

## What Are Other Counties Doing?

County	Issues and Ideas	Contact
Lee County		Planning Dept. (239) 461-7469
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently bought a marina from a voluntary seller</li> <li>• There are no incentives for property owners to sell their property to the County; are beginning to look at a program for incentives</li> <li>• Looking at what Palm Beach County is doing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But most real estate along the waterfront is too expensive for the County to purchase</li> <li>• Without the incentives, sellers are not as willing to sell to the County when they could get more money from private developers</li> <li>• Hoping to develop a plan similar to that of Palm Beach County</li> </ul>	
Palm Beach County		Tim Granowitz Planning & Design Dept. (561) 966-6651
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to purchase available waterfront land</li> <li>• Voters passed \$50 million bond last November for the County's use to address public waterfront access issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land is often too expensive for the County to offer a competitive bid on</li> <li>• Officials are deciding whether to either purchase marinas and land outright or to buy their development rights; boaters are encouraged by the passing of the bond, hoping the County will be able to compete with private condo developers for the purchase of marinas</li> </ul>	
Monroe County		Growth Management (305) 289-2500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting an extensive survey of the extent of the problem of waterfront access</li> <li>• Drafting a marine Facilities Report to evaluate the problem</li> <li>• Enacted an Interim Development Ordinance on the waterfront to all non-water dependent development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have preliminary results showing the existence of the loss of waterfront, but no concrete numbers yet</li> <li>• The Report will discuss the problem in detail and lay the groundwork for a future plan to address the problem</li> <li>• This temporary moratorium gives the County time to work through their findings and to develop a plan for the future of their waterfront areas; the County will not issue any further requests for changes in land use at this time for any non-water dependent development</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently have a 149-moor mooring field, with a Dockmaster to supervise, enforce rules and collect fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mooring field creates more space for boaters when there isn't additional room in the marinas, and has virtually zero impact on the surrounding environment</li> </ul>	
<p>Charlotte County</p>		<p>Laura Hoelt Dept. of Parks and Recreation (941) 625-7529</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Began charging for parking at ramp sites throughout the County</li> <li>• Voters approved a sales tax to be used for land acquisition</li> <li>• The County accepts money from developers for future land acquisition, and gives those developers certain concessions, such as exclusive water access for their development</li> <li>• Made recreation the primary use of marinas</li> <li>• Purchasing existing locations and marinas for future use</li> <li>• Created blueways trails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They hope this drives away those who do not need the spaces for boat parking, like vendors; it also provides revenue</li> <li>• Aids the County in its ability to purchase existing land for waterfront access for the public</li> <li>• Allows the county to acquire additional funds so they may purchase land elsewhere along the waterfront</li> <li>• Keeps commercial fisherman out of the public-access marinas and better facilitates the boat traffic</li> <li>• But difficult for the County to do because of the high prices of waterfront real estate</li> <li>• Keeps kayaks and canoes out of the boat ramp areas and better facilitates boat traffic there.</li> </ul>	
<p>Broward County</p>		<p>Eric Myers Bio Resources (954) 577-4639</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are in the process of assessing the current situation</li> <li>• Established a Marine Advisory Board to research and interpret the results from surveys and studies</li> <li>• Have built a few new small ramps on existing land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just now beginning the discussion but do not have a plan in place or any policy proposals</li> <li>• These ramps are too small to impact the problem in any positive way, and manatee issues have even closed some already</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Manatee County</b></p>		<p>Parks and Recreation (941) 742-5923</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created blueways trails</li> <li>• In process of a three month study to determine the needs of the County and some possible solutions</li> <li>• Discussion about the private waterfront lands</li> <li>• Talks about a tax to fund land purchases</li> <li>• Assessing environmental impacts of boat activity in various sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps kayaks and canoes away from the general marinas and better facilitates boat traffic</li> <li>• The stuffy will lay the framework for a plan to put forward to the Commission, establishing a course of action</li> <li>• The land is often too expensive for the County to purchase</li> <li>• They think a tax may be sufficient to provide funds for land purchases along the water</li> <li>• Do not want to have to close ramps shortly after they open because of unforeseen environmental impacts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Miami-Dade County</b></p>		<p>Parks Dept. (305) 755-7800</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to encourage appropriate (water-dependent) land uses along the water</li> <li>• Condo developer looking to appease the locals with certain design concessions</li> <li>• Turning to Miami rive instead of oceanfront property in many cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating blueways and greenways trails along the waterfront which uses the land for water dependent development, instead of condominiums</li> <li>• Developers build to allow “visual access” to the waterfront, but this does not solve the recreational boating access problem</li> <li>• Boat access from here is more realistic because of lower property values and more room for future ramp development; dredging in already underway to facilitate</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other plan in place to deal with problem in the future</li> <li>• In process of constructing a large mooring field near Dinner Key, sharing upland amenities with the marinas there</li> </ul>	<p>the traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They acknowledge the loss of ocean-front land to development</li> <li>• Creates parking for transient boaters without the requirement of additional slips</li> <li>• Has virtually zero impact on the environment, so long as there is adequate pump-out facilities and supervision of the mooring fields</li> </ul>	
<p>Bay County</p>		<p>Planning Dept. (850) 784-4024</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet facing a problem with boat ramp access throughout the County</li> <li>• Most cities already operate large marina facilities for public use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main boat ramps are located on inland waters, and not directly on the Gulf where the land is being bought up by condo developers</li> <li>• The infrastructure is already in place in the County to deal with the surge in waterfront development</li> <li>• Condo development is mostly affecting the public's access to the beaches, but not their access to boating.</li> </ul>	
<p>Volusia County</p>		<p>John Harper Planning Dept. (386) 736-5953</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They do believe there is a problem with public access to boat ramps because of development along the waterfront</li> <li>• At present, County is bidding against a condo developer for a parcel of land along the waterfront</li> <li>• Also facing a problem because of new manatee laws- cannot build on much of their own property because of the stricter regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County does not have a tax program in place to raise money, nor do they offer incentives to developers or existing marinas to retain public water access. There are also no ideas on the table for a future plan for the County.</li> </ul>	