



County Administrator's



ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

The County Administrator/CEO oversees 6,900 positions and balances a nearly \$6 billion budget



As events occur globally, nationally or at a state level, we, in Palm Beach County, Florida, strive to be the place where you want to live, work and play. Whether you are a resident of, do business within or visit Palm Beach County, we offer “The Best of Everything”.

As Palm Beach County's Administrator, I am pleased to share this Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report with you. Under the outstanding leadership of our Board of County Commissioners, these accomplishments demonstrate the ongoing pledge and investment in our stakeholder's financial, social and overall well-being.

A vision for success comes along with responsibility and accountability resulting in sustainability. For more than 20 years, I am proud to report Palm Beach County has achieved AAA Bond Ratings from the top three national credit agencies. In fact, we are only one of four counties in the state of Florida and one of 51 counties in the nation to achieve and maintain such high standards.



The beautiful environment surrounding our county attracts people to live here, choose to do business here and complements the quality of life in our paradise. Innovation, progressive industries and partnerships come together, creating an impressive destination and place to call home.

Palm Beach County continuously monitors, evaluates and pivots when necessary to provide a robust economy with the quality of life our residents demand and deserve. Collectively our community does amazing work. Individually, Palm Beach County staff puts forth their best work to allow and ensure residents share in the pride I have for this great county.

Warmest Regards,

Verdenia C. Baker
County Administrator



This publication is a compilation of key highlights of Palm Beach County during Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022).

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OUR VISION

Think strategically and anticipate the future. Ensure that decisions we make today will have lasting value.



Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners

OUR MISSION

To drive a continuous improvement culture of excellence that achieves a measurably high level of public satisfaction.

*Customer Focus
Performance Measures
Empowerment
Continuous Quality
Improvement
Cost-Efficiency*

OUR GOALS

Board of County Commissioners

BCC line-up during Fiscal Year 2021/2022

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) serves as the legislative and policy-setting body for county government, enacts countywide laws and authorizes programs and all expenditures of county funds. They also act as the Child Care Facilities Board, the Solid Waste Authority Governing Board, the Environmental Control Board and the Zoning Board. Seven commissioners are elected from single-member districts to staggered four-year terms, representing the entire county.



Maria G. Marino
District 1



Gregg K. Weiss
District 2, Vice Mayor



Dave Kerner
District 3



Robert S. Weinroth
District 4, Mayor



Maria Sachs
District 5



Melissa McKinlay
District 6



Mack Bernard
District 7

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROFILE

Palm Beach County is larger than eleven U.S. states, including Washington D.C.

Located on the southeast coast, Palm Beach County is one of the largest in land mass of Florida's 67 counties. The county's 2,385 square miles include 1,977 square miles of land and 408 square miles of surface water. Palm Beach County is surrounded by Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades and Atlantic Ocean, all of which offer recreational opportunities in beautiful natural settings. Major industries in Palm Beach County, include tourism, agriculture, health services and construction. The lifestyles of residents range from urban to rural, with the more densely populated areas along the coast. There are 39 incorporated municipalities within Palm Beach County. Each municipality enacts, enforces policies and laws within its incorporated boundaries. The exceptions are countywide ordinances specified in the Charter of Palm Beach County or ordinances agreed to by municipalities.



