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RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

Purpose and Direction: The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to ensure the provision of an extensive park system with well maintained, continually upgraded and relevant facilities and programming to meet the recreational needs of residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The City invests in the existing park system and looks for opportunities to expand through strategic land acquisition and to improve multimodal connections between parks and recreational areas. The City will maximize the benefits of the parks and open space system by preserving and enhancing the native landscaping, finding opportunities to utilize appropriate open spaces for solar and other alternative energy infrastructure; utilizing pervious land areas for storage and infiltration of stormwater, all in a manner that supports the City's resilience goals while not detracting from the primary recreational use of the land.

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal 4: Provide safe well-maintained and adequate open space and recreational facilities for all Pompano Beach residents and visitors.

Objective 04.01.00 – Level of Service

Adopt the following levels of service for the provision of recreational facilities and open space.

Policy 04.01.01

Maintain public and private recreation and open space facilities at a level of service of 5-acres for each 1,000 residents and continue to assess community and neighborhood park impact fees to mitigate the impact of new residential development on the park system at a rate of 3-acres per 1,000 residents.

Objective 04.02.00 – Park and Open Space Needs

To insure the continued provision of open space by public agencies and private enterprise.

Policy 04.02.01

To adhere to the open space definitions and standards of permitted uses specified in the implementation section of the Future Land Use Element.

Policy 04.02.02

Support the efforts of Broward County to provide and develop regional parks at the rate of three (3) acres per 1,000 population for the planning period.

Policy 04.02.03

To identify and purchase additional acreage for mini-parks or neighborhood parks subject to availability of sites. Consider purchase of repetitive-loss properties to prevent future flood losses if the properties are appropriately sized and located to serve a beneficial use which may include stormwater features, recreational space and open space facilities.

Policy 04.02.04

At residential developments undertaken by the City, the City shall provide a new park site.

Policy 04.02.05

As the City urbanizes, any parking structures built on park properties should be placed on existing parking lots to the maximum extent practical to avoid the loss of active park space.



Objective 04.03.00 – Maintenance and Upgrade

To insure the provision of existing park and recreational facilities through continued maintenance, upgrading of facilities and total refurbishment.

Policy 04.03.01

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department shall jointly cooperate in annually identifying and prioritizing improvements in existing parks and recreational facilities to maintain the parks being provided at the adopted level of service in the Capital Improvements Element.

Policy 04.03.02

To adequately fund the Parks and Recreation Department to optimize the recreational programming at City park and recreation facilities being provided at the level of service established by this plan.

Policy 04.03.03

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department shall jointly cooperate in the maintenance of the parks and recreational facilities so as to prepare the facilities in a timely manner for scheduled activities and develop and update appropriate maintenance manuals and schedules for all recreational facilities and parks to provide accountability for oversight of same.

Objective 04.04.00 – Accessibility

To satisfy the accessibility requirements of potential users arriving by various modes of transportation at the parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.04.01

To ensure that all recreational facilities and parks are accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists and automobile users and that facilities for each group are separate and clearly marked to avoid conflicts.

Policy 04.04.02

To develop additional bicycle facilities and cooperate with Broward County in the provision of bicycle facilities.

Policy 04.04.03

To provide sufficient handicapped parking spaces and incorporate a barrier free design in the development/renovation of all public facilities.

Policy 04.04.04

To maintain the existing beach access points and parking lots for beachgoers.

Policy 04.04.05

To maintain and enhance the existing recreational facilities which provide physical or visual access to water.

Objective 04.05.00 – Diversity

To encourage the development of facilities and programs which will serve seasonal residents and tourists as well as the resident population.

Policy 04.05.01

To develop a uniform and easily recognizable system of signage to assist in directing potential users to public park sites and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.05.02

To recognize the contribution that private recreational facilities provide in meeting the needs of seasonal residents and tourists and cooperate with them.

Policy 04.05.03

To promote Pompano Beach as a year-round tourist destination.

Policy 04.05.04

To develop a marketing program to inform new residents and seasonal residents about the recreational programs available.

Objective 04.06.00 – Funding

To seek a mixture of public and private funding sources for the acquisition, development, maintenance and programming of recreational facilities.

Policy 04.06.01

Continue to implement the Park Impact Fee Ordinance and continue updating the impact fees as established in the ordinance.

