# TOWN OF LANTANA TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



**May 2022** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide the Town of Lantana (Town) Town Council and Community with a high-level executive summary of the status of the Town's major projects and various current and upcoming operational matters. Additional information may be available upon request.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To preserve Lantana's small-town atmosphere through responsible government and quality service.

#### **COVID-19 – RESOURCES, VACCINE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

- Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour call center number is (866) 779-6121
- For Florida Health updates via text, text FLCOVID19 to 888777
- In addition, the public can email <a href="mailto:COVID19@flhealth.gov">COVID19@flhealth.gov</a> for more information

For a list of vaccine information, please visit https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/

#### **2022 HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS**

Hurricane season is here and begins June 1, 2022. Please make sure you are prepared and visit <u>Public Safety - Emergency Management Hurricane (pbcgov.org)</u> for an official hurricane guide from the Palm Beach County Emergency Information Center (available in English, Spanish and Creole).

#### **NEWS RELEASES**

#### **Drinking Water Discoloration**

Periodically, it has been brought to the attention of Town staff that there are areas of the Town that occasionally experience water discoloration. Please be advised that our drinking water is monitored and tested on a daily basis and that it continues to confirm that it is safe to drink and that it is well within all Florida Department of Health parameters.

If at any time, you have any concerns regarding the color and/or quality of your drinking water, please contact the Water Plant at (561) 540-5760 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM so that we can analyze your specific concern to determine the possible reason for the water discoloration.

#### Clean Up After Your Pets

As a Friendly Reminder to our Pet Owners... Please Clean Up After Your Pets — It's the Law!

Please be courteous to your neighbors and your community by promptly picking up all solid waste material from your pet and disposing of it appropriately. Uncollected pet waste is a threat to the health of our children, degrades our Town and can transmit diseases. Failure to pick up your pet's waste is a violation of our Town's Code of Ordinances and may result in the assessment of fines.

Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance in keeping the Town of Lantana beautiful and safe.

#### <u>Dune Restoration Project Delayed due to Current Unfavorable Conditions</u>

There was insufficient dry beach width at Lantana's Municipal Beach in order to conduct the Dune Restoration Project during the originally planned construction season. The Town of Palm Beach and their consultant will continue to monitor the shoreline conditions with the anticipation of returning in November 2022, following sea turtle nesting season. If at that time the proper conditions exist, dune sand will be placed in both the Towns of Lantana and South Palm Beach, as planned. The sand that

will be used for this construction effort will remain in place on the beaches south of Phipps Ocean Park in Palm Beach. As our interlocal agreement remains in place, the Town of Lantana continues to partner with both the Towns of Palm Beach and South Palm Beach in an effort to promote healthy beach and dune systems along the entirety of Palm Beach Island. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process!

#### **TOWN CLERK**

#### Greater Lantana School Community Education Council Information

There are multiple openings on the Town of Lantana's Greater Lantana School Community Education Council. To receive an application and be considered for an appointment, please contact Kathleen Dominguez, Town Clerk, by phone at (561) 540-5016 or email at <a href="mailto:kdominguez@lantana.org">kdominguez@lantana.org</a>.

#### School Supply Drive

The Greater Lantana School Community Education Council is sponsoring a school supply drive for all age groups throughout the summer until September 1<sup>st</sup>. School supply donations can be dropped off in the Library and Town Hall Lobby area. Please contact Kathleen Dominguez, Town Clerk, for a wish list or to receive additional information at (561) 540-5016 or email to kdominguez@lantana.org.

#### Schedule of Upcoming Town Council Meetings

- June 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM Budget Workshop #1
- June 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- July 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM Budget Workshop #2
- July 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- July 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- August 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM (this meeting has been cancelled and will be held only if deemed necessary)

#### **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

#### 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Each year, the Town prepares its Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Report), that is designed to inform our customers about the water quality and services that we deliver to you every day. One of the Town's highest priorities is to always provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and this Report is utilized to communicate to our customers the effort involved in achieving that goal.

