

# COMMUNICATION PACKAGE

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: September 2016

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Formatted and distributed the September Newsletter; began collecting articles for the October Newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings:
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – September 16
  - Future of Florida Forum Partners monthly conference call – September 16
- Distributed funding announcement from the Gulf of Mexico Alliance for Community Small Grants

### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Updated the FRCA Website to address regular maintenance issues and post meeting agendas, summaries and monthly newsletters.
- Prepared for and participated in the August 18 – 19, 2016 EDAC and Policy Board meetings.
- Finalized the logistics, secured speakers, developed agendas, and drafted meeting materials for the September 29 - 30, 2016 FRCA EDAC and Partners meetings.
- Worked with FRCA Policy Board President to arrange and organize a meeting by conference call of the FRCA Legislative Committee.
- Finalized logistics, prepared hand-out materials and attended the Florida American Planning Association Conference in Tampa.
- Secured a hotel room block and meeting location for the December 2016 and January 2017 FRCA EDAC, Partners and Policy Board meetings.
- Began development of the 2016 FRCA Annual Report.
- Continued reviewing of the FRCA Operations and Procedures Manual and the new membership orientation packet.
- Continues to work with Ideabar on rebranding materials for FRCA.
- Participated with a meeting by conference call with Ideabar on the development of the new FRCA website.



# Charlie Leighton Park Accessible Boat Dock

## About the Project

With the benefit of \$60,000 in **FIND** Waterway Assistance Program funds, Martin County recently completed a \$160,000 universally accessible non-motorized craft launch at Charlie Leighton Park in Palm City, Florida.

Charlie Leighton Park is a 4 acre resource based park located on the south fork of the St Lucie River in Palm City. The shallow lagoon along the shoreline of the park provides a unique opportunity to support low impact water based activities such as rowing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. The recently completed facility includes an ADA accessible floating dock/launch to facilitate the safe launch of kayaks, paddle boards, rowing sculls and other low impact non-motorized recreational vessels



## Community Vision Realized

The project was envisioned by the Palm City Neighborhood Advisory Committee as a means of providing persons of all abilities with a way to enjoy being on the water. The non-motorized craft launch was included in the 2003 adopted Old Palm City Community Redevelopment Plan and was supported by a 2013 community survey. The facility is open to visitors to the park, free of charge.



The project encourages people across the region to live a healthier lifestyle through the provision of opportunities for active and passive water-related sports. The installation of the launch enhances the recreational experience of rowing and kayaking enthusiasts by offering a more preferable alternative to wet launches. Most importantly, it extends these benefits to a wider range of users through the provision of universal, ADA accessibility.

The project fulfills one of the missions of **FIND** to develop waterway access and improvement projects. And it also fulfills numerous local and regional goals as identified by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 2014 Martin and St. Lucie Regional Waterways Plan, the Coastal Management Element (Chapter 8) of the Martin County Comprehensive Plan and the Martin County Parks and Recreation System Master Plan to develop waterfront resource-based parcels with public access and services necessary to ensure public access to public waterfront recreation. **The project was completed in August 2016.**

## Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region September 16, 2016

### Highlights

- **Unemployment in the region fell to 5.3 percent in August, down from 5.8 percent in August of the previous year.**
  - **17,700 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from August 2015 to August 2016.**
  - **Job gains primarily in professional and business services; education and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government.**
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- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - *Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region* (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) and *Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region* (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.
  - The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 5.3 percent in August 2016, down 0.5 percentage points from the August 2015 rate of 5.8 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was 0.4 percent higher than the state's unemployment rate of 4.9 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate of 5.0 percent. Out of a labor force of 962,140 there were 50,906 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.
  - The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County), and the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In August 2016, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 783,900 an increase of 17,700 jobs over the previous year.

<b>Unemployment Rates*</b>			
<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>July 2016</b>	<b>August 2015</b>
Indian River County	6.6	6.8	7.6
Martin County	5.0	5.2	5.6
Palm Beach County	5.1	5.2	5.5
St. Lucie County	6.0	6.2	6.8
Treasure Coast Region	5.3	5.5	5.8
Florida	4.9	5.1	5.6
United States	5.0	5.1	5.2
Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. *Not seasonally adjusted.			