**5TH BEST AIRPORT
IN THE U.S.**
CONDE NAST TRAVELER'S 2022 READERS' CHOICE

**REGISTERED
VOTERS
991,694**



**160 GOLF
COURSES**

**1,518,152
POPULATION**

**45.0
MEDIAN
AGE**



**MORE THAN
110 PARKS &
RECREATIONAL
FACILITIES**

**617,799
TOTAL
HOUSEHOLDS**

**\$90,300
MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME
FOR A FAMILY
OF FOUR**

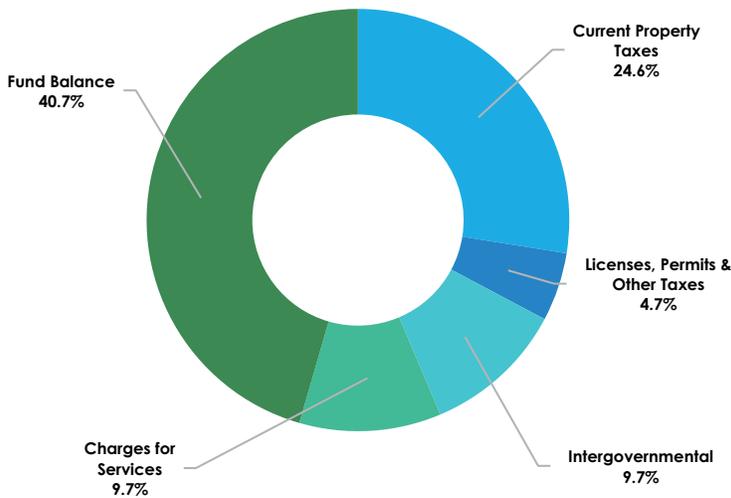


**47
MILES OF
SHORELINE**

FY 2022 BUDGET

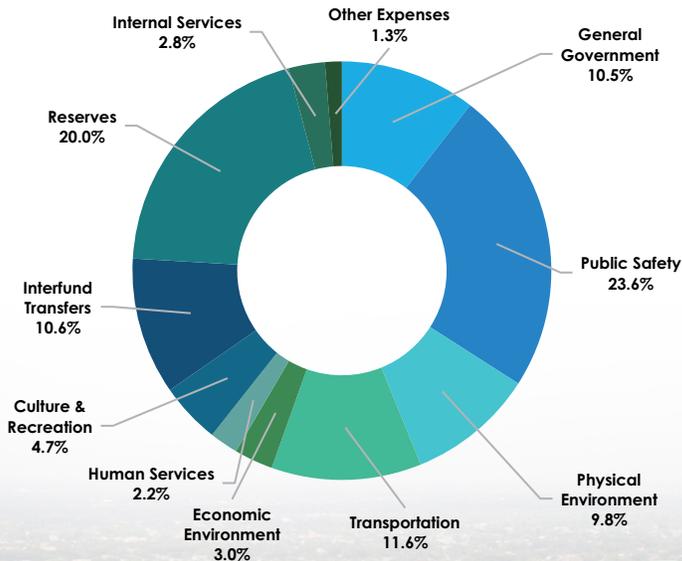
Revenues and Expenditures as of September 30, 2022

Where the Money Comes From
Total of all Funds \$5,989,209,333



Palm Beach County Revenues (in millions)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	% Change
Current Property Taxes	\$1,395.0	\$1,473.6	5.6%
Licenses, Permits & Other Misc Revenue	272.3	282.3	3.7%
Intergovernmental	432.5	582.9	34.8%
Charges for Services	632.0	578.2	-8.5%
Interfund Transfers	600.3	636.3	6.0%
Fund Balance	2,092.9	2,436.0	16.4%
Total	\$5,425.0	\$5,989.3	10.4%

Where the Money Goes
Total of all Funds \$5,989,209,333



Palm Beach County Expenditures (in millions)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	% Change
General Government	\$508.2	\$629.3	23.8%
Public Safety	1,309.4	1,411.5	7.8%
Physical Environment	467.8	584.7	25.0%
Transportation	655.0	693.8	5.9%
Economic Environment	156.3	177.3	13.4%
Human Services	123.6	131.5	6.4%
Culture/Recreation	272.6	280.8	3.0%
Interfund Transfers	600.3	636.3	6.0%
Reserves	1,097.2	1,195.1	8.9%
Internal Services	160.6	169.8	5.7%
Other Expenses	74.0	79.2	7.0%
Total	\$5,425.0	\$5,989.3	10.4%

BOND RATINGS

AAA Bond Rating by all of the Top Credit Rating Agencies



Palm Beach County's AAA Bond Rating directly impacts the community's economic vitality and development. As the most visible indicator of credit worthiness, the county's AAA designation allows for unfettered access to the capital markets. The county's AAA Bond Rating translates into a lower cost of capital which directly impacts the quality and affordability of governmental services provided. The county's financial stability as measured by its bond rating serves as an inducement to businesses that are considering locating or relocating their operations and headquarters in Palm Beach County. While economic growth has its inherent social and infrastructure challenges, in order to maintain its AAA Bond Rating, Palm Beach County must continue to demonstrate prudent financial stewardship while promoting economic growth.

~ One of Four in Florida

~ One of 51 in the Nation

General Obligation Bonds (GO)

- *AAA Rated by S&P Global Ratings, Fitch Ratings and Moody's*

Non-Ad Valorem Bonds (NAV)

- *AAA Rated by S&P Global Ratings*
- *AA+ Rated by Fitch Ratings*
- *Aa1 Rated by Moody's*

Revenue Bonds

- *Water Utility Bonds - AAA Rated by S&P Global Ratings, Fitch Ratings and Moody's*
- *Airport Bonds - A+ Rated by S&P Global Ratings
A+ Rated by Fitch Ratings
A1 Rated by Moody's*

ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS

To energize the economy and lower the high unemployment rate, the federal government tackled issues at the local level by assisting families and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Palm Beach County received \$290.7 million and quickly began to disperse the funds at the direction of the BCC to use the dollars for revenue replacement funds for specific needs within the county. Calculated programs and categories were steadfast in putting those funds into the hands of the people who needed them the most.

