Citrus County 2050

IMPROVEMENTS

Capital Improvements

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Introduction

The Improvements Chapter serves as Capital Improvements Element (CIE) which provides the implementation framework for planning, financing, and coordinating major public infrastructure investments needed to support existing residents and future growth in Citrus County. Capital improvements generally include the acquisition, design, construction, expansion, or major rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure such as transportation systems, utilities, parks, libraries, public buildings, and other essential public services. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), which is reviewed and updated annually during the County's budgeting process, functions as the County's primary tool for prioritizing and scheduling these investments while ensuring that adopted Level of Service (LOS) standards are maintained.

The current Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan identifies planned capital projects for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030 and reflects the County's continued commitment to maintaining and enhancing public infrastructure and service delivery. Funding for these improvements is derived from a variety of sources, including general fund revenues, transportation and fuel taxes, library and fire district revenues, impact fees, grants, utility connection fees, and other local, state, and federal funding programs. Collectively, the County has programmed more than $500 million in capital investments during the next five years to support infrastructure maintenance, system capacity, resiliency, and quality of life improvements throughout the community.

For purposes of the Capital Improvements analysis, emphasis is placed on projects that expand public facility capacity, address projected service demands, or directly influence the County's adopted Level of Service standards. These projects are essential to ensuring that infrastructure and public facilities continue to support future growth in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner.

Transportation Facilities

Citrus County implements transportation improvements to support the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services through the planning horizon. As discussed in the Transportation Chapter, the County is looking to reestablish transportation concurrency to ensure that system improvements occur in conjunction with population growth. Several roadway segments are projected to fall below their established capacity levels within the planning horizon. Some of these roadway

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segments are along major arterials, including County-owned Lecanto Highway, and FDOT-owned State Road 44 and State Road 41. The County should plan for improvements along County-owned roads, and continue coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and other transportation entities to implement capacity improvements on State-owned congested roadways. The County could also work towards reducing demand on its roadway network through the promotion of alternative modes of transportation and growing the County's transit system. Reinstituting transportation concurrency is also a mechanism that could help facilitate the provision of more facilities and expansion of corridors when impacted by development.

Funded Transportation Projects

Table CIE-1 provides a list and description of funded roadway improvements included in the Capital Improvement Plan period 2026-2030. These improvements represent over $146 million in costs to the County, and are funded by gas taxes, general fund taxes, transportation taxes, grants, and impact fees.

Table CIE - 1: Transportation and Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Cardinal St - Corridor Alignment Study	Evaluate multiple factors and result in recommendations including but not limited to: the establishment of corridor alignment(s), right(s) of way width, typical sections, possible land use overlay area(s), shared/regional drainage, and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.	$1,000,000	Active
Corridor Alignment Study for Major Roads	Proposed corridor studies on various roads. Each study will evaluate multiple factors and result in recommendations including but not limited to: the establishment of corridor alignment(s), right(s) of way width, typical sections, possible land use overlay area(s), shared/regional drainage, and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.	$4,150,000	Active

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
County Wide Level of Services (LOS) Traffic Study	Evaluate factors such as traffic flow, traffic patterns, congestion, road capacity and the overall effectiveness of the road system.	$200,000	Active
CR 491 & Hampshire Blvd Turn Lanes	Improve the left turn lane on CR 491 and construct a right turn lane on Hampshire Blvd.	$812,000	Active
CR 491 from Pine Ridge to SR200	Widen CR491 to a 150 foot ROW; from Pine Ridge Blvd to SR200; from a 2 lane rural to a 4 lane expandable to a 6 lane urban roadway. The project includes roadway widening, storm water facilities, sidewalk, and a multi-use path.	$1,000,000	Active
Intersection Improvements	Intersection improvements as needed	$250,000	Active

Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Long Range Transportation Plan

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) produced by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) includes various transportation improvement projects that will occur in Citrus County within the planning horizon. Cost Feasible Projects, which are scheduled to be completed using available revenue, are shown in **Table CIE-2**. Partially funded projects are shown in **Table CIE-3**.

