



Building a Brighter Future Together

Spring brings about new blooms throughout nature. Clearwater will celebrate new birth throughout the City this spring as many projects come to fruition. Residents, businesses and visitors have been patient through many of these projects and will soon start to enjoy the new facilities and infrastructure. We are truly partners in building a brighter future together.



View of Memorial Causeway Bridge taken from mainland facing west.

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Memorial Causeway Bridge

The new Memorial Causeway Bridge is about 80 percent complete and the bridge is starting to look like a spectacular structure. The piers are complete and the spans are being poured. The pedestrian ramp, which meets ADA Guidelines and connects the Pinellas Trail to the beach, is visible. The new high-span structure will be a safer and more efficient connection between the beach and downtown. Travel lanes will open spring 2004. For bridge updates, call the hotline at (727) 562-4549 or tune in to C-VIEWTV 15, Clearwater's 24-hour information station.

Clearwater Fire & Rescue Continues Progress on Northwest Fire Station

The Clearwater Mall Fire Station recently opened, replacing a 30-year-old station across the street. The Northwest Fire Station, which celebrated a ground breaking in August, is coming right along. The office interior frame is in place and the building is progressing well. This new station will bring quicker response times to a growing section of our community. The facility, located at 1720 Overbrook Drive, will be completed by summer 2004.

Main Library

One of the most spectacular and impressive public library facilities in North America is nearing completion in downtown Clearwater. The new, 90,000-square-foot Main Library, with its distinctive roofline and expansive western facade of multi-story glass, will open this spring. Designed by world-renowned architect, Robert A.M. Stern, the library will feature a café, a children's library with a special story time room, a local history center, teen room, computer lab, meeting rooms, rooftop terrace, galleries, expanded reading areas and a dramatic four-story grand staircase with breathtaking views of Clearwater Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico.



Community Sports Complex

The seats are installed, the field has been planted and the scoreboard is hung at the new Community Sports Complex. The complex, which will accommodate approximately 8,000 fans, will serve as the home of many local youth and adult baseball activities, the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training, and Clearwater Threshers. Amenities include an expanded food court area, a grass seating/picnic berm, suites, and a full children's playground. The new complex, on U.S. Highway 19 just north of Drew Street, is conveniently located and accessible. It will be ready for the 2004 Spring Training season with the grand opening at Phillies Phan Fest on February 27.



Above: The pedestrian helix, connecting the Pinellas Trail to the bridge and beach.

Below: The grand opening of the Community Sports Complex will be February 27 at Phan Fest.



Wastewater Sanitary Pump Stations

The Public Utilities Department is responsible for all wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal within city limits. The current primary wastewater infrastructure consists of three wastewater treatment plants, 390 miles of gravity sanitary sewers, 30 miles of wastewater force mains, 7,995 manholes and cleanouts, and 81 sanitary pump stations.

A spring opening is planned for the new Main Library.

Pump stations move wastewater to a higher elevation through a force main and drop it into a nearby shallow gravity sewer main where it flows to the treatment plant. In 1999, Clearwater launched a pump station rehabilitation program initially selecting 24 stations. Approximately 20 of these stations have been rehabilitated or are in the design phase. Sixteen additional pump stations are being evaluated and assessed for upgrade improvements needed to meet current standards. The City will prioritize the stations needing refurbishment based on their age and condition.

Several improvements will be made during the rehabilitation process. Each station will be brought up to current standards and those reaching the end of their useful life will be replaced. The entire project will be complete in 2009 and is an infrastructure investment of more than \$9 million.

Memorial Causeway Bridge

Cost*: \$64.2 million
Funding: Utilities \$2.8 million
 Penny for Pinellas \$12.1 million
 Trans. Impact Fee \$500,000
 Gas Tax \$1.4 million
 Federal Grant \$20.7 million
 State Grant \$15.5 million
 Pinellas County \$10 million
 Interest \$1.2 million

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2004

Main Library

Cost*: \$20.25 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$14.5 million
 Clearwater Library Foundation \$5 million
 Bequest \$500,000
 Library Cooperative \$100,000
 Interest \$150,000

Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2004

Northwest Fire Station

Cost*: \$2.2 million
Funding: Penny for Pinellas \$2 million
 City \$198,650

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2004

Community Sports Complex

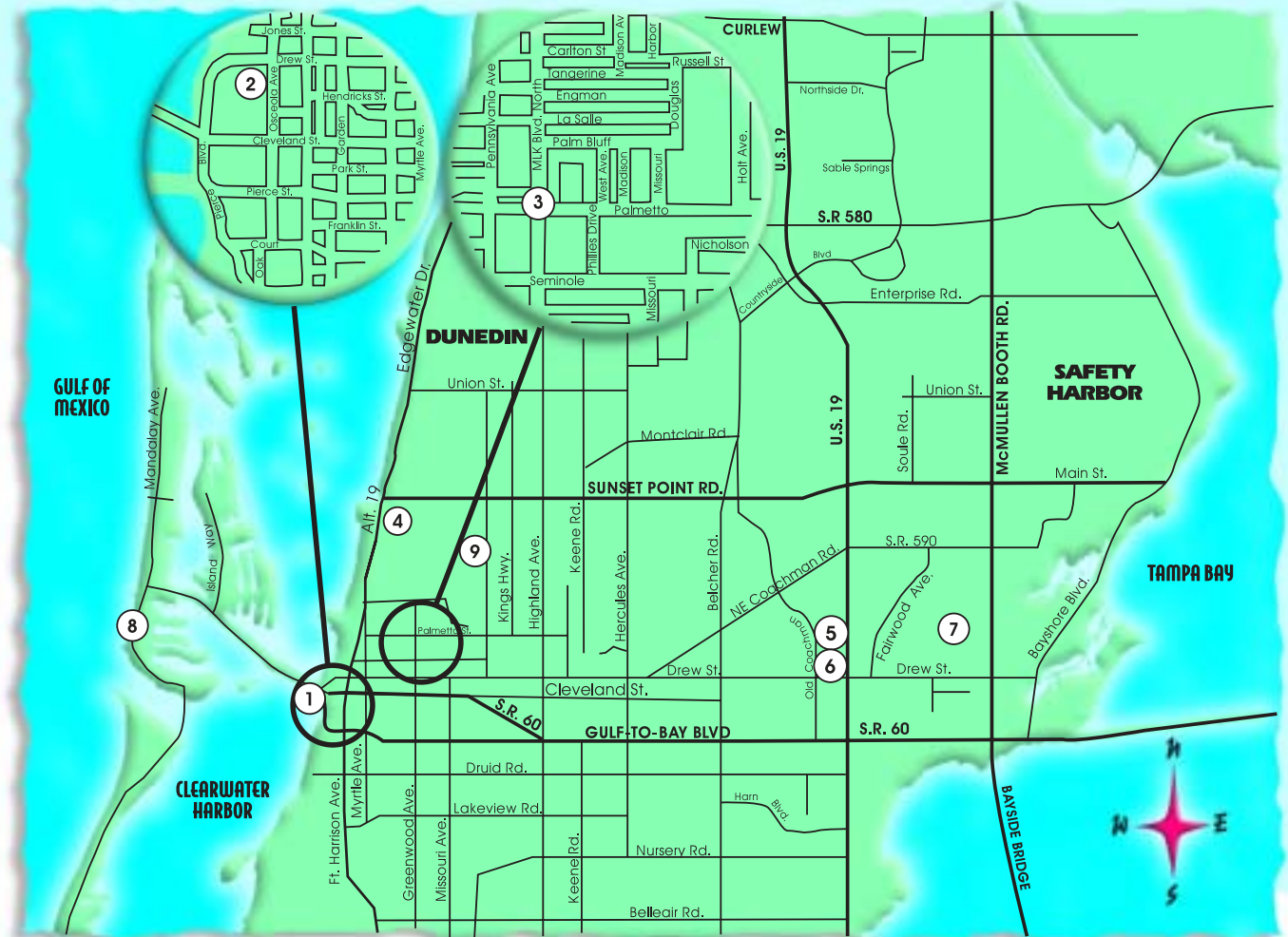
Cost*: \$30.5 million
Funding: City \$3 million
 Penny for Pinellas \$2.5 million
 Phillies \$8 million
 Pinellas County \$8.5 million
 State \$8.5 million

Estimated Completion Date: Spring Training 2004

Beach Walk

Cost*: \$500,000 (design only)
Funding: HUD Grant \$490,000
 Penny for Pinellas \$10,000

Estimated Completion Date: To Be Determined



*estimated total construction cost.

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| 1. Memorial Causeway Bridge | 4. Stevenson's Creek | 7. Kapok Floodplain Restoration |
| 2. Main Library | 5. Community Sports Complex | 8. Beach Walk |
| 3. North Greenwood Corridor Enhancements | 6. Drew Street Overpass (FDOT) | 9. Northwest Fire Station |

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