

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
ANALYSIS
2025 – 2026

FLORIDA STATUTE
189.0694
IN COMPLIANCE WITH
HB 7013



Community Redevelopment Agency

Established 1977

Expanded 2018

Revised 2025

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Fort Walton Beach, FL

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City of Fort Walton Beach
Community
Redevelopment
Agency (CRA)



City of Fort Walton Beach
Public Works Department

Legend

- Water Bodies
- CRA Area

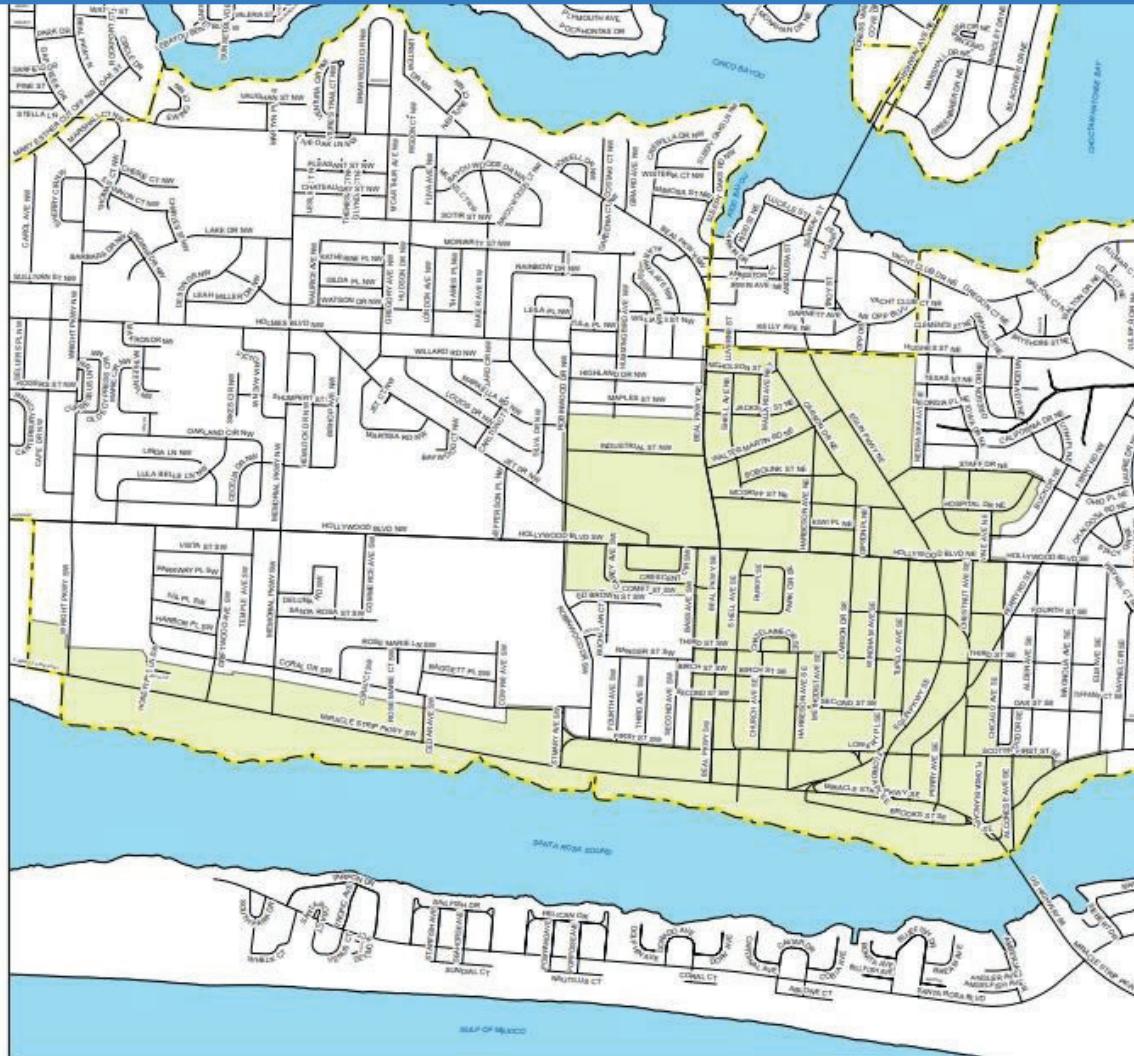
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FWB CRA Strategic Plan

Purpose

To eradicate blight conditions identified in the Finding of Need (FON) as indicated in Resolution 96-14 which was adopted on August 13, 1996.

Vision

The city of Fort Walton Beach CRA will continue to be a waterfront-oriented community that provides a mixed-use urban environment with a diversity of housing, variety of employment opportunities; thriving downtown core; vibrant and distinctive neighborhoods; attractive parks, open spaces, and cultural amenities; and well-designed public streets, transit facilities, greenways, trails, and blue ways.

