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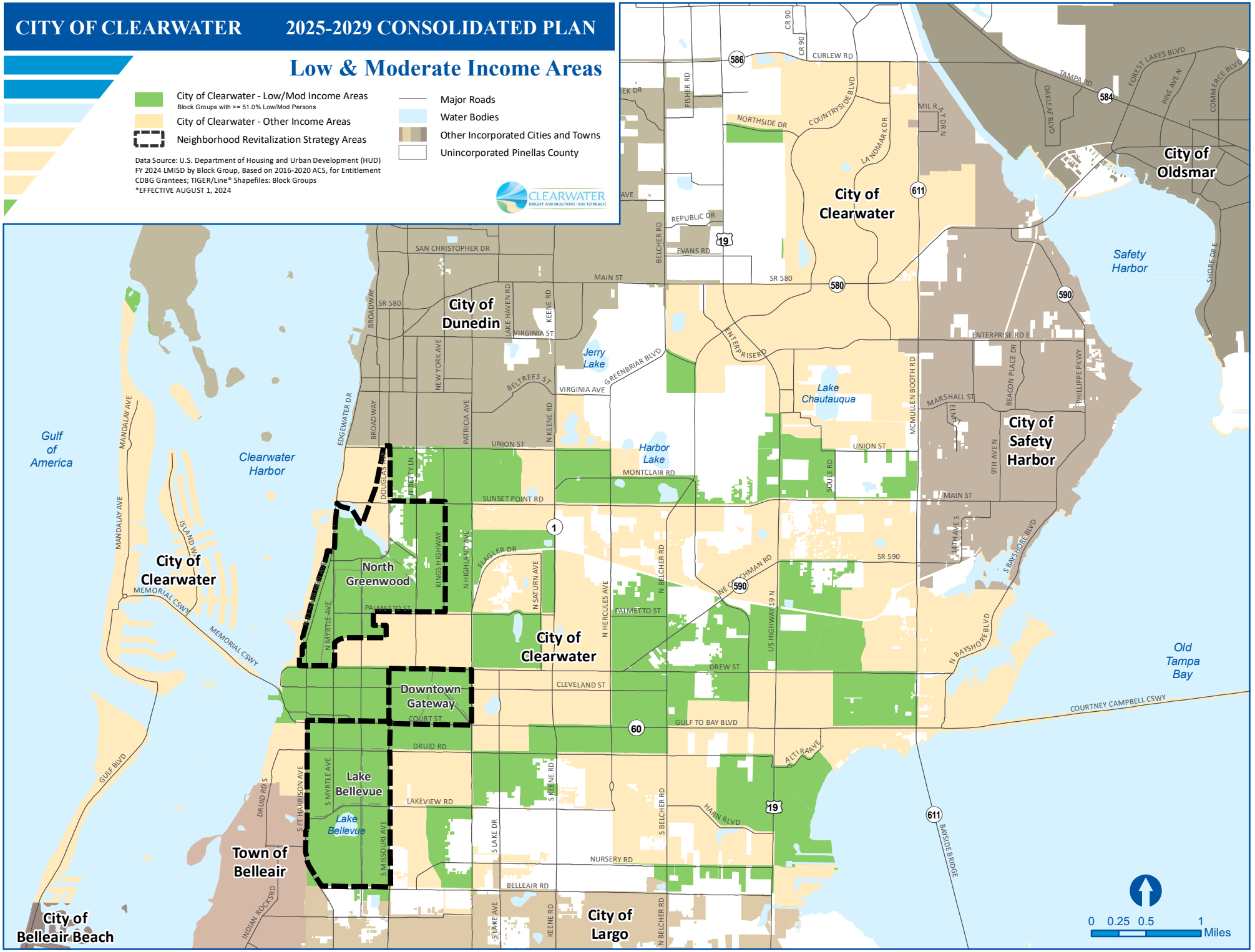
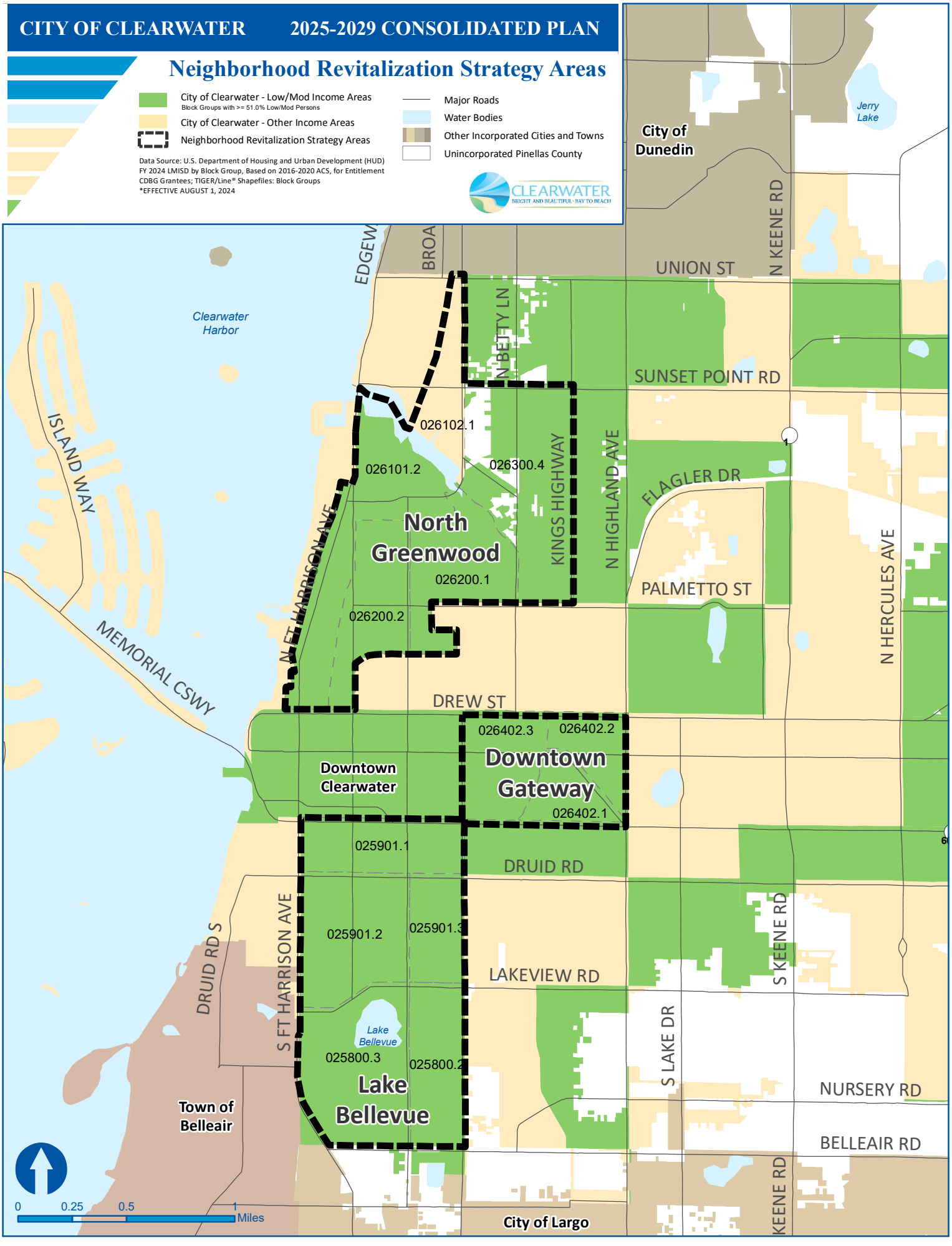
CITY OF CLEARWATER 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Low & Moderate Income Areas




CITY OF CLEARWATER 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas
City of Clearwater - Low/Mod Income Areas
Block Groups with >= 51.0% Low/Mod Persons
City of Clearwater - Other Income Areas
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas
Major Roads
Water Bodies
Other Incorporated Cities and Towns
Unincorporated Pinellas County
Data Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2024 LMISD by Block Group, Based on 2016-2020 ACS, for Entitlement CDBG Grantees; TIGER/Line® Shapefiles: Block Groups
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CLEARWATER
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL · BAY TO BEACH
Clearwater Harbor
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KINGS HIGHWAY
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North Greenwood
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NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

Lake Bellevue, North Greenwood, and Downtown Gateway District

Updated July 15, 2025

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

The City of Clearwater's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is requesting the renewal of the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) for the Lake Bellevue Neighborhood, located in the southwest area of Clearwater, the North Greenwood Neighborhood, located in the northwest area of Clearwater, and the Downtown Gateway District (formerly known as the East Gateway District), located in the central west area of Clearwater. The NRSA is a program established to promote coordinated use of the City's CDBG resources provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create communities of opportunity by stimulating the reinvestment of human and economic capital by empowering low- and moderate-income residents in income-eligible areas as designated by HUD.

Through this effort, the community may define a NRSA that meets the threshold for low- to - moderate income residents. Within this area, the City of Clearwater is then afforded greater flexibility for CDBG funds for economic development, housing, and public service activities.

In terms of economic development relief, the strategy allows any job creation or retention efforts relief by not requiring businesses to track the income of people hired or retained. Economic development activities carried out in the approved neighborhood revitalization area are also exempt from the aggregate public benefits standards.

