



## TOP WAYS WE ARE PUTTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN INTO ACTION

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### OVERVIEW

The City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department enhances quality of life by providing diverse parks, amenities and programs that inspire guests to learn, grow and serve daily. With exceptional leisure, cultural and recreational opportunities, its facilities are dynamic destinations that reflect the City's character. Committed to safety and inclusivity, the Department ensures all guests can play, celebrate and connect in welcoming spaces.

**FY 26/27**

## CULTURE, NATURE & FUN ACTIVITIES

**Expanding recreational offerings and parks access through a multitude of projects and programs.**

### **Implementing the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.**

- Begin Implementation of the revised Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Evaluate development of recreation centers/community centers in key nodes, including at Walton & One
- Complete the construction of the Conservation Trail south of Pioneer Park
- Extending our trail network via the completion of the Wilderness Trail
- Completing/continuing Phase I of Tradition and Torino Regional parks.
- Acquiring land and/or City-owned land for additional parks and open spaces, in partnership with the High Performance Public Spaces team
- Continue enhancements of camping options at McCarty Ranch Preserve
- Increase access to parks within a 10-minute walk of residents through innovative partnerships and planning
- Begin Conceptual Master Plan of Sportsman's Park and School Site

### **Expanding programming, cultural offerings**

- Evaluate new and existing programming via the completed Recreation Programming Plan
- Launch new environmental education programs
- Launch new adult and sport programming
- Analyze existing programs via benchmarking and needs assessment
- Develop partnerships to deliver programs
- Implement the BMX Operations Plan

### **Improving current facilities and operational efficiency**

- Increase security/fiber at Riverland Paseo and C-24 Canal Parks
- Construction of Phase I improvements for O.L. Peacock, Sr. Park
- New playground installations and renovations at River Place, Oak Hammock, & McChesney Parks
- Develop creative placemaking strategies including activating green spaces such as Rosser Lakes
- Utilizing new technologies such as OpenGov Asset Management & Copilot
- Evaluate findings from Fee Study for potential revenue generation

**65%**

**65% of residents rated City parks favorably, similar to the national benchmark - 2025 National Community Survey™**



## HIGH-PERFORMING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

### Continuing to grow as a high-performing Parks & Recreation Department.

- Retain Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Accreditation via the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- Filed for CAPRA reaccreditation in January 2026, with reviews and final reaccreditation determination to be completed by September 2026
- Increase networking with other CAPRA-accredited agencies
- Continue to evaluate and improve operations via benchmarking, staff retreats, strategic planning, research, technology/innovative solutions, CAPRA reaccreditation, studies and surveys
- Expand marketing in coordination with Communications
- Support further development of the Parks & Recreation team through training
- Better utilize volunteers, including developing and implementing volunteer training

# 5.3 Million

Total visits to PSL parks & indoor facilities in FY 24/25.

### Parks & Recreation By The Numbers

- 391,100 – Total visits to recreation centers
- 167,000 - total visits to Botanical Gardens
- 1,524 – Facility rentals
- 237 – Recreation programs offered annually



The department met 99.4% of the CAPRA Standards in 2021.