

Cities in Pinellas County

Largo

- Do not have much waterfront property to work with
- Only waterfront land currently owned by the city is along the ICW, and not suitable for even non-motorized boat ramps; only boardwalks can be built along this land
- Are looking at property along Boca Ciega Bay to purchase for better access to the Gulf than they currently have

Clearwater

- Have submitted grant proposals to build a Hi & Dry, possibly at either Seminole Boat Ramp, Jack Russell Stadium or Stevenson Creek
- Working with a consultant to get an outside opinion of ways to improve their recreational boating access
- Plan to resubmit a downtown redevelopment referendum, which includes the reconfiguration of the current marina downtown to fit more boats, and possible to build new slips along Coachman Park
- Also writing grant proposals to the FWC for various projects related to boating access

Gulfport

- City has budgeted \$150,000 for the creation of a mooring field, and has hired an engineering firm to permit and engineer 50 moorings off of the Gulfport waterfront in Boca Ciega Bay
 - Includes upland support with a dinghy dock, restrooms with shower and laundry facilities
 - A Harbor Management Mooring Plan has been completed and will be presented to the Gulfport City Council for the 05/06 budget
- City has budgeted \$20,000 for the permitting and engineering of a 300' floating transient dock, capable of handling vessels up to 50'
- Last year, completed a \$2.5 million renovation, including a two-lane boat ramp, 66 parking spaces, 247 new wet slips for vessels up to 45', individual sewage pump-outs at each slip, new fueling system with a 140' floating dock, free wireless Internet connection, a marina web cam and restroom renovation
- In the process of developing a second marina Master Plan, which looks at all of the surrounding properties bordering the municipal marina, all of which are currently under lease from the City of Gulfport.

Safety Harbor

- Have hired a company to conduct a feasibility study on expanding the existing municipal marina, and how to best expand without destroying the surrounding marine environment
 - Expansion would create an additional 26 slips, for a total of 14 35-foot slips, and 56 30-foot slips
 - Also looking at expanding the pier and parking for boats with trailers

- Have an agreement with the adjacent Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, that the business will accommodate additional boat trailer parking, while the city will cover the cost of upkeep and insurance for the area.
- Have accepted a proposal from one company to dredge the area at a cost of \$89,069.
- The consulting company is also looking into parking fees and the layout for the parking areas; where to best accommodate boat trailers

Dunedin

- Currently operating their single ramp at full capacity
- Charging launch and slip fees for both residents and non-resident boaters
 - Fees help to maintain the facility; they hope the County can come up with a plan to help the entire area
- Do not currently have a plan in place for protecting their waterfront, or to help with their serious parking problem

Tarpon Springs

- Acknowledge that there is a problem with waterfront access, and have approached the County for assistance in protecting the working waterfront

St. Petersburg

- Acknowledge there is a problem with waterfront access for recreational boaters and are willing to work with the County
- Are looking at their parks for expansion possibilities:
 - Have completed a Boat Ramp Evaluation Study, assessing each of the city-owned ramps and determining the possibilities for each in terms of improvements and expansions, and the estimated costs of each project.
- Have approved \$200,000 for improvements on the dock facility at Jungle Prada Park, and \$490,000 for unspecified improvements to their existing marina facilities

St. Pete Beach

- Believe they already have adequate boat launch facilities for their citizens
- Do recognize a parking problem during peak times for their existing boat ramps