- In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in professional and business services (+5,300); education and health services (+5,200); leisure and hospitality (+2,200); and government (+1,900).
- The manufacturing industry (-600) lost jobs over the year.

**Port St. Lucie Metro Area:**

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,200 jobs); government (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+700 jobs); other services (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); and information (+100 jobs). The manufacturing (-400 jobs) and trade, transportation, and utilities industries (-100 jobs) lost jobs over the year. Financial activities industry was unchanged over the year.

**Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area:**

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); professional and business services (+100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).

**West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division:**

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+4,500 jobs); education and health services (+3,500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,400 jobs); government (+1,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+900 jobs); other services (+800 jobs); financial activities (+500 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).

**Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
September 16, 2016**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 5.9 percent in August 2016. This rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 6.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 263,128 there were 15,397 unemployed residents in the region.
- Martin County had the lowest unemployment rate (5.0 percent) in the CareerSource Research Coast region followed by St. Lucie County (6.0 percent), and Indian River County (6.6 percent).
- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs); the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). In August 2016, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 188,500, an increase of 4,500 jobs (+2.4 percent) over the previous year.
- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, the major industries that gained jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,700 jobs); professional and business services (+800 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); government (+800 jobs); other services (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+100 jobs); information (+100 jobs); and financial activities (+100 jobs). The manufacturing (-500 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

**Port St. Lucie metro areas**

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 139,500 jobs in August 2016, an increase of 3,400 jobs from August 2015 (+2.5 percent).
- The Port St. Lucie MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+8.3 percent); government (+4.3 percent); and other services (+3.9 percent) in August 2016.
- The Port St. Lucie MSA was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+100 jobs) in August 2016.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

- The information (+8.3 percent); professional and business services (+4.3 percent); government (+4.3 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.0 percent); and other services (+3.9 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,200 jobs); government (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+700 jobs); other services (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); and information (+100 jobs). The manufacturing (-400 jobs) and trade, transportation, and utilities industries (-100 jobs) lost jobs over the year. Financial activities industry was unchanged over the year.

### **Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area**

- In August 2016 nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 49,000, an increase of 1,100 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year.
- The Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in other services (+3.8 percent) in August 2016.
- The education and health services (+5.3 percent); financial activities (3.8 percent); and other services (+3.8 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); professional and business services (+100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing (-100 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15
CareerSource Research Coast	5.9%	6.1%	6.7%
Indian River County	6.6%	6.8%	7.6%
Martin County	5.0%	5.2%	5.6%
St. Lucie County	6.0%	6.2%	6.8%
Florida	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%
United States	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Port St. Lucie Metropolitan Statistical Area				Sebastian-Vero Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area			
	Aug-16	Aug-15	change	percent change	Aug-16	Aug-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	139,500	136,100	3,400	2.5	49,000	47,900	1,100	2.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,900	8,800	100	1.1	3,500	3,400	100	2.9
Manufacturing	5,800	6,200	-400	-6.5	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,600	29,700	-100	-0.3	10,200	10,000	200	2.0
Wholesale Trade	4,900	5,000	-100	-2.0	800	800	0	0.0
Retail Trade	20,500	20,400	100	0.5	8,600	8,500	100	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,200	4,300	-100	-2.3	800	700	100	14.3
Information	1,300	1,200	100	8.3	600	600	0	0.0
Financial Activities	5,200	5,200	0	0.0	2,700	2,600	100	3.8
Professional and Business Services	17,100	16,400	700	4.3	5,100	5,000	100	2.0
Education and Health Services	25,900	24,700	1,200	4.9	10,000	9,500	500	5.3
Leisure and Hospitality	18,100	17,400	700	4.0	7,200	7,100	100	1.4
Other Services	8,000	7,700	300	3.9	2,700	2,600	100	3.8
Government	19,600	18,800	800	4.3	5,200	5,200	0	0.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	CareerSource Research Coast Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas				Florida			
	Aug-16	Aug-15	change	percent change	Aug-16	Aug-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	188,500	184,000	4,500	2.4	8,328,900	8,086,600	242,300	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,400	12,200	200	1.6	466,500	443,000	23,500	5.3
Manufacturing	7,600	8,100	-500	-6.2	357,000	344,700	12,300	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	39,800	39,700	100	0.3	1,710,700	1,674,300	36,400	2.2
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.7	337,900	334,500	3,400	1.0
Retail Trade	29,100	28,900	200	0.7	1,101,600	1,074,900	26,700	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,000	5,000	0	0.0	271,200	264,900	6,300	2.4
Information	1,900	1,800	100	5.6	132,800	136,500	-3,700	-2.7
Financial Activities	7,900	7,800	100	1.3	553,400	538,600	14,800	2.7
Professional and Business Services	22,200	21,400	800	3.7	1,281,000	1,223,800	57,200	4.7
Education and Health Services	35,900	34,200	1,700	5.0	1,237,000	1,193,500	43,500	3.6
Leisure and Hospitality	25,300	24,500	800	3.3	1,161,900	1,123,800	38,100	3.4
Other Services	10,700	10,300	400	3.9	334,900	329,900	5,000	1.5
Government	24,800	24,000	800	3.3	1,093,700	1,078,500	15,200	1.4

