

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL 1 The City will provide and maintain, for all the residents of Plantation, an adequate inventory of parks and open space plus a diversified program of recreation and leisure time opportunities.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 To develop by the year 2015 (buildout) an integrated, diversified system of parks and recreation facilities and activities throughout the City that meet the specified level-of-service standards.

Policy 1.1.1 Use a combination of City park land acquisition and developer dedications to maintain the following level-of-service standards:

| Type of Facility | Acres/1000 Population | Minimum Site (in Acres) | Population Served |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Neighborhood Park | 2 | 3.0 - 7.0 | 2,000 - 10,000 |
| Community Park | 1 | 7.0 - 40.0 | 10,000 - 50,000 |
| City Park | 1 | 40.0 - 100.0 | 50,000 - 100,000 |
| Total | 4 | | |

Policy 1.1.2 The City shall enter into contracts, joint agreements, or leases with the School Board, Water Management District and other appropriate entities to supplement the City park land and acquisition program.

OBJECTIVE 1.2 Achieve a public recreational facilities and program mix that complements the traditional and specialized private recreational system. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall annually review an updated inventory of public and private recreational facilities.

Policy 1.2.1 The City's publicly funded recreational facilities and programs shall concentrate on "traditional" recreation (e.g. baseball, softball, basketball, football, soccer, tennis, jogging/walking, and community centers); a system based on the recreational needs and desires of a majority of the citizens of Plantation. However, the City shall maintain flexibility to provide special or "novelty" recreation. (Ord. No. 2146, 2/18/98)

Policy 1.2.2 In order to plan effectively for public recreational facilities and programs the City shall prepare demographic profiles of the City's population

using data analysis to determine future park facilities' planning and programming needs. (Ord. No. 2146. 2/18/98)

Policy 1.2.3 To maintain and increase the quality of life for the residents of Plantation, the City shall continue to offer and monitor programs that respond to survey needs (e.g. learning and development programs for the handicapped). This will be done in concert with the Broward County Board of Education. (Ord. No. 2146, 2/ 18/98)

OBJECTIVE 1.3 By 2010 provide a network of walking, bicycle, and equestrian trails to interlink recreational facilities and as an alternative means of transportation.

Policy 1.3.1 The City shall pursue joint development of pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trails in the City through the use of its adopted Priority Path System (PPS), which established a network of 6-foot wide sidewalks/ bike paths throughout the City as a feeder system connecting to the County-wide bikeways system. The City shall continue to seek funding to fill in the missing segments of the PPS, and funds to build a bike path/trail along the SFWMD C-42 Canal easement. The City will continue negotiations with the SFWMD and Broward County to develop a linear park along the C-12 Canal parallel to the existing 6-foot wide bike path built in the early 1980s by the Broward County Parks Department and the SFWMD. (Ord. No. 2146. 2/18/98)

OBJECTIVE 1.4 By 2010 provide a public and private open space system that meets the standards specified below and meets the needs for active and/or passive recreation, and preserves the character of the City.

Policy 1.4.1 The City development code shall continue to require that site plans provide open space (defined as "undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation or conservation use") according to the following standards:

- a. A minimum of 30 percent of the area of residential development.
- b. A minimum of 25 percent of the area of non-residential development.

Policy 1.4.2 The Planning and Parks and Recreation Department shall jointly maintain a system of annual monitoring and reporting on private open space within the City.

Policy 1.4.3 The City shall ensure that open space and buffering of uses is provided according to the development code definitions and standards, including:

- a. Multifamily residential developments
- b. Schools
- c. Churches

- d. Commercial development
- e. Roadways and public transportation

- Policy 1.4.4** In acquiring open space, the City shall attempt to include land with significant vegetative cover or wetlands.
- OBJECTIVE 1.5** The Department of Parks and Recreation shall maintain a high level of management efficiency, cost effectiveness, and community participation in operating its program.
- Policy 1.5.1** The City shall maintain a five year program and annual capital budget for the acquisition, development and maintenance of facilities and programs.
- Policy 1.5.2** The City shall seek federal and state grants wherever possible to aid in land acquisition and development.
- Policy 1.5.3** In order to gain maximum use of its facilities, the Parks and Recreation Department will promote ongoing programs and special events.
- Policy 1.5.4** The City shall recruit volunteers for coaching and amateur sports league administration through the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Policy 1.5.5** In 1990, the Planning Department re-evaluated the City park impact fees and concluded they were reasonably related to park development costs throughout the City. The City shall continue to adjust these impact fees annually based upon the Implicit Price Deflator of the Gross National Product. (Ord. No. 2146, 2/18/98)
- Policy 1.5.6** The Programs of the Parks and Recreation Department will be offered to City residents on a nominal user fee basis: these user fees shall be evaluated annually.
- OBJECTIVE 1.6** The City shall promote efforts to improve public access to public water bodies to match the current high level of park site access (full access). See policy for measurability.
- Policy 1.6.1** The City shall continue to negotiate with the SFWMD and Broward County to plan and build a linear park along the North New River Canal that includes a six-foot wide bike path to accommodate pedestrian, bikers, horseback, and boating activities. (Ord. No. 2146, 2/18/98)
- OBJECTIVE 1.7** Continue to provide facilities and programs that achieve a greater diversity of leisure time activities.

Policy 1.7.1 Support planning and development of a cultural and/or performing arts center. (Ord. No. 2146. 2/18/98)

Policy 1.7.2 Provide staff and budget to support existing programs such as Halloween Haunted House, Fourth of July fireworks, tennis tournaments and swim meets: expand as financially feasible.

Note: Objective 9J-5.014 (3) (b) 1 and related Policy (c) 3 are not applicable since Plantation is not a coastal community.