Activity	Description	Budget
Behavioral Health Infrastructure	Infrastructure improvements to the behavioral health system of delivery within Palm Beach County	\$10,000,000
Broadband Infrastructure	Expand and enhance broadband infrastructure	\$40,000,000
Public Health Expenses	PPE's, marketing and public education messaging, staffing, BCC and Constitutional Officers COVID-19 related expenses	\$4,000,000
Housing	Increase retention and supply of Affordable and Workforce Housing	\$60,589,500
Hunger Relief Infrastructure	Pantry infrastructure, support to extend the life of food and other related projects. (i.e. - refrigerators/equipment, IT support, hydroponics)	\$10,000,000
Testing, Vaccines and COVID-19 Treatment	COVID-19 Testing, Antibodies Treatment, vaccine support, etc.	\$5,410,500
Infrastructure - County Buildings	Building HVAC Systems and other applicable projects	\$17,000,000
Infrastructure - Water, Environmental and Resiliency	Investments in water, sewer, stormwater and other eligible resiliency projects including Parks Septic to Sewer Conversion and Stormwater Infrastructure	\$64,000,000
Infrastructure - Culture	Matching dollars for major or new infrastructure cultural projects	\$4,000,000
Revenue Replacement - Cybersecurity	Enhance Cybersecurity Infrastructure	\$3,000,000
Revenue Replacement - EOC/ Four Points Hurricane Hardening/Connection	Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Connection	\$15,330,026
Revenue Replacement - South Lake Worth Inlet Seawall Replacement	South Lake Worth Inlet Seawall Replacement	\$11,000,000
Revenue Lost - FY 2022	Replace County lost revenues during COVID-19	\$46,400,000

Total

\$290,730,026

TOURISM & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Palm Beach County (PBC) is a hot spot. The live, work and play climate is sizzling. Tourists know it too. A record number of visitors, 9.2 million, spent their time and money in Palm Beach County. In 2022, travelers spent almost \$7 billion, generating an economic impact of \$10 billion. The bed tax collections also broke records, 52% higher than Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) and 44% higher than pre-pandemic collections. Bed taxes collected in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) were \$77.8 million.

CULTURAL COUNCIL OF PBC
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
\$633 MILLION
PART OF THE TOURISM ENGINE

AIRPORT & AIRLINES

Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) serves more than 6.8 million passengers annually. Thirteen airlines collectively offer 200 nonstop flights daily. Airlines added more destinations for residents, broadening the number of tourists who visit. Sometimes those tourists decide to become residents of Palm Beach County.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission represents more than 40 sports competitions, hosts 178 events and reports \$4,072,237 of bed taxes. All of the trackable room nights, 293,822, were in the commission’s event portfolio from FY 2022. Tourists come to enjoy the sporting events offered throughout The Palm Beaches and nearly 20 different sports events delivered nationally televised broadcasts.

EQUESTRIAN



Equestrian sports are the leading sports tourism driver in The Palm Beaches. The United States Polo Association made Palm Beach County the permanent home for Polo in June 2022. The National Polo Center (NPC) provides the sports commission with unmatched resources to develop sports tourism beyond equestrian-related events.

Major League Baseball (MLB) Spring Training and amateur events make baseball the second largest sports tourism generator in Palm Beach County. Four MLB teams, Florida Marlins, Washington Nationals, St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Astros, the most recent World Champions, call The Palm Beaches home for Spring Training. More than half of baseball attendees live outside of the county. The MLB Spring Training in 2022 resulted in a \$33.7 million economic impact in Palm Beach County.

BASEBALL



Golf is a cornerstone for tourism in The Palm Beaches. Twenty-two events, including three major professional golf events: Gainbridge LPGA at Boca Rio, TimberTech Championship and The Honda Classic fill eleven days of golf, highlighting the professionals. Palm Beach County is the only destination to host the PGA Tour, PGA Champions Tour and LPGA Tour in a single year. Golf generated \$53.5 million in substantial economic and tourism impact for the county.

GOLF



BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

FY 2022 WAS A TIME WHEN MORE JOBS WERE OPEN THAN UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE TO FILL THEM

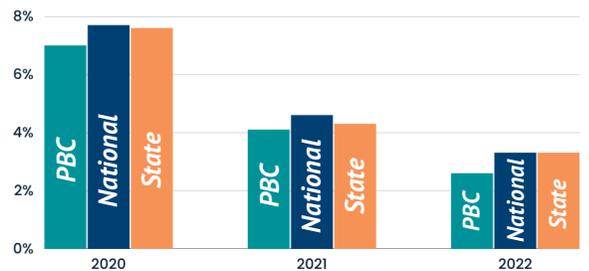
The Leisure/Hospitality industry led in year-over-year growth, adding more than 11,000 jobs in FY 2022. In fact, the county saw more than 31,100 jobs in all sectors added during the year. Education/health services and government sectors grew faster in the county than statewide, according to CareerSource Palm Beach County.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Palm Beach County gained the nickname “Wall Street South.” Financial giants chose to move businesses to paradise; some companies uprooted their headquarters to Palm Beach County. Existing businesses within the county made the decision to expand, added staff and increased office space.

