Bayside Vision
The City is making significant investment (Riverwalk) in this section of the City
Integrates the Riverwalk with existing community assets to maximize benefits
Helps assure the essence of Crystal River is retained and enhanced
Establishes a plan of execution to achieve the community’s shared vision
Maximizes public investment and promotes private investment
Allows City Staff to move forward with an approved vision to avoid missteps

Why a Vision Plan Now?
- Hunter’s Springs Park expansion and upgrades
- Michigan Town
- Public access to King’s Bay and Crystal River
- Public agencies and community partners working to clean the water bottoms and manage stormwater
- Increase of consumer traffic flow through existing businesses
- Coordination with Main Street to promote downtown and its businesses
- Kings Bay Park
- Citrus Avenue Streetscape
- Cross Town Trail

Primary Strengths
- Connectivity to the Cross Town Trail
- Connectivity from park to park
- Crossing Highway 19 at Cross Town Trail or anywhere
- Lack of recent private investment within the area
- Limited public access to the water
- Valuable vacant lots, commercial buildings and underutilized buildings
- Limited Public Marina Services due to a lack of connection from Gulf to City of Crystal River
- Need for more land to water access points for tour operators
- No mooring areas in Crystal River
- Lack of promotion of downtown via Three Sisters Springs Refuge
- Managing an increased number of downtown events
- Need to replace aging Playground and develop a splash pad
- City Hall below the flood plane
- Limited Parking

**Primary Weaknesses Addressed**
Main Bayside Influences

- Tourism
- Duke Energy
- Residents
- Cultural Changes
- FEMA
- Traffic
- Minimal investment by private sector
- Kings Bay
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Commercial Fishing
- Connect Hunter Springs Park with Kings Bay Park and to Riverwalk
- Connect Riverwalk to Cross Town Trail
- Connect Citrus Ave to Cross Town Trail
- Re-route Cross Town Trail to signal at Citrus and Highway 19
- Connect Cross Town Trail with County multi-use Trails
- Develop medians along Highway 19 so they can be used as safety zones and provide visual improvement
- Develop biking lanes on Highway 19 in downtown area

Pedestrian Connectivity
Replacement of the Creative Playground is presently in the capital plan. Kings Bay Park expansion is ideal due to its setting with many trees (natural shade) and soon-to-be direct access from the Riverwalk. Openly demonstrates a sense of community. Promotes family-based use of Kings Bay Park. Ties the Performance Stage to playground for kid-friendly events.
City Hall is a critical municipal building that is below the flood plane.

Existing City property has development value for future investment.

Promotes a new standard for construction in Crystal River.

Includes additional space for governmental or commercial use.

Improves parking situation for downtown, especially if sold to private business that could greatly reduce public parking.

New City Hall/Mixed Use Building
- Creates additional commercial manatee tour boat access (Proposing schedule for loading and unloading of tourists at end of the existing dock)
- Rent slips on existing dockage
- Provide dinghy dock for mooring fields.
- Provide restrooms, shower, laundry, pump-out and Harbor Master office for mooring fields
- Add docks along NW 3rd Street (will require dredging)
- Maximize parking

Local City Marina and Mooring Fields
- Increase public use at the waterfront.
- Promote paddle craft access.
- Main building to be used as Waterfront Office/Harbor Master/Park Rangers.
- Concessionaire area for events/public.
- Park becomes City-controlled to improve services during events

Kings Bay Park Waterside
**Future of Kings Bay Park**

- Ease of closure of lot for event setup = more events
- Increased public waterfront access
- Rental opportunities for event producer (pre-performance space)
- Placement of seasonal food concessionaire
- More boater access and dockage
- Viewing of "working fishing village" via The Crabplant
- Commercial use for tour boat operators
- This vision is a culmination of input provided by Council, local community, visitors and staff.
- Vision is being presented to demonstrate How it could be.
- Initial response to the Bayside Vision
- Public input and discussion
- Working with Main Street and other organizations on these opportunities
- Adding other key information
  - Modifications to Highway 19
  - Stormwater
  - Trail connections in and out of the City
  - Other items that arise throughout the public process
- Prioritizing
- Establishment of timelines
- Funding

What is next