



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0917

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The Honorable Jessica Bowron
Comptroller, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: City of Punta Gorda, FL, ORLP Program Application for Trabue Park

Dear Ms. Bowron:

I write in strong support of the City of Punta Gorda's application to the National Park Service's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program for the proposed redevelopment of Trabue Park in Punta Gorda, Florida.

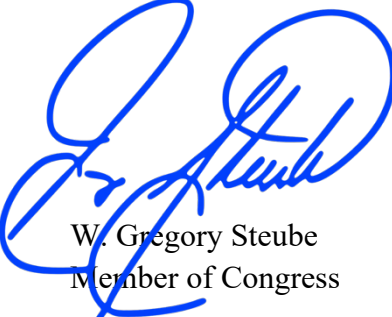
Trabue Park is a 10-acre waterfront property situated along the Peace River at the entrance to Charlotte Harbor. Despite its exceptional location, the park has remained largely passive and underutilized and retains a significant amount of potential to serve neighboring communities throughout Punta Gorda. The proposed ORLP project would transform Trabue Park into a more accessible, active, and recreational destination featuring a National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court, accessible pathways, a pedestrian connection to the Harborwalk, and other exceptional improvements reinvigorating the property into a regional destination.

Strategic investment in Trabue Park is critical to mitigating and reversing the decline of areas in Punta Gorda that are still recovering from damage sustained during Hurricane Milton in 2024. Most importantly, this project would position Punta Gorda's East Side community as an asset that strengthens local economic resiliency and reinforces the area as a catalyst for long-term neighborhood revitalization and prosperity.

The City of Punta Gorda has demonstrated a strong commitment to the success of this project and has identified potential funding sources necessary to meet the non-Federal cost share and eligible project costs. Such local investments reflect the City of Punta Gorda's commitment to working with partners across all echelons of government to strengthen resilience and improve the quality of life for local communities.

For these reasons, I urge the National Park Service to give the City of Punta Gorda all due consideration for its ORLP application consistent with all applicable program requirements. This project represents a meaningful opportunity to strengthen the community's long-term resilience while advancing economic development and continued revitalization along Punta Gorda's waterfront.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress