

Town of Longboat Key

2016 Legislative Priorities



Overview

The 2016 Legislature



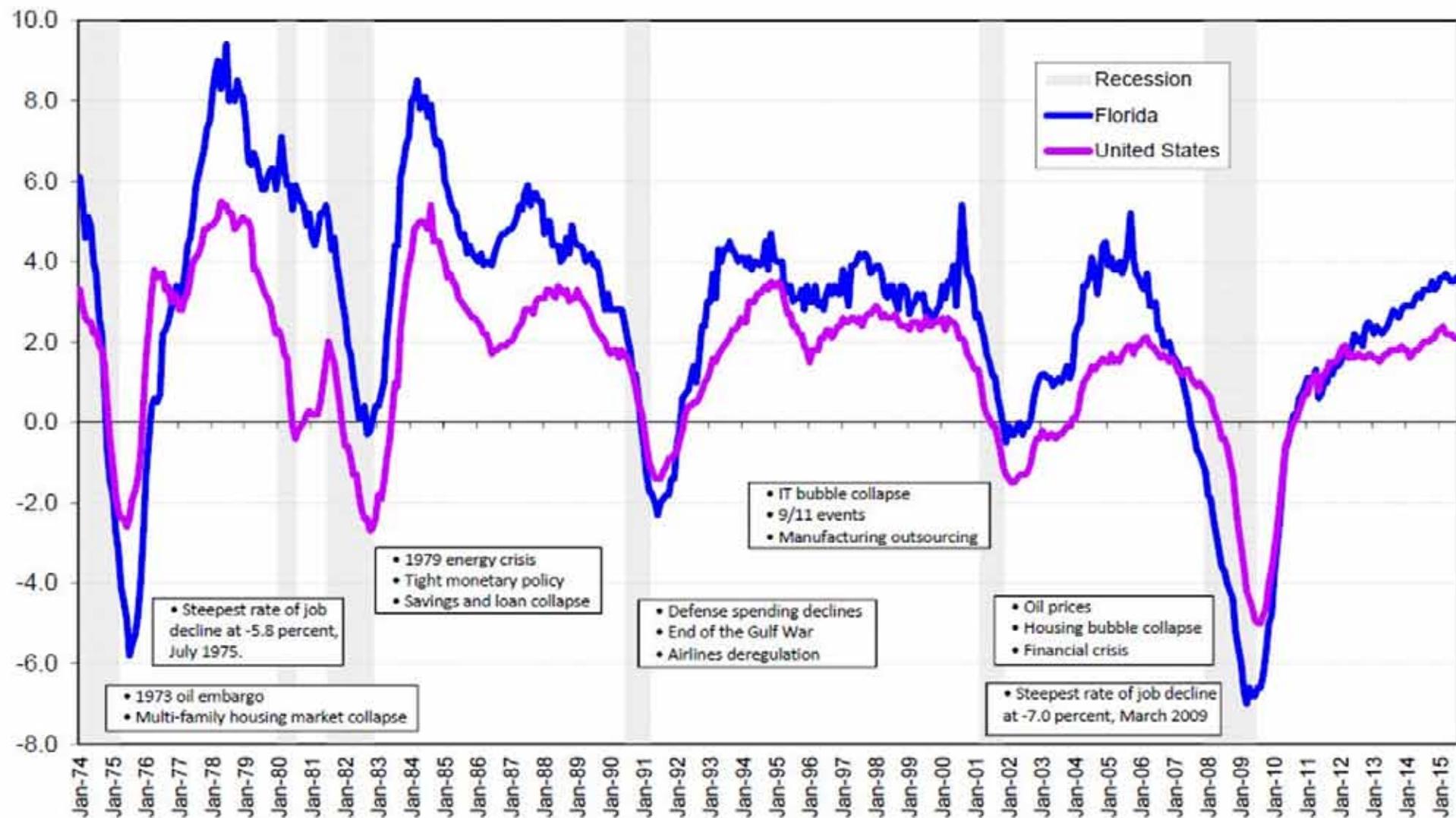
2015 Highlight



**Beach Renourishment
Funding of \$1.5 million**

2016 Economic Backdrop

- Low gas prices, steady job gains and bigger paychecks are expected to benefit retail sales this year.
- The housing market continues to improve, and foreclosure activity decreased 33 percent from last year.
- The unemployment rate is 5.4 percent, with the state adding 30,500 jobs per month, according to the DEO.
- The state's jobless rate remains higher than the national rate of 5.3 percent. There are around 517,000 unemployed Floridians.



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.