The county’s Department of Housing and Economic Development worked with outside development partners to create 2,409 new jobs, while retaining 2,003 jobs thanks to business incentives and loan programs.

With businesses relocating or opening their doors, the county unemployment rate ended FY 2022 at 2.6%. For more than two years, it has been below the national unemployment rate. In September 2020, the national unemployment rate was 7.7% and Palm Beach County was 7%. Ending FY 2021 national unemployment was 4.6% and the county rate was 4.1%.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



(Source: CareerSource Palm Beach County)

Small business is big business in the county
- The Office of Equal Business Opportunity works in the community to ensure small, minority and women-owned businesses are open and represented in Palm Beach County. Three hundred and seven certified small businesses were open and operated during FY 2022.



STATE OF HOUSING

Palm Beach County's unemployment rate is lower than those reported at the national and state levels. More open jobs than unemployed people to fill them is a concern facing PBC. Issues around affordable/workforce housing, the capability of businesses to operate at the same level as if they were fully staffed and the ability for people to efficiently travel to and from work, plus accomplish other necessary errands with reliable transportation add more layers to what looks like an economic boom.

Home prices climbed throughout the county. At the end of FY 2021, the median single family home sales price was \$469,900 and grew to \$571,000 by the close of FY 2022 according to the Broward, Palm Beaches and St. Lucie Realtors Association. Rental costs were also growing by 20-50%. Renters reported receiving a few weeks of notice before increases would take effect on a new lease, leaving many scrambling to find a place to live within their budget.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AWARDED \$23,809,131 TO ASSIST
IN THE CREATION AND/OR
PRESERVATION OF

1,288

AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE
HOUSING UNITS

CALL TO ACTION

County leaders heard the concerns of the residents and the severity of the problem facing workers in Palm Beach County. Some chose to move out of the county and commute; others left their jobs to find employment closer to their homes.

Housing and transportation are separate issues; yet, they overlap and become a part of economic development and sustainability. Addressing affordable/workforce housing, the cost of living, employee retention and recruitment, plus keeping businesses afloat are all intertwined. Solutions to these issues became a high priority for the county and as a result, the county commission assembled an Economic Summit, led by Commissioner Maria Sachs with a focus on Housing and Transportation in June 2022.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Palm Beach County assembled experts from the public sector and private partners for the summit. The June 2, 2022, event included national and local dedicated specialists, speakers, moderators and panelists. After the conclusion and recap of the event, leaders decided more work was necessary. The BCC placed a \$200 million housing bond referendum on the November 8, 2022, ballot for voters to decide on.

To educate our residents, Commissioner Mack Bernard advised and supported 10 community meetings focused on the "State of Housing" and the "Tools in the Housing Toolbox." The meetings provided information on the programs and resources in place and options the county offers to renters and potential buyers.

While work continues to build and implement affordable/workforce housing, construction is underway on a new homeless resource center in Lake Worth, with an anticipated opening in the summer of 2023. This will join the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center in West Palm Beach and the homeless shelter and resource center in the Glades community.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

INNOVATIVE MOBILITY MOVES COMMERCE, VISITORS AND RESIDENTS IN A SAFE, EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE MANNER

TRANSIT MOBILITY

Transportation was an additional focus as part of the 2022 Economic Summit. During an interactive question-and-answer breakout block, participants gave input about transportation ideas, concepts and wishes. Including how residents want to live near transportation stops or hubs, which not only helps the environment but also eases household costs by eliminating car expenses.

Palm Tran, is the local public bus transportation service within Palm Beach County. The Paradise Pass, a cashless option to pay fares, came online in November 2021 and received 1.25 million taps. Downloading the app gives riders the chance to pay fares by smartphones or smartwatches.

