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Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods

The **Broward Municipal Services District**, Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,608.*

The Broward County Commission serves as the local government and municipal authority. Services provided by the County include business and housing developments, library and wellness programs, neighborhood parks and community assets, zoning and code enforcement, sustainability planning, solid waste and recycling services, and highway engineering.

Central County

*Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park
Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park*

Commission District 9



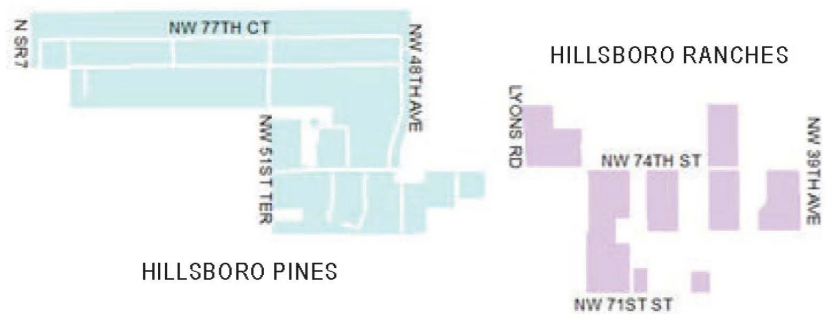
Broadview Park

Commission District 7



Hillsboro Pines & Hillsboro Ranches

Commission District 2



* Source: Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2014–2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Land area was updated by using Planning and Development Management Division, GIS Section’s latest annexation information (August 2018). More detailed BMSD Community Profiles are available [here](#).



Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from July through December 2019, in the following areas. This report is available in a printer-friendly format online at Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict.

Managing the BMSD



Broward County government is implementing programs and services in the BMSD to help strengthen neighborhoods in the community, for today and for the future.

Investing in Our Community



Investments in the community include small business development, housing and construction projects, and enhancements to parks and libraries.

Promoting Safe Streets



Comprehensive community planning includes safe streets designed with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians in mind.

Building Healthy & Vibrant Places



Parks, libraries and community facilities are popular places to promote arts and culture and healthy living activities, including community clean-ups and recycling.

Enhancing a Safe Community



Community safety is a partnership between residents, law enforcement, fire rescue and local government. Priorities include code enforcement and drug education activities, as well as public safety infrastructure improvements.





Board of County Commission

Ordinance approved by the Board of County Commissioners that provides benefits to the BMSD: Amend Off-Street Parking Requirements and General Provisions. The Broward County Zoning Code was amended to reduce certain off-street parking requirements and ensure that both adult and child day care facilities provide suitable car stacking spaces. In addition, changes to the commercial design standards were enacted to require commercial economic development projects funded by Broward County to comply with design standards, regardless of whether the projects require site plan approval; prohibit blank or windowless elevations that face public streets; require walls without windows to be embellished with faux windows; as well as other adjustments. Staff acknowledged that real-world circumstances could be encountered that would necessitate changes when the design standards were adopted in January 2018.



Planning and Development Management Division (PDMD), Central County Community Advisory Board News

During the August 2019 Central County Community Advisory Board (CCCAB) meeting, Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant to the County Administrator, recognized Ms. Julia Porter for her service and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation. Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Management Division, thanked Ms. Porter for serving. Ms. Porter had been a member of the CCCAB since its inception in 2013. A resident of Washington Park for 43 years, Ms. Porter was involved in the Washington Park Civic Association and recently relocated. Pictured above are front row, left to right: Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Linda Taylor, Julia Porter, Alverine Brihm, and Howard Kaplan; back row, left to right: Ruben Bell, Rev. Jesse Scipio, and Marquis Curry.