The benefits of a NRSA are described in amendments to the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570 which were published in the Federal Register on January 5, 1995, and then updated in the final rule changes published on November 9, 1995, in the Federal Register. They are as follows:

- Job Creation/Retention as Low/Moderate Income Area Benefit: Job creation/retention activities pursuant to the strategy may be qualified as meeting area benefit requirements, thus eliminating the need for a business to track the incomes of persons that take, or are considered for, such jobs (24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(vii) and (d)(5)(i));

- Aggregation of Housing Units: Housing units assisted pursuant to the strategy may be considered to be part of a single structure for purposes of applying the low- and moderate- income national objective criteria, thus providing a greater flexibility to carry out housing programs that revitalize a neighborhood (24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) and (d)(5)(ii));

- Aggregate Public Benefit Standard Exemption: Economic development activities carried out under the strategy may, at the grantee's option, be exempt from the aggregate public benefit standards, thus increasing a grantee's flexibility for program design as well as reducing its record-keeping requirements (24 CFR 570.209(b)(2)(v)(L) and (M)); and

- Public Service Cap Exemption: Public services carried out pursuant to the strategy by a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) will be exempt from the public service cap (24 CFR 570.204(b)(2)(ii)).

Moreover, the relief for public service activities can be viewed in terms of the regulatory

requirement that no more than 15% of the total CDBG allocation can be used for public services activities. Under this strategy, all public services offered with the subject neighborhood and carried out as part of qualified projects by a CBDO are exempt from the public service cap of 15%.

Therefore, the City of Clearwater will be able to offer a more aggressive level of service to stimulate community revitalization. It will also allow the City of Clearwater to address some of the urgent needs of the disadvantaged communities by offering job training and other related economic development assistance. In terms of housing, the revitalization strategy will allow the City to track scattered site housing units as a single strategy. This will permit the City of Clearwater to provide housing opportunities to not only low- to moderate-income families, but to other families who earn between 80% to 120% of area median income. This will increase the level of affordable housing units and thereby raise the income level of the neighborhood.

NRSA Boundaries

The City of Clearwater has previously established and currently maintains three (3) different strategy areas.

The first strategy area encompasses Census Tract 261.01, Block Group 2; Census Tract 261.02, Block Group 1; Census Tract 262.00, Block Groups 1 and 2; and Census Tract 263.00, Block Group 4, collectively known as the **North Greenwood Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area**. The North Greenwood Strategy Area is bounded by Kings Highway to the east, N. Osceola Avenue to the west, Union Street/Sunset Point Road to the north, and Drew Street/Maple Street/Palmetto Street to the south.

The second strategy area encompasses Census Tract 258.00, Block Groups 2 and 3; and Census Tract 259.01, Block Groups 1, 2, and 3, known as the **Lake Bellevue Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area**, bounded by South Missouri Avenue to the east, South Ft. Harrison Avenue to the west, Chestnut Street/Court Street to the north, and Belleair Road to the south.

The third strategy area encompasses Census Tract 264.02, Block Groups 1, 2, and 3, known as the **Downtown Gateway District Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area**, bounded by Highland Avenue to the east, Missouri Avenue to the west, Drew Street to the north, and Court Street to the south.

Please see the attached Strategy Areas Map.

Neighborhood & Demographic Criteria

It is important to note that all ACS data in this section and subsequent data analysis sections are aggregates which include all block groups within the Census Tracts of the NRSAs. Not all block groups within these tracts are within the NRSA.

North Greenwood Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NGNRSA)

At the time of the 2020 U.S. Census, the NGNRSA included block groups within Census Tracts 261.01, 261.02, 262.00, and 263.00. According to 2024 HUD Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD), which is based on the 2016-2020 ACS, the NGNRSA has a combined population of 6,410

people of which 65.9% is considered low- to moderate-income. Census Tract 261.01 has a population of 1,215 people of which approximately 73.3% is low- to moderate-income, Census Tract 261.02 has a total population of 425 people of which 33.2% is low- to moderate-income, Census Tract 262.00 has a population of 2,185 people of which 78.7% is low- to moderate-income, and Census Tract 263.00 has a population of 1,730 people of which 68.8% is low- to moderate- income.

The following data points are calculated using the 2019-2023 ACS data, which indicates a total population for the NGNRSA of 13,910. It is important to note that all ACS data are aggregates which include all block groups within the Census Tracts 261.01, 261.02, 262.02, 262.00 and 263.00. Not all block groups within these tracts are within the NRSA.

Additionally, with the exception of Census Tract 261.02, individuals in the NGNRSA experience a much higher percentage of poverty compared to the City of Clearwater (15.4%). The 2019-2023 ACS reported that persons living below the poverty level during the last 12 months in Tracts 261.01, 261.02, 262.00, and 263.00 were 20.7%, 1.4%, 37.8%, and 25.5%, respectively.

The total land area for the NGNRSA is approximately 1.4 square miles. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the population in the area is relatively young with the median age being estimated at approximately 43.6 years. There are approximately 3,212 families in the area with 1,803, or 56.1%, of the families living as married couples, and 1,098, or 34.2%, of the families living as a single female householder, with no husband present.

The area is also primarily residential in nature. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there are a total of 6,081 housing units in this area. Out of the 6,081 housing units, 12.7% are vacant.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, with the exception of Census Tracts 261.01 and 261.02, the median owner-occupied home value in this area is lower than the rest of the City. The median value of homes in Tract 261.01, 261.02, 262.00, and 263.00 is $350,000, $435,400, $238,500, and $256,400, respectively. These are aggregate values that include some block groups not included in the NRSA. The median value of owner- occupied homes in the City of Clearwater is $326,100.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median contract rent is $1,195 per month for Tract 261.01, $1,126 for Tract 261.02, $898 for Tract 262.00, and $1,158 for Tract 263.00. The median contract rent for the City of Clearwater is $1,344. The median gross rent is $1,436 for Tract 261.01, $1,322 for Tract 261.02, $1,143 for Tract 262.00, and $1,386 for Tract 263.00. The median gross rent for the City of Clearwater is $1,539.

The median household income is also lower than the rest of the City. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median household income for the City of Clearwater is $64,440. The median household income is $70,000 for Tract 261.01, $58,125 for Tract 261.02, $35,100 for Tract 262.00, and $56,005 for Tract 263.00.

Lake Bellevue Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (LBNRSA)

The LBNRSA includes various block groups from Census Tracts 258.00 and 259.01. According to 2024 HUD Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD), which is based on the 2016-2020 ACS, the LBRNSA has a population of 5,805 persons of which 70.9% are considered low- to moderate-income.

Additionally, the 2019-2023 ACS reported that 21.9% of persons in the LBNRSA were living below the poverty level during the past 12 months, compared to a citywide percentage of 15.4%. It is important to note that all ACS data are aggregates which include all block groups within the Census Tracts 258.00 and 259.01. Not all block groups within these tracts are within the NRSA.

The total land area for the LBNRSA is approximately 1.1 square miles. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the population in the area is nearly middle aged with the median age estimated at approximately 38.6 years. There are approximately 1,441 families in the area with 761, or 52.8% of the families living as married couples, and 339 of the families living as a single female householder with no husband present, however no data was available for families living as a single female householder with no husband present in census tract 259.01.

The area is also primarily residential in nature. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there are a total of 4,142 housing units in this area. Out of the 4,142 housing units, 21% are vacant.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median home owner-occupied value in this strategy area is much lower than the rest of the City. The median value of homes in Census Tract 258.00 is $215,300 and is $256,400 in Census Tract 259.01. The median value of owner-occupied homes in the City of Clearwater is $326,100.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median contract rent for is $1,185 per month, and $1,168 per month in Tracts 258.00 and 259.01, respectively. The median contract rent for the City of Clearwater is $1,344. The median gross rent for Tract 258.00 is $1,433 and is $1,270 for Tract 259.01, whereas the median gross rent in the City of Clearwater is $1,539.

The median household income is also lower than the rest of the City. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median household income for the City of Clearwater is $64,440. The median household income for Tract 258.00 and Tract 259.01 is $47,551 and $51,467, respectively.

Downtown Gateway District Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (DGDNRSA)

The DGDNRSA includes Census Tract 264.02. According to 2024 HUD Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD), which is based on the 2016-2020 ACS, the DGDNRSA has a population of 3,575 persons of which 89.6% are considered low to moderate income. The 2019-2023 ACS reported that 17.1% of persons in the DGDNRSA were living below the poverty level during the past 12 months, compared to a citywide percentage of 15.4%. It is important to note that all ACS data are aggregates which include all block groups within the Census Tracts 264.02. Not all block groups within these tracts are within the NRSA.

The total land area for the DGDNRSA is approximately 0.4 square mile. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the population in the area is relatively young with the median age being nearly 41 years. There are approximately 660 families in the area with 177, or 26.8% of the families living as married couples, and 250, or 37.9% of the families living as a single female householder, with no husband present.

The area is a mix of residential and commercial land uses. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there are a total of 1,554 housing units in this area. Out of the 1,554 housing units, 16.9% are vacant.

The median value of homes in the Downtown Gateway District was not provided by the 2019-2023

ACS.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median contract rent for Tract 264.02, is $942 per month. The median contract rent for the City of Clearwater is $1,344. The median gross rent for Downtown Gateway is $1,111, whereas the median gross rent in the City of Clearwater is $1,539.

The median household income in the Downtown Gateway District is considerably lower than the rest of the City. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the median household income for the City of Clearwater is $64,440. The median household income for Downtown Gateway is $39,167. This value includes block groups that are not within the Downtown Gateway District; as such, the median income value of those block groups only within the Downtown Gateway District is likely lower.

Community Consultation

Community consultation involves soliciting input on the revitalization strategy from the residents of the area, owner-operators of businesses, local financial institutions, non-profit organizations, and community groups. The process used by the City of Clearwater in this section included holding two public information-gathering meetings in the communities with key stakeholders, holding a workshop with grant subrecipients and service providers, providing a 30-day comment period, holding a public hearing with the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB), and holding a public hearing with the City Council with the results.

