

Palm Beach County Department of Economic Sustainability

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

COUNTY EXPANDS INCENTIVES PORTFOLIO TO FURTHER LEVERAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENTS

While some industries experience a seasonal slow-down once Summer rolls around, Palm Beach County's economic development efforts remain in full swing, enhanced by the recent award of two new funding sources to complement it's portfolio of incentive programs.

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund



In May of this year, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Palm Beach County as one of 240 recipients nationwide to receive a grant funded by the agency's Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) programs.

Palm Beach County's award of **\$1 million** will be used to both capitalize a revolving loan and to provide subgrants to eligible nonprofits, redevelopment agencies, and governmental entities to support the cleanup of brownfields sites.

The Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund will help finance business development projects on brownfields sites throughout the county, while leveraging private investment and piggybacking the HUD Section 108, Dept. of Energy, USDA Rural, and Small Business Administration loan programs.

USDA Rural Loan Program -

selected through a competitive nationwide process, the County was awarded \$400,000 for the establishment of a revolving loan fund. Loans issued will leverage funding from other public and private sources to promote business growth and create jobs in the rural communities of Palm Beach County.



Committed to the future of rural communities.

Businesses assisted by Palm Beach County loan programs have created nearly 1,500 new full-time jobs.



OXYGEN



Oxygen Development, LLC, world-class supplier of cosmetics, skin, hair care, and over-the-counter drug products, has created **822 new full-time jobs** at its manufacturing plant in Palm Springs. This more than doubles the company's job creation commitment of 400 jobs under a \$6 million Section 108 loan agreement with the County.



Concrete Services, Inc., the leading transportation concrete specialty contractor in the State, has **added 182 jobs** at its Palm Springs facility. Under a HUD Section 108 Loan with the County, the company committed to create 12 full-time jobs.



Garda USA, Inc. – part of multinational group Garda World Security Corporation specializing in security and cash logistics, Garda exceeded job creation goals by 500 percent at its new national headquarters in Boca Raton.

Under a Job Growth Incentive Grant Agreement with the County, the company can receive county financial support up to \$210,000 as a match to State funding for creating 100 new full-time jobs by June 30, 2014. **To date, Garda has created 500 new jobs.**

OTHER BUSINESS NEWS



Named Manufacturer of the Year 2013!

At the South Florida Manufacturing Association awards banquet in April, Smart for Life owner and medical director Sasson Moulavi was presented with the 2013 top honor in recognition of the company's standards of excellence maintained at their new bakery.

A manufacturer of nutritional food products, Smart for Life received county assistance through the Section 108 and Energy Revolving Loan programs in order to complete the \$3.1 million renovation of their 25,000 square foot plant on West 13th Street in Riviera Beach.

JUPITER COURTYARD MARRIOTT

construction is well underway in Abacoa. This \$19 million project received a \$2.3 million HUD Section 108 Loan through the county for fixed assets and working capital. It is anticipated that the hotel will serve as a commercial anchor to increase activity for neighboring businesses.



For the full story, see http://pbcgov.com/newsroom/0413/04-24-13-jupiter_marriott.htm

PROJECTS ASSISTED THROUGH DES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF FY 2012 ARE PROJECTED TO HAVE A \$3 BILLION LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

Looking for the best site for your business relocation or expansion? Our real-time research tool will help you locate future and existing land uses, zoning districts, North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) codes, census data, enterprise zones, ownership and property tax information, and more. <http://maps.co.palm-beach.fl.us/edo>



PBC Interactive now includes existing and future land use designations for all 38 municipalities.



The **Glades Region Master Plan** is a community-driven process that will craft a blueprint for economic development and redevelopment, focusing on major employment centers including the proposed Inland Logistics Center. When completed, this plan is envisioned to be the basis from which future federal assistance can be applied to implement community improvements. Plan components include:

- *Inland Logistics Center and other major employment centers*
- *Workforce development*
- *Public transportation*
- *Roads and rail*
- *Drainage*
- *Water and sewer*
- *Affordable housing*
- *Coordinated land use policies*
- *Public participation*

As part of the public participation process, a Core Planning Committee has been established which includes Glades residents and representatives of agencies, civic organizations, religious and educational institutions, and businesses. The committee's role is to keep Glades neighborhoods engaged, informed and involved in the planning process.



Be sure to check www.pbcgov.com/des and click on this button for further updates.



Water Taxis/Vessels for Hire – On May 7th the Board of County Commissioners directed county staff to draft an ordinance pertaining to the water taxi industry which serves waterfront establishments and attractions between Boca Raton and Jupiter. The ordinance

is supported by the League of Cities and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

FTZ 135 Seeks Alternate Site Framework from U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board - The County passed a resolution supporting the Port of Palm Beach's application to expand Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 135.

- ❖ The new service area would include the counties of Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie in their entirety.
- ❖ Having an expanded zone would widen access to foreign trade zone benefits to companies throughout the service area and shorten the process for activation.
- ❖ Companies operating in an FTZ can defer, reduce, or eliminate customs duties on foreign products imported for storage, manufacture, and processing, and have access to streamlined customs procedures.





