

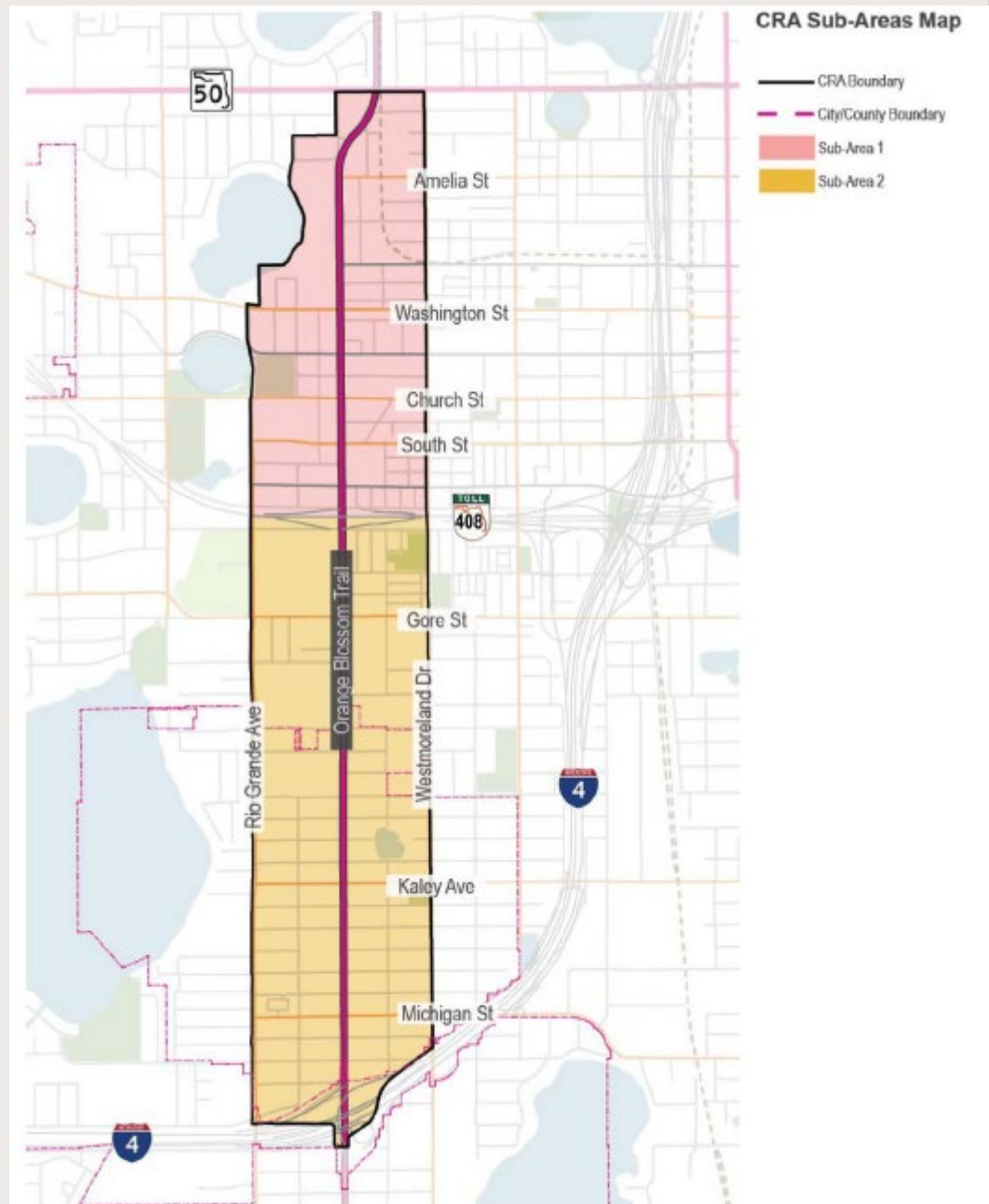


ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL CRA ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2025

Comprehensive review of community progress and initiatives

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The Orange Blossom Trail Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) was established in 1990, following a Finding of Necessity Report completed in 1989. This report identified a blighted area along Orange Blossom Trail, extending from State Road 50 south to Interstate 4, bordered by Westmoreland Avenue to the east and Rio Grande Avenue to the west. A Redevelopment Plan was subsequently adopted, outlining actions to address the area's blight.