The first public meeting was held on February 10, 2025, for the NGNRSA, and the second public meeting was held on February 11, 2025, for the LBNRSA and DGDNRSA. The subrecipient and service provider workshop was held on February 26, 2025. The NAHAB met on May 13, 2025, and July 8, 2025. The City Council met to discuss the NRSAs, along with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, on August 7, 2025.

Assessment

Level of Employment

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there are an estimated 117,075 persons living in the City of Clearwater. Of that, 99,150 were 16 years or older. The ACS reported that of this population, 59.1% is in the labor force. Moreover, 56.1% are employed and 2.8% are unemployed.

Although the City of Clearwater illustrates a vibrant City with employment opportunities, some neighborhoods within the City do not show this type of success. In the NRSAs, the employment outlook is not as bright as the City as a whole. Some reasons for the disparities vary from educational attainment to economic disadvantage.

The 2019-2023 ACS estimated that a total of 11,150 persons 16 years of older living in the NGNRSA. Of this total, 60.7%, or 6,769 persons, are listed in the civilian labor force. The Bureau of Labor Statistics stated that the unemployment rate for the State of Florida has increased by 0.8% from January 2023 to March 2025. Based on these estimates, it is estimated that the current unemployment rate in the North Greenwood area may have also increased.

The 2019-2023 ACS estimated that a total of 6,548 persons 16 years of older living in the LBNRSA. Of

this total, 61.7%, or 4,043 persons, are listed in the civilian labor force. Again, based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, it is estimated that the current unemployment rate for Tract 258.00 and 259.01 may be higher than previous years.

Based on the 2019-2023 ACS, the unemployment rate for the DGDNRSA is estimated at 54.8% of the population age 16 years or older in the labor force. Of the population age 16 years or older, 54.8% is in the civilian labor force and 53.7% are employed. Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, it is estimated that the current unemployment rate for Tract 264.02 may be higher than previous years.

Pervasive Poverty

Within the combined NRSAs, the majority of residents are low- to moderate-income and many live below the poverty line. There are many factors that contribute to persons living in or below poverty. Some of these factors include educational attainment, households receiving public assistance/ supplemental security income, and childhood poverty rates.

Educational Attainment

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the percentage of persons 25 years and older in the NGNRSA with no high school diploma is 12%, which is higher than the citywide percentage of 9.1%.

Additionally, the LBNRSA has a high rate of persons over the age of 25 without a high school diploma. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, 14.8% of persons 25 years and older are without a high school diploma.

Likewise, the DGDNRSA has a higher rate of persons over the age of 25 without a high school diploma. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, 23.5% of persons 25 years and older are without a high school diploma.

Households Receiving Public Assistance

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the percentage of households who received supplemental security income, cash public assistance income, or food stamps/SNAP public assistance in the NGNRSA is 53.1%. The citywide rate of households receiving supplemental security income, public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP is 35.1%.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there were at least 776 households in LBNRSA who received supplemental security income, cash public assistance income, or food stamps/SNAP public assistance, totaling 58.6%.

According to the 2019-2023 ACS, there were at least 751 households in DGDNRSA who received supplemental security income, cash public assistance income, or food stamps/SNAP public assistance, totaling 79.1%.

Childhood Poverty Rate

There is a strong association with childhood poverty rate, educational attainment, and persons who receive public assistance and/or supplemental security income. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the percentage of families with related children under 18 years of age who live below the poverty level in Clearwater is 17.3%.

However, the NGNRSA is at a much higher rate. According to the 2019-2023 ACS, the percentage of families with related children under 18 years of age who are below poverty level is estimated at 47.3% for the block groups within the NGNRSA.

In the LBNRSA, the percentage of families with related children under 18 years of age who are below poverty level is 44.7%.

For the DGDNRSA, the percentage of families with related children under 18 years of age who are below poverty level is 16.5% in the DGDNRSA.

Neighborhood Business & Employment Data

Data on the number of businesses located in the area and the number of people employed was not available for the current year. While the NGNRSA and LBNRSA are primarily residential, the DGDNRSA contains a greater commercial presence.

As presented in the original 2009 East Gateway District Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Report (revised August 28, 2009) (now known as the Downtown Gateway District NRSA) that established the EGDNRSA (now DGDNRSA), the following businesses and employment conditions exist in the DGDNRSA.

> *According to City business tax receipts, there are 217 licensed businesses in the [East Gateway] district. Of these businesses, approximately five opened in the past year. Non-home-based businesses are predominately located in owned or leased commercial space of 1,000 square feet or less. Larger-scale commercial buildings (25,000 and 50,000 square feet) accommodate general and professional office uses.*
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> *Aging infrastructure and chronic social ills including vagrancy, prostitution, and illegal drug activity have diminished the marketability of commercial space. It is estimated that 50 percent of commercial space in the district is currently vacant. Although very low commercial rents provide opportunity for small business enterprise, these businesses are characteristically undercapitalized and highly vulnerable to failure.*
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> *East Gateway business owners frequently complain that city sign regulation impede the ability to attract customers through signage. The mid-twentieth century "modern" architecture predominant in the district is more likely a factor since the style does not lend itself to sign placement. Also affecting the district's customer base was the rerouting of a state road outside the district in conjunction with a new bridge opening in 2005. This action is linked to a greater than 50 percent decline in traffic volumes (largely beach traffic) on East Gateway's major corridors.*
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> *Capital is available to East Gateway businesses through SBA lenders and several community banks in Clearwater offering counseling for business loan products. The University of South Florida (USF) Small Business Development Center & Entrepreneurial Training has a Clearwater Office that counsels clients and connects them with lending institutions. Also, the East Gateway Action Program includes an effort to develop low-interest lending programs that would benefit businesses in the area.*
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> *It is estimated that 540 persons are employed by non-home-based businesses in the district. It*

> *is estimated that the small businesses which represent the majority of East Gateway businesses employ from 1 to 10 employees. With the recent relocation of the Consumer Energy Solutions (call center) that employed 140 persons in the district, Achieva Credit Union is now the largest employer in East Gateway with approximately 50 employees.*
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> Source: East Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, approved March 5, 2009, and revised August 28, 2009.

Presently, it is estimated that 2% of persons over 16 years of age in the DGDNRSA are unemployed, compared to the citywide rate of 4.7%. The District's unemployment rate has decreased since 2020, when the rate was 23.1% during the pandemic. District residents not in the labor force (i.e., neither employed nor looking for work) account for nearly 45.2% of persons over 16 years of age compared to the citywide figure of 40.9%.

ACS data shows that 56 of the 1,342 workers (age 16 and older) in the DGDNRSA work at home and approximately 88 workers (6.5%) have less than a 10-minute travel time to work. Based on this information, it is estimated that 93.5% of DGDNRSA residents are employed outside the district.

Access to Capital for Area Businesses

Potential business owners who seek capital from the private sector have found it difficult to secure resources. Private sector loans are normally larger than the amount of the funds needed by area small businesses and have underwriting criteria that most new or expanded businesses could not meet.

Public Participation

Based on City of Clearwater community meetings and surveys completed by the residents of the three active NRSAs in 2025, the unmet demand for specific types of housing and community development activities include the following:

North Greenwood NRSA (2025)

- Housing
    - Concerns
        - Lack of affordable housing (all housing types)
        - Insurance/taxes that compound housing costs and cost burden
        - Condition of aging housing stock
        - Aging infrastructure, particularly aging sewer connections (interior to housing and exterior connections) and neighborhood stormwater systems
    - Needs
        - Financial assistance, including gap assistance for home repairs
        - Housing rehabilitation and home hardening against natural disasters (e.g., energy

efficiency, weatherization, and hardening)

- "Handy Van" program to help with housing repairs that do not qualify for rehabilitation loans

- Homelessness
  - Concerns
    - Lack of homeless shelter facilities
  - Needs
    - Overnight shelter
- Public Services
  - Concerns
    - Lack of mental/behavioral health resources and programs
  - Needs
    - "Handy Van" program to help with minor home repairs
    - Mental/behavioral health resources and programs
    - Job training
    - Affordable daycare
    - Elderly transit/transportation services
    - Food assistance (e.g., Meals on Wheels, etc.)
    - Community messaging (e.g., digital info board or marquee in public places)
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
  - Concerns
    - Lack of security lighting for public safety
    - Condition of public infrastructure (e.g., road resurfacing, sewer connections, and stormwater drainage/flooding)
    - Maintenance of public spaces (e.g., trash and tree debris cleanup, etc.)
  - Needs
    - Street improvements (e.g., resurfacing/repair of potholes, drainage/flood improvements, and regular maintenance for trash cleanup)

        - Solar-powered crosswalks, streetlights, and lighted intersections with push button for flashing lights
        - Sidewalk improvements for ADA compliance and connectivity
        - Safe bus stops/elementary school safety improvements
        - Improvements to, or rehabilitation of, public facilities for usability (e.g., lighted sports fields/ball courts, community gardens, dog parks, bicycle/skate parks for youth)
        - Improvements to Cherry Harris Park (e.g., outdoor exercise equipment for adults)
        - Passive open space for recreation

Lake Bellevue NRSA and Downtown Gateway NRSA (2025)

- Housing
    - Concerns
        - Elderly homeowners unable to afford home improvements
        - Lack of supply and aging housing stock (e.g., deteriorated units)
        - Disaster-related housing impacts
    - Needs
        - Housing rehabilitation (homeowner and rental)
        - Homeowner counseling for mortgage readiness
        - Coordination with realtors/real estate industry regarding funding options
        - Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as affordable housing option
        - Natural disaster assistance
- Homelessness
    - Concerns
        - Homelessness, particularly among subpopulations such as veterans, persons with mental health or substance abuse/behavioral challenges, and persons leaving prison
    - Needs
        - Homeless shelters
        - Rapid re-housing

        - Self-sufficiency and job/employment training (specific to homelessness)
        - Street outreach (e.g., mental health unit)
        - Encampment removal and patrol (CSX coordination)

- Public Services
    - Needs
        - Mental health services
        - Salary support for community policing and social work programs
        - Economic development (e.g., micro-enterprise/small business assistance)
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
    - Concerns
        - Homelessness in parks/on street
        - Lack of shade at public facilities(parks)
    - Needs
        - Dog park
        - Neighborhood cleanup
        - Public greenspaces, interpretive/education signage

One of the primary impediments that disadvantaged communities encounter is the lack of investment or reinvestment from the private sector. The public sector has traditionally been the catalyst for funding in the redevelopment process. Additionally, community opposition to certain types of development may be a challenge to the NRSAs.

