

NOKOMIS CENTER REVITALIZATION

Project: LORETO COURT BOAT BASIN IMPROVEMENTS (RC-3)

Project Type: County and Community Project

Project and Background Description:

Improve the County-owned boat basin at Loreto Court by repairing and improving the existing boat ramp and seawalls, adding a wood dock, and constructing parking lot and turn-around for vehicles and boat trailers.

The Nokomis East Association deeded the existing County-owned boat basin at the west-end of Loreto Court to the County in 1993. The property includes a boat ramp in fair condition, a seawall in need of repair east of the ramp, and grass parking for only 1, possibly 2, vehicles with trailers. Turning vehicles with trailers around to exit is difficult due to the narrow width of Loreto Court. Adjacent property owners, particularly to the east and west, are sensitive to public use of the property.

The County needs to investigate opportunities to improve access and use of the boat basin. Opportunities include purchasing additional property for parking, providing appropriate screening from adjacent properties, improving the slope from the ramp into the water, and repairing the seawall. Nokomis residents want the right-of-way access between Loreto Court and Padua Street reopened to improve traffic circulation and access to the boat ramp.

Preliminary Cost Estimates:

• Purchase property for parking lot	TBD
• Develop parking lot (5 @ \$900 per car)	\$ 4,500
• Improve boat ramp	\$ 45,000
• Repair seawall	\$ 4,200
• Build wood dock	\$ 1,500
• Landscape screening	\$ 1,500
<i>Total Estimated Cost</i>	<i>\$ 56,700 not including property costs</i>

Potential Funding Source(s):

Florida Boating Improvement Program, Florida Recreation Parks Association, Transportation Funds, WCIND, Private funding through the Venice Foundation.

Implementation Time Frame: Mid-term, two to five years.

Responsible Parties:

Parks and Recreation, Resources Permitting, Public Works Real Property, Planning Services

Steps Required to Implement:

- Purchase property for parking area.
- Design and engineer for repairing seawall, improving ramp, and parking lot.

Issues Requiring Further Analysis/Action:

1. The County needs to evaluate selling a portion of the eastern part of the property to the adjacent property owner.

