



Recovering From the Recovery: Current State of the County

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Quick Reminder



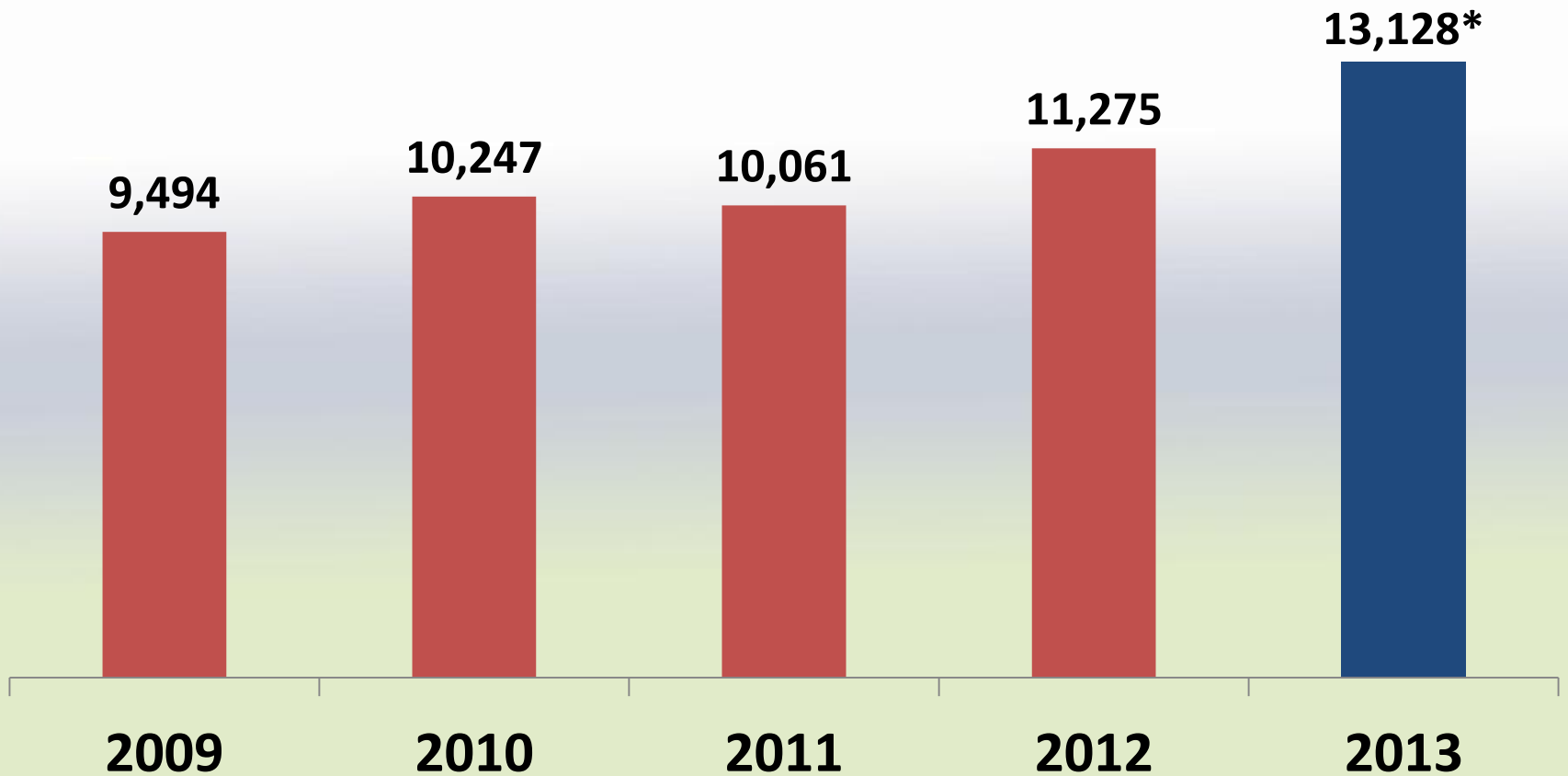
- Brevard is the 2nd Largest County and Economy in East Central Florida
- Brevard is the 10th Largest County in Florida and 60th in County Tax Burden
- Brevard's Staffing is the Same as in 2001 While Serving 65,000 New Residents
- Brevard County Continues to be a Place of **Great Value**

