



# Light Up Manatee:

Illuminating a Community Through Innovation and Collaboration

## THE CHALLENGE

In 2024, a study by Manatee County and Florida Power & Light (FPL) found a shortfall of over 9,000 streetlights. With 90% of the county dark at night—and the worst-lit areas facing the highest crime rates—concerns about safety and quality of life grew urgent.

INADEQUATE  
STREETLIGHTS

9k

% OF COUNTY  
IN THE DARK

90%

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Studies show that reliable streetlights can reduce crime and improve safety.

36%

LESS CRIME

50%

LESS PEDESTRIAN  
DEATHS

63%

LESS VEHICLE  
COLLISIONS

## THE SOLUTION

Manatee County used \$3 million in American Rescue Plan funds to improve lighting in high-crime areas.

Streetleaf installed solar-powered streetlights in under-lit, low-income neighborhoods without existing infrastructure, saving the county thousands in installation costs and minimizing disruption.

INFRASTRUCTURE  
COST SAVINGS

\$769,600

Streetleaf  
STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED

148



CASE STUDY

RELIABLE LIGHTS. RENEWABLE POWER.