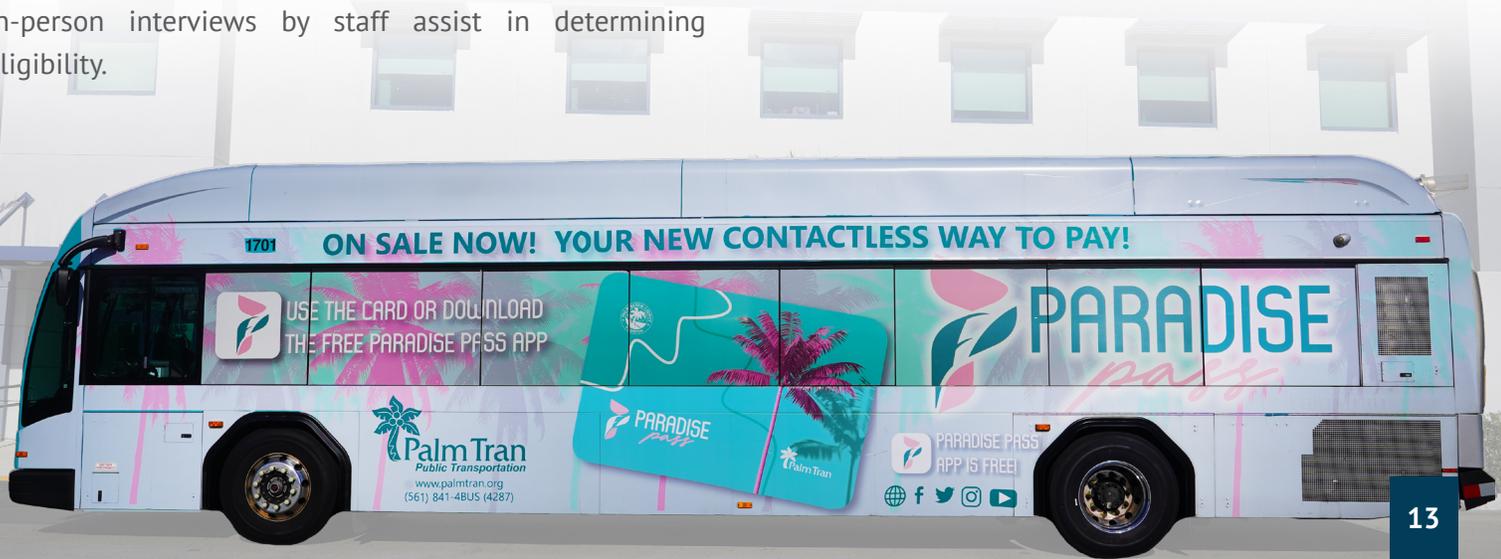
Almost 7.2 million rides occurred in FY 2022 with a ridership increase of 8.2% on the fixed route buses. Operations have streamlined and become more efficient at Palm Tran Connection. The eligibility process underwent a change for this paratransit service. In-person interviews by staff assist in determining eligibility.

The program Go Glades rebranded its service to a Dial-A-Ride concept and the people in the Glades embraced the change and scheduled trips. Go Glades ridership was a favorable outcome for Palm Tran, during the pandemic as its ridership increased.

Brightline, the high-speed train service with stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach relaunched for business with the official return to service in early November 2021 and embarked on plans to expand service to Orlando. Allowing travel in both directions at a quick pace will add dollars to our tourism industry. Brightline also broke ground in January 2022 for an additional Palm Beach County stop in Boca Raton.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

Traffic and pedestrian safety is of paramount importance in PBC. Almost 60 miles of bike lanes, 2,250 miles of sidewalks and 1,254 traffic signals are maintained by Engineering and Public Works staff. Resurfaced roadways and pathways projects totaled over \$10 million.



PARKS & RECREATION

We have national award-winning parks and recreation management within Palm Beach County. The department celebrated 50 years of service by hosting special events, commemorative challenge coins and a dedicated time capsule to be opened in another 50 years.

The Okeehelée BMX Track within Okeehelée Park hosts the USA BMX Sunshine State Nationals. Nearly 1,500 riders from 30 states and 12 nations competed per event day, for three days in 2022. This event featured several Olympians, including the gold medal winner from the Tokyo Games.

The groundbreaking of Phase II for the Orange Bowl Field at Glades Pioneer Park allowed for a FY 2022 opening. Improvements feature a new Community Center. Orange Bowl Field at Pioneer Park is a partnership between the Orange Bowl, an NFL contribution to Glades Pioneer Park by way of the Miami Dolphins Foundation and Palm Beach County, to make parks and open spaces accessible to everyone in the Glades region. The park serves as the playing site for several teams from the Glades Youth Football League. Many current and former NFL players from the area have used the field to conduct youth football camps.

Some of the best golfing is in Palm Beach County and is a cornerstone for tourism and a bonus is the county-operated golf courses. While there are plenty of professionals who live in the area, the county runs courses for everyone, residents and visitors: Okeehelée, Osprey Point, Park Ridge, Southwinds golf courses, plus the John Prince Golf Learning Center offer a combined 93 holes of affordable golf. Osprey Point is a designated Audubon International Certified golf facility.



BMX TRACK



Palm Beach County has entered into a long term lease with the Port of Palm Beach to take over the John F. Kennedy Bunker on Peanut Island. Built in 1961, the bunker was designed to protect President Kennedy during the Cold War as tensions mounted with Cuba. Plans are ahead to restore the existing structure for educational purposes and open it to the public.

