

Figure 2
Osprey Village Center
Future Land Use Map
and Plan at a Glance

Scenic Vistas %
 Work with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to ensure that any widening of U.S. 41 preserves scenic vistas within Osprey especially at North and South Creeks and at the Historic Spanish Point Visitor's Center.

Osprey Village Square %
 Create a focal point on properties east of U.S. 41, across from the Historic Spanish Point Visitor's Center to stimulate the revitalization of the Washington Avenue area. Ideally, this focal point could contain a Village Square, with a grassed area, fountain, flag pole, park benches, gazebo, decorative light poles and perhaps a landscaped community sign.

Water and Sewer Line Extensions %
 There are significant problems with the existing on-site sewer and water systems in some areas within the Osprey Planning Area, and these systems need to be replaced and connected to central sewer and water services. Funding for sewer line extensions through the Sarasota County Septic Tank Replacement Program, however, is decades away. Alternate funding for extending sewer service within the Osprey Village Center needs to be identified. Funding for water line extension is available through the County's Water Line Extension Program, and Utilities staff is now determining project priorities for extending water lines throughout Sarasota County.

Historic Preservation District %
 Many of the residential and non-residential structures on the west side of U.S. 41 may be historically significant. A local historic preservation district could be designated in this area. Historic designation would permit owners of historic structures to apply for ad valorem tax exemptions for qualifying improvements and provides exemptions from certain FEMA and building code requirements.

Bay Access Improvements %
 Seek funds for bay access improvements in Osprey. Evaluate the feasibility of a new bay front park with a boat launch ramp to replace the closed boat ramp at Main Street.

Storefront Improvement District %
 Create a Storefront Improvement District as a means of assisting property owners/business tenants to improve the appearance of their business.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian Improvements on U.S. 41 %
 Encourage FDOT to reduce traffic speeds through the Osprey Village Center and to construct sidewalks on U.S. 41 prior to roadway widening. Work with FDOT to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of U.S. 41 and Bay Street, U.S. 41 and Bay Acres Avenue, and U.S. 41 and Blackburn Point Road.

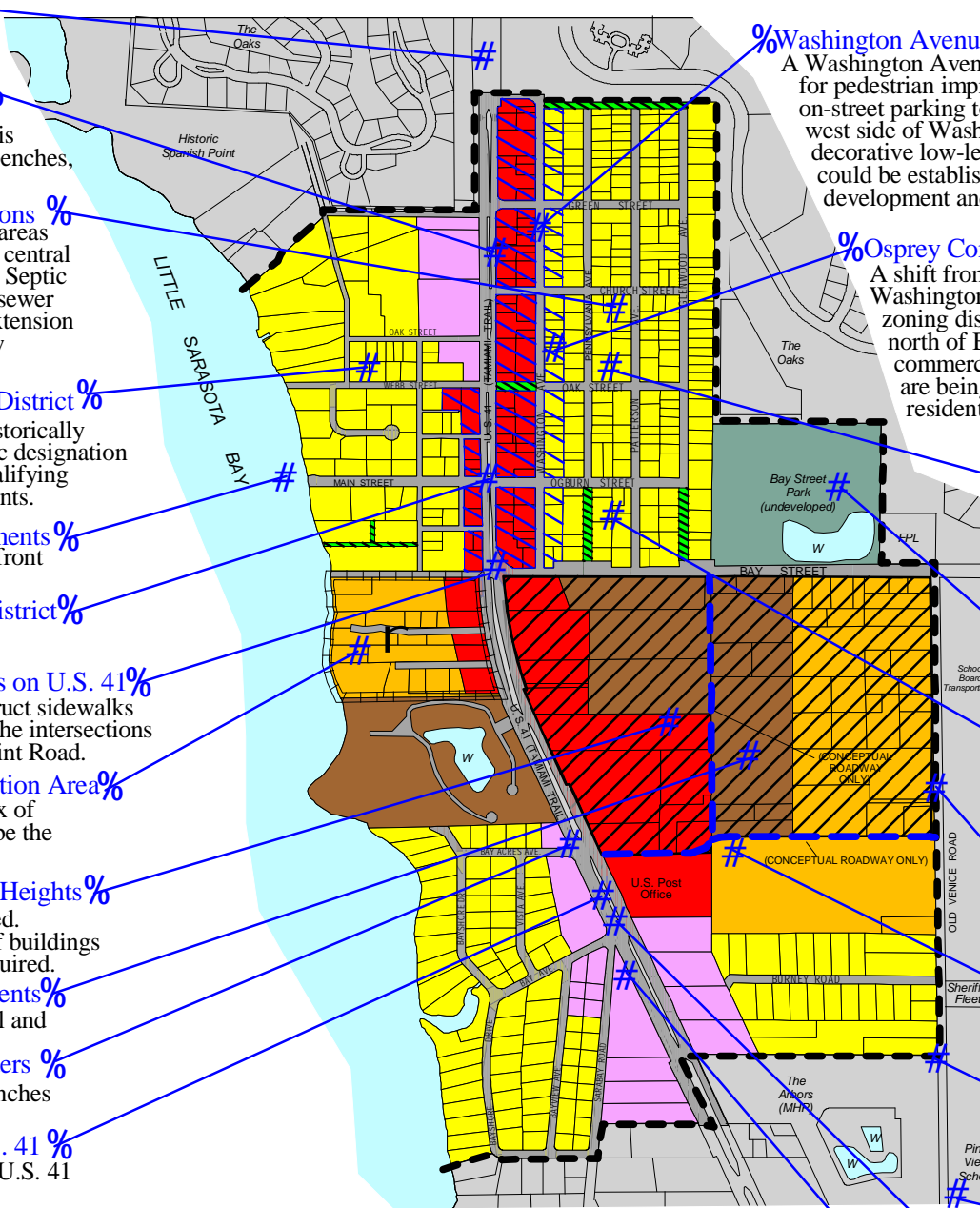
Waterfront Revitalization Area %
 Encourage a 14 acre ± area west of U.S. 41 and south of Bay Street to redevelop with a mix of commercial, office and residential waterfront related uses. Revitalization of this area will be the responsibility of property owners to create a unified development plan.