2025 Revision

Expansion to Land Use and Urban Design, Objective 1.8 – Community Policing Program

Objective: Enhance public safety and quality of life within the CRA district by implementing proactive community policing initiatives that address crime prevention, neighborhood engagement, and blight reduction.

- **Strategy 1.8.1:** Implement crime prevention programs to reduce criminal activity through visible police presence, proactive patrols, community partnerships, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).
- **Strategy 1.8.2:** Foster trust between law enforcement and residents by engaging the community through stakeholder meetings, citizen patrols, and educational outreach.
- **Strategy 1.8.3:** Implement a comprehensive approach to address quality-of-life challenges (e.g., litter, code violations, vagrancy, loitering, trespassing and public camping) and blight mitigation through coordinated efforts with public and private sectors and the enforcement of programs such as *Letter of Authority (LOA)* and *Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)*.

FWB CRA Strategic Plan Goals

Land Use and Urban Design

- Promote sustainable redevelopment and a positive community image while advancing the health, safety, welfare, and appearance of the CRA through the promotion of visual consistency and harmony.

Transportation

- Ensure the availability of an adequate and safe multimodal transportation system.

Infrastructure

- Improve the quality and availability of adequate infrastructure.

Housing

- Improve quality, quantity, and options for housing.

Economic Development

- Achieve economic sustainability through new and expanded businesses and employment.

Goals and Objectives Achieved

Florida Statute 189.0694

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) – Public Parks

Funded
\$175K

Chester Pruitt Park
Cost: \$24,843

Activity Enhancer (Stage) and Security Cameras were installed at Chester Pruitt Park to increase natural surveillance to the area and encourage activity.

*Additional projects funded and scheduled for completion in 2025-2026:

- Public Restrooms – new lighting, fixtures, painting, flooring, and doors
- Walking Path – CPTED lighting upgrades

Expensed
\$25,644

Balance*
\$149.356

ADSO
Cost: \$801.31

- Areas of concern were excessive homelessness activity and litter
- CPTED Site Analysis revealed that lighting upgrades were needed to meet CPTED standards.
- Lighting upgrades were installed around the Arts Design Society Organization building to increase natural surveillance and deter homelessness activity.
- A dramatic decrease in negative activity has been reported by attendees.

CRA Park Improvements

Funded
\$1M
Balance
\$0

The Landing Park
Cost: \$1,000,000

Due to increase in cost and reduced grant funding, all funds originally designated for city park improvements and upgrades have been fully reallocated to Phase Two of The Landing improvement project.

Goals and Objectives Achieved

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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Carson Drive

No additional funding was need.

Nuisance Abatement Grant was funded through the CRA Incentives Grant program.

Negative and Criminal Activity

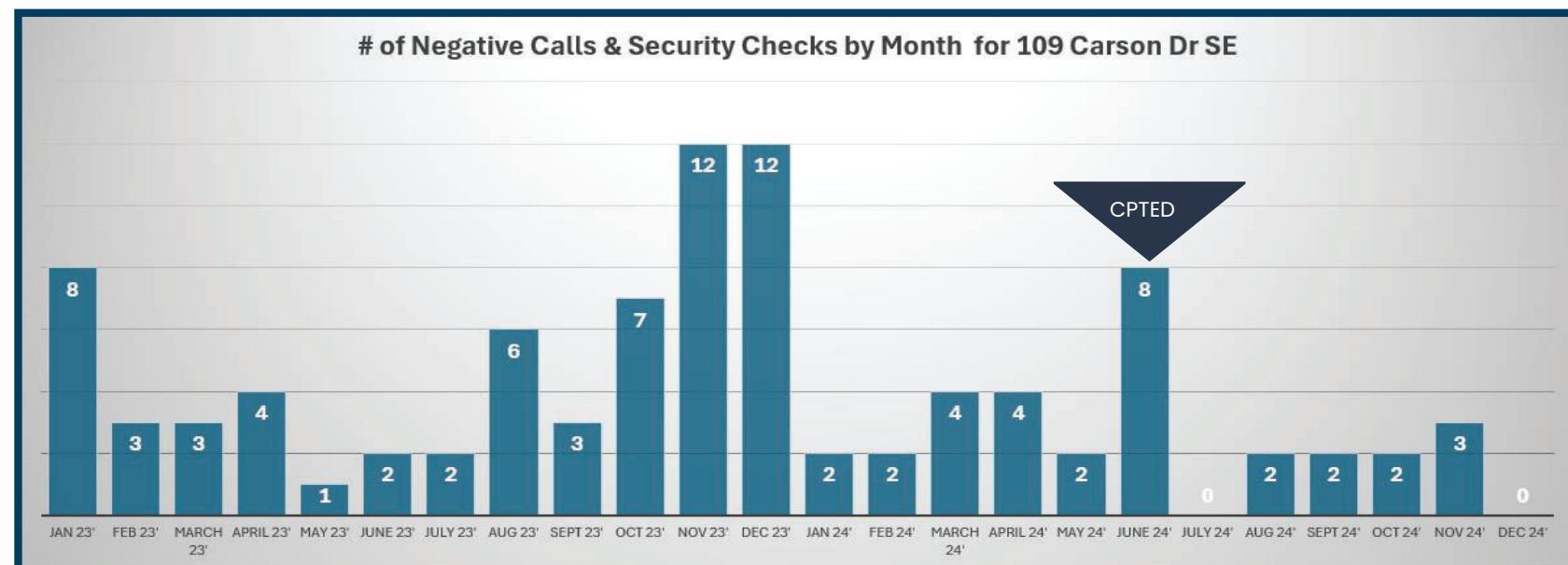
- ❖ Narcodics Violations
- ❖ Trespassing
- ❖ Resisting Arrest
- ❖ Public Disturbances
- ❖ Abandoned Vehicles
- ❖ Hit and Run
- ❖ Vehicle Accidents