County Financial Picture



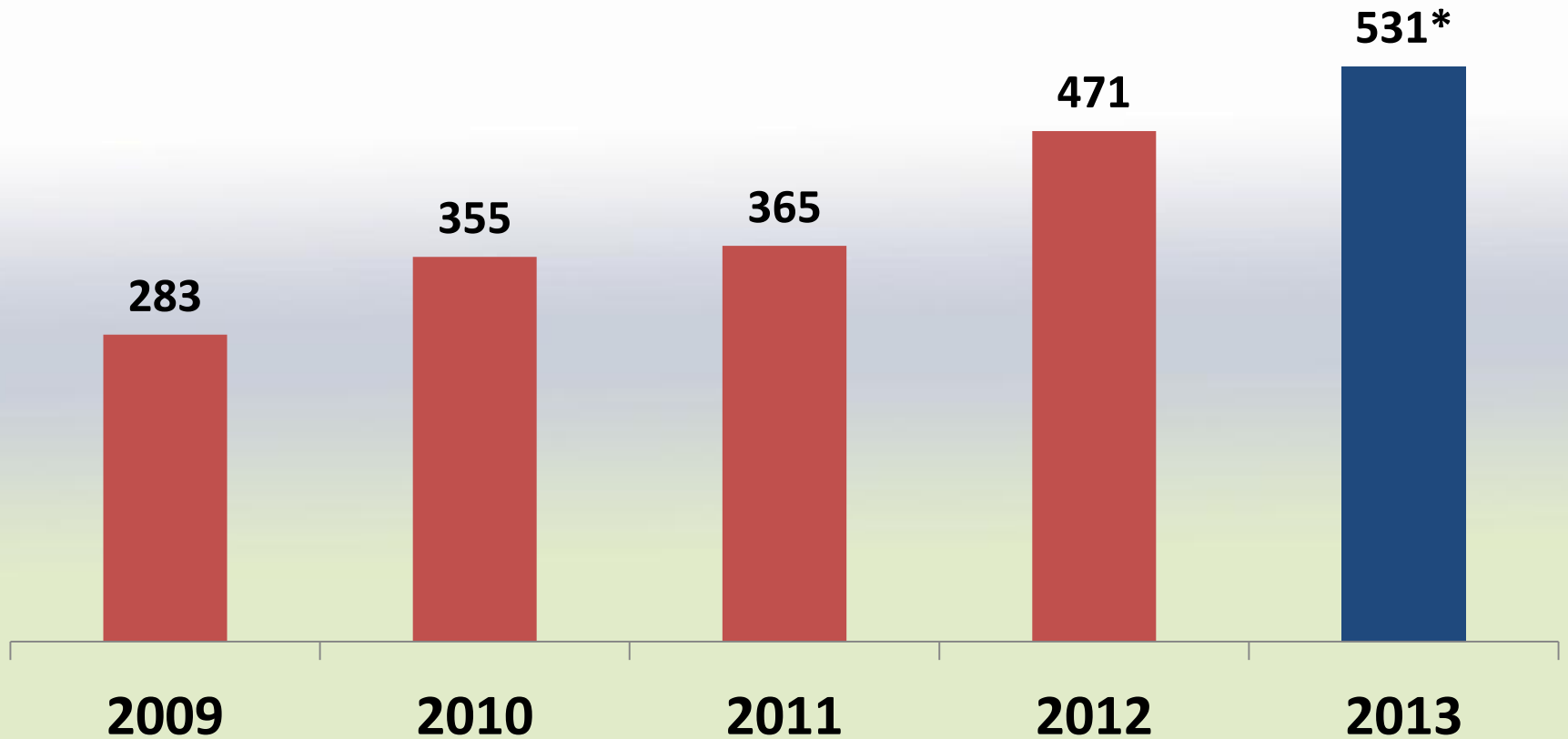
- Property Tax Valuations Up More Than 4% Countywide
- Other Funding Streams Stable Except...
- FPL Power Plant Operating in 2013
- Regional Perspective – All Systems Go

