

The Fort Myers downtown TIF district was awarded Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program status by the State of Florida on August 26, 2009.

The program chooses communities every two years to receive state assistance in creating a community-designed vision plan for the revitalization of traditional water-dependent economies, with the government and the public working together in a locally-based committee. Public participation plays a vital role in formulating the plans developed by this program, as citizens' ideas, interests, and opinions are sought throughout the process. Interests from the commercial, residential, environmental, cultural, and social sectors will be considered when determining the waterfront's role.

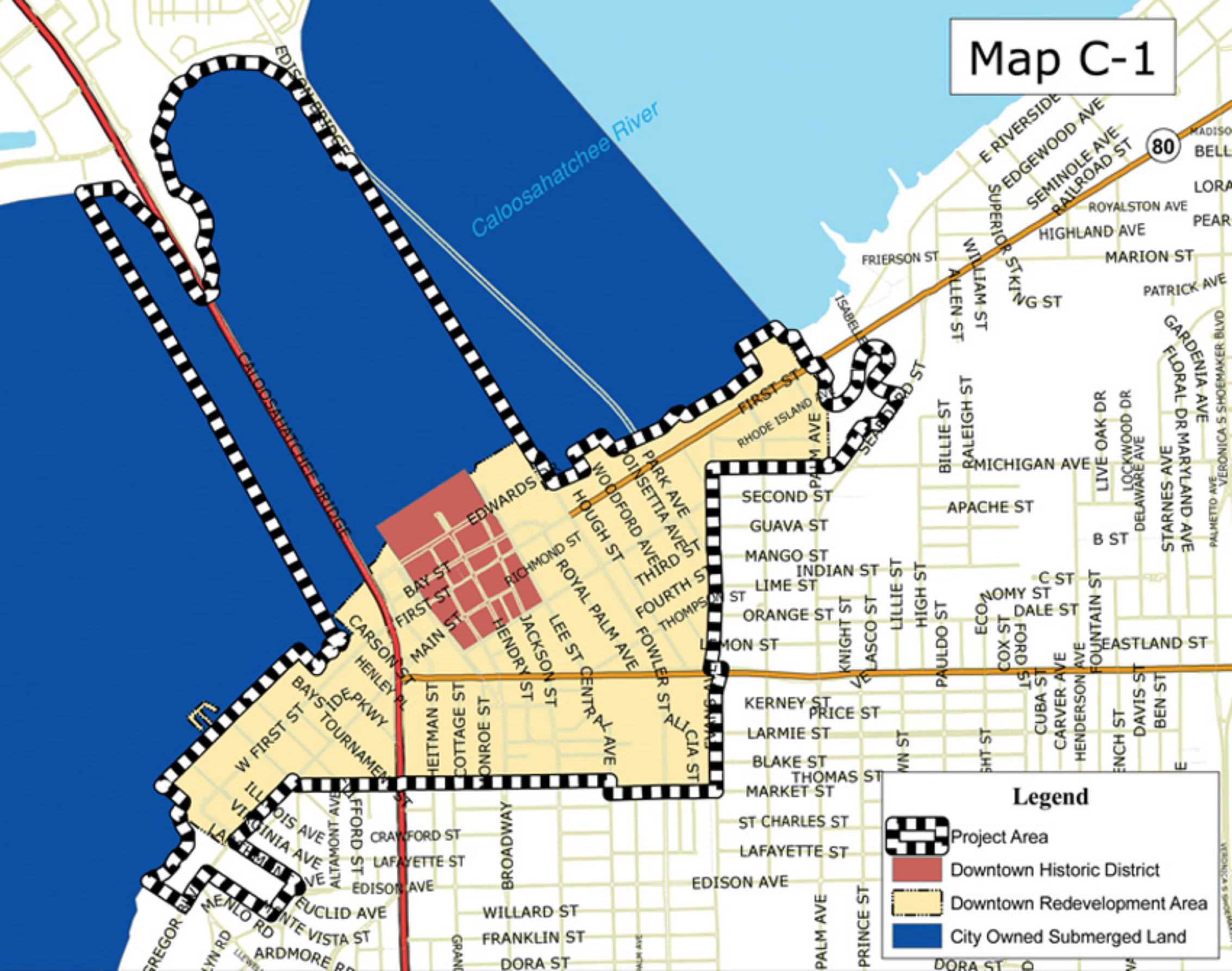
As part of the designation, Fort Myers will receive intensive technical assistance and grants from the state to reimburse costs associated with participating in the Program over an initial two-year period. The Waterfronts Florida Partnership program promotes public access to the waterfront area, prevents losses from disasters, protects environmental and cultural resources, and enhances the waterfront economy.

In its application submitted through the Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency, it was stated that the area hopes to draw more people to enjoy the riverfront by creating a pedestrian-friendly environment with increased public access for recreational activities as a result of the Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program.





The Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program is funded with federal grants provided by the Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Coastal Management Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. DCA's Division of Community Planning provides staff to implement the program and provide technical assistance, training, and contract management. For more information on the Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program or the Florida Department of Community Affairs, please visit [www.dca.state.fl.us](http://www.dca.state.fl.us).

The Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency, formerly known as The Downtown Redevelopment Agency, was created in 1984 by the City of Fort Myers Florida to formulate a plan and strategy for the revitalization of the River District. The FMRA has continued to grow and redevelopment districts have been added throughout the city. Now, Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency oversees 14 different redevelopment districts within the Fort Myers city limits. The Fort Myers City Council members sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, oversee the FMRA and its operations.

# Map C-1



### Legend

-  Project Area
-  Downtown Historic District
-  Downtown Redevelopment Area
-  City Owned Submerged Land