Community Redevelopment

DEMOLITIONS

The **Glades Demolition Program** will remove approximately 70 vacant and unsafe structures from the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. This project was made possible through a partnership of Palm Beach County and the Glades cities and is being funded by \$1 million in Neighborhood Stabilization 3 and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

County departments of Economic Sustainability, Facilities Development & Operations, and Risk Management are working with the cities on a prioritized list of properties.



For the complete story, see http://pbcgov.com/newsroom/0713/07-02-13-glades_demo.htm

County Partners with Mangonia Park to Construct Neighborhood Improvements

A six-foot park slide, a new community center, and emergency generators are among the improvements recently undertaken in Mangonia Park, thanks to a partnership of Palm Beach County with the Town and funding provided through the CDBG Program.

A grant of \$7,225 is helping to fund the installation of new playground equipment at Addie L. Greene Public Park, located at 1233 53rd Street.

Mangonia Park's new community center was completed last year and required a conversion and renovation of the Town's former fire station on South Australian Avenue. The \$81,000 project has resulted in an essential facility where community programs, services, events and activities can be offered.



Water Utilities also completed the installation of seven emergency generators at potable water wells and sanitary sewer pump stations in the Town, funded by more than \$370,000 in Disaster Recovery Initiative dollars.

The generators will ensure uninterrupted service in case of power outages brought on by major storm events.

Wimbley Gymnasium Improvements Completed in Lake Worth

A new room addition is now complete at Lake Worth's Wimbley Gym on Wingfield Street. The expansion was made possible through a County allocation of \$200,000 in CDBG funds. Improvements include additional space of 1,000 square feet, security system and lighting, covered entry, and ADA-compliant access from the existing gym and parking lot.



Housing Investments



A grand opening Event was held June 3 to celebrate the completion of **Westgate Plaza Apartments**, an affordable rental housing complex developed exclusively for low – income seniors. The

project received a \$6.1 million loan through the county from HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) funds.

The apartments include energy-efficient appliances, hurricane impact-resistant windows and doors, and handicapped-accessibility features. This project provides a much-needed housing option for seniors and represents prime redevelopment in the Westgate CRA.

For the complete story, see http://pbcgov.com/newsroom/0613/06-10-13-d7_westgate.htm

In the Pines, a 30-unit affordable rental townhome community in western Boynton Beach was constructed to replace workforce housing which was severely damaged from Hurricane Wilma. The project received nearly \$5 million from the County through Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Programs 2 and 3.



The one- and two-story units include energy-efficient plumbing and air-conditioning systems, impact-resistant windows and doors, and Energy Star appliances, along with environmentally-friendly carpet and paint. Native landscaping on site is irrigated with County reclaimed water. The project earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification, awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Housing Investments



In the Pines (continued)

At right, In the Pines BEFORE



At left, In the Pines completed townhomes

Read the complete story at http://webdev/newsroom/0613/06-11-13-in_the_pines.htm.

Neighborhood Renaissance, Inc.

is acquiring and renovating 70 residential properties under its *Finding Your Way Home* program which was funded by Palm Beach County through an NSP2 allocation of \$12 million. Goals of the program include restoration of vacant structures to productive use, a turn-around in home values, and an overall increase in community pride in targeted neighborhoods.



PALM BEACH COUNTY'S COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERS

The **Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Inc.** is the County's marketing arm for recruiting, retaining and expanding businesses. They work closely with DES and Enterprise Florida to offer incentive packages to businesses that commit to make a capital investment in Palm Beach County and to create and retain full-time jobs at competitive salaries. <http://www.bdb.org>

Business Development Board



Palm Beach County's Economic Development Resource

BBIC

The **Black Business Investment Corporation (BBIC)** is a non-profit organization located in Riviera Beach, which provides business loan guarantees, bonding, equity capital, job opportunities and other business services to qualified businesses owned by black citizens. The BBIC also provides training and educational programs in cooperation with area partners. Email John Howard at pbcbbic@att.net.



Enterprise Development Corporation (EDC) provides entrepreneurial support services to high growth potential companies across multiple industries to create a vibrant, innovation-based economy in our region. <http://www.edc-tech.org>

Office of Small Business Assistance

Small Business is Big Business in Palm Beach County

The Office of Small Business Assistance (OSBA) works with DES to promote economic growth, expansion and increased productivity of small business enterprises. Visit their site at www.pbcgov.com/osba to find out more about their certification programs and guidelines for starting a new business.



The **TED Center** is a non-profit organization that supports the successful development of entrepreneurs, small companies, and start up businesses. TED provides assistance countywide and

recent collaborations have been expanded in the Glades cities to provide technical assistance to more microenterprises and small businesses in that region. For more information about TED's services, visit <http://www.tedcenter.org/>.

Workforce Alliance is chartered by the State to lead workforce development in Palm Beach



County. Their programs help local companies train and retain workers, and they offer scholarships to help employees update their skills or train for a new career in a high-demand field. For more information, visit www.pbcalliance.com.