Allow Increased Densities/Limit Building Heights %
 Allow densities up to 18 units per acre, providing transfer of development rights are utilized. To ensure development is compatible, heights of buildings would be limited and heights of buildings next to single family developments should be further restricted; and increased setbacks required.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments %
 Process a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to incorporate the Medium Density Residential and High Density Residential designations on the Apoxsee Future Land Use Map.

Bus Shelters %
 Expand the existing transit route along U.S. 41 to include Old Venice Road; and to add benches and covered bus shelters.

Tree Plantings on U.S. 41 %
 Coordinate with FDOT to ensure trees are planted in the medians and rights-of-way along U.S. 41 between Oscar Scherer State Park and Bay Street and in medians north of Bay Street.



% Washington Avenue Streetscape Plan
 A Washington Avenue Streetscape Plan would provide opportunities for pedestrian improvements, such as sidewalks, landscaping, and on-street parking to support the existing commercial uses on the west side of Washington Avenue and new limited commercial and office uses on the east side. Other amenities, such as decorative low-level street lighting, landscaping, and benches could be considered. A Public Improvement District could be established and funded by property owners to pay for streetscape improvements not required by new development and allow the County to make streetscape improvements prior to receiving all necessary funding.

% Osprey Commercial Overlay District
 A shift from the historical pattern of commercial development along U.S. 41 towards a pedestrian friendly Washington Avenue is being encouraged through an Osprey Commercial Overlay District (OCOD), an overlay zoning district, with specific standards to encourage pedestrian friendly redevelopment within the Commercial Core north of Bay Street and provide zoning code relief that currently prevents redevelopment in this area. Limited commercial and office uses, such as bed and breakfast, artist galleries, artist studios, and home-based office uses, are being considered on the east side of Washington Avenue and would need to ensure compatibility with adjacent residential development.

% Neighborhood Conservation District
 Almost half of the houses in the Osprey Park Neighborhood were built in the 1950's or earlier. A Neighborhood Conservation District would encourage infill-housing construction and rehabilitate existing housing in character with the existing neighborhood by modifying existing regulations (e.g., setbacks, spacing, and scale of existing housing).

% Bay Street Park Improvements
 Construct children's play yards, playing field, covered picnic shelter, water fountains, restroom facilities, and nature trails at the undeveloped Bay Street Park. Develop a pedestrian connection between the Bay Street Park site and Osprey Park neighborhood.

% Traffic Calming Measures
 Pedestrian friendly streets can be created with tree plantings, coordinated neighborhood entrance signs, and street lighting to reduce cut-through and speeding traffic in the Osprey Village Center neighborhoods. Intersection improvements could be considered on Old Venice Road to reduce school bus and truck noise and traffic.