Prepared by: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, Aug-2015 (not seasonally adjusted).

Annual Growth Rates and Recessionary Periods January 1974 – July 2015

Budget

- With an end to the Recession, the Florida Legislature is anticipating a \$635 million budget surplus in 2016.
- Some key lawmakers are already hinting that money will go towards record per-pupil education funding and \$250 million in tax breaks.

Setting

- Redistricting has upset the power struggles within both chambers, and the House won't back down from its version of a redrawn congressional map or agree with the Senate to convene another Special Session to settle it.
- The atmosphere in Tallahassee has rarely been this toxic and legislators and lobbyists are already bracing for a contentious 2016 session.



The Legislature abruptly adjourned after the House went home before the last day of the 2015 Regular Session, then the Senate walked out of negotiations in Special Session, leaving redistricting maps in stalemate.



Legislative Timeline

2015

09/16 – 09/18	Interim Committee Week
10/05 – 10/09	Interim Committee Week
10/19 – 10/23	Interim Committee Week
11/02 – 11/06	Interim Committee Week
11/16 – 11/20	Interim Committee Week
11/30 – 12/04	Interim Committee Week

2016

01/12	Regular Session Begins
03/11	Regular Session Concludes

Top Issues

- Medicaid expansion won't be a factor during the next legislative session, but Medicaid will account for 37 percent of the state's total budget spending in the year ahead, plus 44 percent of the growth in general revenue.
- Legislation to address both the cost and coverage components of healthcare will be filed.
- The House will file major ethics reform which may affect lawmakers, lobbyists and judges.

Top Issues

- **The Senate wants to change how the state funds economic development, even though the DEO is requesting \$75 million for incentive programs.**
- **Legislation has been filed to reduce the Communication Services Tax by 2%. The legislation would impact bills for cell phones, smart phones and also for those who have fax machines and cable or satellite TV bills.**

Longboat Key in 2016

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1. Support changes to existing State Law relating to vacation rentals that permit grandfathered local governments to modify existing short term vacation rental regulations.
2. Oppose legislation that mandates local governments incur the cost of relocating utility equipment when the utility equipment is located within a public utility easement and needed to be relocated for transportation purposes or for non-transportation purposes regardless of the location.
3. Support the maintenance of local business tax, communications tax, and tax exempt municipal bonds.

Top Concerns

Vacation Rentals

- Amend law to allow grandfathered locals to modify short term rental regulations

Utility Equipment

- Oppose mandate for locals to pay for relocation of utilities within a public utility easement

Finance and Taxes

- **Support Maintaining:**
 - Local business tax
 - Communications tax
 - Tax-exempt municipal bonds
- **Support New Revenue Sources:**
 - Funds for Municipal Transportation Infrastructure Projects

Support Bills to Provide:



- **Additional Beach Nourishment Funding**
- **Recognition and Addressing of Sea Level Rise Concerns**

Support Legislation:

- **To Preserve Conservation and Recreation Lands**



- **To Encourage Water Quality**

Oppose Legislation that:

- **Preempts Local Government Home Rule Authority Relating to Impact Fees**

The Town receives very little in the way of impact fees now. Resist any action to remove authority for the Town to draw from those revenue sources.

Support:

- Legislation that allows Government to Advertise Public Meetings **Exclusively** through Web Sites.



The screenshot shows the City of Los Angeles website's "Upcoming City Government Events" page. The page is viewed in Google Chrome at the URL lacity.org/city-government/calendar. The header features the City of Los Angeles logo, a 311 icon, and a search bar. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, CITY GOVERNMENT (highlighted), FOR RESIDENTS, FOR BUSINESSES, FOR VISITORS, FOR JOB SEEKERS, and 311 DIRECTORY & ONLINE SERVICES. The main content area is titled "Upcoming City Government Events" and shows a calendar for September 13-19, 2015, with Thursday, September 17, 2015, selected. Below the calendar, the date "Thursday, September 17, 2015" is displayed. The events for this date are listed as follows:

- 9:00 am
 - [BOAC Regular Closed Session](#)
 - [Transportation Construction Traffic Management Committee](#)
- 10:00 am
 - [Cultural Heritage Commission Agenda](#)
 - [Agenda for Taxicab September 17, 2015](#)
 - [BOAC Special Open Session](#)
- 1:30 pm

On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled "Featured Data Of City Government" with a list of links: About The City Government, Council Files, Agenda EPackets, Contracts, Ordinances, Elected Official Offices, Elected Official Records And Information, Boards And Commissions, Departments And Bureaus, Neighborhood Councils, Subscribe To Meeting Agendas And More, Press Releases, Elections And Voting, City Charter, Rules, And Codes, Government Finance, and City Directory.



