

# Town of Lake Park, FL

Modernizing public spaces for future generations



Local government buildings are an important component in creating a safe, healthy and vibrant community that welcomes residents and businesses. From town halls and senior centers to first responder stations and parks, keeping these facilities operating at peak performance is critical.

Local leaders in the town of Lake Park, FL, recognized the need to invest in their own public spaces. Nestled between major metropolitan areas of Florida, including West Palm Beach, Lake Park boasts a rich local economy, a bustling tourism industry and a growing population of more than 10,000 permanent residents. To continue to foster an optimal environment for citizens, visitors and town employees alike, Lake Park leaders were ready to make community-wide building systems upgrades. These infrastructure improvements would enhance the

reliability, energy efficiency and resiliency of town facilities while minimizing utility costs, addressing deferred maintenance and improving occupant comfort and satisfaction.

"We have a responsibility to create an enriching community for not only our current residents and visitors, but future generations as well," said John D'Agostino, town manager of Lake Park. "If not now, when? We were ready to make a significant investment in our facilities that would ensure Lake Park remains a welcoming

community for years to come. But we also wanted to accomplish this in a manner that would minimize the impact to taxpayers."

To reach these goals, town leaders knew they needed a partner with innovative funding and solution expertise.

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The town found this partner in Johnson Controls, which facilitated a performance contract to fund the initiative without

## Case study



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impacting the town's existing budget. Through this approach, the project would be paid for over a set period of time by its own guaranteed energy savings. With funding secured, Johnson Controls broke ground in 2019.

Leveraging a turnkey project design and construction approach, the infrastructure renewal initiative spanned seven public spaces: Town Hall, Lake Park Public Library, Palm Beach Sheriff Office Substation, Lake Park Marina, Kelsey Park, Bayberry Sports Park and Lake Park Town Public Works. The improvements made in each ranged from LED lighting retrofits and updated water conservation solutions to HVAC replacements and building automations and controls. In total, nearly \$1.5M in upgrades were made.

"Like many local government leaders, we were excited to invest in our community spaces, but we also lacked the time, expertise and resources to manage the

implementation process," said D'Agostino. "Working with Johnson Controls allowed us to outsource these processes to a trusted partner."

### Delivering a future-ready community with immediate savings

Completed in less than a year, these infrastructure updates generated over \$2.2M in positive economic impact for the town, including energy, operations, maintenance and capital cost savings. The guaranteed financial and system performance outcomes will ensure the town maintains a flatlined budget with minimal impact to taxpayers.

By modernizing these public spaces with the most up-to-date building technologies, Lake Park leaders will continue to foster a fulfilling environment for their residents, visitors and employees. Investing in future-forward updates ensures all building systems will remain in peak

operation in the years ahead, avoiding any major malfunctions or even catastrophic shutdowns that could negatively impact town services.

Through its collaboration with Johnson Controls, the town of Lake Park is modernized, efficient and ready to welcome visitors for generations to come.

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