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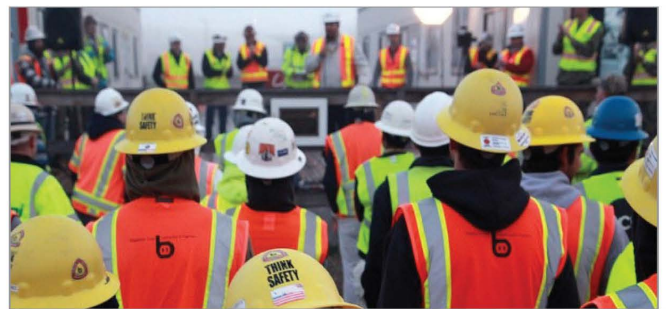
Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD)

The Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Economic Development Program makes progress with more approved projects and interest from business owners and investors. This program enables enhancements to businesses located on the commercial corridors of the BMSD for the purpose of private investment and employment opportunities and is one of several programs within the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) delivering resources for growth and expansion. The purpose of the program is to spur development, eliminate blight and support existing businesses in the BMSD by assisting them in making improvements to their commercial properties through grant funding. **Investment of \$3,800,000.**

Last August the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) participated in the “Your Success: Your Future” college workshop held at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Washington Park. The workshop was an outreach effort by OESBD and the Broward County Schools’ Broward Advisors for Continuing Education (BRACE) program. OESBD staff interacted with students and parents, and shared information regarding Broward County’s Construction Apprenticeship Program and other workforce initiatives. The “Education Beyond High School and Career Paths” event targeted 9th through 12th grade students and their parents. Participants received a wealth of information about selecting colleges or technical schools, scholarships opportunities, NCAA and standardized test requirements, and securing financial aid from Broward College. A major focus was on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Technology (STEM). The two-hour workshop ended with raffle items that included ear buds, book bags, and other school supplies. Pictured above are OESBD staff and some of the students who attended the event.



Last fall OESBD, in partnership with Broward County’s Highway Construction and Engineering Division, sponsored a new workforce training program that targeted BMSD residents. The new program, the NW 27th Avenue Inspector Trainee Pilot Program, is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2020. This project seeks to employ six BMSD residents, and provide them with on-the-job training to obtain three Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Construction Training Qualification Program certifications. The 1-year Inspector Trainee Pilot Program will be during the project’s construction phase.



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Housing, Ribbon Cutting at New Home

A new home ribbon cutting was held last year at 2707 NW 9th Court. The County and the Minority Builders Coalition Inc. (MBC) completed four energy efficient, affordable single family homes September 30, 2019.



Pictured are new home owners Marsheila Beard, Anita Evans, Porche Crawford, and Tracy and Norman Edwards, also County officials, MBC staff and members of the construction company.

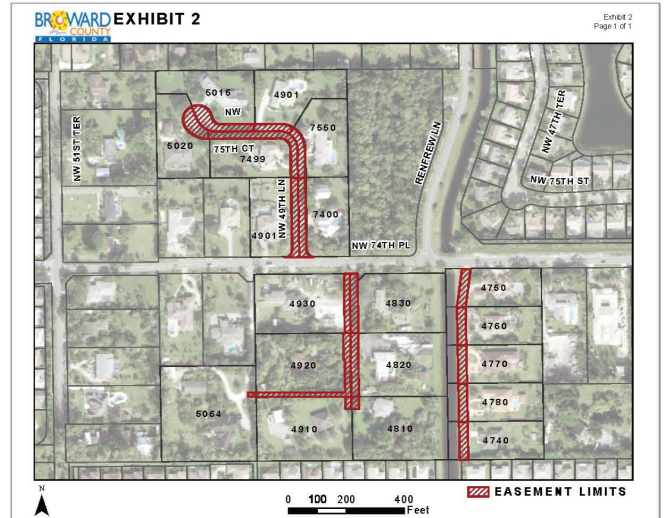


FORT LAUDERDALE, FL -- Minority Builders Coalition Inc. (MBC), in conjunction with Broward County Government, celebrated the completion of four (4) newly constructed energy efficient and affordable single family homes for first-time home buyers on September 30. The MBC executive board, county and city officials, the construction firms who built the homes and many other contributors were all in attendance to congratulate the following new homeowners: Mashaila Beard, Anita Evans, Porcha Crawford and Tracy & Norman Edwards.



Water & Wastewater Services – Hillsboro Pines

Broward County Water and Wastewater Services obtained 19 easement agreements in order to install sewer service to 14 customers in the Hillsboro Pines neighborhood of the BMSD. The City of Coconut Creek will be providing water service to these properties. This construction could not be completed during the Hillsboro Pines Neighborhood Project due to the lack of utility easements. Construction of the sewer service is scheduled for completion by June of 2021.



