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Redevelopment work on the Quay property continues, with completion scheduled for the end of January.

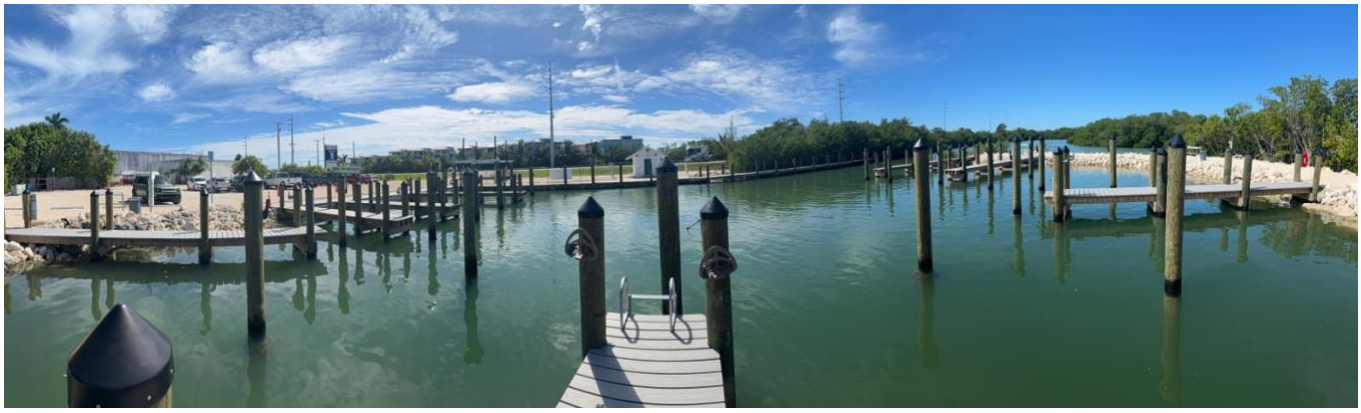
City completes, continues variety of community projects

MARATHON, FL (Nov. 3, 2026) – The list of projects recently completed by the City of Marathon continues to grow, and numerous projects designed to enhance the community are moving forward, according to city officials.

During the spring, the city celebrated the opening of the pickleball courts behind City Hall and renovations to the Oceanfront Park Dog Park. Although the park is open from dawn to dusk, city officials recently decided to extend the hours for the pickleball courts to 8 p.m., as new solar lighting will be provided during standard time.

This past summer, the Marathon Skate Park held a “soft opening” to allow members of the community to use the facility as landscaping continued throughout the summer. The park has been extremely popular but has also faced concerns of experienced and inexperienced skaters and bike and scooter riders. Schedule modifications have been made to address the issue.

And recently, stucco repairs on City Hall were completed and the repaired surface fully cured. “The building is being painted to a warm blue, which is more representative of the water and our environment," said Public Works Department Facility and Project Manager Mark Tuschel.



Several commercial slips are available at the 7-Mile Marina.

Pier construction at the 7-Mile Marina docks is complete, although the canopy over the boat lift to be used by Marathon Fire Rescue remains on back order. The long marginal dock adjacent to the south seawall will remain closed until city staff completes concrete restoration and stabilization.

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The remainder of the marina has opened, according to Ports Director Sean Cannon, who noted there are currently several commercial slips still available at the marina.

Additionally, the Seven-Mile Marina building redevelopment project is awaiting completion of several other construction projects.

The project will renovate the existing building to provide for the permanent reception for Pigeon Key, along with an office for marina personnel use, an area for enclosed lockers for use by the charter boat captains, and an additional area for lease within the building.

The Quay on Overseas Highway redevelopment continues to move forward, with all stormwater drainage having been installed, along with the road subgrade and base. The project is on schedule for completion by the end of January.

Meanwhile, Marathon Community Park continues to expand.

Following the completion of the Skate Park, plans for a splash pad have begun. Engineering drawings are complete, as are site plans prepared by the city, and the project is being submitted for permitting. Construction is expected to begin in November with completion expect in the spring.

The design for the new restroom building at the splash pad/skate park nearly done, with the site plan and sewer pumping station design is being performed in-house by the Engineering Department. The facility is funded by a Monroe County Tourist Development Council grant.

The city is facing a full replacement of the 117th Street Bridge, one of the larger projects needing immediate attention, according to Engineering Director Carlos Solis.

The project will include new pile and abutment to be constructed behind the exiting abutment, allowing the existing abutment and piles to remain in place and minimizing cost and disturbance to adjacent properties.

The city will be sending out information to area residents to inform them of the project and associated impact.

Plans for the replacement of the 116th Street Bridge and the 112th Street Bridge are in the 100% and 60% stages, respectively, and are expected to go out to bid in May. The design and process will be very similar to the 117th Street Bridge project.

Some other city projects underway or anticipated include:

• **U.S. 1 Beautification Project:** The project will begin Nov. 9, after allowing time for the utility contractor installing the force main for the Deep Injection Well project to complete their work in the area. The contractor has 90 days for substantial completion and 120 days for final completion.

• **Community Park Buildings Maintenance Building.** Staff is proceeding with the design of the site and other features and have the project to bid, particularly reaching out to local contractors to perform the work. The project is expected to be completed in four months.

• **Coco Plum Trail Lighting Project:** The project will add path lighting for the existing trail from U.S. 1 to Avenue K. The lights will be solar, which will provide savings by eliminating the cost of installing electrical conduit and conductors. Design work is expected to begin this month, and construction is scheduled for the summer 2028.

• **Aviation Boulevard Path Lighting Project:** Plans for proposed path lighting for the Aviation Boulevard Trail are complete and awaiting final approval from FDOT. Bollard lighting will be installed from Aviation Boulevard and U.S. 1 to Aviation Boulevard and Stirrup Key Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in September.

• **City Marina spalling repair:** The Engineering Department staff is evaluating and preparing plans for repairing spalling in several areas of the marina building. Once plans are complete, the city will bid the work to complete the repairs.

• **Sombrero Beach Renourishment Project.** The city is actively negotiating with consultants to provide design fees for the permitting of the beach renourishment. The project is a bit more complex than typical renourishment projects, as its intent is to push the shoreline farther out to regain some of the beach area lost in the last few years. The permit being sought will also allow the city to perform maintenance renourishment to keep the same shoreline without requiring new permits for five years.

Additional projects at Sombrero Beach include:

• **Road Trail drainage improvements:** Design is underway for improvements to the trail drainage on Sombrero Beach Road along the curve area approaching Sombrero Beach. Work includes raising the trail and installation of a stormwater injection well to assist with the drainage. Construction is scheduled for late summer.

• **Information and Security Area:** Work is near completion of an Information and Security space at Sombrero Beach to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department staff to provide enhanced service and security to beach users and city staff. The space is being added to the existing restroom building east of the main entrance. The project expected to be completed by the end of November.

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Construction at the Skate Park was completed during the summer but landscaping took a bit more time to take.

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