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Building a Brighter Future Together

Clearwater is in its second phase of redevelopment projects and infrastructure improvements. We ask residents, businesses and visitors for their continued patience as these projects progress. We are truly partners in building a brighter future together.

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Memorial Causeway Bridge

Despite delays in the completion of the Memorial Causeway Bridge, construction continues and a repair strategy for the cracked piers has been approved. Most of the structural steel of the bridge's decks have been tied together and work continues on the approaches. The Florida Department of Transportation, who is managing the project, has approved a new twin-pier replacement for the cracked piers located in the channel. The bridge decking will be raised, new twin piers will be put into place and the decking will be lowered back onto the supporting piers. The cracked piers will then be removed, creating a structure for Clearwater residents and visitors that ensures safety and reliability for years to come. The city has continued to work closely with the DOT to ensure that the new high-span structure is a safer and more efficient connection between downtown and the beaches. The new structure is scheduled to open September 2005. For bridge updates, call the hotline at (727) 562-4549 or tune in to C-VIEW TV 15, Clearwater's 24-hour information station.

Kapok Floodplain Restoration

Work began this September to restore the Alligator Creek floodplain east of Cliff Stephens Park. An integrated park and water management facility will be constructed, where a blighted mobile home park once stood. The project includes a dam on the channel north of Glen Oak Avenue, 26 acres of restored wetlands, trails, boardwalks, bridges and a small parking facility. It also includes the relocation of a sanitary sewer and water transmission main, flood improvements upstream and extends the East-West Trail and Park System. The project should be finished September 2005 at a cost of \$22.851 million, which includes buying the property, relocation of mobile home residents, and construction. Another stormwater improvement project at the former Glen Oaks Golf Course is scheduled to begin in 2005.



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The Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Sports Park is well underway.

Ross Norton Recreation Center and Extreme Sports Park

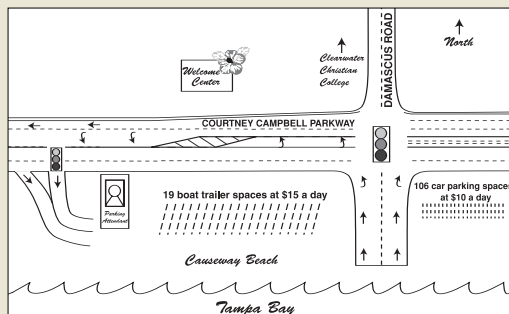
The roof decking is on the gymnasium, all of the columns have been poured, the masonry walls are going up and the site work is well underway. The existing swimming pool is being refurbished with new decking, pool surfacing, and landscaping. New pools will feature a slide and kids activities. The 21,000-square-foot complex will include a teen lounge, fitness room, gymnasium and outdoor patio. Outside, the park will have the city's first Extreme Sports Park. In-line skaters, skateboarders and BMXers will hone their skills in the 30,000-square-foot playground with Woodward ramps, jumps and rails. Participants will be ensured a safe experience with areas for beginners as well as experts. Funding for the project includes Penny for Pinellas revenues, a \$200,000 grant for the Extreme Sports Park, and a \$200,000 grant for pool renovations from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Myrtle Avenue Improvements

Construction continues on Myrtle Avenue between Lakeview and Fairmont. Infrastructure maintenance, including an improved roadway drainage system, installation of new water mains, hydrants, gas mains and sewer pipes, are among the upgrades. New sidewalks, curbs and asphalt will be installed after underground utility and road construction is finished. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Myrtle Avenue at all times during construction, with completion expected by the end of 2005. Total project cost is \$16.13 million.

Damascus Road/Courtney Campbell Parkway Intersection

The beach and intersection at Damascus Road and the Courtney Campbell Parkway are undergoing changes to increase motorist and beach visitors' safety. A four-way stoplight is being installed at the intersection, which will increase safety at beach and Clearwater Christian College entrances. A parking attendant will collect fees for 19 new boat/trailer and 106 car parking spaces. Currently Clearwater Police Department receives more than 3,000 calls annually at this location. Controlling access to this beach will improve enforcement of the beach rules and safety for visitors. The City of Clearwater has worked hard with the FDOT to keep this area, which is a valuable resource for those looking for beach and water activities, both safe and accessible to residents and visitors.



An artist's rendering of the changes to the intersection of Damascus Road and Courtney Campbell Parkway as well as available parking.