In accordance with Federal and State laws, rules and regulations and the Palm Beach County Health Department, the Town routinely monitors its drinking water for contaminants which may be present. The forthcoming Report presents the results of the monitoring process and what they mean for the period January 1 – December 31, 2021, unless otherwise indicated. The report will be made available on the Town's website at <a href="www.lantana.org/annual-water-quality-report">www.lantana.org/annual-water-quality-report</a> beginning July 1, 2022. A separate letter that provides additional related information will be mailed to the Town's utility billing customers in early June 2022.

#### Sea Pines Neighborhood Information

The Operation's Utilities Division is equipped with pumps that can be installed immediately to mitigate potential street flooding and threats to property. Routine system maintenance of the stormwater infrastructure is up-to-date. A Stormwater Pump Station, which is 90% designed, is planned to be

installed later this calendar year at the Sea Pines Basin Site. This Pump Station will be utilized to control the water level there and reduce the likelihood of street flooding in the area. In addition, the related permits are currently being processed thru the South Florida Water Management District.

#### **Equipment Update**

- Seven (7) Operational vehicles have been ordered in FY 2021/22. To date, five (5) of them have been delivered.
- In January 2022, the Town placed an order for state-of-the-art AED devices to be placed in
  every Town facility. The devices were expected to be delivered in mid-July 2022, but due to
  supply chain related issues, the new delivery date is now October 2022. Once the equipment
  is received, we will coordinate with the vendor and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for
  equipment and CPR training, respectively for staff.

#### Enjoy Lantana! Events

On May 13, 2022 the Town held its annual Arbor Day Celebration and commemorated the day by planting a new tree outside the Administration Building.

#### Railway Information

On March 17, 2022, at the request of brightline, the Town sent a letter of support to the Honorable Pete Buttigieg of the U.S. Department of Transportation that expressed the Town's strong support for the Florida East Coast Corridor Trespassing and Intrusion Mitigation Project. It is our understanding that this RAISE grant would make available nearly \$45M in funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and brightline. These funds would be utilized for safety enhancements along the corridor that services not only our community but the millions of residents and visitors that traverse the corridor every day.

On March 23, 2022, staff had an on-site meeting with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) and brightline engineers to establish a better working relationship with both organizations. In addition, we discussed the possibility of applying for and obtaining some potential grant funding or participating in some sort of cost sharing project to upgrade and enhance safety features along the corridor that services our community.

#### Infrastructure Grant Information

On February 22 and on March 22, 2022, staff met with our engineers, consultant and a professional grant writer to discuss potential grant funding opportunities that may be available to the Town under various sources including:

 Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grants – assists local governments in implementing various planning projects. On April 7, 2022, the Town submitted an application for consideration of the CPTA Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Stormwater System Analysis.

#### Background

The Town of Lantana is located in coastal Palm Beach County and faces increasing impacts from sealevel rise and more frequent rain events. As potential damage to residences, businesses, critical facilities, and transportation corridors becomes more of an immediate threat, the Town must take action to develop effective and resilient infrastructure, especially for stormwater facilities. The proposed project is requesting funding in the amount of \$62,121 to complete an assessment of the existing drainage system and use that data to develop a long-term level of service standards that meet the changing coastal conditions. This effort will include evaluation, modeling, land use planning and

recommendations for improvements to the stormwater system that are needed to further the Town's goal of resiliency.