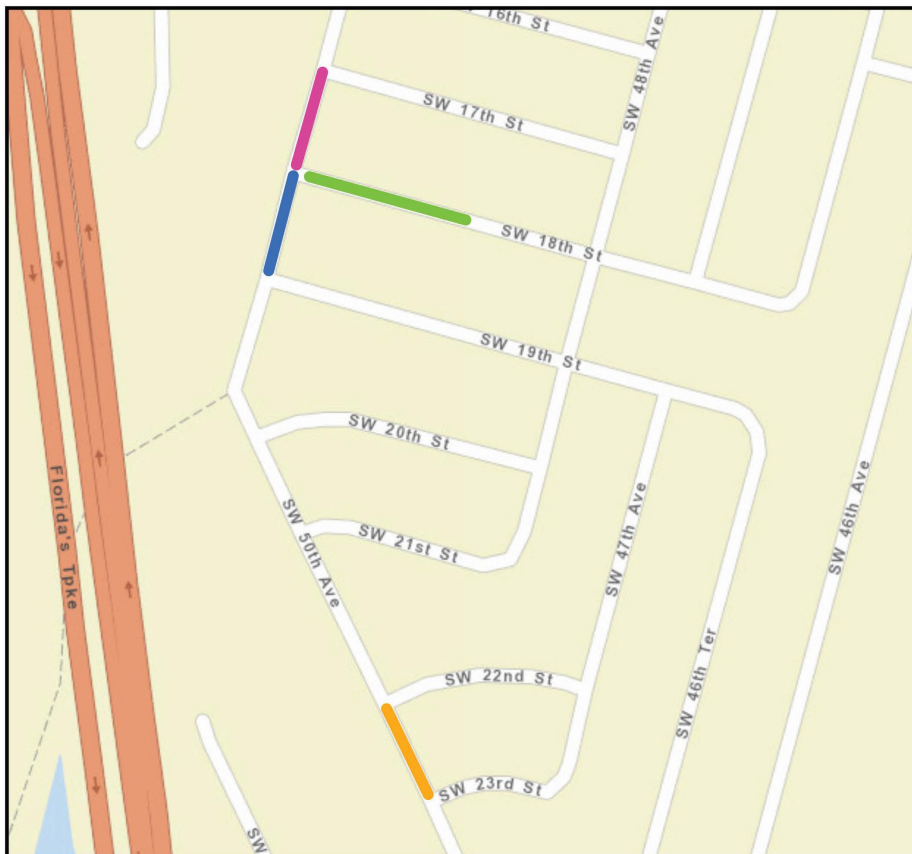
PROMOTING SAFE STREETS

Highway Bridge Maintenance

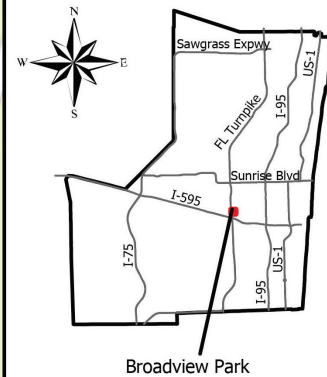
The County's Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division, Public Works Department, allocated \$700K for the Broadview Park drainage project. The Stormwater System Replacement Project on SW 18th Street and 50th Avenue construction begin in December 2019.



December 2019 Community meeting to announce the Stormwater System Replacement Project in Broadview Park.





Drainage Improvements in Broadview Park



Legend

Construction Phases

-  Phase 1: SW 50th Avenue between SW 19th Street and SW 18th Street
-  Phase 2: SW 50th Avenue between SW 18th Street and SW 17th Street
-  Phase 3: SW 18th Street between SW 50th Avenue and SW 48th Avenue
-  Phase 4: SW 50th Avenue between SW 23rd Street and SW 22nd Street



Prepared by:
Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division
Public Works Department



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EMD PODs, Water Distribution

Residents of Broward County's Municipal Services District (unincorporated areas) felt the impact of the temporary water outage and ongoing boil water order following the July 2019 water main break in the City of Fort Lauderdale. At the community's request, the County opened a Point of Distribution (POD) at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park in the heart of the Central County area. The County distributed 247 pallets that totaled 19,266 bottles of water.