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Table CIE - 2: Cost-Feasible Transportation Projects

Roadway	From/To	Improvement	Project Stage		
			Stage	Time	Cost Estimate
US 41	Arlington Street to Louisiana Lane	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	NA
			Design	2031-2035	$372,189
			ROW	2036-2040	$4,091,484
			CST	2041-2050	$13,229,132
US 41	Louisiana Lane to CR 486	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	NA
			Design	2031-2035	$964,278
			ROW	2036-2040	$10,600,326
			CST	2041-2050	$34,274,387
US 41	CR 486 to SR 200	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	NA
			Design	2031-2035	$199,635
			ROW	2036-2040	$2,194,591
			CST	2041-2050	$7,095,844
US 41	At CR 491	Interchange	PE	2031-2035	$51,600
			Design	2031-2035	$103,200
			ROW	2031-2035	$412,800
			CST	2041-2050	$1,032,000
CR 491	Pine Ridge Boulevard to Forest Ridge Boulevard	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	$205,970
			Design	2031-2035	$411,987
			ROW	2031-2035	$1,647,851
			CST	2041-2050	$8,054,033
CR 491	Forest Ridge Boulevard to Deltona Boulevard	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	$982,960
			Design	2031-2035	$1,966,148
			ROW	2031-2035	$7,864,136
			CST	2041-2050	$38,436,729
CR 491	Deltona Boulevard to US 41	2 Lane Undivided to 4 Lane Divided	PE	2031-2035	$758,013
			Design	2031-2035	$1,516,200
			ROW	2031-2035	$6,064,450
			CST	2041-2050	$29,640,589
US 41	At North Citrus Springs Boulevard	Interchange	PE	2031-2035	$62,400
			Design	2036-2040	$124,800
			ROW	2041-2050	$620,800
			CST	2041-2050	$1,552,000
Downtown Inverness	NA	Study	PE	NA	NA
			Design	NA	NA
			ROW	NA	NA
			CST	2031-2035	$935,250

Source: Long Range Transportation Plan, Citrus/Hernando MPO, 2025

Table CIE - 3: Partially Funded Transportation Projects

Roadway	From/To	Improvement	Project Stage		
			Stage	Time	Cost Estimate
US 19/US 98	Cardinal Street to Green Acres Street	4 Lanes Divided to 6 Lanes Divided	PE	2036-2040	$1,384,344
			Design	2036-2040	$2,768,688
			ROW	2031-2035	$11,447,328
			CST	-	$44,759,942
CR 490	US 19 to Canadian Way	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$291,372
			Design	2041-2050	$876,475
			ROW	2041-2050	$3,505,696
			CST	-	$11,393,511
CR 490	Canadian Way to Rock Crusher Road	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2041-2050	$2,589,666
			Design	2041-2050	$5,179,931
			ROW	2041-2050	$20,718,527
			CST	-	$67,335,212
CR 490	Rock Crish Road to Urban Boundary	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2041-2050	$423,077
			Design	2041-2050	$846,251
			ROW	2041-2050	$3,384,810
			CST	NA	$11,000,631
CR 490	Urban Boundary to SR 44	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2041-2050	$1,743,513
			Design	2041-2050	$3,487,428
			ROW	2041-2050	$13,948,908
			CST	-	$45,333,950
Croft Avenue	SR 44 to Stevens Street	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$999,427
			Design	2036-2040	$2,417,497
			ROW	2036-2040	$9,669,431
			CST	-	$39,080,615
Croft Avenue	Stevens Street to Hayes Road	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$13,452
			Design	2041-2050	$32,539
			ROW	2036-2040	$130,150
			CST	-	$526,022
Rock Crusher Road	CR 490 to Venable Street	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$1,515,467
			Design	2041-2050	$3,665,739
			ROW	2036-2040	$14,662,108
			CST	-	$59,259,352
Rock Crusher Road	Venable Street SR 44	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2036-2040	$765,464
			Design	2041-2050	$1,531,104
			ROW	2036-2040	$6,124,063
			CST	-	$24,751,420
Venable Street			PE	2036-2040	$1,248,772
			Design	2041-2050	$2,497,833

