

- Mission Statement: To promote and teach the sport of rowing to the community, for the health, education and involvement of a team sport that benefits individuals and families.



- A non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 2008
- Approximately 50 members -experienced and novice levels
- Currently rowing out of a small structure on C54 canal
- Assists Sebastian River HS rowing team
- Dedicated core of leaders committed to this proposal

# Why is rowing good for youth?

- Teaches core values: Teamwork, Blending in with a group, Hard work, Mental focus, Commitment, and Whole body physical fitness



- Sebastian River High School and Saint Edward's School have programs in Indian River County
- IRRC intends to copy successful programs in other communities



## **Provides Scholarships for Youth**

Title 9 opened up rowing scholarships for women . Last year 4 Sebastian River High School students received full scholarships.

# At-risk youth programs

- tutoring combined with rowing



Rowing Program for "disadvantaged" teens

# Rowing is good for the Physically and Mentally Disadvantaged

- Blind rowers
- Breast cancer survivors
- Paraplegic rowers
- Amputees
- Mentally-challenged rowers



FISA introduced Adaptive rowing on a World Championship level at its 2002 World Rowing Championships in Seville, Spain, when 38 athletes competed in the single sculls and the coxed four. The sport has continued to develop since with four boat classes at the 2003 World Rowing Championships in Milan, Italy.



Adaptive Rowing Opportunities are as close as the Southern Sprints held each January in Melbourne, FL Hosted by: Florida Institute of Technology

Rowing is good for the Community  
Learn-to-Row in MacWilliam Park  
Registration



# Ergometer training



# Coaching



# On the water



# Rowing Promotes Tourism

- College programs need a winter destination-Boston College Women's Crew came back again this January (left)
- Events like head races and sprint races



**Even programs for you!**



**Dragon boating (City vs. County)**

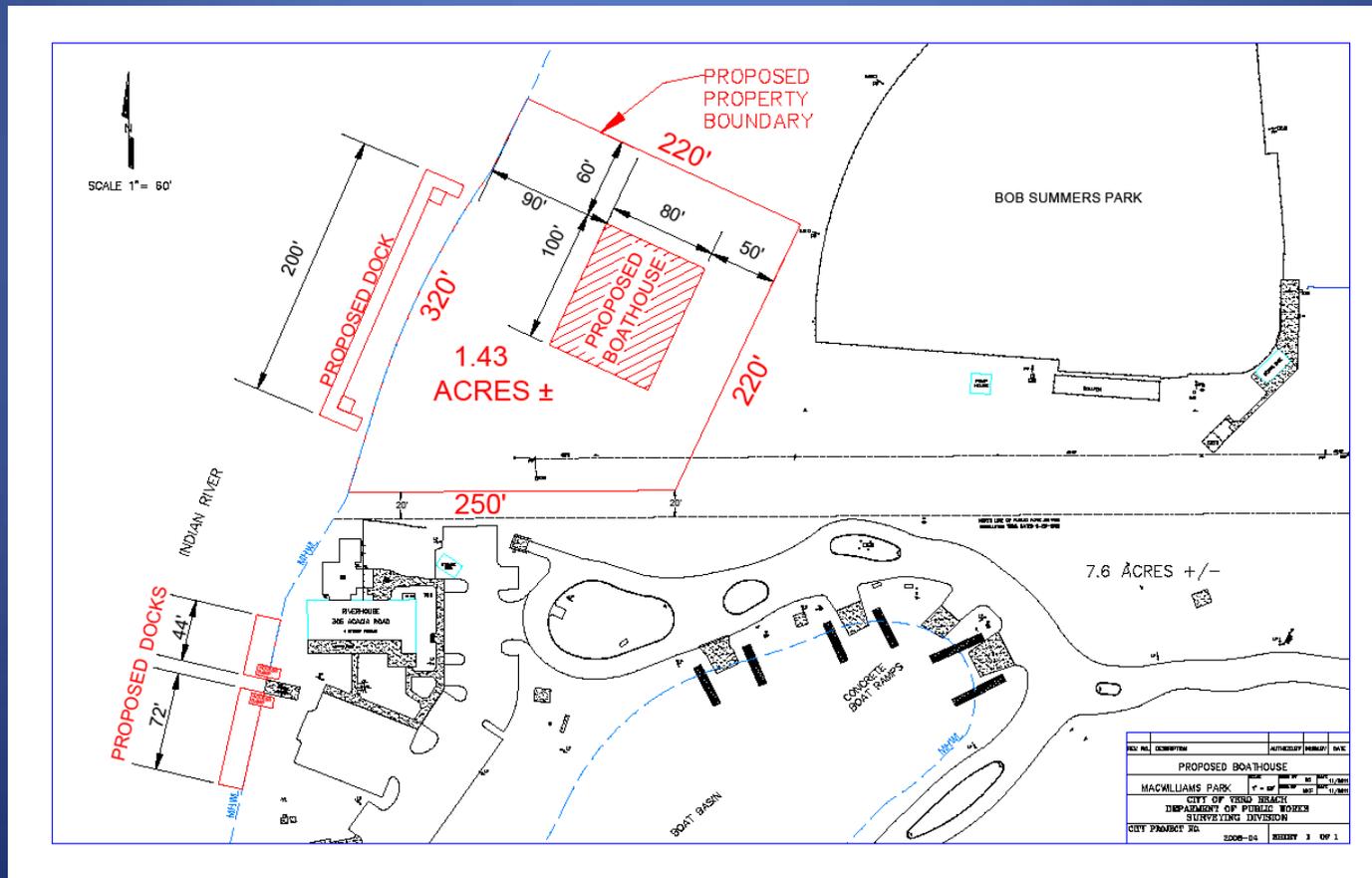
# Community Rowing and Paddling Proposal

- A signature structure for the community in MacWilliam Park
- Complements existing activities; dog exercise area and ball- park
- Space for community activities (meetings and events)
- Promotion of environmentally-friendly water sports
- Programs for the youth of Indian River County
- Programs for the physically and economically disadvantaged
- Programs for residents and businesses
- Promotion of tourism for visiting teams from the north
- Capital budget plan to be fully-funded from private sources
- A sustainable operating plan based on proven models from other communities



# Preliminary Boathouse Space Plan

- First floor boat storage. Four bays 25 x 80 ft. (8000 sf)
- Second floor common room(meeting and event rooms), locker rooms, offices, viewing deck. (8000 sf)
- Boat maneuvering in front of boathouse; approx. 90 ft minimum from docks
- Docks with 200 ft of launching space and safety launch docks
- Surrounding area—parking plus overflow parking for events





# Actions Needed and Proposed Timeline

- Immediate - Lease agreement signed by the City of Vero Beach with Site Selection and Designation
- 6 Months-Architectural Concept Work to prepare fundraising packages
- 1 year Fundraising –An account has been established for the boathouse with the Indian River Community Foundation.
- 6 months-Final architectural and engineering work.
- Completion optimistically 2 years from lease signing.