

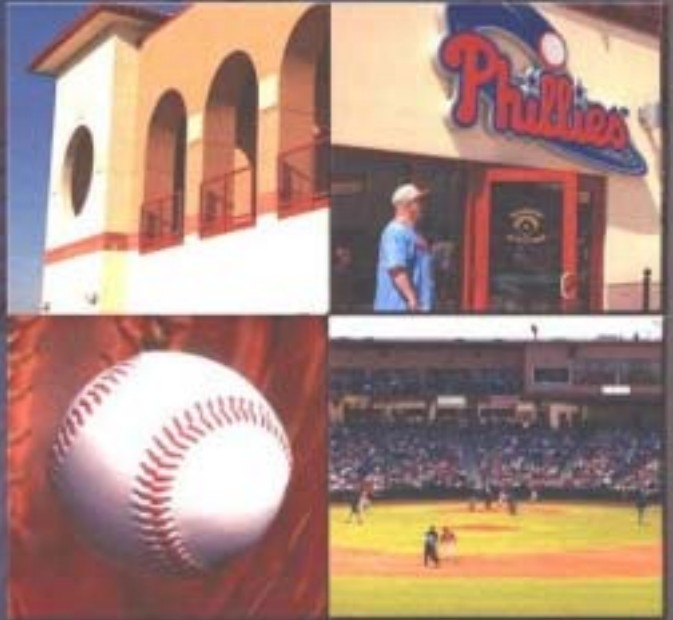
CITY OF CLEARWATER

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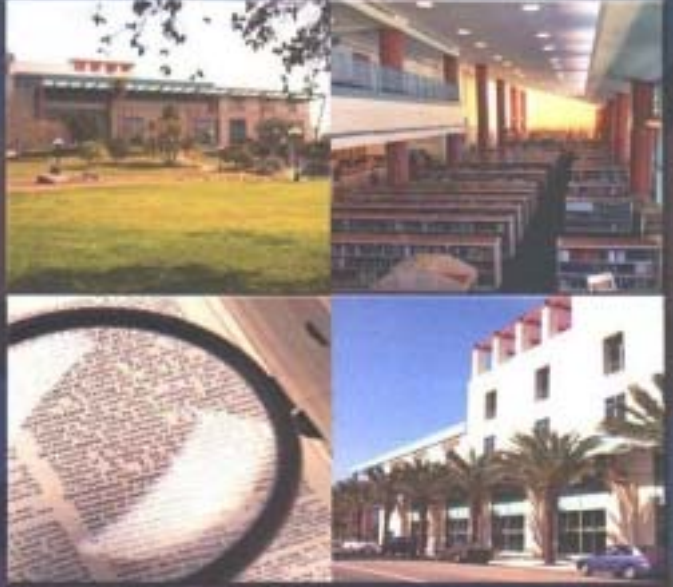
ANNUAL OPERATING & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET



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CLEARWATER MAIN LIBRARY



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WATER TREATMENT PLANT



THIS YEAR'S BUDGET COVER HIGHLIGHTS THREE SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS THAT WERE COMPLETED IN 2004 AND ARE ALREADY HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE CLEARWATER COMMUNITY:

#### NEW MAIN LIBRARY

CLEARWATER CELEBRATED THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW 90,000 SQUARE-FOOT MAIN LIBRARY ON MAY 1, 2004. RENOWNED ARCHITECT ROBERT A.M. STERN, DEAN OF THE YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGNED THE \$20.25 MILLION, FOUR-STORY LIBRARY. THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED THROUGH PENNY FOR PINELLAS DOLLARS, THE CLEARWATER LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, AND THE PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE. THE NEW BUILDING, WHICH OCCUPIES THE SAME SITE AS THE ORIGINAL 1916 CARNEGIE LIBRARY, FEATURES ART GALLERIES, JOFFREY'S CAFE, THE FRIENDS BOOK AND GIFT SHOP, A TEEN ROOM, A COMPUTER LAB, A GREATLY EXPANDED CHILDREN'S AREA, AND A ROOFTOP TERRACE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. STUNNING VIEWS OF CLEARWATER HARBOR AND THE GULF OF MEXICO FROM ALL PUBLIC AREAS ADD TO THE VISUAL APPEAL AND PROVIDE A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE WHO VISITS THIS NEW DOWNTOWN ATTRACTION.

#### REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

CLEARWATER IS FINDING SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS THAT HOLD THE LINE ON THE INCREASING COSTS OF POTABLE WATER FOR ITS 109,000 RESIDENTS. TAMPA BAY WATER, SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, WATER USAGE FEES AND WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND PROCEEDS PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THIS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, BUILT AT A COST OF \$8.1 MILLION. NOW SERVING CLEARWATER CUSTOMERS, THE FACILITY USES REVERSE OSMOSIS TECHNOLOGY TO FILTER AND PROCESS GROUNDWATER FROM CITY-OWNED SOURCES. IT PRODUCES 2 MILLION GALLONS OF DRINKING WATER PER DAY AT LESS THAN 70% OF THE COST TO PURCHASE WATER FROM PINELLAS COUNTY.

#### BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS FIELD

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME OF PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES SPRING TRAINING AND CLEARWATER THRESHERS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS ALSO A COMMUNITY VENUE FOR CITY-SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS, TOURNAMENTS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES. ACCOMMODATING 8,800 FANS, IT INCLUDES AMENITIES SUCH AS AN EXPANDED CONCESSION AND FOOD COURT, SUITES, AND A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA. THE STADIUM SERVES AS AN OUTSTANDING VENUE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, WHICH DATES BACK OVER 50 YEARS. FUNDED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE CITY, THE PHILLIES, PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE \$30.5 MILLION COMPLEX OPENED IN TIME FOR THE 2004 SPRING TRAINING SEASON. THIS UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PLAYED A PART IN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED NAMING CLEARWATER THE TOP SPORTS TOWN IN FLORIDA IN 2004.