% Tree Protection and Street Tree Projects
 Large landmark trees are being protected and new trees planted. Street trees could be planted in residential areas in the Osprey Village Center and along Old Venice Road. Coordinate street tree plantings with the Street Tree Advisory Committee, new development and County sidewalk projects.

% New Internal Roadways
 New development east of U.S. 41 and south of Bay Street should be supported by an internal road network, providing access to the U.S. Post Office, Pine View School athletic facilities, and Bay Street. Planting canopy trees along the new roadways is encouraged.

% Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes
 Construct sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes on Old Venice Road, Bay Street, and Blackburn Point Road. Work with Osprey residents to determine which streets in the Osprey Park and Osprey Village neighborhoods have the highest priority for sidewalks.

% Public Use of Pine View School Facilities
 Coordinate with the Sarasota County School Board to increase public use of the Pine View School athletic facilities, including opportunities to open the Pine View Media and Technology Center to the public.

% Alternatives to Widening U.S. 41
 A transportation systems management study needs to be conducted to assess the impacts of and address alternatives to widening U.S. 41 through Osprey, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Sarasota-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

% Little Sarasota Bay Water Quality Improvements
 Determine appropriate areas for water quality improvement projects, including coordinating with FDOT to evaluate purchasing vacant land west of U.S. 41, between Bay Acres Avenue and Bay Avenue, for a stormwater retention facility to improve water quality in Little Sarasota Bay.

Osprey Revitalization Committee
 An Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) is a key element in implementing the Osprey Revitalization Plan. The ORC would be made up of local citizens and could be used for allowing local input into other issues affecting the community decision making process.

New Community Center
 Evaluate the need and suitable locations for a new community center in Osprey.

Urban Design Overlay District
 There is little consistency in the architecture of the buildings and signs within the Commercial Core or Osprey Village Center. Two prominent buildings along U.S. 41 have a distinctive appearance - the former Osprey Elementary School, built in the Spanish Colonial revival style and the Tunningly's stained glass studio, typical of the early Osprey settlement era. The creation of an Urban Design Overlay District (UDOD) with architectural guidelines encourages Old Florida or Spanish Colonial Revival style, landscaping, lighting, consistent sign format, etc. UDOD would be applied to all new development within the Osprey Village Center with the exception of single family homes outside a subdivision.

Marketing
 To help the Osprey business community to thrive, an organization, such as a Chamber of Commerce, could develop marketing strategies to attract new businesses to the Commercial Core and actively promote the Osprey area and its businesses. An Osprey Chamber of Commerce should be reestablished to market the Osprey area by publishing a business directory, promotional material, create a web-site, sponsor public events, etc.

Legend

- Osprey Village Center Boundary
- [Diagonal Lines] Osprey Commercial Overlay District (See note 1)
- [Diagonal Lines] High Density Residential development utilizing Transfer of Development Rights
- [Box with 'r'] Waterfront Revitalization Area (See note 2)
- [Green Line] Un-Paved (ROW)
- [Blue Line] Conceptual Roadway

Land Uses

- [Green Box] Recreational
- [Yellow Box] Moderate Density Res. (≥2 and <5 DUs/acre)
- [Orange Box] Medium Density Res. (≥5 and ≤9 DUs/acre) (See note 3)
- [Red Box] High Density Res. (>9 and ≤13 DUs/acre) (See note 3)
- [Purple Box] Mixed Use Non-Commercial
- [Red Box] Commercial Core
- [Grey Box] Right of Way
- [Blue Box] Water

NOTES

1. Implementation of the Osprey Commercial Overlay District will require an amendment to the Sarasota County Zoning Regulations, Schedule of District Regulations.

2. Until such time as a Waterfront Revitalization Plan is developed and approved, all development within the Waterfront Revitalization Area shall be consistent with the existing future land use designations on the Apoxsee Future Land Use Map.

3. Not all residential designations shown on this map are consistent with the current Apoxsee Future Land Use Map. Unless or until such time as an amendment to the Apoxsee Future Land Use Map is adopted, incorporating the Medium Density and High Density Residential designations on the Osprey Village Center Future Land Use Map, all residential development shall be consistent with the existing future land use designations on the Apoxsee Future Land Use Map.

Scale
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SOURCE: SARASOTA COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT BUSINESS CENTER