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Panel 02 and Panel 03: From Fiddler's Paradise to Boom-Era Bayboro (1800s-1920)

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Fowl Smells and Foul Smells . . .

"A Last to Bahia. On the way, we will price them at very low figure. Build a home there, raise chickens and help feed St. Petersburg's multitude."


Even when Roser Park and other neighborhoods around Bayboro Harbor became part of St. Petersburg, it was not uncommon for many residents to grow crops or keep fowl well into the 1920s and 1930s.

Another challenge faced harbor developers during the mid-1910s: The city's untreated sewage drained into Bayboro Harbor near the present-day cruise ship port. While most private residences had outdoor privies and did not connect to the municipal sewer facilities, the growth of the central downtown core required a network of underground pipes that moved dirty wastewater from "City Beautiful" to "stinky harbor." The bad odors continued for many years.