

LIVABILITY - THE CITY OF SARASOTA



ACCOLADES

- 2023- #1 Best Places to Live in Florida, U.S. News & World Report
- 2023 - #3 Best Places to Live in the South, U.S. News & World Report
- 2023 - #5 Best Places to Live, U.S. News & World Report
- 2023 - Fred Stesau Award of Excellence from the FL American Society of Landscape Architects – The Bay Park
- 2023 –Design Award of Excellence from the FL American Society of Landscape Architects – The Bay Park
- 2022 - \$1 Best Places to Visit in Florida, U.S. News & World Report
- 2022 - #3 25 Healthiest Communities in Florida, U.S. News & World Report
- 2021 - #1 Best Places to Retire in the US, U.S. News & World Report
- 2021 – Worlds 100 Greatest Place, Time Magazine



THE BAY PARK

- Urban public park along Sarasota Bay
- 53 acres of city-owned land
- Environmentally sustainable
- Master plan approved September 2018
- Phased development



THE BAY PARK

- Public/private partnership
- Agreed upon partnership and implementation agreement
- Diversified funding sources
 - TIF
 - Private donations
 - Foundations



THE BAY PARK

Phase 1

- Opened October 2022
- Features:
 - Resilient shoreline
 - Playground
 - Common ground lawns
 - LED Screen
 - Concession area
 - Sunset deck
 - Kayak/paddle launch



THE BAY PARK

Phase 2

- Design and construction 2023-2026
- Features:
 - Cultural district
 - Dockside canal district
 - Sunset pier
 - Resilient shoreline



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Phase 3-4

- Timeline: TBD
- Features:
 - New performing arts center
 - Pedestrian bridge



BOBBY JONES GOLF COURSE AND NATURE PARK

- Restoration of historic golf course
- Donald Ross designed
- Nearly 300 acres including;
 - 18 hole course
 - 9-hole short course
 - 160-acre nature park



BOBBY JONES GOLF COURSE AND NATURE PARK

- Conservation easement
- Wetland and water quality improvement project
- Nature park and trail



SARASOTA BAY RUNNER TROLLEY

- Free trolley service
- Connects the best of Sarasota keys and downtown
- Reduces travel time, congestion, and ease of travel for visitors, residents, and employees
- The Bay Runner App



PUBLIC ART

- Public art program and fund
- Sculptural works in the downtown core
- Public art programming in neighborhoods, parks and activity centers
- Cultural heritage exhibit at City Hall



THANK YOU

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