- Resilient Florida Grant Program within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) –
  provides funding to local governments for community resilience planning, (i.e., Public Seawall)
- Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program provides funding to local governments to assist in the development of large-scale mitigation projects that promote disaster resiliency, (i.e., Hardening of Water Plant)

#### Potential Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF)

On April 12, 2022, staff held a conference call with Congresswoman Lois Frankel's (FL-21) Deputy Chief of Staff | Legislative Director to discuss the possibility of the Town receiving funding (i.e., earmarks) from the Federal Government. Following that meeting:

- April 14, 2022 the Town submitted a \$1.2M grant application through Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office for CPF to replace some of the Town's oldest water mains that are made up of asbestos cement.
- May 19, 2022 the Town received a letter from Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office confirming they had selected our proposal and were submitting it to the House Committee on Appropriations for inclusion in the 2023 federal budget.
- May 23, 2022 the Town Council adopted a Resolution supporting the Town's submission of CPF for this project.

#### Background

The Town utilizes a potable water distribution system consisting of a piping network that covers approximately 1,800 acres or 2.8 miles. The network is made up of pipes that are between 4 and 14 inches in diameter with the majority being between 6 and 8 inches in diameter. The oldest water mains were installed in 1962 and are made of asbestos cement that were installed behind homes along utility easements. These water mains have now exceeded or are nearing the end of their useful life and need to be replaced in order to ensure reliable water service delivery.

It is important to note, that all of these funding sources have various deadlines, criteria and possibly cost-sharing requirements that the Town would need to meet in order to qualify for consideration. We are working with all of our business partners referenced above to determine which current and/or future projects may be most likely to be funded under the existing provisions and we will continue to apply for such funding, if applicable.

Operations Department's Ongoing Projects				
Title	Funding Yr	Start	Est Completion	Comments
WTP High Service	FY 2020/21	Aug 2021	Oct 2022	Underway
Pumps	(rollover to			
Replacement	FY 2021/22)			
E Lantana Rd	FY 2020/21	Not Determined	Not Determined	90% designed
Improvements	(rollover to			
	FY 2021/22)			
Lift Station	FY 2020/21	Not Determined	Not Determined	Contract
Rehabilitation	(rollover to			awarded,
(6,16,18)	FY 2021/22)			awaiting
				scheduling
				with
				contractor
Sea Pines	FY 2020/21	Not Determined	Not Determined	90% designed
Stormwater Pump	(rollover to			
Station	FY 2021/22)			

WTP Filter Media	FY 2020/21	Jun 2021	TBD	TBD
Replacement &	(rollover to			
Improvements	FY 2021/22)			
Water Main	FY 2020/21	Not Determined	Not Determined	90% designed
Replacement	(rollover to			
Under FEC @ Pine	FY 2021/22)			
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ADA Ramp Re-Bid	FY 2021/22	Not Determined	Not Determined	Insurance
				claim has
				been settled,
				Ramp Design
				will be determined
				upon
				completion of
				the Dune
				Restoration
				Project
SE Atlantic Dr.,	Not funded	Not Determined	Not Determined	CSA with
Beach Curve Rd.,				Baxter &
Barefoot Lane,				Woodman
Lagoon Lane,				approved
N. Atlantic				3/14/22 to
Drainage				study and design
Improvements				drainage
				improve.
				on Hypoluxo
				Island
Beach Pavilion	FY 2020/21	Not Determined	Not Determined	Bldg.
Repairs	(FY 2021/22			use/purpose
	not funded)			being
				evaluated
Maddock Park CDBG	Grant FY 2021/22	July 2022	April 2023	Under design
Beach Rails	FY 2020/21	Apr 2021	May 2022	Completed
Phase I	(rollover to			
	FY2021/22)			
	Additional Funding			
Milling & Paving	in FY 2021/22 FY 2021/22	Est Nov 2021	TBD	Delayed
Townwide	F1 2021/22	ESUNOV 2021	טפו	pending ADA
Townwide				Ramp Cost
Beach Rails	FY 2021/22	Not Determined	Not Determined	Project
Phase II				deferred until
				FY 2022/23.
Pipe Lining/Manhole	FY2021/22	TBD	TBD	Contract
Rehabilitation				awarded,
Sanitary Sewer				awaiting
				scheduling
				with
Sports Dark Matting	EV2021/22	TBD	TDD	contractor
Sports Park Netting Fields 2 & 3	FY2021/22	עסו	TBD	Project Cancelled
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#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### Water Tower Commons Project Update

Phase II of the Residential project is currently in progress. The Town has issued building permits for Wawa. The site plan for Chick-fil-a was approved at the April 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting and building permits are currently under review. The Developer is currently working with an artist to install a piece of artwork to fulfill the requirement of the Art in Public Places for the Development.

#### Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Update

On August 23, 2021, Dana Little, Urban Design Director made a presentation to the Town Council to consider preparing a Master Plan for the Town. On January 24, 2022, Mr. Little presented a detailed scope of work as well as an Interlocal Agreement to Town Council, who voted in favor to approve the agreement and get the Master Planning Process underway. Staff is currently coordinating with Treasure Coast on next steps which includes creating a Host Committee.

#### Traffic Calming on W Pine St and W Ocean Ave

On March 15, 2022, residents gathered for a Citizen Meeting to discuss traffic calming along W Pine St and W Ocean Ave. Residents discussed desired locations and ideas for improving conditions for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles in the neighborhood. The Town is currently working on next steps for the implementation of speed cushions in the neighborhood and exploring further ideas discussed at the Citizen Meeting.

#### Traffic Calming in Pinewood St Area

On April 7, 2022, the Administration met with residents from the Pinewood St Area to address traffic and safety concerns that they had. As a result of that meeting, the Police Department conducted traffic enforcement on W Pine St, however no major concerns were observed. On May 24, 2022, the Administration provided information regarding our analysis and additional general traffic calming information via email to the resident that had requested the meeting. The Town will continue to review and monitor the area to see what type of traffic calming measure(s) may be utilized in the future, if deemed appropriate.

#### Traffic Calming Update

The Town recently engaged Kimley-Horn, our Traffic Engineers to review our existing Traffic Calming policy and Guidelines and to make professional recommendations and potential changes to the process in which citizens and staff make and review traffic calming requests, respectively.

#### Development Services Department's Ongoing Projects

Ongoing Applicant- Initiated Projects	<ul> <li>Lantana Cabana (Restaurant at the Moorings) – Site Plan, Landscape Plan, Special Exception for a Planned Development</li> <li>1199 W Lantana Rd (Water Tower Commons Commercial) – Site Plan, Landscape Plan, Special Exception to modify the planned development, Text Change Amendment</li> <li>Lantana Village – Site Plan, Landscape Plan, Special Exception for a Planned Development</li> </ul>	
Other Ongoing Projects	<ul> <li>Coordination with outside vendors on permit process improvements, including future online permitting capabilities</li> <li>Participation in the Palm Beach County Housing Action Plan</li> <li>Updates to Chapter 10.5 of the Town Code of Ordinances</li> </ul>	
Active Special Event Permits	<ul> <li>Food Truck at Sports Park (through September 2022)</li> <li>Palm Beach Arms Collectors event at the Finland House scheduled for June 18-19, 2022</li> </ul>	

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update

The Town received more than \$3.1M as the first tranche of ARPA funds in late September. Staff will evaluate the next course of action and how to best utilize these funds which must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. Eligible uses of funds include responses to public health concerns raised by the pandemic, responses to negative economic impacts of the pandemic, premium pay to essential workers, improvements to water and sewer infrastructure, and replacement of lost revenue due to the pandemic. American Rescue Plan Act – The annual report was submitted to the U.S. Treasury on April 8, 2022.

#### FY 2020/21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

The ACFR was submitted to the Town Council at the March 28, 2022 Town Council Meeting with an unqualified (clean) opinion.

#### FY 2021/22 Annual Budget

The FY 2021/22 annual budget's public hearings were held on September 13, 2021 and September 23, 2021. The Annual Budget was adopted by Resolution on September 23, 2021. The FY 2021/22 Annual Budget was amended through the mid-year budget amendment at the April 11, 2022 Town Council meeting.