CRA BOUNDARY MAP

The Orange Blossom Trail (OBT) Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) is a linear, north-south corridor located west of Downtown Orlando. The district is focused along Orange Blossom Trail, serving as a key urban connector between major transportation routes and redevelopment zones.

ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL CRA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

- Serves as the **governing body** of the OBTCRA
- Provides oversight and approval of:
 - CRA annual budget
 - Funding allocations
 - Implementation of redevelopment activities



City of Orlando Commissioners

- Primary funding partner, contributing approximately two-thirds of CRA funding
- Participates in redevelopment efforts within the City of Orlando limits
- Coordinates with the County and CRA on shared redevelopment goals



OBTC Development Board, Inc.

- Manages and coordinates day-to-day CRA activities
- Responsibilities include:
 - Preparing annual budgets for BCC approval
 - Making project and funding recommendations
- Advisory body established through an **interlocal agreement**



CRA PURPOSE AND ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Statutory Reporting Requirements

The CRA operates under Florida Statute Chapter 163, mandating annual reports to local taxing authorities summarizing financials and progress.

Mission and Redevelopment Focus

The CRA addresses slum conditions, promotes economic revitalization, and enhances physical and social environments in designated areas.

FY 2025 Key Activities

Focus areas included economic development grants for small businesses, housing improvements for owner-occupied homes, infrastructure upgrades, commercial support, and community enhancements aligned with redevelopment plans.

Collaborative Strategic Approach

The CRA partners with local agencies and stakeholders to stimulate development, address inequities, and leverage financial tools for progress.

An illustration of stylized buildings in various colors (blue, red, green, orange) with white window cutouts, set against a white background with a light blue reflection at the bottom.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 REVENUE AND REINVESTMENT SUMMARY

Tax Increment Revenue Growth

The Redevelopment Plan is implemented using tax increment revenues from properties within the CRA. In FY 2024-25, the certified taxable value of these properties was \$410,438,048. Utilizing the base year (1989) taxable value of these properties, increment revenues for FY 2024-25 totaled \$2,504,447.

Alignment with Redevelopment Goals

Reinvestment aligns with goals of strengthening neighborhoods, stimulating private investment, and improving economic opportunities.

Compliance and Impact

Funds are used in compliance with statutory guidelines to address blight and promote ongoing community transformation.

Reinvestment of Funds

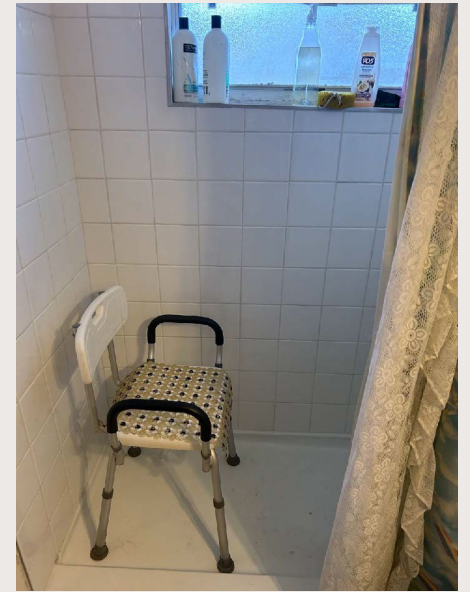
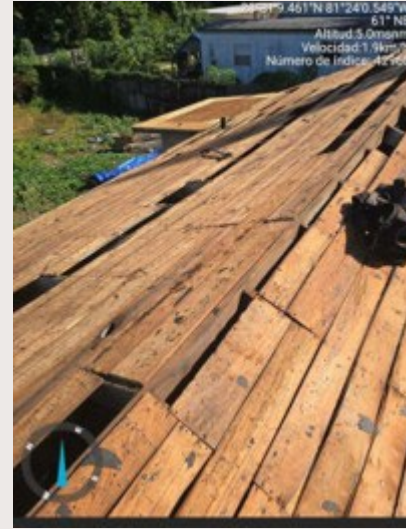
Total expenditures during FY 2024-25 were \$731,778, including residential and commercial development, roadway improvements, and neighborhood enhancements. Tax increment revenues were spent on the following activities.

RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT

The CRA continues to invest in the restoration and repair of existing homes to address critical life-safety issues, helping residents remain in safe, stable living conditions. This proactive approach preserves the current housing stock while supporting long-term neighborhood stability and affordability. Six owner-occupied homes in the CRA were successfully renovated through our partnership with Rebuilding Together Central Florida. To date seventeen residents have received essential renovations.



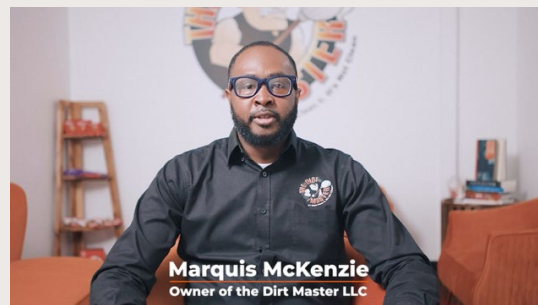
Renovations Before & After



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Economic Business Development Grants - Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 play a critical role in supporting local entrepreneurs by providing the resources needed to start, sustain, and expand their businesses. This investment strengthens the local economy, creates jobs, and promotes long-term corridor vitality. The program is already demonstrating strong momentum, with the first eight applicants actively progressing through the process and moving closer to bringing their business goals to life.

In addition, the grant recipients are provided a three-minute video sharing their story and how the CRA is impacting their business and the surrounding community.





Grants of up to \$100,000

OBT CRA Business Development Grant Program

Created by the Orange Blossom Trail Development Board in partnership with the Orange County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), this program is part of a larger vision to drive local economic growth.

Whether you're a start-up, an established business, or looking to scale up, these grants provide opportunities to support and enhance your operations, ultimately contributing to the betterment of the Orange Blossom Trail CRA.

Applications are now OPEN.
Apply today!
OBTNEXT.COM



ROADWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

CENTRAL BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

Westmoreland Avenue to Rio Grande Avenue

- Major corridor serving residents, visitors, and **Camping World Stadium**
- Experiences high traffic volumes and deteriorated roadway conditions
- CRA-approved funding supports:
 - Roadway resurfacing
 - New sidewalks
 - Curbs and gutters
- Project outcomes:
 - Improved pedestrian and driver safety
 - Enhanced accessibility
 - Visually improved gateway into the community

OBT CORRIDOR MAINTENANCE

Colonial Drive to I-4

- CRA hired a **full-time maintenance contractor** dedicated to the Orange Blossom Trail
- Maintenance services include:
 - Trash and debris removal
 - Landscaping and tree trimming
 - Bus stop cleaning
- Program benefits:
 - Safer, cleaner, and more attractive corridor
 - Consistent upkeep as CRA revenues grow
- Long-term impact:
 - Encourages business pride and property maintenance
 - Strengthens corridor image and economic vitality

ROADWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Central Boulevard - Existing Conditions



OBT Corridor Maintenance (Ongoing)



CRA SUMMARY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION

Community Revitalization Efforts

The CRA advanced projects focused on housing affordability, safety, and economic growth through strategic investments and collaboration.

Public Engagement and Transparency

Regular Board meetings and OBTNext initiatives engage residents and stakeholders in participatory redevelopment planning.

Collaborative Partnerships

Successful redevelopment relies on cooperation among government officials, staff, residents, and local agencies.

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