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Memorial Causeway Bridge

Cost*: \$64.2 million
Funding: Utilities \$2.8 million
 Penny for Pinellas \$12.1 million
 Trans. Impact Fee \$500,000
 Gas Tax \$1.4 million
 Federal Grant \$20.7 million
 State Grant \$15.5 million
 Pinellas County \$1.0 million
 Interest \$1.2 million
Estimated Completion Date: December 2005

Downtown Wayfinding

Cost*: \$569,084
Funding: Community Development Block Grant \$535,000
 Trans. Impact Fee \$34,084.25
Estimated Completion Date: November 2004

Kapok Wetlands and Floodplain Restoration

Cost*: \$22.851 million (estimated)
Funding: SWFWMD \$3.5 million
 EPA/FDEP \$500,000
 Florida Communities Trust \$3,498 million
 Operating Revenues \$30,000
 Stormwater Rev. Bond Proceeds \$15,323 million
Estimated Completion Date: September 2005

Ross Norton Recreation Complex and Extreme Sports Park

Cost*: \$3.92 million
Funding: Special Development Fund \$257,212
 Penny for Pinellas \$2.82 million
 Recreation Facility Impact Fees \$360,076
 State Grant (FRDAP) \$400,000
 General Fund \$74,995
Estimated Completion Date: April 2005

BeachWalk**

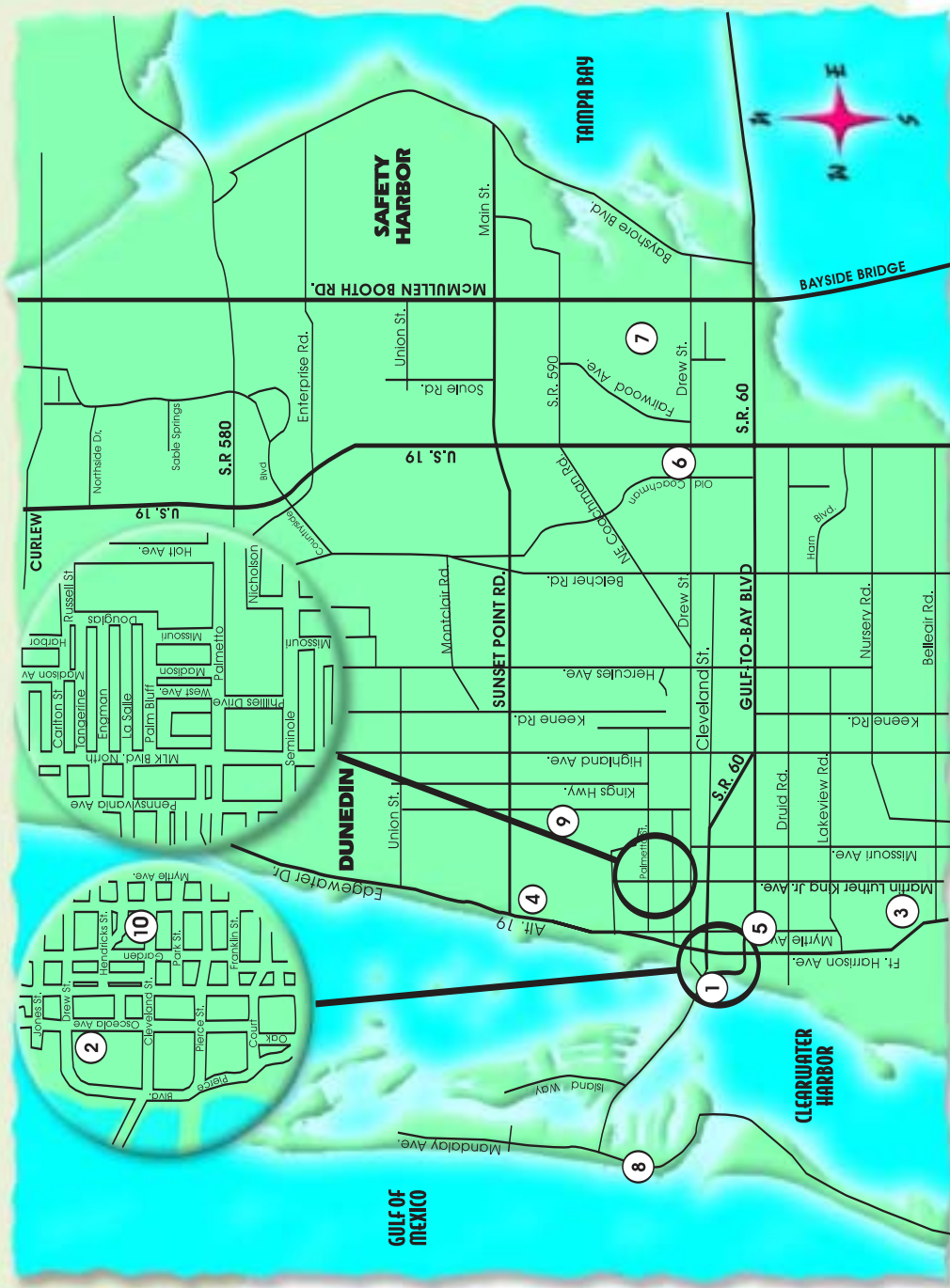
Cost*: \$3.64 million
Funding: HUD Grant \$490,000
 Penny for Pinellas \$3 million
Estimated Start Date: Spring 2005

Myrtle Avenue Reconstruction

Cost*: \$16.13 million
Funding: Gas Tax \$1 million
 Dev. Impact Fees \$217,199
 Penny for Pinellas \$379,831
 Stormwater Bond Issue \$11.52 million
 Other City Utilities \$3.01 million
 Other City Funds \$5,653
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2005

*estimated total construction cost.

**additional funding of \$13.1 million contingent upon development agreements with BeachWalk Development LLC.



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