Team Broward County Transit (BCT) Gives Back to the Community

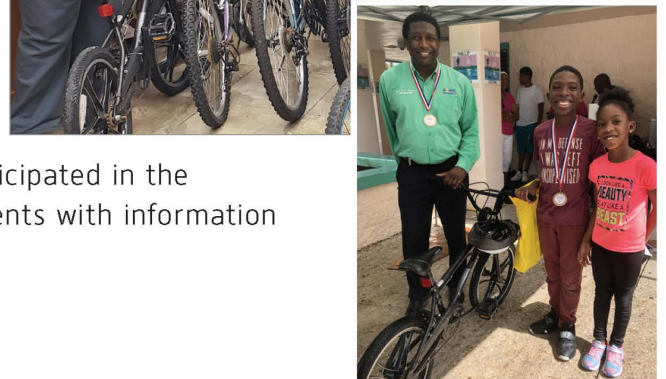
Team BCT, a group of Broward County Transit (BCT) employees hosted their 3rd Annual Back-to-School Giveaway August 4, 2019 at Dillard High School. Free backpacks, notebooks, pens, and other school supplies were provided to underserved students.



BCT staff Tinita Brown and Carla Wells organized the event. They both come from humble beginnings and have a genuine desire to give back to the community. Thanks to BCT, local students received supplies they needed as they prepared for the new school year.



Last October, Broward County Transit (BCT) donated 10 bicycles for the BMSD Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) Wellness Jamboree raffles. Parks and Recreation staff LaMickey Carter and Danielle Bachelder who received the bikes are pictured. Also pictured is Broward County Mayor Dale Holness who was on hand to present a bike to BMSD residents who won a bicycle.



BCT staff Jacque-Ann Isaacs and Sheliah Washington participated in the Annual HCZ Wellness Jamboree and provided BMSD residents with information and giveaways from transit.

NatureScape

Approximately 60 native and fruit trees were donated to BMSD residents last fall. Residents were educated about tree selection, the right tree placement and proper planting information during the HCZ Wellness Jamboree. The trees were purchased with funds provided through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Connectivity Project. Remember, trees are a part of a healthy environment.



Department of Human Services: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Culture of Prize Award

Broward County was one of five winners of the prestigious 2019 Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize. Broward was selected because of its innovative programs, such as, the Test and Treat for HIV program, the Dismantling Racism Initiative, collaboration through the Coordinating Council of Broward, the Dental Sealant program in Broward County Schools, the quality of life programs, the successful ballot initiatives for transportation and affordable housing, and other health and economic programs that addressed the social needs that lead to healthy lives. The national recognition included a \$25,000 prize.

PDMD, 5th Annual Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) Wellness Jamboree

The BMSD's Signature Event, the 5th Annual Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) Wellness Jamboree was held October 26, 2019 at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park on Sistrunk Blvd. The HCZ Wellness Jamboree featured wellness activities, that included health screenings, yoga instruction, line dancing and food tasting. A Kids Zone inflatable obstacle course was a big hit with the children, as well as bicycle giveaways. Residents received fresh food from Feeding South Florida, learned about health and wellness programs and services, adopted free trees, and enjoyed free lunch and refreshments. Those who attended received an event passport and medal.



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Photos - PDMD, 5th Annual Healthy Community Zone Wellness Jamboree



Cultural, Inflatable Art

The “Searching for Giants” finale featured 10 epic-sized inflatable sculptures displayed throughout Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park. The Cultural Division partnered with artist Darius Daughtry, who is well known for his work in the BMSD area. Delevoe Park was the community’s last chance to see the Giants before they appeared at the Riptide Music Festival. Residents posted images of the sculptures on Instagram tagged @BrowardArts with #ArtAcrossBroward and were entered into a contest to win Riptide Music Festival “Meet-the-Band” passes.



