

# LEHIGH ACRES

Lehigh Acres represents approximately 35.65% of Lee County's unincorporated population. The total cost estimate for services rendered in Lehigh Acres, provided by Lee County, is nearly \$34 million dollars (FY23-24).



## TRANSPORTATION

The Lee Board of County Commissioners has prioritized transportation projects in Lehigh Acres to improve connectivity to other areas in the county, as well as keep up with the rapid growth of the area.

Transportation Improvements in Lehigh Acres:

- More than \$85 million on completed and underway projects from the last five years such as the Bell Blvd. Sidewalk, Homestead Road Widening and Road Resurfacing throughout the area.
- Throughout the next 5-10 years, more than \$358 million is earmarked for various road widening projects, traffic network improvements, resurfacing and operations and maintenance.
- Further out, the Sunshine Blvd. Extension from 75th St. to SR80 will significantly improve area connectivity and is budgeted to begin within the next 10-20 years, costing more than \$50 million.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Lehigh Acres continues to grow and see increased development year over year. There are 38 active developments, representing more than 2.6 million square feet of commercial space, 438,400 square feet of industrial space and 8,012 residential units.

**Notable Developments in the Pipeline:**

- SR 82 & Blackstone Corporate Park - 576,400 square feet of commercial and 350,000 square feet of industrial space.
- Tibbetts Lumber Co. Truss Plant Expansion - Six lots totaling 8.5+ acres.
- Savannah Lakes Expansion - Mixed-used development approved for 1,468 single-family units and 100,000 square feet of commercial frontage along Homestead Road S.
- Sunniland Town Center - Mixed-use development approved for remaining 810 single-family units and 100,000 square feet of commercial space.

This increased commercial activity and rapid pace of residential infill development, will work hand in hand to transform the area from a historic bedroom community into a larger commercial hub with increased employment opportunities, significant retail expansion and a higher presence of professional services.

Local services are also being expanded, as well as the road network, all which will benefit the residents by improving connectivity to major employment centers and addressing commute times.

## AT A GLANCE

- \$494,312,801.98 budgeted for Lehigh Acres transportation improvements over the next 20 years.
- \$29,238,000 spent/budgeted for Lehigh Acres Parks & Recreation Improvements from Fiscal Years 2022 through 2029.
- \$33,945,668 budgeted for Fiscal Year 23-24 on County-provided services in Lehigh Acres.



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# STREETLIGHTS

The streetlighting effort in Lehigh is divided between LCEC and FPL territories. By the projected completion in 2025, approximately 9,000 streetlights will have been installed since the project's inception in 2019.

	Totals Pre 2019	Totals Since 2019	Total Current	Total Post Phase 3
FPL	99	1,279	1,378	3,282
LCEC	4,374	2,940	7,716	10,326
Combined	4,473	4,219	9,094	13,608

Priority areas for streetlight installation include School Bus Stops, High Crash/Crime Areas, Intersections and Dead Ends and Mid-Blocks among other requests.

# PARKS & RECREATION

Bringing family-friendly activities and greenspaces that residents of Lehigh Acres can enjoy for years to come is a key priority for Lee County. Some exciting Parks & Recreation Projects and Improvements include:

- Recently completed Lehigh Acres Park Expansion (\$16.7 million), with additional improvements planned for the coming years such as Ball Field Restroom Renovations, Main Playground Replacement, Ball Field Turf Improvements and Camera Upgrades.
- Recent upgrades to the Lehigh Acres Senior Citizen Center (\$464,000) and the resurfacing of the shuffleboard court (\$15,000).
- Creation of a new facility for the Able Canal Greenway/Pathway, expected to be complete by FY 28-29, totaling over \$9 million.

Total estimates:

- More than \$17.5 million on Current/Previous Projects ~FY22/23 - FY23/24
- More than \$11.6 million on Future Projects ~FY24/25 - FY28/29

# OTHER PROJECTS

- New LeeTran Park & Ride Facility (\$6.1 million) construction began in April 2024
- Purchased Frank Mann Preserve in April 2019 (625 acres, \$3.9 million)
- Transit Mobility on Demand service began Feb. 2023
- Alico Road Connector to Lehigh Acres (\$230 million)
- Able Canal Pathway (\$10.6 million)

Lee County provides an equitable level of the following services in Lehigh Acres, many of which are provided countywide, with others serving only unincorporated areas, such as Lehigh:

- Law Enforcement (Sheriff)
- Jail
- Court System
- Transit (LeeTran)
- Human & Veteran Services
- Regional Parks
- EMS (Backup in Lehigh)
- Preserve Lands
- Community Parks
- Building Services and Code Enforcement
- Animal Services
- School Resource Officers
- Roads (DOT)
- Natural Resources

\*Information and numbers included from May 2024



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