Roadway	From/To	Improvement	Project Stage		
			Stage	Time	Cost Estimate
	US 19 to Dunkenfield Avenue	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	ROW	2036-2040	$9,990,755
			CST	-	$40,379,301
Venable Street	Dunkenfield Avenue to Rock Crusher Road	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2036-2040	$508,284
			Design	2041-2050	$1,016,686
			ROW	2036-2040	$4,066,507
			CST	-	$16,435,467
CR 491	US 41 to Tram Road	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$965,098
			Design	2031-2035	$1,930,420
			ROW	2041-2050	$20,125,560
			CST	-	$50,313,900
CR 491	Tram Road to SR 200	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$989,658
			Design	2031-2035	$1,979,546
			ROW	2041-2050	$20,637,720
			CST	-	$51,594,300
SR 200	US 41 to Palmer Way	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$2,395,721
			Design	2031-2035	$4,791,997
			ROW	-	$36,030,761
			CST	-	$93,679,978
SR 200	Palmer Way to CR 491	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$593,907
			Design	2031-2035	$1,187,951
			ROW	-	$8,932,136
			CST	-	$23,223,555
SR 200	CR 491 to Marion County Line	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$595,023
			Design	2031-2035	$1,190,184
			ROW	-	$8,948,926
			CST	-	$23,267,208
Cardinal Street	US 19 to Gross Avenue	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$558,183
			Design	2031-2035	$1,116,495
			ROW	-	$6,715,892
			CST	-	$16,789,730
Cardinal Street	Gross Avenues to Suncoast Parkway	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$1,249,102
			Design	2031-2035	$2,498,493
			ROW	-	$15,028,823
			CST	-	$37,572,058
Cardinal Street	Suncoast Parkway to CR 491	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$1,625,541
			Design	2031-2035	$3,251,457
			ROW	-	$19,558,021
			CST	-	$48,895,052
SR 44			PE	2031-2035	$1,963,464

Roadway	From/To	Improvement	Project Stage		
			Stage	Time	Cost Estimate
	US 41 to CR 470	4 Lanes Divided to 6 Lanes Divided	Design	2031-2035	$3,926,928
			ROW	-	$29,527,722
			CST	-	$76,772,076
SR 44	CR 470 to Shad Terrace	4 Lanes Divided to 6 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$363,625
			Design	2031-2035	$727,250
			ROW	-	$5,468,409
			CST	-	$14,217,864
SR 44	Shad Terrace to Little John Avenue	4 Lanes Divided to 6 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$664,402
			Design	2031-2035	$1,328,803
			ROW	-	$9,991,661
			CST	-	$25,978,319
SR 44	Little John Avenue to Sumter County Line	4 Lanes Divided to 6 Lanes Divided	PE	2031-2035	$803,623
			Design	2031-2035	$1,607,246
			ROW	-	$12,085,353
			CST	-	$31,421,918
Crystal Oaks Drive	Rock Crusher Road to Urban Boundary	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2036-2040	$926,116
			Design	2031-2035	$1,852,447
			ROW	-	$9,214,204
			CST	-	$18,523,399
Crystal Oaks Drive	Urban Boundary to SR 44	2 Lanes Undivided to 4 Lanes Divided	PE	2036-2040	$261,905
			Design	2031-2035	$523,870
			ROW	-	$2,605,766
			CST	-	$5,238,396

Source: Long Range Transportation Plan, Citrus/Hernando MPO, 2025

Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer

Potable Water

Citrus County Water Resources Department provides potable water to approximately 71,898 customers through seven Community Public Water Systems (CPWSs). The County maintains emergency interconnections with Crystal River, Inverness, Central States Water Resources (private), and the Homosassa Special Water District.

As discussed in the Public Facilities Chapter, the County's total annual average working permit capacity is insufficient to meet projected demand through the planning horizon. The Citrus Springs/Pine Ridge facility is expected to exceed its permitted capacity between 2035 and 2040, and the Sugarmill Woods facility is expected to exceed its permitted capacity between 2030 and 2035. Both facilities will require permit limit

increases, expanded interconnections, or both to accommodate demand. The County is currently in the process of combining all water use permits into one regional permit. Consolidating the individual CPWSs under a single regional permit allows the County to manage total withdrawal capacity as a unified system, providing greater flexibility to balance demand across facilities and streamline future permit amendments as growth pressures increase at different facilities.

Sanitary Sewer

Citrus County Utilities operates multiple wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities serving over 32,000 customers. As discussed in the Public Facilities Chapter, these facilities maintain sufficient capacity to meet average flow demand through the planning horizon; however, peak flow demand is projected to exceed the County's total capacity by 2035, necessitating capital investment in wastewater infrastructure.

One notable project currently underway is the upgrade of the Brentwood Wastewater Treatment Facility to expand capacity, improve treatment capabilities, and address the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) requirements. Upon completion, this project will expand the facility's capacity from 0.500 million gallons per day (MGD) to 0.575 MGD. Similar improvements to the Meadowcrest facility are scheduled in the CIP. This project is anticipated to be completed by 2031, if funding is available.

The County has also taken an active role in decommissioning small package WWTPs and connecting them to central sewer. This effort is in accordance with the Crystal River/Kings Bay and Homosassa/Chassahowitzka BMAPs.