Several multipurpose sports fields are seeing the completion of the Phase I conversion to LED lightbulbs. The energy saving, reduction of carbon emissions and illumination improvement initiative is part of the 2016 voter-approved, Infrastructure Sales Surtax program.

» ENVIRONMENTAL

Rare shorebirds are returning to the Lake Worth Lagoon because of the dozens of manmade islands, which complement the waters of the lagoon. The Palm Beach Resilient Island Project rebuilds these islands using residual soil leftover from dredging projects. Creating habitat for oyster beds and mangroves instead of seawalls. These mangroves and oysters help to cleanse polluted waters and improve marine habitats. Hop in your kayak and enjoy.

Our 47 miles of coastline requires beach re-nourishment from storms and natural erosion. Environmental Resources Management (ERM) handles the logistics of keeping the beaches intact, for visitors and residents alike. ERM is also responsible for what is below the waterline, creating “artificial reefs.” These allow anglers, divers and snorkelers to enjoy the pristine waters.

More than 31,000 acres of natural areas across Palm Beach County allow the chance to visit the open spaces and join birds and other animals in the county. Perhaps you like taking a walk on a nature trail, exploring the native plants. On the other hand, you may want to find one of the equine trails to take a ride on your horse.

In response to climate change and a sustainable future in Palm Beach County, the Office of Resilience hosted the Annual Climate Southeastern Florida Regional Leadership Virtual Summit. Allowing the opportunity for young enthusiasts, scientific minds, elected officials and environmentalists to participate in an open dialogue about the effects of climate change and discuss possible solutions for the planet’s future and sustainability.



MORE THAN
31,000
ACRES OF
NATURAL
AREAS



COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

WELLNESS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY IS MORE THAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, IT INCLUDES PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE

For the overall well-being and good of Palm Beach County, the Drowning Prevention Coalition educates water safety and basic rescue techniques to reduce drowning and other water-related incidents. During FY 2022, 1,455 children received swimming lessons. Of that, 1,259 used a voucher program for underprivileged and special needs children. Almost 200 summer camp kids also received water education at county facilities.



The Therapeutic Recreation Community Programs section of Parks and Recreation includes adapted sports programming. Wellness opportunities for those with physical limitations collaborate with many community organizations. Adapted golf clinics for individuals with physical disabilities were able to join a collaborative program with the First Tee-Palm Beaches. Ten different adaptive pickleball and badminton clinics for disabled military veterans and other community members throughout the year.



FY 2022 COMMUNITY SPORTS & WELLNESS
227 PROGRAMS
OFFERED BY PARKS & RECREATION

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY FOOD BANK SERVED MORE THAN

206,000 CLIENTS
THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION



» PBC LIBRARY SYSTEM

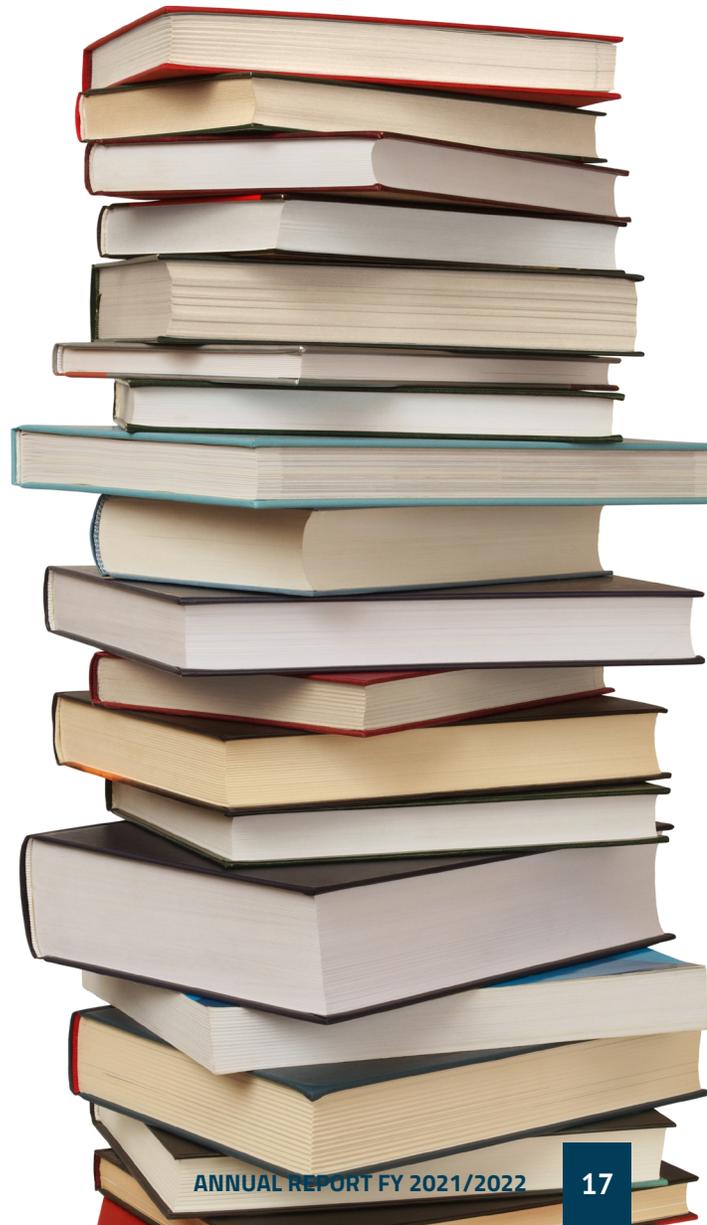
The Palm Beach County Library System extended hours at the Hagen Ranch Road Branch and added Sunday hours at the Glades Road and Greenacres Branches. The Library System and the School District of Palm Beach County partnered in offering free summer lunches to children and teens at all library locations as a returning system. The Canyon Branch, the 17th in the library system, broke ground in September 2022.