Policy 04.06.02

Impact fees will be spent within the impact fee zones established by Ordinance and can be used for projects including land acquisition, park development, and new or replacement equipment and facilities that provide upgrades, modernization and increased accessibility.

Policy 04.06.03

To review and revise the adopted fee schedules for the various recreational facilities so that the fees charged reflect a reasonable share of the costs of providing these facilities.

Policy 04.06.04

To seek private sponsors for recreational programs to keep these programs affordable for low and moderate income families.

Policy 04.06.05

To obtain grants from governmental agencies for the acquisition of new sites and development of new and existing sites.

Objective 04.07.00 – Coordination

To coordinate the provision of recreational facilities with other municipal, county, state and federal governments.

Policy 04.07.01

Enter into lease agreement with the Broward County School Board to include all the recreational facilities at the public schools within the city limits of Pompano Beach.

Policy 04.07.02

Cooperate with Florida Inland Navigation District concerning the use and development of Exchange Club Park, Alsdorf Park and Harbors Edge Park.

Policy 04.07.03

Uphold the terms and conditions of the lease agreement between the City of Pompano Beach and the City of Lighthouse Point concerning the use and maintenance of Exchange Club Park.

Policy 04.07.04

Participate in county, regional and state level programs to protect and conserve the shoreline through beach renourishment and artificial reef-building programs.

Policy 04.07.05

Continue to encourage the efforts of the Pompano Beach Boys & Girls Club to provide recreational services.



Objective 04.08.00 – Native Landscape

To preserve existing desirable landscaping material and encourage the planting of additional native landscaping material on public properties.

Policy 04.08.01

To install additional landscaping material and irrigation systems on all public parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.08.02

To conserve and protect the native vegetation contained on the Arboretum property.

Policy 04.08.03

To incorporate the existing native vegetation into the design of all new parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.08.04

To encourage the use of native plants and encourage the removal of undesirable and/or invasive exotic vegetation from all parks and recreational facilities.

Objective 04.09.00 – Outreach

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall work together to encourage residents to attend Board meetings to learn more about their recreational facilities and offerings in order to continue providing high quality parks and recreational services to the residents.

Policy 04.09.01

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members shall attend neighborhood meetings to learn more about the recreational needs of the residents and promote residential usage of the public parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.09.02

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members shall promote how well maintained and well used parks may increase neighborhood real estate values, provide venues for neighborhood activities, and act as a cohesive factor for the neighborhood residents.

Policy 04.09.03

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members shall encourage the application of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design techniques in the design, maintenance and rehabilitation use of all parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.09.04

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members shall strive to provide supervision through the use of volunteer neighbors and or paid staff at parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 04.09.05

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members shall support and promote the Park Ranger Program to ensure it continues to protect the City's investment in the parks and recreational facilities and ensures safe and appropriate behavior.

Objective 04.10.00 – Climate Change Resilience

Create opportunities to utilize parks, open spaces, and green spaces for climate change adaptation and resiliency.

Policy 04.10.01

Parks and Recreation staff will participate in discussions, when appropriate, to understand the relationship between climate change, parks management and community resilience to further the City's sustainability objectives and support the work of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact.

Policy 04.10.02

The City shall maintain an inventory of the Parks and open spaces that are vulnerable to climate change impacts (flooding) including those that may be located within future Adaptation Action Areas identified by the City or County. Flood occurrences and associated damages will be recorded and analyzed to determine the most advantageous use of that property for future climate change adaptation.

Policy 04.10.03

The City shall analyze repetitive loss properties to determine if acquisition to avoid future flood damage has a public benefit including use of those properties for multi-purposes including stormwater features, recreational space or open space facilities.

Policy 04.10.04

By 2025, the City will create a plan to prioritize specific parks in which to install renewable energy infrastructure (e.g., solar panels).

Policy 04.10.05

The City will continue its current practice of requiring all City park project's to meet flood-resilient finished floor elevations for new and substantially improved buildings and those buildings will be designed to LEED Silver (or equivalent) performance standards.

Policy 04.10.06

The City will continue to utilize sustainable building and Florida Friendly landscaping design for all park and recreation facilities including retrofitting and renovation projects.

Policy 04.10.07

The City will promote, to the maximum extent feasible, the use of reclaimed water for irrigation on all city parks where infrastructure can be reasonably cost-effectively extended to serve those facilities, even if they are within the County's utility service area.