



TOWN OF LAKE PARK'S 2026 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Traffic Safety Upgrade (Ovalabout) \$800,000 (Construction)

The Town is requesting an appropriation to support a traffic safety upgrade project that will result in the creation of an ovalabout (similar to a roundabout, but oval) at a well-traveled five-way intersection. The ovalabout will enhance traffic flow and safety in order to reduce the number of vehicular crashes that occur in that specific area (27 in the past 10 years, 24 of which occurred in the last five years).

Septic-To-Sewer Conversion Project \$500,000 (First Phase Of Construction)

The Town, through the Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, is requesting an appropriation for the first phase of its Septic-To-Sewer Conversion Project, that will ultimately convert the final 42 properties (all commercial) in Lake Park from septic systems to a sanitary sewer system. The conversion will reduce the contaminants released into the Lake Worth Lagoon, which is of particular importance due to Lake Park's proximity to the Intracoastal Waterway/Lake Worth Lagoon, which forms the eastern border of the Town.

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**2026
State of Florida
Legislative
Appropriations,
Priorities &
Issues**

Property Tax and Homeowner's Insurance:

The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS maintaining a stable property tax structure to ensure local governments can continue providing vital services residents and businesses depend on. Property taxes are the primary revenue source for funding essential municipal services such as police, fire protection, emergency response, infrastructure, and leisure services.

SB 180: The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS language to clarify Sections 18 and 28 of Ch. 2025- 190, Laws of Florida, to limit applicability of this law to jurisdictions that experience measurable impacts from hurricanes, provide definitions for overbroad and vague terms, limit applicability of the preemptive language to storm-damaged properties, and clarify provisions relating to legal standing, pre-suit notice, and opportunity to cure.

Municipal Elections: The Town of Lake Park OPPOSES legislation that restricts voters' authority to set municipal election dates.

Community Redevelopment Agencies: The Town of Lake Park OPPOSES legislation that limits the authority or operation of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), which are essential tools for revitalizing neighborhoods and driving local economic growth.

Sovereign Immunity: The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS maintaining reasonable limits or 'caps' on monetary damages recoverable in negligence claims against government entities.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Funding: The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS continued state funding for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Tri-Rail system to maintain reliable service for residents, students, workers, and visitors.

Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) The Town of Lake Park OPPOSES the municipal service tax unit local bill and requests that its consideration by the local legislative delegation be postponed until the 2027 legislative session in order to create a revised piece of local legislation that all stakeholders can support.

Housing: The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS legislation that addresses Florida's urgent housing shortage while preserving the authority of local governments to manage growth consistent with each community's capacity to ensure public safety, resilience, and financial stability.

Public Records Exemption for Municipal Staff: The Town of Lake Park SUPPORTS legislation that provides a public records exemption for the personal information of municipal clerks, as well as investigative personnel and employees who perform municipal elections work.



Affordable Housing - The Town of Lake Park supports:

- Continued state investment in affordable and workforce housing programs that allow municipalities to tailor solutions to local needs.
- Preserving municipal authority over zoning, density, and land-use decisions to ensure developments align with existing infrastructure and community character.
- Allowing local impact fees and funding tools to support housing-related infrastructure and public services.

Home Rule - The Town of Lake Park supports:

- Opposing legislative preemption that limits local authority over land use, development standards, environmental protections, or local revenue tools.
- Ensuring municipalities retain the ability to adopt ordinances responsive to local conditions and community priorities.
- Meaningful consultation with local governments when legislation has fiscal or operational impacts on municipalities.

Environmental Protection & Resilience

The Town of Lake Park supports:

- Continued funding for the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative and related water-quality improvement efforts that reduce nutrient pollution and improve estuarine health.
- Increased state investment in local stormwater, wastewater, and water-quality infrastructure projects that directly benefit the Lagoon.
- Flexibility for municipalities to prioritize environmental and resilience projects based on localized conditions and outfall impacts.