Broward County Library’s JROTC Cadet Day & 2nd Annual Veterans Festival (Vet Fest)

In November 2019, the Vet Fest Committee collaborated with the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park, and the Urban League of Broward County to host two programs: JROTC Cadet Day and Vet Fest 2019. The Vet Fest Committee arranged to have more than 200 JROTC cadets from eight Broward County Public Schools to attend the JROTC Cadet Day. The cadets participated in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Technology (STEM) activities at the Urban League, robotic drone education at Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park, and leadership training at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.

The Vet Fest Committee also hosted a festival at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center on November 2, 2019 in honor of military veterans and their families. Participants enjoyed veteran themed music, information from county agencies, face painting, healthcare resources, book giveaways, and free food during the program.



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Library/AARLCC

Over a hundred people attended the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center's program, *Beyond Rosie the Riveter: Black Women's Participation in WWII*.

The discussion and screening of the documentary SixTripleEight was about the military women's experiences and how they were confronted with racism and sexism by their own leadership and troops. The African American women of the SixTripleEight served with honor and distinction. By war's end, the SixTripleEight cleared over 17 million pieces of backlogged mail, ensuring the troops stayed in touch with their loved ones back home.



JROTC Cadets at AARLCC



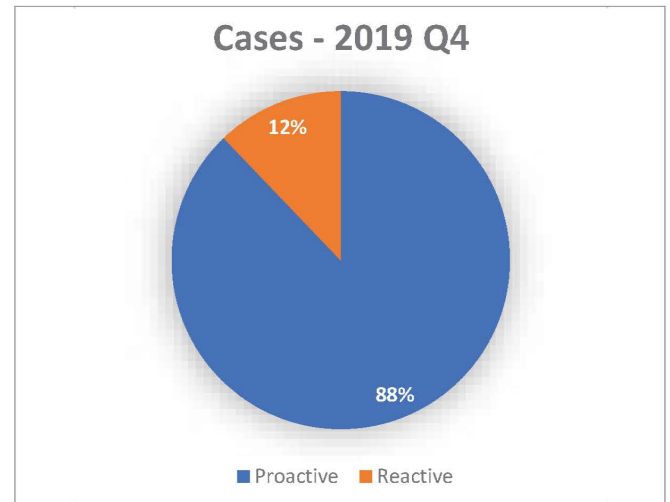
Code Enforcement

Fourth Quarter Statistics (July–September 2019)

Enforcement activities during this quarter:

- Code enforcement cases opened - **642**
- Case investigations and field inspections performed – **1,179**
- Annual rental property inspections performed - **246**
- Property maintenance violations issued - **159**
- Improper parking or storage of vehicle violations issued - **99**
- Overgrown lots and unkempt landscaping violations issued - **210**
- Administrative citations issued - **57**
- Code violations brought into compliance - **548**

[Citizen's Guide to Community Code Compliance](#)



Promoting Landlord Involvement

In the BMSD, all property owners of rental properties consisting of four units or less are required to obtain a Residential Rental Certificate and pass an annual exterior property standards inspection. Approximately 1,100 inspections were performed during the past year.

One of the great benefits of this program is the encouragement of proactive involvement by landlords and tenants to ensure rented properties are well-maintained to reduce the number of code violations. As code inspectors educated property owners about property maintenance and community standards, they observed a significant decrease in violations during annual inspections. Landlords who ensure that tenants become more involved with the upkeep of the property grounds help to increase property values, demonstrate community pride, and promote an attractive and healthy environment.



