



RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

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GOAL 7.1. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

~~To provide~~ The City shall provide ~~qualityadequate~~ recreation and open space facilities ~~and areas~~ offering a broad range of activities, convenient access, appropriate improvements, and sound management to provide all citizens of Port St. Lucie with active and passive recreation opportunities in the interests of personal health, entertainment, and constructive use of leisure time.

OBJECTIVE 7.1.1.

RECREATION FACILITIES

~~The City shall establish mechanisms necessary~~ to provide active and passive recreation facilities and areas to serve current and future ~~for~~ residents of Port St. Lucie, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Master Plan ~~in a timely manner~~ so as to comply with the level of service standards set forth by this element and to maintain such compliance in subsequent years.

Policy 7.1.1.1. ~~The City shall Achieve~~ maintain the ~~park level of service~~ LOS standards by utilizing parks impact fees, grant funds, or other public funding sources, as well as gifts, dedications, or contributions, for the purchase and/or development of park sites, ~~through an equitable and systematic land acquisition program.~~

Policy 7.1.1.2. ~~The City shall Maintain~~ the City concurrency management regulations in accordance with ~~revised-adopted level of service~~ LOS standards and definitions ~~as~~ related to the provisions ~~for of~~ recreation and open space.

Policy 7.1.1.3. The level of service standard for parks and recreation shall be as follows:

Developed Public Park or Recreation Facilities = 5.0 acres per 1,000 population.

Policy 7.1.1.4. Based on the adopted level of service LOS standards, the City shall document future needs for recreation facilities and correct or improve deficiencies in the City's Capital Improvements Element and capital improvements programs.



OBJECTIVE 7.1.2.

FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Through the use of public funds, gifts and contributions, mandatory fees and/or dedications, and other means the City shall coordinate with other governmental agencies and the private sector to meet the recreation and open space needs of the residents.

Policy 7.1.2.1. ~~The City shall Utilize recreation impact fees, and other sources, for recreation land acquisition and development. Supplement recreation land acquisition and development~~ needs through interlocal agreements and coordination, developer agreements, operational practices, user and impact fees, incentives, and public/private cooperative efforts. ~~Develop a comprehensive implementation program based on data and analysis and direction established in this plan element.~~

Policy 7.1.2.2. The City shall ~~M~~maintain a detailed ~~recreation and open space~~ inventory of developed public parks and recreation facilities ~~which~~ indicatings the general location of existing and potential sites and facilities.

Policy 7.1.2.3. ~~RESERVED Continue to require the mandatory dedication of park sites designated by General Development Corporation on their original maps.~~

Policy 7.1.2.4. Conservation Trust Funds shall only be used for the acquisition and management of upland preserves and the development of passive recreation facilities. ~~on such lands consistent with the permitted principal uses and structures of the Open Space Conservation Zoning District, and education pertaining to such lands.~~

Policy 7.1.2.5. ~~The City shall D~~define open space and enforce preservation and open space design standards through the City's land development codes.

Policy 7.1.2.6. ~~RESERVED Provide and promote a balanced recreation system which offers a variety of high quality recreational opportunities for all residents.~~

Policy 7.1.2.7. The City ~~shall~~may preserve existing ~~open space and recreation~~ and open space land by restricting its conversion to other uses and limiting encroachment from other uses.

Policy 7.1.2.8. The City shall ~~E~~ncourage the development of new parks to ensure all Port St. Lucie residents have access to park and recreational facilities ~~within a maximum three mile radius based on the following service radii:~~

Policy 7.1.2.9. The City shall ~~E~~ncourage passive recreational activities and eco-tourism of natural areas ~~within the City of Port St. Lucie.~~

Policy 7.1.2.10. The City shall ~~P~~promote partnerships with local arts, cultural, sports, and other nonprofit organizations ~~and sports organizations, and~~ promote recreational tourism opportunities within the City of Port St. Lucie.

Policy 7.1.2.11. The City shall consider applying for county, state, and federal grants, including but not limited to the St. Lucie County Environmentally Significant Lands (ESL) Program, the Florida Communities' Trust, the



Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, for conservation land acquisitions.

OBJECTIVE 7.1.3.

ACCESSIBILITY

The City shall ~~E~~ensure that parks and recreation facilities are reasonably accessible to all ~~categories of~~ users, including ~~the handicapped people with disabilities, elderly older adults, and economically disadvantaged those with limited financial means.~~

Policy 7.1.3.1. Through the site plan review process, the City shall require development to provide access easements or rights-of-way as needed to provide adequate access ways, ~~(including beach access where applicable if appropriate)~~ Such access shall be ~~which are~~ compatible with the character and needs of the facility, ~~and be as well as being~~ harmonious with surrounding development patterns.

Policy 7.1.3.2. The City shall ~~C~~coordinate with St. Lucie County's Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department to negotiate public access to Atlantic Ocean beaches ~~through meetings and discussions.~~

Policy 7.1.3.3. The City shall ~~C~~continue to ~~implement apply inclusive handicapped~~ accessibility design standards ~~into the development of~~ new recreation facilities ~~iesy designs.~~

Policy 7.1.3.4. The City ~~shall should~~, in cooperation with St. Lucie County and other appropriate transportation providers, work to enhance physical access to park and recreation areas by automobile, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation.

Policy 7.1.3.5. The City ~~shall should strive to~~ ensure that all ~~public, active,~~ recreation facilities ~~are shall be~~ accessible to ~~the people with disabilities disabled,~~ and ~~the elderly older adults~~ through proper design and continued maintenance.

Policy 7.1.3.6. The City may implement consistent wayfinding and educational signage to improve navigation, accessibility, and public awareness of natural, historical, and recreational features in parks and open space.

OBJECTIVE 7.1.4.

COORDINATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

To implement park acquisition, construction, maintenance, and preservation plans.

Policy 7.1.4.1. The City will ~~Through a joint use agreement~~ coordinate with the State of Florida ~~to open State owned State-owned~~ lands along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and the Savannas Preserve State Park. ~~to for~~ public access.

Policy 7.1.4.2. The City shall continue to work with the St. Lucie County School Board to provide recreation facilities and programs at schools located in the City through mutual use agreements.



Policy 7.1.4.3. The City ~~shall~~will seek intergovernmental agreements when necessary for joint projects with St. Lucie County in a cooperative effort to provide recreation facilities in the City.

Policy 7.1.4.4. The City ~~shall~~do develop and enhance the City's recreational trail system to tie into St. Lucie County's Greenways and Trails system, the trail system contained in the ~~2035-2050~~ Long Range Transportation Plan, and the trail system contained in the St. Lucie County TPO ~~Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways and Trails Study~~SmartMoves 2045 plan.