

East Tampa

One of our six strategic focus areas is the revitalization of East Tampa. Designated as a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in 2004, we have been hard at work to bring new housing, development and jobs to the community, while focusing on improving the overall appearance of the area and reducing crime. We are dedicated to making the community a better, safer place to live.

The East Tampa Development Division administers a Tax Increment Financing District that is funded by revenues generated from annual increases in property values within the boundaries of the CRA. We estimate that for fiscal year 2008, \$6.3 million will be generated for reinvestment in the East Tampa community. The strategic plan for the area will soon be completed. This plan will provide a blueprint for the allocation of future TIF funds.

Environmental Efforts

Keeping East Tampa clean is important to our success. We will continue to propose the funding of a dedicated full-time East Tampa litter control and environmental clean-up program in partnership with the Clean City Division and Code Enforcement. This program would include the continuation of the successful East

Tampa youth summer employment program. Additionally, through the Tampa Police Department, we will continue our investment in the environmental detective program that helps to alleviate illegal dumping in the community.

Neighborhood Improvements

We propose to earmark \$1.5 million in TIF funding for the installation or improvement of neighborhood enhancement projects including streetlights and sidewalks. Additionally, over \$1 million will be allocated for the beautification of major corridors throughout the district.

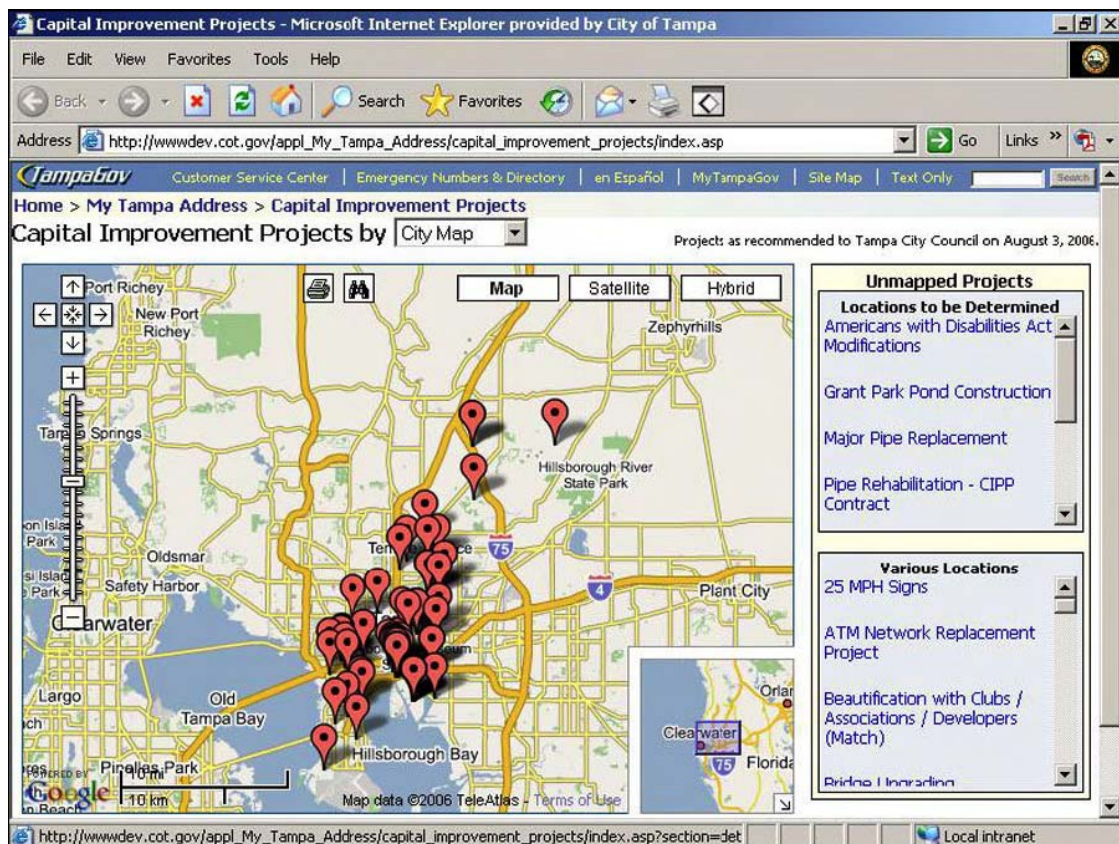
Stormwater Enhancement

TIF revenue of \$700,000 will be proposed for the fiscal year 2008 budget to complete the \$1.5 million design/build project that allows for the rehabilitation, beautification and enhancement of three stormwater retention ponds in East Tampa to be used as parks. We will begin work this year on the retention pond located at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 19th Street.

Some of the other projects anticipated to be funded by the TIF for 2008 include Lake Avenue decorative lighting maintenance and the continuation of the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

To learn more about the City of Tampa's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget visit our website at www.tampagov.net/budget

Our geographic information system mapping program is also available. This internet-based program will allow you to view all the information on capital improvement projects by location, satellite view or a combination of the two. Each project can be sorted by location, title, department or city council district. Additionally, when looking at a specific project, you are able to get information on nearby schools, fire stations and hospitals.



Screen view of the budget geographic information system project mapping program.