Number of Permits Issued



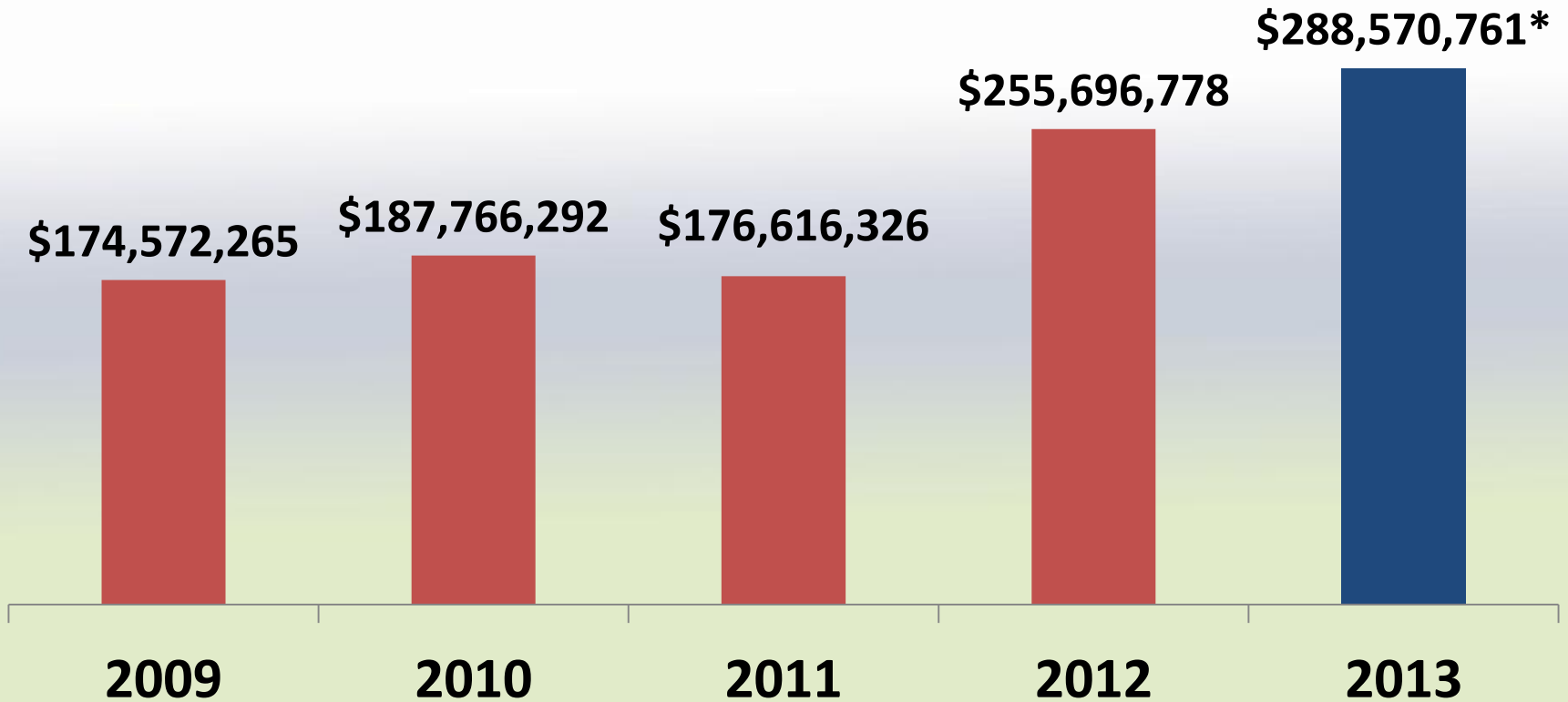
* 2013 Projection

Single Family Homes



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Construction Values



* 2013 Projection

Economic Development



- Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast Investor at \$1,450,000
- Biggest "Win" of The Year – Northrup Grumman Manned Aircraft Design Center of Excellence
 - 1,000 Net New Jobs at \$75,000 Average Salary
 - \$61,000,000 Private Sector Investment
 - County Commitment - \$2,800,000 in Performance Based Incentives