Population	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	581,137	571,821	9,316	1.6
Indian River County	143,326	140,955	2,371	1.7
Martin County	150,062	148,585	1,477	1.0
St. Lucie County	287,749	282,281	5,468	1.9
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

Average Annual Wage	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	\$39,426	\$38,038	\$1,388	3.6
Indian River County	\$40,160	\$38,718	\$1,442	3.7
Martin County	\$40,438	\$39,009	\$1,429	3.7
St. Lucie County	\$38,024	\$36,728	\$1,296	3.5
Florida	\$46,239	\$44,810	\$1,429	3.2

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
September 16, 2016**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 5.1 percent in August 2016. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.5 percent. Out of a labor force of 699,012 there were 35,509 unemployed residents in the region.
- In August 2016 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division was 595,400, an increase of 13,200 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+100 jobs) in August 2016.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+1.0 percent) in August 2016.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+1,100 jobs) and other services (+800 jobs) in August 2016.
- The education and health services (+3.8 percent); other services (+2.6 percent); government (+1.8 percent); and information (+1.0 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+4,500 jobs); education and health services (+3,500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,400 jobs); government (+1,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+900 jobs); other services (+800 jobs); financial activities (+500 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing (-100 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

<b>Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Jul-16</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	5.1%	5.2%	5.5%
Florida	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%
United States	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Aug-16</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	595,400	582,200	13,200	2.3	8,328,900	8,086,600	242,300	3.0
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,800	5,800	0	0.0
Construction	32,100	31,600	500	1.6	460,700	437,200	23,500	5.4
Manufacturing	17,200	17,300	-100	-0.6	357,000	344,700	12,300	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,000	112,100	900	0.8	1,710,700	1,674,300	36,400	2.2
Wholesale Trade	24,000	23,400	600	2.6	337,900	334,500	3,400	1.0
Retail Trade	77,800	77,800	0	0.0	1,101,600	1,074,900	26,700	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,200	10,900	300	2.8	271,200	264,900	6,300	2.4
Information	10,400	10,300	100	1.0	132,800	136,500	-3,700	-2.7
Financial Activities	40,600	40,100	500	1.2	553,400	538,600	14,800	2.7
Professional and Business Services	111,100	106,600	4,500	4.2	1,281,000	1,223,800	57,200	4.7
Education and Health Services	96,500	93,000	3,500	3.8	1,237,000	1,193,500	43,500	3.6
Leisure and Hospitality	80,100	78,700	1,400	1.8	1,161,900	1,123,800	38,100	3.4
Other Services	31,300	30,500	800	2.6	334,900	329,900	5,000	1.5
Government	63,000	61,900	1,100	1.8	1,093,700	1,078,500	15,200	1.4

<b>Population</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,378,417	1,360,238	18,179	1.3
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$51,376	\$49,860	\$1,516	3.0
Florida	\$46,239	\$44,810	\$1,429	3.2

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.