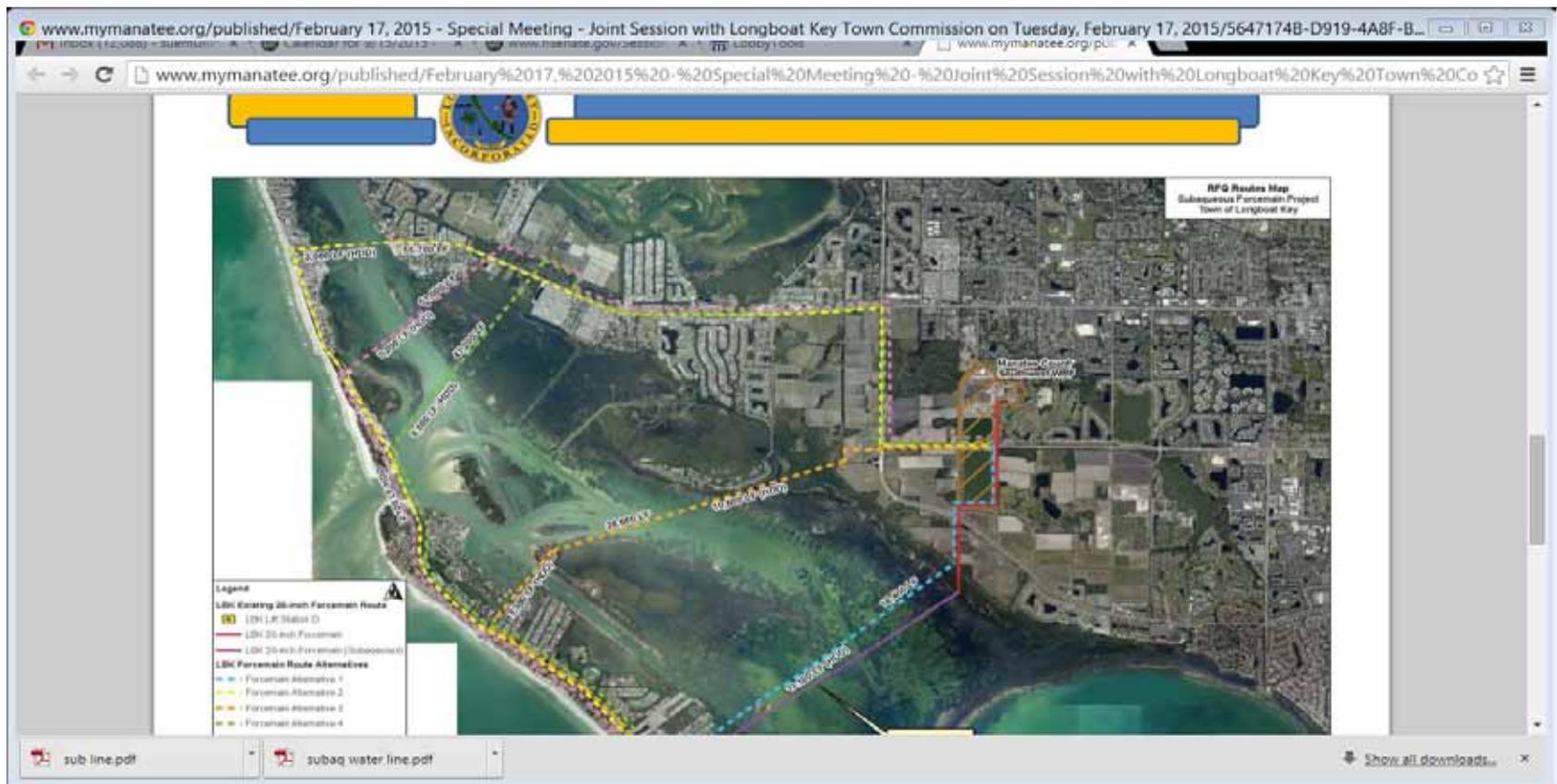
Subaqueous Project

Transmit Wastewater from Longboat Key to Manatee County



Subaqueous Wastewater Line

- Support Replacement of Line through BP Funds or State Water Project Funds



Funding through State Legislature

- Whether from Amendment 1 (Land Acquisition Trust Fund) monies or straight-out General Revenue, the subaqueous wastewater line would appear as a line item in water project funding in Section 5 of the Budget.
- We need to know a dollar figure and file for those funds now.

