

CHARLOTTE COUNTY'S 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Local

Babcock Power Plant recovery fee

Support recovery of reasonable and prudent costs associated with constructing large renewable energy projects.

Animal control

Repeal Special Act of 1984 so as to enable the County to have local control over animal control matters.

Gas tax

Support FDOT District 1's allocation of district funding in a fair and equitable manner. Include local representatives in the discussion of road project priorities.

Alternative and renewable energy incentives

Charlotte County Commissioners and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council support legislation that provides incentives for development and implementation of a statewide renewable and alternative energy policy that encourages new technologies that foster "green" jobs and industries in Florida.

Provide funding for local governments to assist in the development and implementation of state energy policies including public education programs, green building and carbon emission reduction strategies.

Provide technical assistance and funding to counties and municipalities to implement a comprehensive sustainable statewide energy policy. Financial incentives and faster and more reasonable permitting processes for industry related businesses should be a priority.

State

Renewable Portfolio Standards

Support a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in Florida, requiring electricity suppliers to produce a specified fraction of their electricity from renewable energy sources.

Incentives for renewable energy projects

Support tax incentives for the use of renewable energy sources.

Faster permitting

Request DEP permitting procedure language change to be similar to SWFWMD permitting procedure language: DEP has 30 days to request any additional information. DEP will issue the permit within 90 days after receipt of a completed permit application. If DEP fails to reply within the specified timeframe, the Agency will be deemed to have approved the submittal, plan, specification or drawing as submitted.

Oppose Medicaid increases

Oppose any increases in the County's share for existing mandates, including reimbursement to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for Medicaid hospital and nursing home billings.

Oppose unfunded mandates

Oppose addressing state budget shortfalls through cost shifts to local governments; oppose unfunded mandates.

Transportation

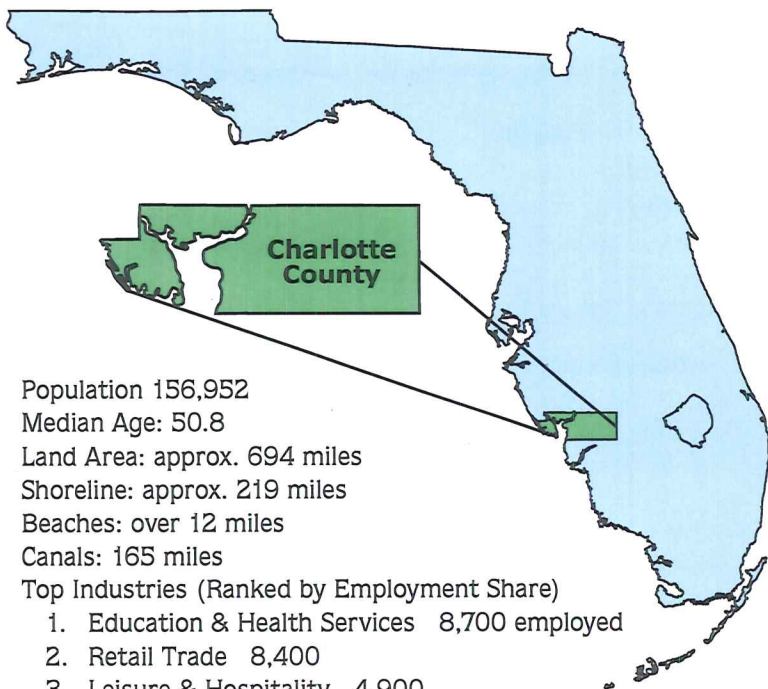
- Support a restructure of the formula and methodology used in the distribution of gas tax funds and a review of the methodology of state prioritization (criteria) and funding for transportation projects.
- Prevent diversion of the State Transportation Trust Fund and transportation user fees to non-transportation purposes, recognizing that the diverted money would be unavailable to fund area transportation improvement needs.

CCNA (Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act)

Support legislation to revise Section 287.055 known as the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act to permit fees and costs to be a factor in the selection process.

SHIP (State Housing Initiative Partnership)

Restore full funding to the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program and remove the cap on the Sadowski (Affordable Housing) Trust Fund.



Population 156,952

Median Age: 50.8

Land Area: approx. 694 miles

Shoreline: approx. 219 miles

Beaches: over 12 miles

Canals: 165 miles

Top Industries (Ranked by Employment Share)

1. Education & Health Services 8,700 employed
2. Retail Trade 8,400
3. Leisure & Hospitality 4,900
4. Public Administration 4,700
5. Mining, Logging & Construction 3,200
6. Professional & Business Services 3,000
7. Financial Activities 2,100
8. Other Services 19,00
9. Manufacturing 700
10. Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities 600



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