The NRSAs are primarily residential in character. The NGNRSA and LBNRSA are low- and moderate-income communities with housing stock comprised primarily of single-family homes. The DGDNRSA is approximately 80% residential but is comprised of more multi-family rental units. Based on the community meetings and stakeholder workshop held, residents of the NGNRSA, LBNRSA, and DGDNRSA have identified what they feel are the community's unmet needs. Any development activities that would limit efforts to overcome unmet needs would be strongly opposed by the communities.

Two community centers, the Ross Norton and North Greenwood (both recreation and aquatic complexes), are focal points for their respective neighborhoods and common meeting places. Most local community groups and organizations have been in existence for over a decade and are well-established in the community. These community groups and organizations include, but are not limited to, Suncoast Center and Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP).

Additional organizations include the Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, Clearwater Neighborhood Family Center, Community Service Foundation/Lake Belleview Community Association, and various neighborhood groups. These groups and organizations are experienced in their areas of service; however, technical assistance would enhance the efforts of these groups and organizations.

The NGNRSA, LBNRSA, and DGDNRSA have actively participated in crime reduction tactics for years. They have organized crime watch programs that actively monitor and report suspicious activities to the police department. Future efforts to eliminate crime in the strategy areas include working with the City's Police Department to continue community policing efforts, developing a community enforcement program, establishing crime watch programs throughout the neighborhoods, and using code enforcement to reduce criminal activities. Existing code enforcement efforts have benefited the communities. These efforts are not systematic in the neighborhood revitalization areas but based upon code enforcement efforts practiced throughout the city as a whole.

Economic Empowerment

In order to accomplish successful objectives and to improve infrastructure and public services, there is a need to establish and implement strategies that will provide economic empowerment. The following goals and strategies will be pursued through interdepartmental efforts to ensure that the public realm and infrastructure reflect a commitment to revitalization in the NRSAs.

Objective 1: The first objective is to identify and remove impediments that are barriers to investment or reinvestment into the community.

- Allow for creative reuse of buildings and land.
- Increase small business startups and decrease failure rate of small business.
- Promote job skill training to the youth and minorities; and promote women owned businesses and workforce development training for NRSA residents.

Lack of investment in the communities may be attributed to a high number of substandard structures, low per capital income of the residents, the perception of crime, and declining tax base. In order to reduce the number of substandard structures, the City of Clearwater will continue to provide loans to eligible low- and moderate-income homeowners to repair their structures.

Objective 2: Identify and improve the safety and condition of parks and other facilities throughout the NRSAs.

- Increase and improve infrastructure within the designated parks and trails throughout the communities.

Objective 3: Expand the accessibility to and coordination of social services to City of Clearwater's special needs population, youth, and senior citizens.

Objective 4: Enhance the living environment for persons in the NRSAs.

- Improve public service activities and programs that eliminate blight and urban decay.

Objective 5: Help prevent and reduce homelessness within the NRSAs.

- Assist agencies that engage in homeless prevention and provide services.

Unmet Needs Analysis

The following unmet needs have been identified by residents of the NRSAs and key stakeholders through the public community meetings, subrecipient and service provider workshop, and online survey.

NGNRSA Unmet Needs (2025)

- Housing assistance and rehabilitation, including home hardening
- Homeless overnight shelter facilities
- Public services, such as mental/behavioral health resources and programs, job training, daycare, elderly transit/transportation services, food assistance, and improved communications and messaging with the community
- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements, such as street and sidewalk improvements for public safety and accessibility, and additional recreation options for usability

LBNRSA and DGDNRSA Unmet Needs (2025)

- Housing assistance and rehabilitation, including homeowner counseling and coordination of funding options, rehabilitation loans and grants, disaster assistance, and ADUs as affordable housing
- Homeless overnight shelter facilities, rapid re-housing, self-sufficiency and job/employment training, and street outreach (e.g., mental health unit)
- Public services, mental health services, salary support for community policing and social work programs, and economic development (e.g., microenterprise and small business assistance).
- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements, such as dog parks and public greenspaces, and programs for neighborhood cleanup and beautification.

Performance Measures

North Greenwood NRSA

To measure the success of the City's strategies to reach the goals identified, the following performance measurements are established for a five-year period:

1. Housing – Provide availability of, and accessibility to, decent affordable housing for the residents of the North Greenwood Neighborhood.
    a. Construct or rehabilitate 5 affordable rental housing units.
    b. Construct or rehabilitate 5 affordable "for sale" units.
    c. Provide 20 eligible homeowners with housing rehabilitation/repair.
    d. Provide 15 eligible homebuyers with purchase assistance.
    e. Provide 30 eligible renters with rental or utility assistance.
    f. Provide homebuyer education classes for 15 households who are eligible for assistance.
2. Homelessness – Help to prevent and reduce homelessness within the North Greenwood Neighborhood.
    a. Sponsor overnight shelter stays at two (2) homeless facilities for homeless persons.
    b. Provide assistance for nutrition/food bank programs to serve 3,500 persons.
    c. Support local agencies for the screening and treatment of 25 persons for behavioral/mental health services or substance abuse treatment.
3. Community Development and Public Services – Enhance the living environment for persons in the North Greenwood Neighborhood through community development activities, public service programs, and elimination of blight.
    a. Remove blight by supporting a community clean-up day conducted by neighborhood groups/organizations.
    b. Provide funding for a minimum of one (1) public facility projects (e.g., public building/resource center, park improvements, bus stops, etc.).
    c. Reduce/prevent poverty.
        i. Collaborate with a minimum of two (2) agencies to support tutorial programs to increase basic education and life skills.
        ii. Sponsor 35 youth in mentoring programs designed to enhance growth and development skills.

d. Promote self-sufficiency.

i. Work with private not-for-profit agency to provide 10 persons with access to career training programs.

ii. Work with private not-for-profit agencies to provide 10 persons with access to career training programs.

4. Economic Development – Support programs that create economic opportunities in the North Greenwood Neighborhood, particularly for low- and moderate-income residents.

a. Assist businesses with micro-business development activities and job creation.

b. Provide a minimum of one (1) business with façade improvements.

c. Assist businesses with micro-business development activities and job creation.

Lake Bellevue NRSA

To measure the success of the City's strategies to reach the goals identified, the following performance measurements are established for a five-year period:

1. Housing – Provide availability of, and accessibility to, decent affordable housing for the residents of the Lake Bellevue Neighborhood.

a. Construct or rehabilitate 12 housing units for rental or homeownership, and support homebuyer activities.

b. Provide 4 eligible homeowners with housing rehabilitation/repair.

c. Provide 10 eligible homebuyers with purchase assistance to purchase a home.

d. Provide 5 eligible renters with rental or utility assistance.

e. Provide homebuyer education classes for 12 persons who are eligible for assistance.

2. Homelessness – Help to prevent and reduce homelessness within the Lake Bellevue Neighborhood.

a. Sponsor overnight shelter stays at two (2) homeless facilities for homeless persons.

b. Provide assistance for nutrition/food bank programs to serve 1,000 persons.

c. Support local agencies for the screening and treatment of 25 persons for behavioral/mental health services or substance abuse treatment.

3. Community Development and Public Services – Enhance the living environment for persons in the Lake Bellevue Neighborhood through community development activities, public service programs, and elimination of blight.

a. Remove blight by supporting a community clean-up day conducted by neighborhood groups/organizations.

b. Provide funding for a minimum of two (2) public facility projects (e.g., public building/resource center, park improvements, bus stops, etc.).

c. Reduce/prevent poverty.

i. Collaborate a minimum of one (1) agency to support tutorial programs to increase basic education and life skills.

ii. Sponsor 10 youth in mentoring programs designed to enhance growth and development skills.

d. Promote self-sufficiency

i. Collaborate with area social service agencies to provide vouchers for transportation for 10 persons conducting job searches.

ii. Work with non-profit agencies to offer 10 persons access to computer literacy and internet skills.

4. Economic Development – Support programs that create economic opportunities in the North Greenwood Neighborhood, particularly for low- and moderate-income residents.

a. Assist businesses with micro-business development activities and job creation.

b. Provide a minimum of one (1) business with façade improvements.

c. Assist businesses with micro-business development activities and job creation.

Downtown Gateway NRSA

To measure the success of the City's strategies to reach the goals identified, the following performance measurements are established for a five-year period:

1. Housing – Provide availability of, and accessibility to, decent affordable housing for the residents of the Downtown Gateway Neighborhood.

a. Construct or rehabilitate 2 affordable "for sale" units.

b. Construct or rehabilitate 2 affordable rental units.

c. Provide 10 eligible homebuyers with purchase assistance to purchase a home.

d. Provide 5 eligible renters with rental or utility assistance.

e. Provide homebuyer education classes for 15-20 persons who are eligible for assistance.

