

INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS

Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT):

The CCRT, under the umbrella of the OCR, was created by the Board of County Commissioners in 1997 to coordinate stabilization/revitalization activities for designated residential neighborhoods in unincorporated Palm Beach County.

The CCRT meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vista Center (Room VC-1E-60). These meetings are a great opportunity for residents and community groups to share their concerns and advocate for their needs. The meetings are also a great venue for residents to meet and network with County agencies and other community leaders who, like themselves, are making a difference in their community.

Glades Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC):

Facilitates communication and collaboration with the Glades communities, and serves in an advisory role in planning efforts affecting the Lake Region communities.

Abundant Community Initiative (ACI):

An initiative designed to support grassroots efforts to increase neighborhood wellness by focusing on developing communities from the inside out, identifying and mobilizing assets from within (their skills, abilities and gifts), and connecting them with one another.

The overall goal of the initiative is to help communities to be places where people know their neighbors, watch out for each other, take pride in their community, and enjoy many opportunities for social, educational and recreational interaction.

Home Beautification Improvement Grant Program:

Provides funding assistance for visible enhancements to residential properties in CCRT areas. Examples of eligible improvements include: exterior painting, exterior doors, mailboxes, driveway and fencing repair, and landscaping improvements.

Neighborhood Street Lighting (NSL) Program:

Provides funding for the installation and maintenance of streetlights at approved locations along County owned and maintained roadways (within CCRT areas) that experience above-average nighttime criminal activity, as well as unsafe pedestrian and vehicular mobility conditions.

Resident Education to Action Program (REAP):

A hands-on educational course on community revitalization and civic engagement, intended to help community residents to be better informed about local government, as well as learn how to solve problems and access resources.



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**Building Our Communities
One Neighborhood
At A Time**



WHO WE ARE

The Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) was established in 2003 to administer the County's Community Revitalization Program.

The mission of the OCR is to strengthen and improve Palm Beach County neighborhoods by engaging citizens' participation, enhancing governmental response to community needs, and providing education, technical and financial assistance to help residents plan and implement sustainable neighborhood improvements.

The OCR offers a wide variety of services and programs to assist residents in effectively accessing and utilizing County services and resources, and enabling them to manage community related issues and reverse community decline.



WHAT WE DO

The Office of Community Revitalization:

- Facilitates and coordinates community revitalization initiatives within designated residential neighborhoods in unincorporated Palm Beach County
- Recommends to the Board of County Commissioners where to allocate general funds which are used in partnership with funding from other County departments and agencies to initiate and complete neighborhood improvement projects
- Works with other departments in the review of annexations and development proposals for consistency with community revitalization goals
- Organizes and facilitates neighborhood meetings and visioning workshops, and helps prepare neighborhood plans
- Identifies as well as procures funding for neighborhood improvement projects
- Prepares and distributes neighborhood news and information to residents on workshops, neighborhood conferences, and other community resources
- Helps neighborhood groups in the development of neighborhood association websites
- Facilitates neighborhood improvements and sustainable community initiative through leadership development training, grant programs, resource referral, and technical assistance to neighborhood, groups, leaders and volunteers
- Addresses community problems by working with citizens to identify solutions and improve service delivery

HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

The Office of Community Revitalization Can Help Your Neighborhood By:

- Being the point of contact at the County to help your neighborhood get the answers it needs
- Assisting in identifying resources to help your neighborhood take on projects and tackle issues
- Providing opportunities for your neighborhood to network and share information with other neighborhood groups and organizations
- Guiding you in the formation of a neighborhood association or re-energizing an existing one
- Providing technical assistance to apply for a grant for neighborhood projects
- Sharing news and program information of interest to your neighborhood on an ongoing basis

"It is our responsibility to identify those areas which are in need, and to provide the financial and technical resources necessary for those communities to dictate their own path to revitalization."

The OCR