#### FY 2022/23 Annual Budget

The upcoming budget process began on April 1, 2022. The FY 2022/23 Annual Budget documents were distributed to departments who submitted their requests back to Finance at the end of April. Meetings were held in mid-May with Management to review their requests. We continue to prioritize projects with the intention to bring forward a balanced budget. The first Budget Workshop is scheduled for 5:30 PM on Monday, June 13, 2022.

#### **Town Council Visioning Session**

On April 22, 2022, the Town Council held a Workshop/Visioning Session at the Finland House, which was publicly noticed and open to the public. In attendance were all elected officials, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Town Clerk and other staff. The meeting was the first of many that will assist in the preparation of the upcoming FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget. At the meeting the following items were presented/discussed:

- The Town Attorney provided a Town Councilmember Orientation Session
- The Town Manager reviewed the Town's recent accomplishments, improvements as well as both current and future projects
- Various Department Heads and staff members provided departmental overviews that outlined each department's primary functions, accomplishments and short and long-term goals
- The Town Manager reviewed short-term goals that each Councilmember had individually identified as priorities to determine if there was consensus to make it a Town priority
- The Town Manager provided a list of items to determine if there was consensus to bring these items back for future Council consideration, if necessary

No formal action was taken at this meeting, as it was a Workshop.

#### Town Council Workshop

On May 27, 2022, the Town Council held a Workshop which was publicly noticed and open to the public. In attendance were all elected officials, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, other staff and members of the public. At the Workshop, the Development Services Director made a presentation pertaining to the Land Development Regulations and the status of downtown vacant properties.

No formal action was taken at this meeting, as it was a Workshop.

#### Finance Department's Monthly Report (April 2022)



Item	April
Number of accounts payable checks issued	191
Amount of accounts payable checks	\$ 1,295,175
Utility bills prepared	3,434
Utility accounts on Auto-Pay	930
Utility accounts opened	50
Town water consumption (in thousands of gallons)	4,845
Water consumed (net of Town usage in thousands of gallons)	60,684
Water/Wastewater Utility Revenue Billed	\$ 881,810
New employees	1
Separated employees	1
Number of interviews	1
Number of insurance claims managed	29
SysAid tickets completed (I.T.)	47
Security logs reviewed	6,598
Backups performed (computer, server, etc.)	366
Network add/change/deletions	81

#### LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

#### **Temporary Location**

While our Library facility is undergoing its remodeling project, the Library has been temporarily relocated to 418 S Dixie Hwy, Lantana FL 33462.

#### Remodeling Project Update

At the May 9, 2022 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved an Agreement with West Construction, Inc. to complete the renovation of the Town Library in an amount not to exceed \$734,227.20 (this amount includes a 5% Contingency). The Project is expected to be completed within one hundred twenty (120) consecutive calendar days (approximately 09/08/2022) from the Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued by the Town. Liquidated Damages in the amount of \$500.00/day shall be assessed if the Contractor fails to meet the date for Final Completion and will be deducted from any monies due the Contractor, if necessary.

As an incentive to complete this project early and to minimize any potential cost overruns, Contractor shall be entitled to a Performance Bonus, conditioned upon achieving Final Completion within ninety (90) days (approximately 08/08/2022) after receiving the NTP. The Performance Bonus will be equal to any remaining portion of the 5% Contingency Sum, should any portion remain. The Contractor will not be entitled to any Performance Bonus if Final Completion is beyond 90 days following the issuance of the NTP or if no portion of the 5% Contingency Sum remains.

Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities at your Lantana Public Library



The Library is gearing up for our annual Summer Reading Club! The more books that kids, teens and adults read over the summer, the more chances they have to win prizes donated by local restaurants and purchased by the Friends of the Library! They can also earn prize drawing tickets by attending programs. The goal is to stop the "summer slide" – where youth lose 20-30% of knowledge over the summer which can turn into a snowball effect. We wanted to include our adults this year, too!