2. Non-Homeless Special Needs – Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services

to special needs populations in the Downtown Gateway Neighborhood.

a. Collaborate with a minimum of two (2) agencies to assist frail/elderly, disabled, or veteran populations with special needs programs or reentry programs for persons leaving institutional systems.

3. Community Development and Public Services – Enhance the living environment for persons in the Downtown Gateway Neighborhood through community development activities, public service programs, and elimination of blight.

    a. Provide funding for a minimum of one (1) public facility project (e.g., public building/resource center, park improvements, bus stops, etc.).

    b. Reduce/prevent poverty.

        i. Sponsor 50 youth in mentoring programs designed to enhance growth and development skills.

4. Economic Development – Support programs that create economic opportunities in the Downtown Gateway Neighborhood, particularly for low- and moderate-income residents.

    a. Provide a minimum of one (1) business with façade improvements.

    b. Provide small businesses with technical support and training.

    c. Assist businesses with micro-business development activities and job creation.

Public Participation

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Community meetings regarding the City of Clearwater Five-Year (2025-2029) Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnerships Program

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https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClearwaterConsolidatedPlanSurvey

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City of Clearwater Five-Year Consolidated Plan
Community Meeting: North Greenwood
February 10, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
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On February 10, 2025, the City conducted a community meeting at the North Greenwood Recreation Center on N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Approximately 12 participants representing the North Greenwood neighborhood and surrounding community attended the meeting. Additionally, representatives of the City of Clearwater and the City's consultant (Wade Trim) were in attendance.

To provide an environment that would allow for all attendees to be heard, a three-tier approach was conducted. The first was to present an educational PowerPoint which provided background on the purpose of drafting a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which activities and areas are eligible for HUD funding, and the schedule that City of Clearwater will follow to adopt the Five-Year Consolidated Plan in 2025. The second was a paper or online survey asking the participants about their needs and experiences working with the City of Clearwater to administer HUD funds. The third was an open discussion where the participants were asked to discuss their housing and community development priorities over the next five years.

Survey
The survey was intended to allow participants to convey their familiarity with HUD programs administrated by City of Clearwater and to provide input on specific needs for federal fund administration. The survey included 14 questions.

Links to the online survey were shared and participants were encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to take the online survey. The online survey was made available on January 22, 2025, and kept open until February 28, 2025. Results of the online survey are documented separately.

Open Discussion
During the discussion, the participants were asked to speak openly regarding issues affecting their neighborhood and surrounding community. A number of priorities were brought to City's attention. These priorities are listed below, specific to the North Greenwood neighborhood:

- <u>Housing</u>
  - Concerns
    - Lack of affordable housing (all housing types)
    - Insurance/taxes that compound housing costs and cost burden
    - Condition of aging housing stock
    - Aging infrastructure, particularly aging sewer connections (interior to housing and exterior connections) and neighborhood stormwater systems
  - Needs
    - Financial assistance, including gap assistance for home repairs
    - Housing rehabilitation and home hardening against natural disasters (e.g., energy efficiency, weatherization, and hardening)
    - "Handy Van" program to help with housing repairs that do not qualify for rehabilitation loans

- Homelessness
  - Concerns
    - Lack of homeless shelter facilities
  - Needs
    - Overnight shelter

- Public Services
  - Concerns
    - Lack of mental/behavioral health resources and programs
  - Needs
    - "Handy Van" program to help with minor home repairs
    - Mental/behavioral health resources and programs
    - Job training
    - Affordable daycare
    - Elderly transit/transportation services
    - Food assistance (e.g., Meals on Wheels, etc.)
    - Community messaging (e.g., digital info board or marquee in public places)

- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
  - Concerns
    - Lack of security lighting for public safety
    - Condition of public infrastructure (e.g., road resurfacing, sewer connections, and stormwater drainage/flooding)
    - Maintenance of public spaces (e.g., trash and tree debris cleanup, etc.)
  - Needs
    - Street improvements (e.g. resurfacing/repair of potholes, drainage/flood improvements, and regular maintenance for trash cleanup)
    - Solar-powered crosswalks, streetlights, and lighted intersections with push button for flashing lights
    - Sidewalk improvements for ADA compliance and connectivity
    - Safe bus stops/elementary school safety improvements
    - Improvements to, or rehabilitation of, public facilities for usability (e.g., lighted sports fields/ball courts, community gardens, dog parks, bicycle/skate parks for youth)
    - Improvements to Cherry Harris Park (e.g. outdoor exercise equipment for adults)
    - Passive open space for recreation

Conclusion

Although there are many priorities that the North Greenwood neighborhood and surrounding community felt are important, these priorities can be summarized as follows:

- Housing assistance and rehabilitation, including home hardening

- Homeless overnight shelter facilities

- Public services, such as mental/behavioral health resources and programs, job training, daycare, elderly transit/transportation services, food assistance, and improved communications and messaging with the community

- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements, such as street and sidewalk improvements for public safety and accessibility, and additional recreation options for usability

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On February 11, 2025, the City conducted a community meeting at the Ross Norton Recreation Center on S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Approximately eight (8) participants representing the Lake Bellevue neighborhood and surrounding community attended the meeting. Additionally, representatives of the City of Clearwater and the City's consultant (Wade Trim) were in attendance.

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Survey
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Open Discussion
During the discussion, the participants were asked to speak openly regarding issues affecting their neighborhood and surrounding community. A number of priorities were brought to City of Clearwater's attention. These priorities are listed below, specific to the Lake Bellevue neighborhood:

- <u>Housing</u>
  - Concerns
    - Elderly homeowners unable to afford home improvements
    - Lack of supply and aging housing stock (e.g. deteriorated units)
    - Disaster-related housing impacts
  - Needs
    - Housing rehabilitation (homeowner and rental)
    - Homeowner counseling for mortgage readiness
    - Coordination with realtors/real estate industry regarding funding options
    - Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as affordable housing option
    - Natural disaster assistance

- <u>Homelessness</u>
  - Concerns

        - Homelessness, particularly among subpopulations such as veterans, persons with mental health or substance abuse/behavioral challenges, and persons leaving prison
    - Needs
        - Homeless shelters
        - Rapid re-housing
        - Self-sufficiency and job/employment training (specific to homelessness)
        - Street outreach (e.g., mental health unit)
        - Encampment removal and patrol (CSX coordination)

- Public Services
    - Needs
        - Mental health services
        - Salary support for community policing and social work programs
        - Economic development (e.g., micro-enterprise/small business assistance)

- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
    - Concerns
        - Homelessness in parks/on street
        - Lack of shade at public facilities(parks)
    - Needs
        - Dog park
        - Neighborhood cleanup
        - Public greenspaces, interpretive/education signage

Conclusion

Although there are many priorities that the Lake Bellevue and surrounding community felt are important, these priorities can be summarized as follows:

- Housing assistance and rehabilitation, including homeowner counseling and coordination of funding options, rehabilitation loans and grants, disaster assistance, and ADUs as affordable housing

- Homeless overnight shelter facilities, rapid re-housing, self-sufficiency and job/employment training, and street outreach (e.g., mental health unit)

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On February 12, 2025, the City conducted a community meeting at The Long Center on N. Belcher Road. Approximately six (6) participants representing the surrounding community attended the meeting. Additionally, representatives of the City of Clearwater and the City's consultant (Wade Trim) were in attendance.

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Open Discussion
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- Housing
  - Concerns
    - Aging housing stock
    - Slum/blight conditions in neighborhoods
  - Needs
    - Housing rehabilitation
    - Post-storm home repairs
    - Slum/blight removal

- Homelessness
  - Concerns
    - Homelessness
    - Lack of homeless facilities
  - Needs
    - Homeless shelter (e.g., Safe Harbor)

        - Homeless prevention
        - Permanent supportive housing (PSH)

- Public Services
    - Concerns
        - Lack of public resources and programs
    - Needs
        - Self-sufficiency programs
        - Job skills/employment training (e.g., interpersonal skills, etc.)
        - Affordable daycare and afterschool programming
        - Academic tutoring
        - Transportation services
        - Salary support for programs listed above

- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
    - Concerns
        - Aging parks
        - Slum/blight conditions in commercial areas

    - Needs
        - Park renovations
        - Façade improvements
        - Post-storm infrastructure repairs

Conclusion
Although there are many priorities that the community felt are important, these priorities can be summarized as follows:

- Housing assistance and rehabilitation, such as post-storm repairs, and slum/blight removal in eligible neighborhoods

- Homeless overnight shelter, homeless prevention activities, and permanent supportive housing

- Public services, such as self-sufficiency programs, job skills/employment training, affordable daycare, transportation services, and salary-support for program delivery

- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements, such as park renovations and post-storm repairs to public facilities/infrastructure, and façade improvements

For questions regarding the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, please contact Dylan Mayeux at (727) 444-7168 or Dylan.Mayeux@MyClearwater.com.

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City of Clearwater Five-Year Consolidated Plan
Community Survey Results
January 22, 2025 – February 28, 2025
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClearwaterConsolidatedPlanSurvey

SURVEY SUMMARY

The City of Clearwater is in the process of drafting a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for PY 2025/2026-2029/2030 to create a strategic and unified vision for HUD funding over the next five years. In order to develop this vision, City of Clearwater conducted a community survey from January 22, 2025, through February 28, 2025, to collect input regarding the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The survey was intended to allow participants to convey their familiarity with HUD programs administrated by City of Clearwater and to provide input on specific needs for federal fund administration. The survey included 14 questions in multiple-choice and open-ended formats. An example of the survey is attached.