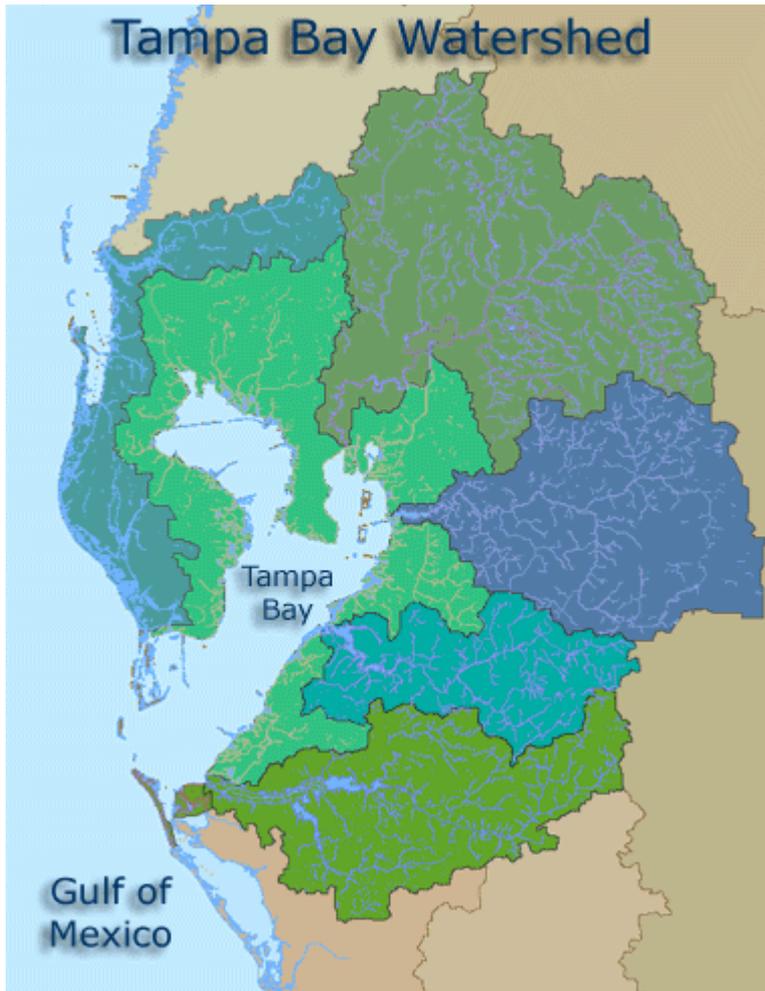
Funding through BP Horizon Oil Spill

- **The RESTORE Act dedicates 80% of revenues to a federal Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund.**
- **It is administered by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.**
- **Florida DEP is our local Sponsor, and will help fund projects to restore and protect natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries and other habitat, etc., including improving water quality.**

RESTORE Act Funding

- The Charge for use of the funds includes “funding activities that will result in water pollutant load reduction” in the five Gulf states.
- It is through that charge that we would apply for a project on the Funded Priorities List. The first draft FPL has just been released and does include some water infrastructure projects among its \$140 million in spending.

Key Priorities for Funding



The Tampa Bay area is identified as a key watershed for funding under the Council's restoration program.

Like Projects in Funded Priorities List

- **In Pensacola Bay, a Joint Stormwater and Wastewater Improvement Project is in the FPL for \$5.9 million.**
- **In Manatee County, the Robinson Preserve Wetlands project in the FPL includes \$471,000 for restoration of a natural hydrology linking the coastal upland, wetland, and estuarine areas within the Preserve.**

Stormwater and Wastewater Projects



One of the Council's Top Priorities

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Online Application

Please fill out the following form. You can save data typed into this form.

Estimated Project Costs:
(Describe the estimated costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations/maintenance. Identify other secured funding sources such as matching funds, in-kind contributions or state/federal dollars. In addition, if possible, complete and submit the Cost Appendix Sheet associated with this Form)

Other Funding:
(Indicate if the project is submitted for any potential funding or if it may be used to leverage additional funding, if so, please describe the funding source [e.g. State/Federal Grants])

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- Fill & Sign Tools
 - Add Text
 - Add Checkmark
 - Place Initials
 - Place Signature
- Send or Collect Signatures
- Work with Certificates

Stormwater/Wastewater Infrastructure

- **Projects will ultimately be submitted to the Council by the Governor for consideration for inclusion in the Funded Priorities List.**
- **The next funding cycle may include \$242 million in available funds.**



We look forward to working with the Town of Longboat Key on your 2016 Priorities.





End of Agenda Item