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Greenacres Rehabs Public Building with Palm Beach County's Help

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The city of Greenacres has completed renovations to a 4,580-square-foot public building to house multiple uses. Located on Swain Boulevard in an area targeted for revitalization, the building was originally constructed back in the early 1950's. It was expanded over the years and served various public purposes from a volunteer fire station to a public works maintenance



Greenacres Building

and storage facility. The newly rehabilitated structure will now house the Greenacres Historical Society, a police substation, public works storage, and a future satellite office for the local chamber of commerce.

With a total project cost of \$235,000, Palm Beach County, through the Department of Economic Sustainability leveraged city funds with a \$79,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Construction involved demolition, site repair, and interior and exterior renovations including electric, plumbing, air-conditioning, handicap accessibility, egress, and hurricane protection to meet current building codes and return the building to a functional use. The city implemented the project and will operate and maintain the facility. The county's CDBG program supports projects which meet a national objective of addressing slum and blight.

"The city of Greenacres is very pleased that this existing city building has been renovated and enhanced to return to its rightful place as a useful, contributing asset for the city and the original section neighborhood," said Greenacres Assistant City Manager Tom Lanahan. "This amazing transformation would not have been possible without the support of the Community Development Block Grant program and the county's Department of Economic Sustainability."

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