



**Board of County Commissioners**  
December 1, 2021 - Joint Meeting of the County Commissioners and  
Longboat Key Commissioners

**SUBJECT**

TOWN & MANATEE COUNTY COLLABORATION EFFORTS

**Category**

AGENDA ITEMS

**Briefings**

None

**Contact and/or Presenter Information**

Tom Hammer, Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

**Action Requested**

None

**Enabling/Regulating Authority**

N/A

**Background Discussion**

See Attached Memorandum from Longboat Key

**Attorney Review**

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

**Instructions to Board Records**

None

**Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name**

N/A

**Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs**

N/A

## M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Town of Longboat Key Town Commission & Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager

**Report date:** November 19, 2021

**Meeting date:** December 1, 2021

**Subject:** Town & Manatee County Collaboration Efforts

### **Background**

As Manatee County is aware, the Town requested the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a study of Longboat Key's concerns and challenges of being split into two counties. Earlier this year OPPAGA agreed to do an independent study of those issues. The Town, and both Counties were contacted by OPPAGA to discuss the current circumstances and in October of 2021 they completed their report. Copies were provided to both counties and the Town. The general issues previously raised by the Town are confirmed in the report. The Town continues to focus on opportunities to partner with both counties.

Some of the tax revenue related information highlighted in the report is summarized below:

- Number of Longboat Key Parcels
  - Manatee County: 3,747
  - Sarasota County: 6,617
- Market Value
  - Manatee County: \$2.17 billion
  - Sarasota County: \$4.54 billion
- Millage Rate Total
  - Manatee County: \$16.9918
  - Sarasota County: \$14.9042
- Taxes Levied
  - Manatee County: \$32.2 million
  - Sarasota County: \$61.5 million
- School District Tax Revenue
  - Manatee County: \$13.9 million
  - Sarasota County: \$28.7 million
- County Tax Revenue
  - Manatee County: \$12.3 million
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Note: The information above is from the OPPAGA report refers to tax data from the 2020 tax year.

The purpose of this agenda item is to highlight some of the recent collaborations with Manatee County and to express interest in continuing to look for additional opportunities.

### **A List of Current and/or Recent Efforts**

- Greer Island Law Enforcement Support (\$60,00 annually since 2018)
- Red Tide Impacts – County Assistance for clean-up Island-wide (2021)
- Signage on Greer Island
- Beach Nourishment- funding support for structures and sand on Greer Island (\$2.69M one time)
- Wholesale Water and Sewer Customer

### **Future Opportunities**

- The Town has participated in early discussions with the County on jointly funding the design for the Broadway Roundabout. This is one of the Barrier Island Traffic Study recommendations and the Town has historically funded initial design improvements for Gulf of Mexico Drive (SR789) and then pursued FDOT funding for construction costs.
- American Rescue Plan Act Opportunities. The Town has designated our ARPA funds to assist with funding replacement of Subaqueous Wastewater Line that runs from Longboat Key to the Manatee County treatment facility on the mainland and for drainage/flooding infrastructure improvements on the island. The Town is open to exploring joint initiatives with Manatee County on the use of ARPA and/or other Federal funds to help address priorities that benefit Longboat Key residents within Manatee County.

### **Next Steps**

Town staff will continue to collaborate with Manatee County staff to explore on-going funding opportunities, and to identify ways to address some of the challenges addressed in the OPPAGA report.

### **Attachments**

PowerPoint Presentation (Available from Town Clerk's Office)

**End of Agenda Item**



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# Longboat Key and Manatee County Collaboration Efforts

December 1, 2022





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# OPPAGA- Summary of Tax Impacts

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<b>County Government Tax Revenue from Longboat Key</b>	<b>\$12.3 million</b>	<b>\$14.5 million</b>

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# Current and/or Recent Efforts

## Wholesale Water and Sewer

## Greer Island Law Enforcement Support

- Annual contribution of \$60K to offset Town patrols (since 2018)

## Red Tide

- County assistance Island-wide during recent outbreak (2021)

## Manatee County Marine Patrol Vessel staffing

## Signage on Greer Island







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# Current and/or Recent Efforts

## Beach Nourishment

- One time funding support for structures and sand on Greer Island (\$2.69M)







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# Future Opportunities

## Broadway Roundabout (Design)

Very north end of island (in Manatee County)

Concerns about safety/pedestrian crossings to Beach Access

Recommended in the Barrier Island Traffic Study

Town's approach- advance design with local dollars and then seek State Funding (to accelerate improvements)





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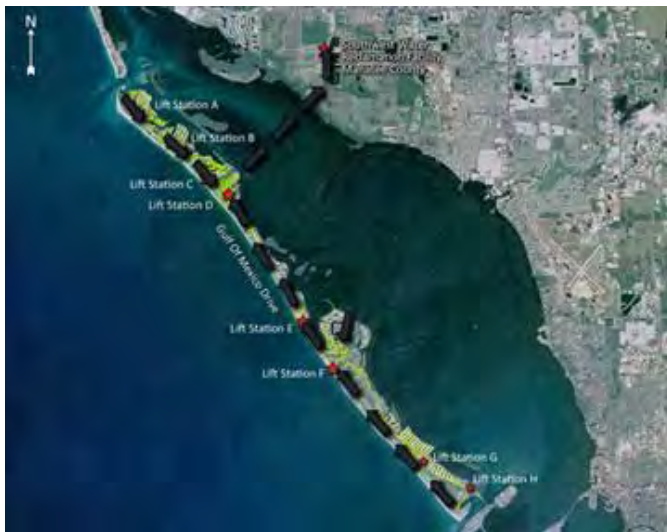
# Future Opportunities

## Town ARPA Priorities

- Flooding/Drainage
- Subaqueous Wastewater Line

Opportunities to partner?

Federal Infrastructure Funding?





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# Next Steps

*Continue to collaborate with the County staff on opportunities to partner*