Neighborhood Development Services

Activity Centers

There are several areas of North Port that are receiving special attention, both for current development, and for much larger future development.

Activity Centers are key areas of the city that have especially high standards for appearance and resident amenities, enforced thru Planned Community Development zoning and stringent design review. They have distinct character and the City considers their future development to be key to North Port’s economic health.

AC-1: Mediterranea

Running along US-41, AC-1 is the oldest and most developed Activity Center in North Port. Redevelopment initiatives and voluntary annexations of county territory along US-41 are some of the city’s strategies to grow and diversify Mediterranea.

AC-2: Heron Creek

AC-2 is located on all four quadrants at the intersection of Sumter Blvd and Price Blvd. AC-2 provides for governmental, low, medium, and high density residential, offices, and commercial. Currently the City is looking to develop Price Blvd providing greater access.

AC-3: Gateway

While there are currently no development plans for AC-3, 42 of the 177 acres are owned by the Sarasota Hospital Board, and future projects are eagerly anticipated.

AC-4: Panacea

AC-4 has the potential to have an excellent diversity of land uses in terms of actual square feet and residential units. AC-4 contains large tracts of land in addition to much of the City’s light manufacturing, making Panacea an important location for future growth in North Port.

AC-5: Midway

Located on all four quadrants of the intersection of Toledo Blade Blvd. and Price Blvd. Running just South of Panacea, AC-5 continues the use of large land tracts and key manufacturing. Coupled together Activity Centers 4 and 5 form a continuous corridor of development the length of Toledo Blade Blvd.

AC-6: The Shire

AC-6 was envisioned in 1997 as the ideal location for future development, with the potential for access to I-75 and large tracts for expansion. As North Port continues to grow, the Shire remains ready for investment.

AC-7: The Springs

AC-7 was established to provide for protection of Warm Mineral Springs while permitting a limited mixture of uses intended to complement the Springs and to create an internationally recognized wellness center.

AC-8: The Gardens

The Gardens is located south of Tamiami Trail along River Road. AC-8 was established to provide for mixed use development.
Activity Centers of North Port

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