» COMMUNITY SERVICES

The nutrition program through Community Services reopened twelve congregate meal sites throughout the county's service area. Plans are to add more sites in FY 2023. Adult Day Care reopened in FY 2022, after closure during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program assisted with caregiving services for Alzheimer's patients, those with cognitive impairments and the chronic physically impaired participants by providing almost 8,000 hours of group social/recreational activities in a structured, safe and supervised setting.

The Public Safety Department received a \$750,000 grant for three years from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for "Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and the Community Reentry Program." Funds will link individuals returning to the Western Communities from the Palm Beach County Jail with intensive case management, peer support and appropriate mental health and substance use services.

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department is the first in the State of Florida to earn the Sanctuary Model of Trauma-Informed Care certification by the Andrus Sanctuary Institute. The certification symbolizes the department's commitment to providing a higher level of care, a trauma-sensitive environment for the clients and community served, and a better work environment for employees.



PROTECTING PBC



SAFEGUARDING THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF ITS RESIDENTS IS AN ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PRECEDENCE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Emergency Management, a division of Public Safety prepares for hazardous situations and scenarios, as though there will be a significant impact. Hurricane Ian made landfall on the west coast of Florida, September 27, 2022, as the 5th strongest hurricane to make landfall in the U.S. Although Palm Beach County received damage due to an EF-2 tornado in the Kings Point area of Delray Beach, the damage was not to the catastrophic level incurred by residents of Southwest Florida.

To support the response and recovery efforts across the state, the county's Fire Rescue, Public Safety, Sheriff's Office, and Water Utilities provided people and additional resources to the areas severely impacted. While we have been fortunate to avoid serious consequences countywide, it can happen at any time.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue responded to 152,000 calls for help in FY 2022. It has added two new specialized vehicles to its fleet. One is a new Mobile Command unit, called MC-1. This 45-foot vehicle enables county fire rescue to respond and quickly establish uninterrupted command and control of any critical incident throughout Palm Beach County.

The largest addition to the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Fleet is 47 feet long with a working platform with the ability to lift over 1,300 pounds of people or equipment 100 feet above the ground. Truck 29 has cutting-edge technology and supports firefighter health and safety initiatives.



Mobile Command Unit





PBSO, The Largest Law Enforcement Agency in PBC



Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) implemented a Narcan program along with their other tools while on duty. Opioids are a popular and very addicting drug with some of the most lethal consequences. Law enforcement is typically dispatched first, the program provides deputies the opportunity to administer the medicine rapidly to reverse an opioid overdose. This is while emergency medical services are en route to the call.

Community Services received more than 250,000 calls for homelessness prevention or homeless intervention. More than 10,000 households were able to receive homeless prevention services.

Palm Beach County Water Utilities provides safe, reliable, and sustainable water and wastewater, reclaimed service to more than 600,000 county residents. Consistently in full compliance with all the applicable state and federal regulations while at one of the lowest rates in the state.

**PBC WATER UTILITIES
SERVICING
MORE THAN**

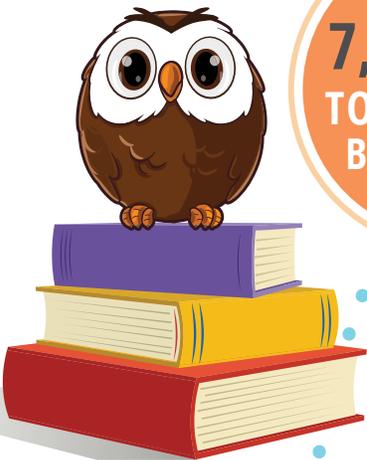
**600,000
COUNTY RESIDENTS**



365 DAYS OF SERVICE

TEAM PBC PROVIDES CONTINUOUS QUALITY GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS MAINTAINS
3,500 PAVED ROAD MILES
 THAT'S MORE THAN THE DISTANCE FROM
 KEY WEST TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.



