

Charlotte County 2026 Sales Tax update

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

How are Projects Selected

Categories:

- Public Safety
- Public Infrastructure and Utilities
- Quality of Life
- Schools

20 year Community Needs Assessment

Capital Improvement Plan

Sales Tax Focus Group Recommendations

Geographic Diversity of Project Location (West County, Mid County, South County, Burnt Store, Babcock, County-wide)

2026 Sales Tax Timeline

Date	Action
August 19, 2025	Focus Group to convened their organizational meeting
April 9, 2026	Focus group held final meeting and determine list of projects that will be recommended to BCC
April 14, 2026	BCC to determine: • Length of extension • Selection of final projects
April 21, 2026	BCC will finalize projects beyond ten year program
April 28, 2026	BCC to approve ordinance for ballot referendum
April - November 2026	Community Education and Engagement
October 19, 2026	Early Voting begins (general)
November 3, 2026	General Election

Ten Year Program

Approved April 14, 2026



Tier 1 Projects

Schools

School Security Upgrades
Career and Technical Education

Public Safety

Public Safety Academy
Jail Renovation (Kitchen & Laundry)
Fire/EMS Vehicle Maintenance Expansion
Sheriff's Office Warehouse
Fire Station 19 (New – Gasparilla Rd.)
Fire Station 18 (New – Edgewater Dr.)
Fire Station 4 Replacement
Fire Station 20 (New – Babcock 2)
Fire Station 21 (New – Babcock 2)

Infrastructure and Utilities

Harborview Rd Widening – Phase 2
Harborview Rd. Widening – Utilities
Edgewater Drive Widening - Phase 5
Edgewater Drive Widening - Utilities

Quality of Life

Cultural Center Replacement
Tringali Community Center Replacement
Babcock Ranch Community Library and Annex
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center
Parking Garage
Bisset Park – Phase 3
Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails and Sidewalks
G.C. Herring Park – Phase 2
Park Renovations

Tier 2 Projects

Quality of Life

William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park –
Phase 3

Centennial Park – Phase 2

Charlotte Sports Park Parking Improvements

Bissett Park – Phase 2

South Murdock Community Park

Myakka River Park – Phase 2

Centennial Park Recreation Center Renovation

Placida Passive Park

Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference

Center Parking Garage

Quality of Life

Maracaibo Kidspace Park

South County Regional Park Recreation Center
Renovation

Infrastructure

Mid County Operations Facility

Fifteen Year Program – Tier 1

Project	Project Amount
CCPS Safety	\$10,000,000
CCPS Career and Technical	\$5,000,000
CCU Harborview	\$16,300,000
Harborview Road Widening	\$52,452,000
Edgewater/Flamingo Corridor – Phase 5	\$41,040,000
Public Safety Academy	\$11,850,000
Cultural Center Replacement	\$60,498,000
CCSO Jail Admin Renovation	\$6,234,000
Fire/EMS Vehicle Maintenance Warehouse	\$2,750,000
Fire Station 19 (New – Gasparilla Rd.)	\$9,597,000

Project	Project Amount
Tringali Community Center Replacement	\$5,600,000
Babcock Ranch Community Library & Annex	\$27,197,805
CCSO Warehouse	\$6,524,000
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center Parking Garage	\$8,200,000
Bissett Park – Phase 3	\$35,100,000
CCU Edgewater	\$10,000,000
Fire Station 18 (New – Edgewater Dr.)	\$9,597,000
Fire Station 4 Replacement	\$8,387,000
Fire Station 21 (New – Babcock Site 3)	\$9,597,000
Fire Station 20 (New – Babcock Site 2)	\$9,597,000
Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails and Sidewalks	\$9,320,195

Project	Project Amount
G.C. Herring Park – Phase 2	\$3,850,000
Park Renovations	\$7,300,000
Mid County Operations Facility	\$27,060,000
William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park – Phase 3	\$3,300,000
Centennial Park – Phase 2	\$6,800,000
Charlotte Sports Park Parking Improvements	\$3,773,000
Bissett Park – Phase 2	\$4,500,000
South Murdock Community Park	\$12,800,000
Myakka River Park – Phase 2	\$8,100,000
Centennial Park Recreation Center Renovation	\$7,300,000
Placida Passive Park	\$14,000,000