Water and wastewater improvements identified in the CIP that will help the County meet level of service standards are shown in **Table CIE-4**.

Table CIE - 4: Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Brentwood Upgrades III	Expand and upgrade the County's existing Brentwood Wastewater Treatment Plant to keep pace with growth in the service area, reduce nutrient loading to local springs, and enhance water conservation by providing reuse quality water suitable for irrigation.	$42,500,000	Active

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Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Citrus Springs Septic to Sewer Project Ph I	Eliminate septic tanks and connect 822 lots in the Citrus Springs area to a centralized sewer system.	$23,700,000	Active
Citrus Springs Topeka Line Extensions	Installation of water mains on an "as requested" basis to connect homes in the Citrus Springs community water service area that are infill projects constructed pursuant to the Topeka Line Extension Agreement, the County assumed in the acquisition of the FGUA systems.	$7,500,000	Active
Citrus Springs WTP-01	Constructing a new water treatment plant on the site of the County's now abandoned Citrus Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant.	$1,150,500	Active
Citrus Springs/ Pine Ridge WTP #8 Upgrades	Increase the capacity of the Citrus Springs/Pine Ridge water supply system	$350,000	Active
Floral City Elementary School WWTP Interconnect	Interconnect the Floral City Elementary School WWTP to the City of Inverness wastewater collection system, allow existing private package plant owners along the route to connect, and provide a point of connection for future septic to sewer projects in the area.	$4,000,000	Active
FM Point of Woods to Inverness	Make possible abandonment of the County's existing Point O' Woods Wastewater Treatment Plant and redirect its wastewater flows from the City of Inverness' system.	$550,000	Active
Foxwood Sub Pressure Reducing Valve Install	Install a 10" Pressure Reducing Valve for the Foxwood Subdivision	$60,000	Active
Hwy 98 & Oak Park Blvd Water Main Loop	8" Water main extension on the service road between Hwy 98 and Oak Park Blvd.	$90,000	Active
Inflow & Infiltration (Relining) Program	Relining systems to fix points of infiltration	$500,000	Active
Meadowcrest WWTF Process Modification	Modify the Meadowcrest WWTF to comply with more stringent nitrogen removal requirements being set forth by the FDEP	$400,000	Active

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
N Indianhead Rd Water Main Loop	Construct water main loop to prevent service outages due to breaks.	$1,250,000	Active
Old Homosassa Cedars STS	Connect up to 122 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$3,904,000	Active
Old Homosassa Downtown North STS	Connect up to 325 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$6,421,684	Active
Old Homosassa Mason Creek STS	Connect up to 263 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$8,416,000	Active
Old Homosassa Park STS	Connect up to 189 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$6,065,500	Active
Old Homosassa Phase V	Connect up to 115 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$684,400	Active
Old Homosassa Retreats STS	Connect up to 201 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$6,432,000	Active
Old Homosassa Rooks STS	Connect up to 269 lots within the Old Homosassa area to sewer system.	$8,608,000	Active

Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Drainage and Stormwater

As Citrus County continues to grow, increased development and impervious surface coverage make effective stormwater and drainage management increasingly important. The County's springs and aquifer system are vital to its economy, ecology, and quality of life, thus, protecting these resources from stormwater-related contamination and runoff is a priority.

The County is currently preparing a countywide watershed management plan in cooperation with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), which will provide further guidance on flood control and stormwater discharge management. **Table CIE-5** shows funded drainage and stormwater projects identified in the CIP.

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Table CIE - 5: Drainage and Stormwater Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Beverly Hills Neighborhoods	This project is a Best Management Project that was identified in the Crystal River WMS (Problem Area #6) for flood mitigation and water quality.	$50,000	Active
Cardinal Lane Watershed Management Plan BMPS	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$300,000	Active
Castlelake MH Park – Flood Mitigation	This project is a Best Management Project that was identified in the Tsala Apopka WMS (BMP#16) for flood mitigation.	$450,000	Active
Center Ridge Watershed Management Plan BMPS	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$300,000	Active
Chassahowitzka WMS	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$300,000	Active
Coop Watershed Management Plan – SWFWMD	Phased multi-year project for the development of a Watershed Management Plan for flood protection in Citrus County.	$200,000	Active
CR WMS BMP Implementation	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$450,000	Active
Drainage Complaint Retrofit Projects	Addressing reported citizen concerns of local flooding.	$1,000,000	Active
Drainage Structure Study	Phase 1 of the Drainage Structure Review and Restoration will provide engineering review and recommendations for various drainage structures throughout the County. Phase II will include implementation.	$1,440,000	Active
Homosassa Springs (Ox Eye Area)	Improve an ongoing, historic stormwater flooding problem in the Ox-Eye area of Homosassa Springs.	$250,000	Active
Homosassa WMS BMP Implementation	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$300,000	Active