ENHANCING A SAFE COMMUNITY

BSO EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH SAFERWATCH TO HELP PROTECT HOUSES OF WORSHIP

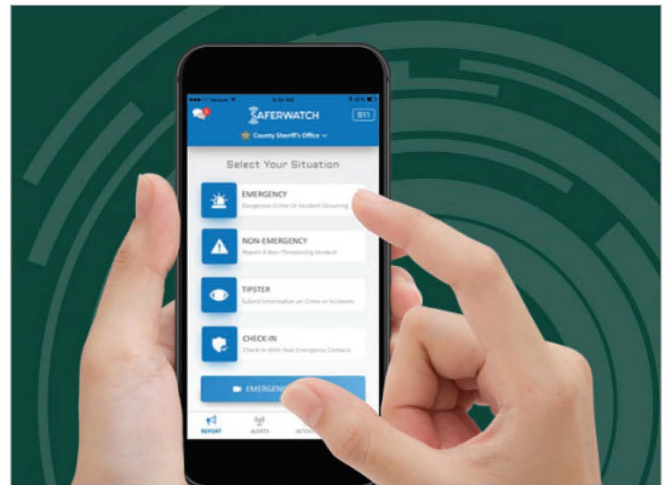
SaferWatch provides a modern-day approach to connect with local law enforcement conveniently and privately from your smartphone. Tips through the SaferWatch app have already resulted in the stopping of school shooting threats, the arrests of sex offenders, drug-related cases, trespassing and burglary suspects; and also, have prevented multiple suicides. Recognizing the value of this tool, the Broward Sheriff's Office/BSO expanded its partnership with SaferWatch to help protect houses of worship in Broward County.

The mobile app allows users to report non-emergency incidents and crime tips in real time directly to BSO. The app covers more than 440 public, charter, and private schools in Broward County; and it gives students, parents, teachers and anyone in the community the ability to submit photos, videos, audio files or text messages anonymously. And now, SaferWatch includes more than 850 houses of worship, the Broward County Courthouse, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades, and all of BSO's district offices.

To download the SaferWatch app and subscribe to your place of worship, school, or BSO district BrowardAlerts.com. If you do not see your place of worship listed on the app, contact SaferWatch directly at Support@SaferWatchApp.com, and the location will be added to the network.



Sheriff Gregory Tony



APPENDIX

CENTRAL COUNTY CRA ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The purpose of this report is to comply with of Section 163.371, Florida Statutes, which requires that Broward County publish an Annual Report for the Central County CRA by March 31, 2020 and annually thereafter, on Broward.org. This report covers the calendar year 2019.

Chronology:

The Broward County Community Redevelopment Agency was created on November 19, 1980 (Ordinance 81-35.) The Agency has one (1) active Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The Central County CRA is within the unincorporated Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD.) The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Central County CRA Plan on August 23, 2005 (Resolution 2005-553) and amended the plan on October 23, 2012 (Resolution 2012-687). The Central County CRA was created without Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and therefore has no trust fund. The Board of County Commissioners serves as the Central County CRA Board.

Audit requirement:

Central County CRA was without a redevelopment trust fund; therefore, there is no audit report as required by Sec. 163.387(8) Florida Statutes.

Performance data:

1. Total number of projects started and completed and the estimated cost for each project FY 2019.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no budget. However, capital projects within Central County are funded using Broward Municipal Services District property tax revenue, Community Development Block grant, and other sources.

Among the projects completed were:

- a. Sunview Community Center - \$1,031,232.13
- b. Sunview Playground - \$211,726.31
- c. Dillard Green Space Phase II, Sidewalk/Lighting (2019) \$91,076.18
- d. Twenty-four (24) New Construction/Single Family Homes were constructed using County predevelopment funds at a total cost of approximately \$338,260.
- e. Homebuyer Purchase Assistance provided to thirty-four (34) BMSD residents, approximate project costs \$1,495,426.
- f. Minor Home Repair and Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program services were provided and completed for fourteen (14) BMSD residents, approximate project costs \$585,293.
- g. Two (2) household was assisted with emergency repair water/sewer connection, approximate project cost \$16,128.

2. Total expenditures from the redevelopment trust fund.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund.



3. Original assessed real property values within the community redevelopment agency's area of authority as of the day the agency was created.

\$ 20,130,040 in 2003

Source: *Modification of the Central County CRA Plan, 2005, Table B.5.*

4. Total assessed real property values of property within the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency as of January 1 of the reporting year.

\$ 49,529,450 in 2020

Source: *Broward County property Appraiser's tax roll as of March 2, 2020. (No significant change has occurred since January 1, 2020.)*

5. Total amount expended for affordable housing for low-income and middle-income residents.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no funding to expend on affordable housing. However, other funding sources have been used to support development of affordable infill housing units in Central County. Total households served, and amount expended for affordable housing for low income and middle-income residents in the BMSD equals 74 households served with approximately \$2,435,107 expended.

