

2009 BIENNIAL UPDATE

IMPACT FEES

Overview:

Welcome to the 2009 Biennial Update of Impact Fees. Under the Article 13 of the ULDC, the Impact Fee Manager is required to conduct a study of the impact fee system and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners whether the fees should be adjusted in some way. Palm Beach County has seven impact fee components in its impact fee system.

Participants:

Several key participants play a critical role in the Biennial Review process including the Impact Fee Review Committee, the Impact Fee Office, Impact Fee user departments, the consultant, the Board of County Commissioners, and the public.

The Impact Fee Review Committee members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Impact Fee Review Committee's main role is to serve as an oversight committee to the Impact Fee Office. The Impact Fee Review Committee's responsibilities culminate in a report to the Board of County Commissioners.

Impact Fee User Departments:

Impact fee user departments (IFUD) provide most of the data input used during the update process. For example, Engineering provides input on the cost to construct a lane mile of roadway. Parks provide input on the average cost to construct and develop a district park. IFUD expend impact fee revenues to provide growth-related capital facilities.

Consultant:

Dr. James C. Nicholas is the consultant for the 2009 Biennial Update. Dr. Nicholas has served as Palm Beach County's consultant for many years and he is recognized as an expert in impact fees.