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Inverness DRAs – Flood Mitigation	Analyze existing drainage retention areas (DRA) at E. Towhee Ln and at S. Big Al Pt in Inverness that County staff documented not meeting current storage requirements in the last flooding event (Summer of 2021).	$50,000	Active
N Citrus/ Withlacoochee WSM	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$300,000	Active
N Discalfani Loop - Flood Mitigation	Address localized flooding on N. Discalfani Loop in the DeRosa Village that impacted County roadways and multiple residential structures in this area.	$75,000	Active
Osceola St Drainage Improvements	Improve the ongoing historic stormwater flooding in the Beverly Hills area.	$200,000*	Active
Outfall Infrastructure Retrofit	Retrofit existing outfalls throughout the County's MS4 system.	$1,000,000	Active
Plantation Estates Drainage	Improve an ongoing, historic stormwater flooding problem in the Hour Glass Area of Kimberly Plantation Estates.	$750,000	Active
S Adams St – Drainage Retrofit	Address an ongoing erosion concern in the Beverly Hills neighborhood and to improve the existing drainage retention area.	$75,000	Active
Safe Route to School Phase II Forest Ridge Blvd – Drainage	Stormwater improvements associated with Phase I of the Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Project along Forest Ridge Blvd from CR 486.	$1,185,000	Active
Stormwater Cleaning and Restoration	Provide maintenance services to the County's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).	$1,230,000	Active
Stormwater Engineering Study – Land Development Code	Review all stormwater related ordinance and revise to include updates from other agencies and include information that will need to be met for our County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit in its next cycles.	$175,000	Active

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Stormwater Facilities Repair & Replacement	Repair and replace components of the County's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).	$1,150,000	Active
Tsala Apopka WMS BMPs	Solve flooding problems and provide nutrient removal from stormwater runoff.	$1,000,000	Active
W Cornflower Dr – Drainage Retrofit	Improve the conveyance system within Crystal Manor.	$275,000	Active
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Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Solid Waste Facilities

Citrus County disposes of solid waste through depositing waste in a landfill and recycling. As discussed in the Public Facilities Chapter, the County's landfill has a remaining capacity of 1.15 million cubic yards, with an estimated site life through December 2031. The County continues to expand landfill services and undergo capacity improvements to lengthen the landfill's site life.

A key project that is underway is the Phase 4b expansion, which is scheduled to be completed in 2029 and will add 2.5 million cubic yards of capacity, extending site life to February 2044. The County has also planned land acquisitions, as reflected in the CIP, to prepare for future expansions. Another major project that is reflected in the CIP is the new Citizen Service Area, which will improve access and recycling initiatives. These projects and other proposed capital improvements for solid waste are shown in **Table CIE – 6**.

Table CIE - 6: Solid Waste Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Citizen Service Area – New Site	The new Citizen's Service Area (CSA) which includes the citizen's service area, its own scalehouse, administration office and entrance. This is to accommodate the growing population of Citrus County and allow for the Phase 4b expansion. The New Site will contain all of the elements of the CSA along with additional design	$8,500,000	Active

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Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
	features to provide a safer and more efficient traffic flow pattern.		
Land Acquisition	Land acquisition for landfill expansions, as the current cell expansion will envelop the remaining space at the current site.	$1,000,000	Active
Landfill Expansion	Includes the design, permitting, and construction of future expansions. Land will need to either be purchased, swapped, and/or acquired by other means to accommodate any future expansions. There is the planned acquisition of the 60 acre site adjacent to the active landfill at which point the citizen's service area can be relocated so that Phase 4b can be constructed.	$19,200,000	Active

Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Recreation and Leisure

Capital Improvements for recreation, open space, and libraries can be new facilities, improvements, or expansions to existing parks and facilities. The County works with private developers to help provide additional recreational space to augment existing public recreational facilities.