Achievement of Goals:

The 2012 update to the CRA plan established a goal to: *Promote the development of an attractive, predominantly single-family residential community that has a unique sense of place, and supports a vibrant local business community, and reflects the values and character of residents.*

OBJECTIVE 1: Enhance the established predominantly low density residential character of the Community, and support the introduction of new compatible housing.

Fulfillment of this objective is reflected in performance measures 1 and 5 above.

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase property values and community aesthetics.

Investments, as reflected in performance measures 1 and 5 above, are being made to improve the value of the housing stock within the community.

OBJECTIVE 3: Improve the health and safety of community residents.

The annual Healthy Community Zone event was held in October.

OBJECTIVE 4: Develop active and passive recreational opportunities within the Community to support family activities and enhance quality of life.

Parks and recreation continues to be engage with the community offering several services to the community including afterschool events and free summer programing.



OBJECTIVE 5: Enhance the livability of the Community.

Code enforcement is actively working with the community to enforce community desired standards.

OBJECTIVE 6: Seek opportunities in support of successful commercial and employment based (re)development, which is compatible with the existing and future predominantly lower density residential character of the community.

The Office of Economic Development and Small Business Development (OESBD) is employing their “Resource Toolbox” to support existing and new commercial developments. The following projects were started in 2019 and are nearing completion:

- a. Room2Grow Academy - 2826 W. Sunrise Boulevard Community
- b. WAL BRI, Inc - 681 NW 27th Avenue and
- c. Fashion Cleaners – 2427 W. Broward Boulevard

There currently are 22 eligible projects that are in various stages of the “Resource Toolbox” program. OESBD continues to be engaged with the business community having launched a business survey. In September, the Zoning Code was amended to address provisions that would assist business development within the CRA. In November, a Commercial Corridor Study was completed and presented to the CCCAB. The recommendations are now being evaluated and where possible implemented to advance the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVE 7: Provide safe, efficient and accessible transportation infrastructure and services to Community residents and businesses

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) and Highway Construction Engineering Division are working together to launch the NW 27th Avenue Inspector Trainee Pilot Program. As part of the County’s planned Safe Streets Improvement Project on NW 27th Avenue between Sunrise and Broward Boulevards, the program will leverage construction activity to employ residents from BMSD and similar communities. With a focus on residents in the County’s underserved communities such as the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), the program will provide on-the-job training and the opportunity to obtain three Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Construction Training Qualification Program certifications in three disciplines with different levels. The program seeks to employ six individuals part-time, for one year during the project’s construction phase and is expected to launch in the Summer of 2020.

OBJECTIVE 8: Promote the Central County Community as a great place to live.

BrowardNEXT 2.0:

On March 28, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners adopted BrowardNEXT 2.0 Comprehensive Plan Update, which included a new Land Use and Community Planning Element for the BMSD (see <https://www.broward.org/BrowardNext/Pages/ComPlanDocs.aspx>.) This Plan includes specific goals, objectives and policies for Central County which were developed with input from the community through extensive public outreach and meetings in 2017-2018. Although these new goals, objectives and policies have not formally replaced the goals within the 2012 CRA Plan, they are being implemented.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Internal Committee for the dedication and commitment to enhancing the quality of life within the BMSD as demonstrated in this report. This joint coalition of community partners collectively support investments, programs and services in the District.

Broward County Agencies

- Broward County Transit
- County Administration
- Cultural Division
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting
- Environmental Planning and Community Resilience
- Grants Coordination Section
- Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment
- Human Services
- Libraries
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Economic and Small Business Development
- Office of Public Communications
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Development Management Division
- Public Works

Community Partners

- Boys and Girls Club of Broward
- Broward County Public Schools
- Broward County Sheriff's Office /Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue
- Career Source Broward
- Children's Services Council of Broward County
- OIC of South Florida
- TOUCH Broward
- Urban League of Broward County
- YMCA of South Florida





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