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The City of Punta Gorda is pleased to announce that the Public Works Department project entitled, *The Seawall Recovery after Hurricane Irma*, has been selected as on the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Projects of the Year for 2020. The project detailed the actions taken by the City of Punta Gorda as a result of the September 10, 2017 Hurricane Irma impact. It involved the replacement of approximately 10.5 miles of Punta Gorda's seawalls and affected over 988 individual parcels. The \$27 million project was completed in September 2019.

Criteria for the award included:

- Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
- Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
- Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between agency and the public.
- Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project.
- Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
- Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
- Use of alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.

The award will be presented at the APWA Convention later this summer. For more information about the APWA and their programs visit <https://www.apwa.net>.

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