The Library will have a celebration on Saturday, June 18, 2022 for Juneteenth and to celebrate summer reading, with splash pads, games, snow cones, crafts, stories and more fun! Community members and patrons can register for the Summer reading program anytime this summer. Flyers will be distributed to schools, the Carlisle and an email will be sent to all staff.

#### New Service Alert: Brainfuse

Patrons with library cards now have access to Brainfuse, which offers free homework help, ACT/SAT/GED/ASVAB test prep, 24 Hour writing lab and paper editing, career and resume help, and VetNow, tailored just for Veterans!

For more information, visit us at the Library or email Kristine Kreidler, Library Director at <a href="kkreidler@Lantana.org">kkreidler@Lantana.org</a> or visit the links below (LPL library card needed). Library cards are free for anyone in Palm Beach County except residents of the Towns of Palm Beach and Manalapan and the City of Boca Raton.

Students and eLearning: <a href="https://bit.ly/3v55nDJ">https://bit.ly/3v55nDJ</a>
Vets: <a href="https://bit.ly/3xN5aqP">https://bit.ly/3v5SvDI</a>
JobNow Career Help: <a href="https://bit.ly/3v5SVDI">https://bit.ly/3v5SVDI</a>

#### Announcing the Real Florida Reader Program!



In collaboration with Florida State Parks and tied into the Summer Reading Program, we will be offering FREE state park passes that our patrons can check out for a week at a time. It will allow up to 8 people in a vehicle to get into any Florida State Park for FREE. The program ends in September, so make sure to take advantage of it. Visit the Library for more information.

#### Social Worker Program Update:

We have new days and times for our social worker. They are now at the Library Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 AM to 1 PM. To book an appointment, email <a href="kkreidler@lantana.org">kkreidler@lantana.org</a> or just stop on by!

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Police Department's Ongoing Projects and Current Trends

- All of the equipment has been received and inventoried for the dispatch center upgrade and we are coordinating with Motorola to establish an installation date in the next several weeks.
- Two (2) of the three (3) Ford Utility Interceptor vehicles have been delivered and are being scheduled for the installation of the equipment.
- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) continues in various areas throughout Town to address traffic violators.
- Tax Refund Season Protect yourselves against identify theft and fraud, do not provide your personal information (social security number, birthdate, etc.) over the phone or via the internet.
- We are experiencing an increase in BITCOIN fraud cases in which the victims are receiving phone calls and are being asked to provide personal information over the phone. Do not provide any of your personal information over the phone or via the internet.

#### FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

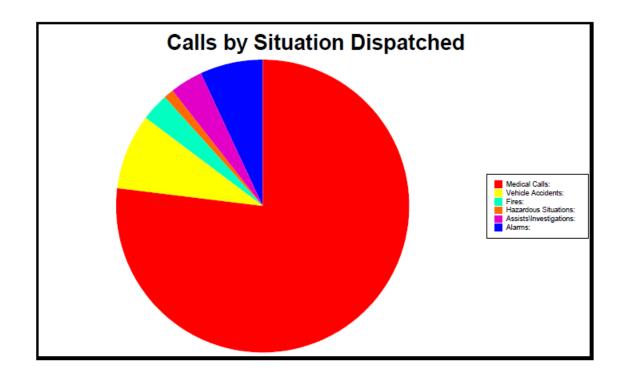
Fire Rescue Department's Municipal Call Type Report Chart



### Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Lantana - # of Calls by Type 20220401 to 20220430

Type - Situation Dispatched	# of Incidents
Medical Calls:	177
Vehicle Accidents:	19
Fires:	7
Hazardous Situations:	3
Assists\Investigations:	8
Alarms:	16
Total number of Events:	230



<u>Note</u>: Fire Rescue Services (Fire Station #37) are provided through a 10-year interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County that expires on December 31, 2027.



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