As discussed in the Recreation and Leisure Chapter, Citrus County currently has a deficit of park space, boat ramps, and of library space. **Table CIE – 7** shows funded improvements to the parks and recreation system, including boat ramps, as provided in the CIP. **Table CIE – 8** shows funded improvements to the County's library system, including an expansion of the Central Ridge Library and the construction of a brand new Citrus County library. Both of these projects will increase square footage and help to combat the County's existing library deficit.

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Table CIE - 7: Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Barge Canal Boat Ramp	Design and construction of a regional boat ramp on the Cross Florida Barge Canal	$2,512,112*	Active
Bicentennial Park Pickleball Courts	Construct six new pickleball courts in Bicentennial Park.	$350,000	Active
Central Ridge Community Park Dog Park	Build a community dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs.	$50,000	Active
Homosassa Area Multi-Use Sports Field Park	New sports field park with 10 multi-use fields	$21,500,000	Active
Kayak Launch at Ozello Park	Enhance access at key waterfront parks by installing new kayak launch dock systems.	$90,000	Active
Halls River Rd Multi-Use Path	3.2 mile long 10-12 foot wide MUP along Hall River Road.	$1,262,500	Active
Parks Master Plan	Develop plan to provide a structured approach for developing new parks, improving existing facilities, engaging the community, securing funding, and ensuring sustainability.	$185,000	Active

*CCF only

Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Table CIE - 8: Library System Capital Improvements

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Central Ridge Library Redesign and Expansion	Renovation of the interior space for Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills, FL	$1,200,000	Active
Citrus Springs Public Library Build	New full-service library featuring all the modern requirements of a Citrus County Library. Materials for all ages, meeting rooms, flexible space options for future updates, and a community space. The Library System's Administration and IT services would relocate to the Citrus Springs branch	$8,000,000	Active

Project Name	Description	Total Cost	Current Status
Library Comprehensive Master Plan	Develop a long-range master plan to guide Library Service's in sustainable growth of services, operations, and facilities for the future	$85,000*	Active

*CCF only

Source: Citrus County Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2030

Public School Facilities

Coordination, addressing facility siting, population growth, and the provision of future public school facilities are governed by the interlocal agreement (ILA) between the County, municipalities, and the School Board. While school concurrency in Citrus County was removed from the comprehensive plan, much of the original intergovernmental coordination aspects remain. Under the ILA, a nonvoting School Board representative sits on the County Planning and Development Commission, and the County participates in the School Board's Long Range Planning Committee. The Long-Range Planning Committee meets annually to address facility and infrastructure planning and school siting. The County will continue to provide population projections to the School Board to support enrollment forecasting.

The Citrus County School District manages school facility capital improvements through its annually adopted Five-Year District Facilities Work Program. As part of the ILA, the County incorporates the District's five year work program on an annual basis into the County's 5-Year CIP. The 2024–2025 Work Program identifies approximately $125.5 million in total capital project costs over the five-year period from FY 2024–25 through FY 2028–29. Capacity-adding projects planned within the work program include a new classroom wing at Floral City Elementary School (12 classrooms, 181 student stations) and a first floor redesign at Lecanto Middle School (2 classrooms, 44 student stations) in FY 2024-2025. The District Facilities Work Program did not identify any capacity-related projects beyond 2026.

Future Considerations

The Improvements Chapter is a key implementation tool for the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan. The goals, objectives, and policies within this Chapter are coordinated with projects identified in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The

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information presented above shows the proposed improvements that will help to address service deficiencies and future needs due to growth.

It is important that the CIP and other facility master plans are accurate and regularly updated to reflect the needs of Citrus County as a growing community. Citrus County should continue to anticipate future expenses, operations and maintenance costs while still being proactive in preventing deferred capital maintenance. To meet these objectives, the County and its partners should continue to explore alternative funding mechanisms and utilize sound financial policies.

A local option sales tax represents a potential funding mechanism for advancing capital projects and community priorities throughout Citrus County. Successfully implemented in numerous Florida counties, this voter-approved revenue source can provide a dedicated and predictable stream of funding for critical infrastructure needs and quality-of-life investments. Many jurisdictions allocate portions of the revenue to specific purposes, such as parks and recreation, transportation improvements, land conservation, public safety, and other public facilities, ensuring that funding is directed toward clearly defined community priorities and long-term capital needs. The added benefit of a sales tax is that tourists contribute directly to the municipal services they use during their stay.

The County should continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the CIP as revenue and expenditure streams are subject to fluctuation due to the potential of property tax reform and changes in market conditions. Subject to Section 163, F.S., the CIP is required to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure required fiscal resources are available to provide public facilities and support adopted LOS standards.

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