The online survey, available in both English and Spanish languages, was advertised on the City's Housing webpage and on flyers/posters for public participation activities, including the community and service provider meetings held on February 10, 11, and 12, 2025. Copies of the paper survey were offered to each meeting participant and links to the online survey were shared during presentations and on handouts.

The online survey was made available from January 22, 2025, through February 28, 2025. The survey was closed, and results were tallied during the month of March 2025. In total, 67 surveys (electronic and paper) were returned by the end of survey period.

Survey Results

Question #1 **How familiar are you with the City of Clearwater's housing programs and community services?**

Results
This was a multiple-choice question. The choices were "very familiar," "somewhat familiar," or "not at all familiar."

- Approximately 13% of respondents were "very familiar"
- Approximately 51% of the survey respondents were "somewhat familiar"
- Approximately 36% of respondents were "not at all familiar"

Question #2 **What have you perceived to be the major housing or community development concerns in the City of Clearwater over the past five (5) years?**

Results
This was an open-ended question. Applicants were able to provide three open-ended responses. The following summarizes the most repeated responses:

Housing
Affordable housing (owned and rented, existing and new construction)
Barriers to affordable housing (e.g., outdated codes, density limitations)
Competition with short-term rentals/investor real estate
Cost of insurance, interest rates

Disaster relief/repair assistance
Down-payment assistance
Energy efficiency assistance
Housing for the elderly and/or disabled or veterans
Housing rehabilitation (owned and rented, age of housing stock)
Post-storm repairs

Homelessness
Homelessness (facilities and services)

Public Services
Information dissemination/public education programs
Programs/services for the elderly and/or disabled
Transportation services for the elderly

Community Development/Public Facilities and Infrastructure
ADA accessibility
Child-friendly facilities
Code enforcement/blight elimination (e.g., trash/debris, dilapidated properties)
Community gardens
Historic preservation
Infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, public transit, pedestrian/bicycle safety, walkability, stormwater/drainage)
Lack of parking
Neighborhood safety/security (e.g., crime prevention, drug prevention)
Overdevelopment/growth/density/congestion
Scientology

Question #3 Please rate each of the following housing activities on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest priority.

Results
This was a ranking question. Respondents were given 6 different housing activities to rank from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most needed. Of the 67 returned surveys, 67 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the responses in order of the weighted average response:

- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation 3.89
- Homeowner Assistance 3.85
- New Construction, Single Family 3.44
- Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation 3.28
- New Construction, Multi-Family 3.14
- Prevention of Mobile Home Resident Displacement 3.05

Open-ended “other” entries generally included: specialized housing for seniors and disabled populations, housing rehabilitation, enforcement of building code, and mobile home inspections for safety.

The highest priority housing activity identified in this question is Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation.

Question #4 **Please rate each of the following homeless services activities on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest priority.**

Results

This was a ranking question. Respondents were given 8 different housing activities to rank from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most needed. Of the 67 returned surveys, 66 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the responses in order of the weighted average response:

- Employment Training 4.18
- Homeless Services for Youth 4.09
- Substance Abuse Services 4.03
- Mental Health Services 4.00
- Homeless Facilities and Shelters 3.88
- Transitional Housing and Services 3.80
- Case Management 3.67
- Meal Provision Locations 3.58

Open-ended "other" entries generally included: youth engagement, availability of resources and housing, and transportation access for jobs/employment.

The highest priority homeless services activity identified in this question is Employment Training.

Question #5: **Please rate each of the following public/social services activities on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest priority.**

Results

This was a ranking question. Respondents were given 8 different housing activities to rank from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most needed. Of the 67 returned surveys, 67 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the responses in order of the weighted average response:

- Senior Services 4.20
- Health Services 4.09
- Youth Services 4.06
- Transportation Services 4.02
- Affordable Child Care 4.02
- Services for Persons with Disabilities 3.83
- Legal Services 3.57
- Translation Assistance 2.89

Open-ended "other" entries generally included: evacuation assistance for seniors/elderly, community gardens, and childcare/afterschool programming.

The highest priority public/social services activity identified in this question is Senior Services.

Question #6: Please rate each of the following community and economic development activities on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest priority.

Results

This was a ranking questions question. Respondents were given 8 different housing activities to rank from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most needed. Of the 67 returned surveys, 66 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the responses in order of the weighted average response:

- Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater) 4.35
- Road Repair/Reconstruction 3.98
- Sidewalk Improvements 3.80
- Youth Centers 3.80
- Senior Centers 3.68
- Community/Recreation Centers 3.58
- Public Park Improvements 3.48
- Building Façade Improvements 3.11

Open-ended "other" entries generally included: signage, parks, playground and other child-friendly facilities, and road improvements for safety.

The highest priority community and economic development activity identified in this question is Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater).

Question #7 What do you perceive to be the three (3) highest priorities for housing and community development in the City of Clearwater over the next five (5) years?

Results

This was an open-ended question. Applicants were able to provide three open-ended responses. Of the 67 returned surveys, 56 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the most repeated responses:

Adaptive reuse
Addressing competition with short-term rentals/investor real estate
Affordable housing (owned and rented, existing and new construction)
Availability of essential services (e.g., police, fire, EMS, etc.)
Code enforcement/blight elimination
Community centers, parks, libraries and family/child-friendly programming
Down-payment/mortgage assistance for homeownership
Growth management
Healthcare
Homeless housing and services (e.g., mental health)
Housing for seniors and/or persons with disabilities
Housing rehabilitation (owned and rented)
Infrastructure (lighting, sidewalks, roads, public transit, pedestrian/bicycle safety, walkability, stormwater/drainage to prevent flooding)
Managing overdevelopment/growth/density/congestion
More parks and recreation programming (e.g., farm markets, community garden, etc.)
Neighborhood beautification/clean-up
Post-storm repairs
Public transportation

Safe neighborhoods (e.g., lighting for safety, traffic control, crosswalks, speed limits, etc.)
Utility assistance
Youth programs/services

Question #8 Have you visited the City's housing website?

Results
This was a multiple-choice question. Of the 67 returned surveys, 66 responses were received for this question. The choices were "yes" or "no".

- Approximately 50% of respondents selected "yes"
- Approximately 50% of respondents selected "no"

Question #9 Do you feel that information pertaining to housing programs and community services is readily available to you?

Results
This was a multiple-choice question. Of the 67 returned surveys, 66 responses were received for this question. The choices were "yes," "no," or "I don't know."

- Approximately 32% of respondents selected "yes"
- Approximately 21% of respondents selected "no"
- Approximately 47% of respondents selected "I don't know"

Question #10 What suggestions, if any, do you have for the City of Clearwater to better communicate and work with housing providers or community development initiatives?

Results
This was an open-ended question. Applicants were able to provide one open-ended response. Of the 67 returned surveys, 39 responses were received for this question. The following summarizes the responses:

- *Advance notice for meetings*
- *Case managers at homeless facilities*
- *Communicate incentives for affordable housing*
- *Consider zoning/code changes*
- *Coordinate with St. Pete College*
- *Detailed list of apartments available for senior, elderly, or disabled residents on fixed incomes*
- *Frequent housing expos*
- *Hold afterwork meetings so non-retirees can attend*
- *Interact with schools and community groups (e.g., churches, etc.)*
- *Meet with neighborhood representatives*
- *News, social media, and text messaging*
- *Not enough information to respond*
- *Post notices for a longer period of time*
- *Talk with people that have families (e.g., youth needs)*
- *Town Hall meetings, more opportunities to comment at City Council meetings*
- *Work with local realtors to share information*

Question #11 What is your relationship to the City of Clearwater? (choose all that apply)

Results
This was a multiple-choice question with an optional "other" entry. Of the 67 returned surveys, 65 responses were received for this question

- Approximately 83% of respondents selected "Full-time resident"
- Approximately 19% of respondents selected "Work in Clearwater"
- Approximately 14% of respondents selected "Visit/recreate/shop in Clearwater"
- Approximately 12% of respondents selected "Community Service Provider"
- Approximately 9% of respondents selected "Own a business in Clearwater"
- Approximately 9% of respondents selected "Community Leader/Organizer"
- Approximately 5% of respondents selected "Part-time resident"

Question #12 Where do you live?

Results
This was a multiple-choice question. Of the 67 returned surveys, 66 responses were received for this question.

- Approximately 47% of respondents selected "Elsewhere in the City of Clearwater"
- Approximately 23% of respondents selected "Pinellas County"
- Approximately 21% of respondents selected "Other (please specify)"
- Approximately 5% of respondents selected "North Greenwood Neighborhood"
- Approximately 3% of respondents selected "Downtown Gateway Neighborhood"
- Approximately 1% of respondents selected "Lake Bellevue Neighborhood"

Other entries included Pasco County, Clearwater Beach, Beckett Lake Estates (Belcher/Sunset Point), Brentwood Estates, Countryside, Marymont, Morningside Estates, and Glenwood.

Question #13 If a business owner, where is your business located?

Results
This was an open-ended question. Applicants were able to provide one open-ended response. Of the 67 returned surveys, 19 responses were received for this question. The responses were as follows:

- Approximately 37% of respondents selected "Elsewhere in the City of Clearwater"
- Approximately 26% of respondents selected "Other (please specify)"
- Approximately 16% of respondents selected "Pinellas County"
- Approximately 11% of respondents selected "East Gateway Neighborhood"
- Approximately 5% of respondents selected "North Greenwood Neighborhood"
- Approximately 5% of respondents selected "Lake Bellevue Neighborhood"

Open-ended “other” entries generally included: Gulf-to Bay Blvd. or home-based business.