Project	Project Amount
Maracaibo Kidspace Park	\$8,800,000
South County Regional Park Recreation Center Renovation	\$10,800,000
Burnt Store Road Area East/West Connector	\$46,176,000
Centennial Park – Phase 3	\$11,600,000
Englewood Fire District Station 72 Renovation	\$4,000,000
CCSO Hanger	\$5,000,000
<i>Total Tier 1 Recommendations</i>	<i>\$540,000,000</i>

Fifteen Year Program – Tier 2

Project	Project Amount
Taylor Road Widening	\$48,500,000
Mid County Annex	\$42,080,000
Fleet Management Building	\$22,675,000
Clerk Records Warehouse Replacement	\$9,108,000
CCSO District 6	\$15,000,000
Sports Field Conversions	\$6,637,000
<i>Total Tier 2 Recommendations</i>	<i>\$140,000,000</i>

CCSO Hangar

- Provides hanger space to support Sheriff operations
- Vacating current lease space
- Continues to support emergency response and assistance to the community
- May require land acquisition
- Land
\$250K
- Design
\$750K
- Construction
\$4M



CCSO District 6

- Provide an additional District office to support the Burnt Store area
- Supports increase level of service demands
- Continues to support public safety and emergency response to the community
- Design
\$2.2M
- Construction
\$12.8M



Sport Field Conversions

- Build 1 additional large baseball field at Centennial
- Design and convert 3 tee-ball fields at Maracaibo to 3 little league fields
- Additional staffing: 2 FT
- Design
\$ 650k
- Construction
\$5.987M

Twenty Year Program – Tier 1

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South County Regional Park Recreation Center Renovation	\$10,800,000
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Englewood Fire District Station 72 Renovation	\$4,000,000
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Mid County Annex	\$42,080,000
Fleet Management Building	\$22,675,000
Clerk Records Warehouse Replacement	\$9,108,000

Project	Project Amount
CCSO District 6	\$15,000,000
Sports Field Conversions	\$9,300,000
Various Park Renovations	\$1,337,000
Fire Station 1 Replacement	\$18,000,000
Animal Services Building	\$15,000,000
<i>Total Tier 1 Recommendations</i>	<i>\$721,000,000</i>

Twenty Year Program – Tier 2

Project	Project Amount
Fire Station 8 Replacement	\$10,000,000
Tringali Recreation Center Replacement	\$25,700,000
Fire Station 7 Replacement	\$10,000,000
New West County Library	\$25,000,000
Burnt Store Area Regional Park	\$63,000,000
Park Restrooms	\$2,400,000
Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails and Sidewalks	\$9,320,195
Park Renovations	\$7,000,000

Project	Project Amount
Englewood S/775 Community Park	\$11,000,000
Sports Field Conversions	\$5,579,805
Water Quality Improvements	\$10,000,000
<i>Total Tier 2 Recommendations</i>	<i>\$180,000,000</i>

Fire Station 1 Replacement

- Station 1 is nearing end of life
- Supports increased level of service demands
- Continues to support emergency response and assistance to the community
- Replacing existing station with a new hardened and expanded facility
- Design
\$2.5M
- Construction
\$15.5M



Animal Services Building

- 20,000 sq ft Facility Includes:
 - Animal Housing
 - Veterinary Services
 - Animal Support and Community Space
 - Animal Control Field Operations
- Land
\$500K
- Design
\$2M
- Construction
\$12.5M

Fire Station 8 Replacement

- Station 8 is nearing its end of life
- Supports increase level of service demands
- Continues to support emergency response and assistance to the community
- Replacing existing station with a new hardened facility
- Design
\$1.5M
- Construction
\$8.5M



