Street that will increase plantings and trees adjacent to the roadway to improve the pedestrian experience
- Explored opportunities for a new performing arts center in partnership with the Lemon Bay Playhouse
- Completed two Storefront Improvement projects and two new improvement projects are underway
- Relocated CRA office to 693B Old Englewood Road
- Requested proposals for marketing services and negotiated services for FY07

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