7,830,741
 TOTAL ITEMS
 BORROWED

2,150,283
 TOTAL VISITORS
 TO PBC LIBRARIES

DEVELOPMENT

Palm Beach County
 Value of Construction Permitted By Fiscal Year 2012-2022
 Excluding Decals



Construction values continued to outpace pre-pandemic years with FY 2022 generating the second highest permits and ad-valorem tax generated for commercial and residential programs.

3 MILLION LBS.

DEBRIS REMOVED FROM PBC PARKS TO SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY



Office of Community Revitalization and Back to School PBC provided more than 10,000 backpacks filled with age/grade appropriate supplies to undersevered children and youth.

MORE THAN
10,000
BACKPACKS

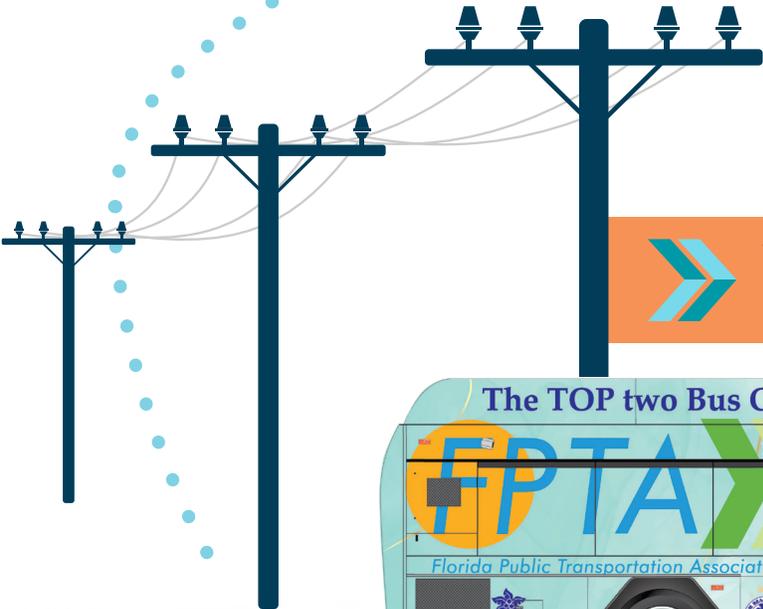


INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES

"BRIDGING THE DIGITAL GAP/DIVIDE"

1,827 STRAND MILES OF FIBER

COVERING AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT SQUARE MILES OF WI-FI COVERAGE



TOP-LEVEL BUS OPERATORS THROUGHOUT PBC, FROM THE GLADES TO THE BEACH.



County Staff & VOLUNTEERS



TEAM PBC STAFF LONGEVITY

Palm Beach County has approximately 6,900 positions throughout various departments, divisions and offices. More than 2,600 employees have worked for the county for 10 or more years.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

20,317
COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION

TOTAL OF VOLUNTEER HOURS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY
\$5,238,664.21
 COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY

18,317
LIBRARIES

4,602
OCR

122,936.6
PARKS &
RECREATION

425
VICTIM
SERVICES

334
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

543.5
YOUTH
SERVICES

1,914
ENVIRONMENTAL
RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT

575
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMISSION

8,487
ANIMAL CARE
& CONTROL

10,807
COMMUNITY
SERVICES



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Team PBC raised \$877,728.47 for the programs United Way of Palm Beach County serves. Palm Beach County is one of the top public agencies to donate to the United Way in the state of Florida.

The annual Golden Palm Awards gives the County Administrator the opportunity to highlight Palm Beach County Staff for going above and beyond their everyday duties, through saving the county money, improving safety or finding a more efficient way of operating.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue received the top honor from the Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification. Residents and businesses within municipalities and unincorporated portions of the county have the very best fire and life safety protection available.

Palm Beach County Community Services Department received achievement recognition for financial management from the National Association of Counties (NACo) related to COVID-19 expenditures. They also received recognition from the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) for best practices and innovation in human service programs with assistances from Information Systems Services.

The distinguished budget presentation award from the Government Finance Officers Association was awarded to the Office of Financial Management and Budget for the 36th consecutive year.

Palm Beach County Water Utilities earned the Operational Performance Excellence Award from the Florida Water Environment Association.

Okeehetee Park is the “Large Market Venue of the Year,” by the Florida Sports Foundation. The efforts to cultivate sports tourism and development within such a diverse and beautiful Palm Beach County park is something we can all be proud of.



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