CPTED Improvements

- ❖ Repair and upgrade street lighting
- ❖ Clean up ditch at end of cul-de-sac
- ❖ Addition of a 4-way Stop sign
- ❖ Addition of speed bump
- ❖ Enhanced Code Enforcement
- ❖ Provide Development Incentive Grants
- ❖ Trash receptacle added

Results due to improvements

- ❖ 79% decrease in criminal/negative activity.
- ❖ Homeowners addressed problem tenant issues and cleaned up property.
- ❖ Workforce housing project planned for vacant lot.
- ❖ Speeding through area has decreased
- ❖ Property developers have bought nearby lots for housing projects.



Goals and Objectives Achieved

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Economic Incentive Grants

Funded
\$120K
Awarded*
\$96,517
Balance
\$86,858

	Grant Category	Funded	Awarded	Pending
Applications – 31	Development Permit Fee	\$ 10,510	\$ 5,510	\$ 5,000
Completed – 7	Nuisance Abatement	\$ 29,385	\$ 24,885	\$ 4,500
Processing - 8	Façade Improvements	\$117,830	\$ 55,972	\$ 61,858
Pending – 9	Asbestos Mitigation	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Canceled - 7	Building Code Compliance	\$ 20,179	\$ 179	\$ 20,000
	CPTED Upgrades	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

CRA Strategic Plan Update

Funded
\$100K
Expensed
\$ 0

- On October 8, 2024, the CRA Board voted to discontinue the proposed full update of the 2018 CRA Redevelopment Plan and redirect the allocated funds to other projects.
- June 24, 2025, the CRA Board approved resolution 2025-10, adopting a revision to the 2018 CRA Redevelopment Plan to add Objective 1.8 Community Policing Program.
- Funding originally designated for the CRA Strategic Plan Update was reassigned to other initiatives, including the CRA Wayfinding Project.

Goals and Objectives Achieved

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Wayfinding Signing and Gateway Entrances

