

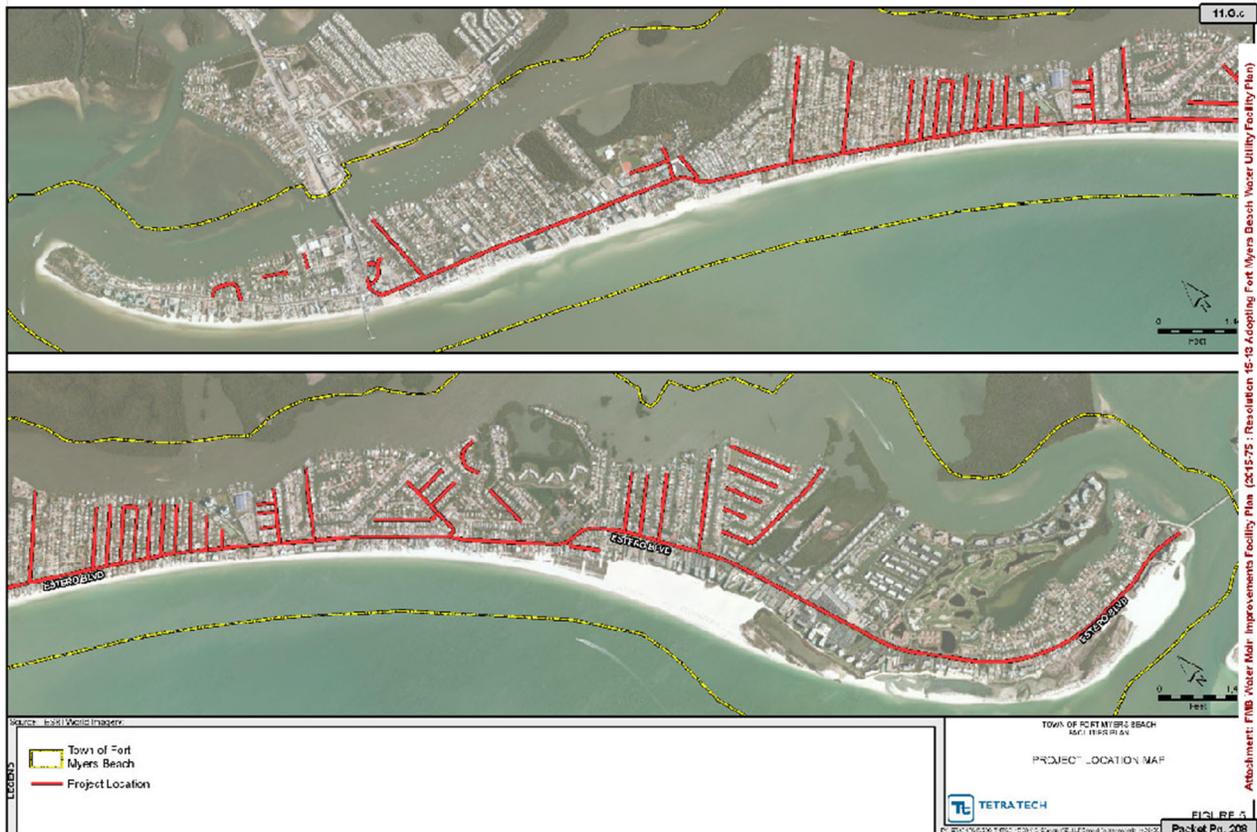
Town of Fort Myers Beach State Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities Funding Request

Purpose and Benefits

The Town of Fort Myers Beach respectfully requests the consideration and support of the Legislative Delegation for critical infrastructure needs. The benefits related to the proposed improvements include environmental preservation and protection, contaminant reduction, flood control, disaster mitigation, and improved drinking water quality and supply.

Project Information

Estero Boulevard is the only thoroughfare connecting Fort Myers Beach to the Lee County mainland and is the sole evacuation route for hurricanes. For several years, the Town of Fort Myers Beach has been collaborating with Lee County on the Estero Boulevard infrastructure renewal and replacement project which consists of new water lines, waste water lines, storm water transmission and treatment, roadway improvements and streetscape. The Town has committed over \$60 million for these improvements which include providing up to 19 joint outfalls to allow storm water from Estero Boulevard to be properly treated prior to being conveyed to Estero Bay for discharge. The projects directly support the Goals and Objectives identified in the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve Management Plan. The State grant funding would be used to support completion of these essential projects.



Funding Request

The following list represents the Town of Fort Myers Beach's priorities and specific project requests for the State of Florida Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

Stormwater Outfall Improvements - \$500,000

Funds would be used for design and construction of new outfalls and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to treat stormwater runoff.

Estero Boulevard Water Improvements - \$500,000

Funds would be used for design and construction for the replacement of water mains, lines, and associated appurtenances necessary to provide adequate and safe drinking water.

Total FY 2019-2020 Funding Request: \$1,000,000

The Town sincerely appreciates the Legislative Delegation's time and consideration of this critical investment of state funds to support the Town's efforts in protecting regional and state water resources. The Town is currently spending nearly \$60 million on the overall projects and would appreciate the opportunity to mitigate the financial impacts to our citizens through the legislative funding request process.