Question #14 Additional Comments

Results

This was an open-ended question. Applicants were able to provide one open-ended response. Of the 67 returned surveys, 23 responses were received for this question. The responses were as follows:

- *Housing issues impact some more than others but it impacts everyone.*
- *Thank you for your time and consideration.*
- *Don't commercialize Let's find our own identity!*
- *Beach is fine, help areas deal with density, price, permits, ADU's, etc. vs. more affordable apartments or rentals or Airbnb or hedge fund homeowners -- especially those that do not live/work in the area.*
- *Hope many citizens take an interest in happenings in our city.*
- *More assistance with the homeless.*
- *Please make the Citizen a priority instead of focusing on tourism. You are ruining our city by ignoring the citizen’s needs!*
- *Many ow income seniors do not have a car which makes it very hard to get to medical appointments or to get groceries.*
- *Clearwater is a beautiful city being suffocated by Scientology. The taxes that other entities would provide to the community would help our community thrive. Our parks are fantastic now. We need to put more money into helping local businesses so that prices can come down and make things (like rent and owning a home) more affordable.*
- *Execute safe streets. stop changing former plans made by council. Imagine being an employee of the city and changing course every 2 years. Help us all get solar and save money from Duke increases. Talk to the state officials.*
- *Drew St. is STILL overcrowded, too narrow and dangerous. CrestLake Park installed a “giving” wall. A waste of money IMO. Needs maintenance on the plant life there as well. Weeds are overtaking the plants, another waste of money spent on good landscaping. Still the most beautiful park in Clearwater but could be magnificent.*
- *The budget is surprisingly low!*
- *I believe in the power of teamwork and working together to improve the lives of everyone we can truly make a difference in our community regardless of any social status or position.*
- *Over development and traffic congestion make living here less desirable than it used to be.*
- *The Belcher Rd/Gulf to Bay intersection could be very easily improved with very low cost. 1) Repaint the crosswalks with bright and fun colors. It's the "doorway" to Clearwater. 2) Add an all-way pedestrian crossing cycle to the traffic lights. (east/west, north/south, pedestrians) It would improve traffic flow too. 3) Add flashing lights to indicate an upcoming red traffic light on Gulf to Bay 4) Move the entrance to CVS on Belcher Rd to the sidewalk area a few hundred feet north in the parking lot. Then the west left turn lane could be extended. Super easy quick fixes!*
- *Improve the traffic.*
- *North greenwood needs more effective support in its regeneration efforts.*

- *People should not be allowed to live like squatters. Tarps on roofs for many years, and that was before the two hurricanes hit. The city needs to enforce the code violations.*
- *Very important that we go this plan and then follow it. Too many plans just die.*
- *Thank you for including citizens in this important process. I hope that the city will be transparent with the outcomes of such citizen engagement and demonstrate that residents' and other stakeholders' voices are taken to heart in the development of the five-year comprehensive plan. I and other neighbors were greatly distressed that years of robust work and public participation invested in the Drew Street plan were so quickly disposed of by new city council members. This is an opportunity for our city's leaders to demonstrate that you represent EVERYONE in Clearwater, not only special interests with the financial means to wield undue influence on the future of our city.*
- *I volunteer throughout Pinellas County and are now living at Pinellas Hope due to fire at complex at Lutheran Apts St. Petersburg.*
- *Stop letting people walk across Gulf to Bay, getting killed.*

End of Survey Results

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
FY 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The City of Clearwater is estimated to receive **$940,482** in grant allocation funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and **$400,221** in grant allocation funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 beginning October 1, 2025. Federal funding authorization for the CDBG and HOME programs is through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to these grant allocations, the City anticipates receiving program income from the CDBG and HOME programs. At this time, funding amounts are estimated only and may increase or decrease based upon actual program income, prior-year adjustments, and/or final federal grant allocations.

These funds will be used primarily for housing, community, and economic development activities. A portion of the funds listed above may be used for City conducted and/or sponsored projects and may not be available for allocation to applicants. Federal regulations applicable to these programs dictate funding availability for certain projects. Funds can only be used in the incorporated limits of the City of Clearwater. However, an agency that is located outside the City may receive funding if they provide documented services for city residents.

Proposals for new projects will be accepted beginning on **February 12, 2025**. Suggestions for new projects/activities for FY 2025-2026 may be proposed and must address one or more of the following strategies:

- Promote better livable opportunities in a designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA); NRSA maps are located at www.myclearwater.com/NRSAmaps
- Promote affordable housing for renters and/or homebuyers
- Promote efforts/activities to end chronic homelessness
- Provide outreach and housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families
- Provide assistance to victims of domestic violence
- Promote economic opportunities for very low- to moderate-income individuals
- Provide assistance to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with HIV/AIDS
- Develop public facility or infrastructure projects in the NRSAs
- Promote efforts to reduce lead poisoning in children
- Promote opportunities to end poverty (job training, employability skills, educational attainment, and other related activities)
- Promote opportunities to assist public housing residents to become self-sufficient
- Promote opportunities for individuals to reduce their dependency on alcohol and drugs
- Promote fair housing opportunities

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, housing rehabilitation, public facility or infrastructure improvements, supportive services to address homeless or special needs, economic opportunity or business assistance, and similar or related projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Applications for organizations desiring to participate in the City of Clearwater Housing Pool for affordable housing activities involving down payment assistance/gap financing, land acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation of single- and multi-family housing will be accepted from eligible participants on a year-round basis while funds remain available.

The City will be utilizing an online application that can be found by clicking the Apply Here link located at www.myclearwater.com/housingnotices beginning **February 12, 2025**.

Applications must be submitted via the City's website no later than **11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irin Gomez, Community Development Programs Administrator, at (727) 444-7164 or irin.gomez@myclearwater.com.

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City of Clearwater

Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 AM

Main Library - Council Chambers

Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 ID#25-0402 Approve the April 8, 2024, NAHAB Meeting Minutes.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

4.1 ID#25-0377 Approve the staff recommended funding allocations for use of CDBG funding for Program Year 2025/26.

4.2 ID#25-0401 Recommend City Council approval of the Substantial Amendment to City of Clearwater's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, and authorize the City to modify existing agreements and request new applications for funding.

5. Director's Report

6. Board Members to be Heard

7. Adjourn

CITY OF CLEARWATER
2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN & FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Clearwater is hereby publishing the proposed 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to allocate federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan identifies strategic goals to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons over the next five-year period, which begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2030. The AAP identifies projects and activities to be implemented by the City during FY 2025, which begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026. CDBG funds are used to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. HOME funds are used to foster private sector partnerships with for-profit and non-profit organizations to develop affordable housing.

In addition to the entitlement grant, funding allocations include anticipated program income generated by the City's Revolving Loan Fund as well as prior-year (i.e., carryover) resources from projects that were either cancelled or completed under budget to be applied toward new projects. The City of Clearwater anticipates an estimated $925,886 in new CDBG funds, $52,900 in CDBG program income, and $367,673 in prior-year CDBG resources. The City also anticipates an estimated $383,226 in new HOME funds, $2,416,313 in HOME program income, and $2,591,861 in prior-year HOME resources. These funds will be programmed to eligible activities under these grant programs.

The list below, organized by strategic goal, captures all proposed projects to be funded with CDBG and HOME resources in FY 2025. Funding for these and other projects are estimated resources only and funding amounts may increase or decrease based upon actual program income, prior-year adjustments, and/or final federal funding allocations. Due to these and other factors, the City of Clearwater reserves the right to add or delete projects and/or adjust funding allocations proportionally.

ESTIMATED RESOURCES	
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Entitlement	$925,886
CDBG - Program Income	$52,900
CDBG - Prior-Year Resources	$367,673
Revolving Loan Fund	$538,474
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) – Entitlement	$383,226
HOME - Program Income	$2,416,313
HOME - Prior-Year Resources	$2,591,861
TOTAL	**$7,276,333**

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Program Administration	
CDBG (from Entitlement)	$185,177
CDBG (from Program Income)	$5,560
HOME (from Entitlement)	$38,323
HOME (from Program Income)	$10,800
Housing	
Creation and Preservation of Rental Housing	$3,593,351
Creation and Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing	$1,094,157
Home Purchase Assistance/Loan Processing	$500,000
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$285,599
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside	$57,484
Homelessness	
WestCare GulfCoast Florida (A Turning Point Program)	$23,147
Metropolitan Ministries (NeighborHOPE Program)	$23,147
Pinellas Opportunity Council (Emergency Assistance Program)	$23,147
St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen and Resource Center (Facility Improvements)	$105,000
Non-Homeless Special Needs	
No projects proposed in FY 2025	
Community Development & Public Services	
Hispanic Outreach Center (Youth Leadership/Victim Advocacy)	$23,147
Gulfcoast Legal Services (Housing Legal Services for Homeless Prevention)	$23,147
Hope Villages of America (Senior Wellness Pantry)	$23,147
Hope Villages of America (Food Distribution & Basic Needs Center)	$85,000
Directions for Living (ADA Accessibility/Doors/Stairwells)	$191,340
Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center (Power Backup/Generator)	$74,134
TBD-Public Facilities Projects	$85,400
Elimination of Slum & Blight (Property Acquisition & Demolition)	$68,052
Economic Development	
Prospera (Technical Assistance for LMI Hispanic Businesses)	$20,000
WeeCare dba Upwards Care (Childcare BOOST Program)	$19,600
Façade Improvement Program	$180,000
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The public comment period begins on June 8, 2025, and ends on July 7, 2025. Please send any comments to Dylan Mayeux, Real Estate Coordinator II, City of Clearwater Economic Development and Housing Department, 509 S. East Ave, Suite 227, Clearwater, FL 33756 or via telephone at (727) 444-7168 or via email at Dylan.Mayeux@myclearwater.com before 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2025. A draft copy of the proposed City of Clearwater 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan will be available for public comment beginning June 8, 2025, on the City's website at https://www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/City-Departments/Economic-Development/Guiding-Documents-Plans-and-Reports. Hard copies will be available at the following locations for review during the public comment period:

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City of Clearwater
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Additionally, the City of Clearwater will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan prior to submittal to HUD. Both public hearings will be held in City Council Chambers in the Main Library located at 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL, 33755. The first public hearing will be a meeting of the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) to be held on July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The second public hearing will be a meeting of the Clearwater City Council to be held on August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in these meetings are asked to contact the City Clerk at (727) 444-7151 or rosemarie.call@myclearwater.com in advance.