Economic Development



- Think About What Sea Ports Are Doing
- Think About What Airports Are Doing
- Think About What Rail Companies Are Doing
- Today, 1 in 4 Jobs Related to Trade
- By 2020, 1 in 2 Jobs Will Be Related to Trade

*Brevard and the Region are Well Positioned Today
for the Global Marketplace*

Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee



- 19-Member Advisory Committee to the County Commission
 - Representing Business, Government, Citizens and Academia
 - Charter is to Understand Transportation Infrastructure Challenges and Provide Viable/Reasonable Recommendations
 - Meetings Open to Public

Partnerships



- Indian River Lagoon
- Economic Development Commission and P-4 Initiative
- MyRegion.Org
- Purchasing Consortium
- United Way

Brave New Worlds



- Libraries and e-Books

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 (YTD)</u>
– Orange	696,108	934,707
– Brevard	103,950	106,981
– Volusia	69,819	100,438
– Seminole	44,599	62,580
– Osceola	25,689	35,205

Brave New Worlds



- Brevard County Libraries Began Offering e-Books in Mid-August 2011;
23,532 e-Books were checked out that year
- 103,950 e-Books Checked Out in 2012

A Word of Caution



- Economies are Fragile Systems
- Impacts of Deferred Maintenance
- County Charter Cap – Never Catch Up
- Ad Valorem Tax Abatement (AVT) Program
- Community Engagement – Not Optional

Indian River Lagoon



- Covers More Than 40% of Florida's East Coast in 6 Counties
- 71% of Surface Area Lies in Brevard County
- Supports 4,300+ Different Animal and Plant Species
- Estimated Annual Economic Value is \$3.7 Billion
- Supports 15,000 Full and Part-Time Jobs in addition to 11 Million Recreational Users

Indian River Lagoon (continued)



- In 1986, Brevard Provided 1.2 Million Pounds of Clams or 93% of Florida's Total Harvest
- Today, Brevard's Harvest is 0.2% of What it Was 27 Years Ago
- In 1986, Brevard's Oyster Harvest Was 60,525 Pounds
- Today, the Oyster Harvest is 434 Pounds

Indian River Lagoon (continued)



- 1986, Blue Crab Harvest Was 1.1 Million Pounds
- Today, Blue Crab Harvest is 131,194 Pounds or 11% of What it Was 27 Years Ago
- Since 2010, the Lagoon Lost 47,000 Acres of Sea Grass
 - Disney World is Approximately 27,000 Acres
- Unusually High Number of Manatees, Bottlenose Dolphins and Pelicans Deaths

Indian River Lagoon (continued)



- Three Pillars of Lagoon Stewardship
 - 1) Individual
 - 2) Corporate and Non-Profit Community
 - 3) Public Sector

It Will Take a Partnership of All to Be Successful!

Indian River Lagoon (continued)



- Many Eyes are Studying the Issues
- The Problem is Multifaceted
- Growing Public Awareness
 - Strong Media Support
 - Personal Observations and Connection
 - Everyone Can Be Involved

Indian River Lagoon (continued)



- Partnerships are Forming Real Time
- County Commission Has Agreed to:
 - A Resolution in Support of Lagoon Restoration
 - Look to Strengthen Fertilizer Ordinance
 - Review Stormwater Funding to Increase Impacts on Water Quality
 - Dedicated \$150,000 as a Grant Match for Oyster Mats



“We were a family of ordinary people who came together as a team and did something extraordinary”.

Former Space Shuttle Worker



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