Tringali Park Recreation Center Replacement

- 40,000 sq ft
- 1 gymnasiums
- 2 multi purpose rooms, 1 fitness room
- Backup generator for entire facility
- Storage
- Additional meeting rooms and logistics space
- Lit parking to allow for POD during emergencies
 - Additional staffing – 5 FT 4 PT, 3 Seasonal
- Design
\$ 4M
- Construction
\$ 21.7M

Fire Station 7 Replacement

- Station 7 is nearing end of life
- Supports increase level of service demands to Punta Gorda Airport and surrounding areas
- Continues to support emergency response and assistance to the community
- Replacing existing station with a new hardened and expanded facility
- Design
\$1.5M
- Construction
\$8.5M

West County Community Library

- 28,000 sq. ft.
 - Children & teen area
 - Main collection area
 - Various breakout and study rooms
 - Various computer use /reading/ gathering areas
 - Multiple meeting rooms
 - Makerspace
 - Friends' bookstore
 - Library operations work area
 - Additional staffing - 13 FT 3 PT
- Land
\$3M
 - Design
\$2M
 - Construction
\$20M

Burnt Store Regional Park

- Land acquisition to meet park size requirement
- Identified in BCC approved Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Two (2) playgrounds
- One (1) standalone play structure
- Six (6) lit sports courts
- Six (6) lit sport fields
- Multi-purpose field
- Two (2) Large pavilion, One (1) medium pavilion, Two (2) small pavilions
- Two (2) park restroom
- One (1) Recreation Center (see next pages)
- One (1) Aquatic Center (see next pages)
- 10' wide walking path (min 1-mile) hard surface
- Fitness equipment
- 50,000 sq ft
- 2 gymnasiums
- 3 multi purpose rooms, 1 fitness room
- Locker rooms with showers
- Backup generator for entire facility
- Storage
- Community meeting rooms, park operations work area and break room
 - Additional staffing – 6 FT, 4 PT, 2 Seasonal, 1 vehicle



Burnt Store Regional Park

- Design and construct new 50 meter by 25 yard pool
 - Including space for lap swimming and water fitness programs
 - Including a splash pad
 - Include bleachers, sunshades, and deck furniture
 - Include new pool house with locker rooms and pump equipment
 - Include digital video board and pool lights
 - Additional staffing - 7 FT LG's, 11 PT, 8 seasonal, 1 vehicle
- Land
\$8M
 - Design
\$3M
 - Construction
\$ 52M

Park Restrooms

- Design, engineering, and construction required for the construction of new restrooms
- At the following locations:
 - San Domingo
 - Myakka Park
- Additional staffing : 1 FT
- Design
\$ 400k
- Construction
\$2M

Bicycle, Pedestrian Trails, and Sidewalks

- Continue implementation of the regional bicycle pedestrian master plan
- Connect existing sidewalks to improve the walkability of the county
- Design, Engineering and Construction
\$9,320,195



Park Renovations

- 6 restroom replacements at the following locations:
 - Bissett Park
 - G.C. Herring
 - Higgs
 - Kiwanis
 - Carmalita softball
 - Harbor Heights
- Additional staffing: 1 FT
- Design
\$ 1M
- Construction
\$ 6M

Englewood 775 Community Park

- Land acquisition to meet park size requirement
 - Two (2) playgrounds
 - Three (3) lit sports courts
 - 10' wide walking path (min 1-mile) hard surface
 - Lit multi-purpose field
 - One (1) Large pavilion, One (1) medium pavilion, Two (2) small pavilions
 - Community building (approx. 1000 sqft) with restroom
 - One (1) park restroom
 - Additional staffing – 1 FT
- Land
\$2.25M
 - Design
\$ 750k
 - Construction
\$8M

Sport Field Conversions

- Convert 2 fields from natural turf to artificial turf
- Additional staffing: 2 FT
- Add 4 new pieces of equipment
- Design
\$1M
- Construction
\$4.579M

Water Quality Improvements

- Various water quality improvements prioritized based on:

\$10 million

- Potable Water Master Plan
- Waste Water Master Plan
- Stormwater Modeling Priorities
- One Charlotte One Water Plan



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