Funded
\$75K

Expensed

Design
\$ 5,000

Sign
\$46,899

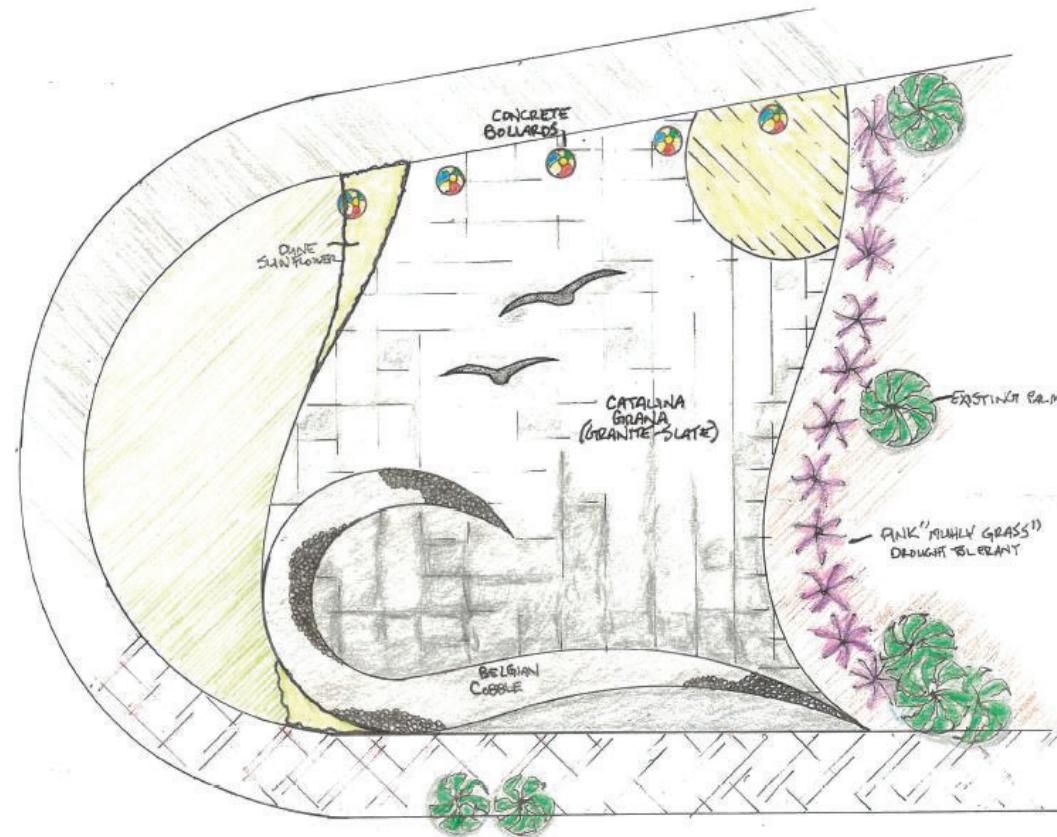
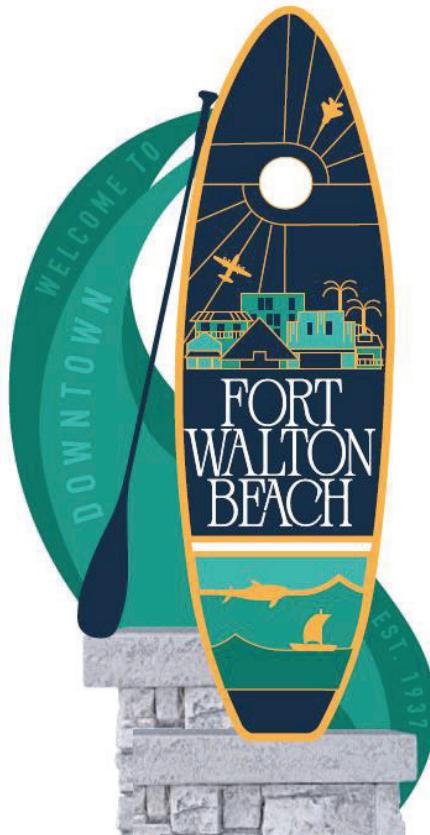
Pavers
\$41,000

Labor
\$6,937

Total
Expenses
\$99,836*

Gulfview Park Gateway Entrance

- Property owner provided approval for improvements to a vacant lot near entrance to the downtown area.
- A call to artist was conducted for the gateway entrance sign.
- Local landscaping companies provided design ideas for vacant lot housing the sign.
- Pavers installed November 10, 2025, and Sign scheduled for installation on December 17, 2025.



- Additional funds needed were reallocated from a canceled program.

FWB CRA Goals and Objectives

Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Total funded: \$ 575,000

Downtown Lighting Upgrades - \$175,000

Upgrade existing sidewalk lighting with CPTED-compliant light poles and globes consistent with the new Florida Power and Light design to be installed following the Brooks Bridge project.

Nuisance Abatement Program - \$150,000

Assess abandoned buildings and vacant lots for their negative impact on the community, property values, and safety, and determine eligibility for demolition and debris removal.

Street Scape Design Project - \$150,000

Develop design options for Walter Martin Rd to improve traffic flow efficiency and enhance the corridor's visual appeal.

CPTED Codification in the Land Development Code - \$0

Integrating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles into zoning, site plan review and building regulations to deter crime via environmental and design features.

Beautification Projects - \$100,000

Implement physical improvements and design elements that create an attractive environment, increase pedestrian activity, showcase local businesses, and advance the “Cleanest City” initiative.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MEASUREMENTS

Downtown Lighting Upgrades

Nuisance Abatement Program

Streetscape Project

CPTED Codification in the LDC and Public Property Improvements

Beautification Projects

To evaluate the successful achievement of the goals and objectives as outlined in this report, the Fort Walton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will:

- Conduct a lighting analysis of the downtown area to ensure proper illumination for CPTED standards.
- Evaluate blighted areas for program eligibility and potential benefits to the community if property is cleared of blighted structures and debris.
- Monitor the streetscape design project and plan implementation process needed for successful and timely completion.
- Develop CPTED codification standards for the Land Development Code and evaluate its effectiveness regarding growth and new development.
- Evaluate areas in need of beautification to support the FWB “Cleanest City” initiative and implementation progress.



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