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CITY OF CLEARWATER
2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN & FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
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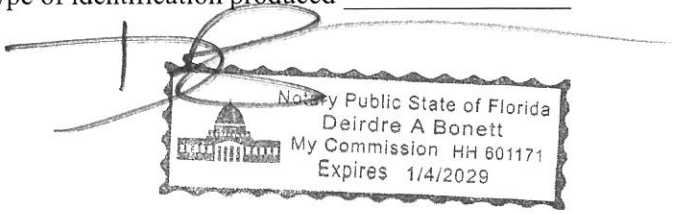

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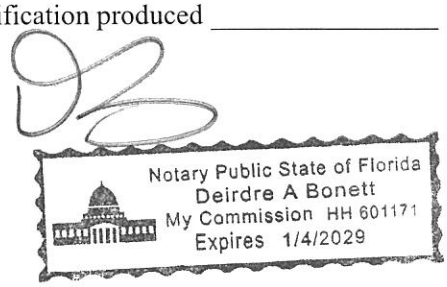

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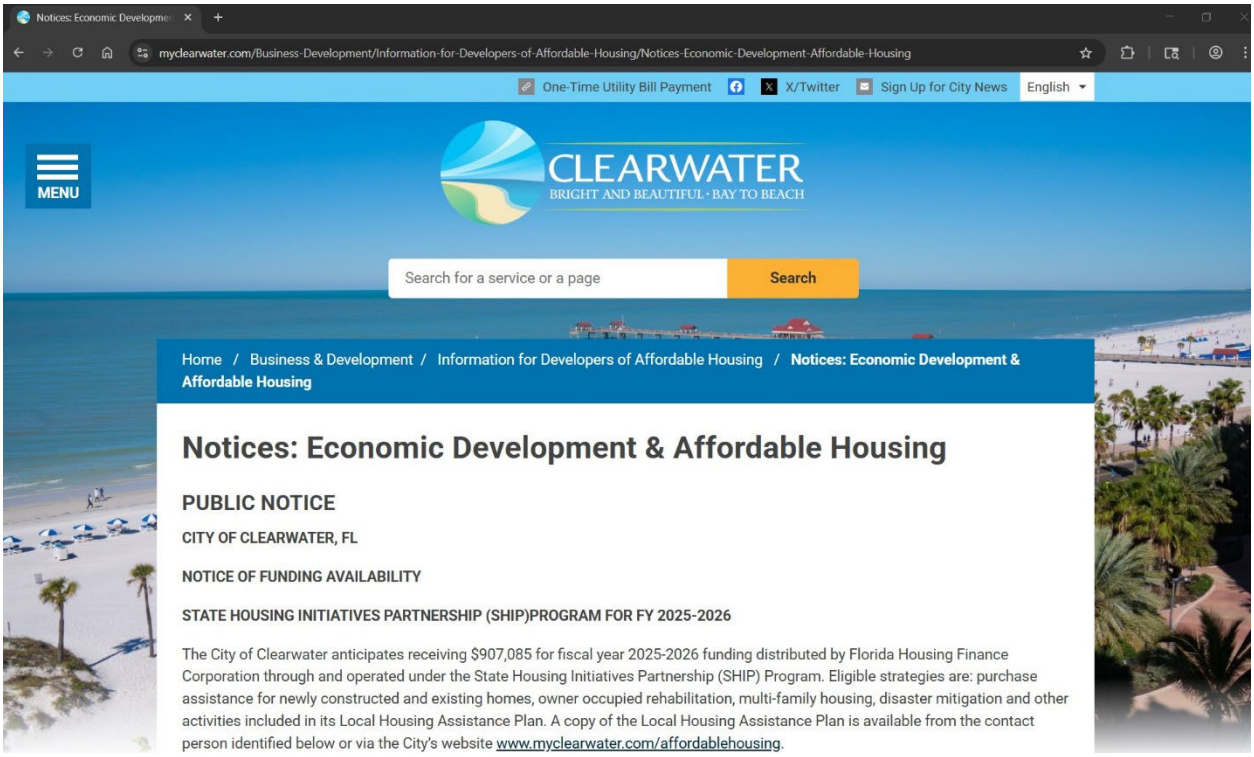

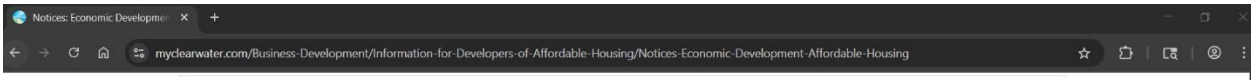

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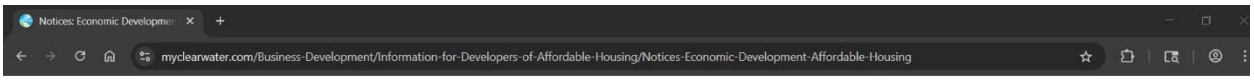

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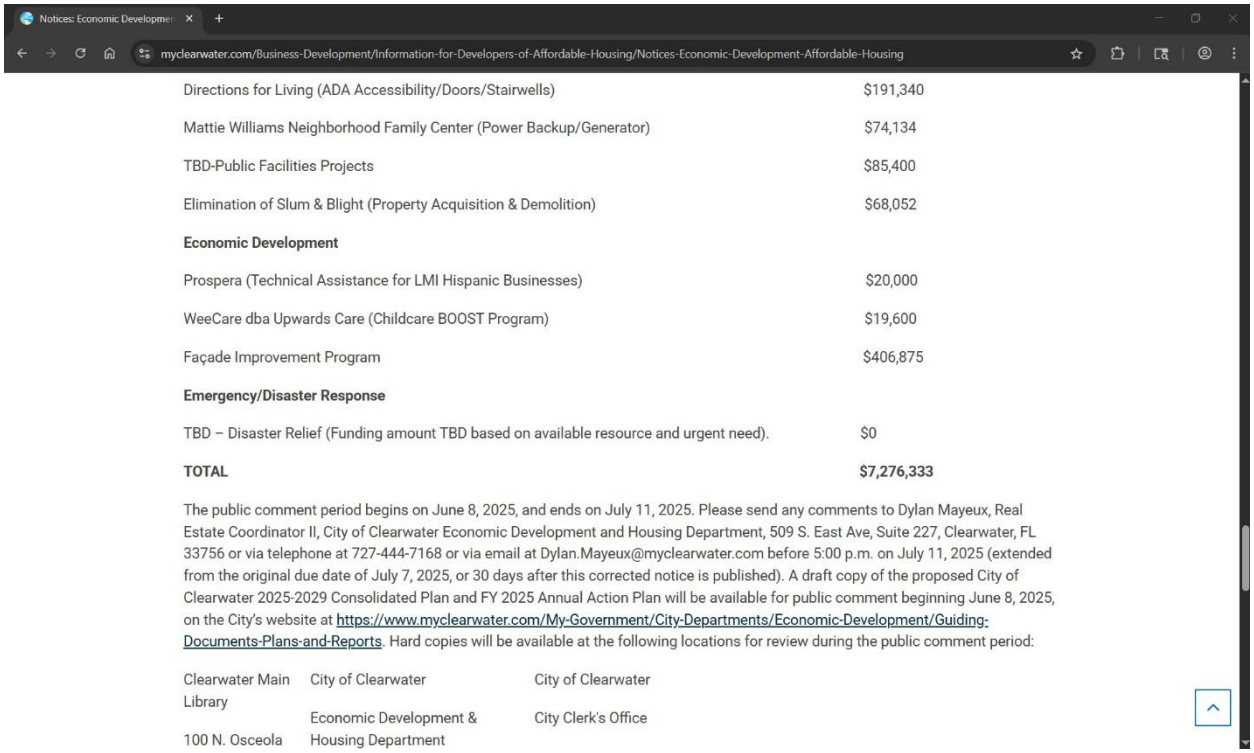

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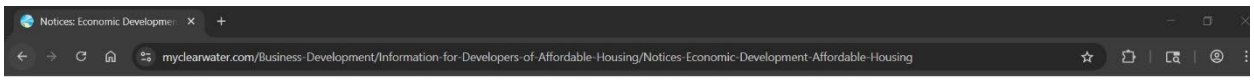

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Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 ID#25-0583 Approve the May 13, 2025, NAHAB Meeting Minutes.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

4.1 ID#25-0582 Recommend City Council approval of the adoption of the City of Clearwater's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and FY2025/2026 Annual Action Plan, which is the first Action Plan of the new 2025/2026 - 2029/2030 Consolidated Plan, to implement the goals and objectives set forth in the Consolidated Plan and authorize the appropriate officials to enter into agreements with HUD and organizations approved for funding, together with authorization to execute administrative adjustments to same as needed.

5. Old Business Items

6. Director's Report

7. Board Members to be Heard

8. Adjourn

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