

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

Inventory
Analysis

INVENTORY

Parks and Recreation Facilities Summary

Plantation's inventory of public and private park and recreation facilities comprises over 1,380.2 acres. Table 2.51 provides a summary of these facilities and Table 2.56 (as an Appendix) is a detailed listing.

Table 2.51
Summary of Park and Open Space Facilities in Plantation

	Acreage
Parks Owned by the City of Plantation	618.3
Facilities Owned by School Board and Leased to the City of Plantation	22.2
Golf Courses Zoned Deed-Restricted For Recreation	720.0
Publicly Owned Recreation Land to Which City Contributed Toward City Park Requirement (Part of 90 Acre Heritage Park)	9.0
Park Committed for Dedication By Developer (Hiatus Road corridor)	6.7
Private Recreation Land Deed-Restricted or Restricted by Condo Documents *	4.0
TOTAL	1,380.2

* Lago Mar Parks	3.6 Acres
Jacaranda Cove Parks	.4 Acres

Source: Plantation Parks and Recreation Department, 2016

Definitions

Park areas are frequently divided for analysis purposes into the categories of resource-based areas and activity or user-based areas. "Activity-based" provide space for one or more active sports activities. "Resource-based" areas are centered on a unique land, water or natural resource. Parks are also sometimes classified according to their development as predominantly "active" or "passive" in character.

Activity-Based Parks

Plantation's park areas are primarily "activity" or user based, and recreational development is for both active and passive leisure time activities, oftentimes combined for variety in the same facility. The following paragraphs highlight some of the major facilities. See Table 2.56 for a complete listing.

Central Park: The City has centered its recreation facility development on Central Park, located at approximately the geographic center of the City. It is intensively developed for playing fields and tennis courts as well as the central swimming complex and multi-purpose building. The park has been recently expanded to include four additional soccer playing fields concession and restrooms. Also included is and an expanded tennis facility, including four additional clay courts, men's/women's locker rooms conference room, and expanded office area.

Other Playfields: The City's Central Park is supported by other activity/user based facilities in the older parts of the City, both north and south of Broward Boulevard. Examples include The Pal Field complex adjacent to Plantation Middle School (on Northwest 70th Avenue) and the Pop Travers Field adjoining Seminole Park at Southwest 62nd Avenue and Southwest 16th Street, less than a mile from South Plantation High School. A similar activity/user based facility on South Pine Island Road is developed primarily for soccer, the Pine Island Park. An additional large, 37.6 acre Sunset Park predominantly activity/user based facility used for both baseball/softball activities is located on the south side of Cleary Boulevard west of Nob Hill Road, adjoining Central Park Elementary School.

Equestrian Facility: Plantation Acres, a unique area with rural or estate character, includes a municipal equestrian facility that has been expanded to host hold sizeable competitive events. This facility includes two barns that accommodate 96 stalls.

Existing Linear Park: Early in the City's history a linear park was established extending from Northwest 65th Avenue (the original heart of Plantation) almost three-quarters of a mile to Bayberry Drive. Along its length are special recreation and cultural facilities: The Plantation Community Center and Kennedy Memorial Park, the Plantation Botanical Gardens, the Plantation Community Library, and Plantation Historical Society Museum.

Resource-Based Open Space

Resource-based open space is often classified into three categories: pastoral, utilitarian, and corridor. Plantation's open space of this kind is shown in Table 2.52 and defined below.

Pastoral Open Space: These areas are generally large areas used for resource-based and/or user-oriented recreation such as the four golf courses in Plantation.

Utilitarian Open Space: Another principal class of open space, utilitarian open space, includes the right's-of-way of major canals which are part of the South Florida Water Management District System (11.4 linear miles) and the narrower canals which are part of the Old Plantation Water Control District Drainage System.

Corridor Open Space: Consists principally of major transportation and utility corridors. Bikeways are a specialized corridor open space.

Bikeways: The City bikeways plan proposes the development of Class A bikeways (separated from other vehicular traffic within the City) including a bikeway along the North New River Canal and a bikeway extending north from this Canal along the east side of University Drive to just south of West Broward Boulevard. The plan also provides for a six-foot sidewalk, primarily for pedestrians and less experienced bike riders, along all streets designated in the plan as "primary bikeways" and the provision for a 14 foot curb lane for recreational biking on new or widened street. It recommends six-foot walkways where eight-foot wide bikeways could not be constructed due to narrow rights-of-way. Some implementation of this plan has been initiated. It generally conforms to the County bikeways plan shown on Figure 2.29 in the Transportation Element.

Other Private Open Space: In addition to the above classes of open space, the City for a number of years has required as a part of its planned unit development zoning provisions that a minimum of 30 percent of each site be reserved as useable open space. A maximum of 40 percent of this requirement may be lake areas.

Though an important part of the landscape character of Plantation, these areas are not listed in the tables of recreation and open space, with the exception of those which have been specifically dedicated or designated (on approved site plans) in approved unified control documents. Guidelines have been used to specify on-site active recreation to be provided by developers as a part of the 30 percent space; the standard is 137 square feet per person of estimated future population.

Through offering the possibility of density designations up to 25 units per acre, this results in a low intensity, open space character throughout the majority of the City.

Table 2.52
Open Space: Public Or Deed Restricted

Pastoral Open Space	Acres	Linear Miles
Ft. Lauderdale Country Club (Private)	287.0	N/A
Jacaranda Country Club (Public)	269.0	N/A
Lago Mar Country Club (Private)	164.0	N/A
	720.0	
Utilitarian Open Space		
South Florida Water Management District Canals	321.5	11.4
Old Plantation Water Control District Canals	333.4	30.0
	654.9	41.4
Corridor Open Space		
Florida's Turnpike (Sunshine Parkway)	98.5	2.7
University Drive	85.6	3.5
FP&L Rights-of-Way	29.9	2.4
	214.0	8.6
Specialized Corridor Open Space		
Class A Bikeways	N/A	7.7
Total:	1,588.90	57.7

Source: City of Plantation Parks and Recreation Department, 2016

ANALYSIS

County and City Standards

As previously discussed, there are two overall park and recreation standards which affect the City of Plantation: the County's requirement for three (3) acres per thousand population to satisfy the requirements of the Broward County Land Use Plan, and the City's requirement of four (4) acres per thousand population to satisfy its adopted standards.

County: Based upon the City's current estimated (2016) population of 88,328 the County park standard requires 264.9 acres. The City's current park inventory of 652.3 acres exceeds the County standard by 387.4 acres.

Table 2.53
County Park Standard Conformance For Buildout Population
City of Plantation

	Acres
Park Requirement (3 acres per 1,000 pop.)	264.9
Allowable Credits Due to Existing and Proposed Parks	652.3
Surplus/(Deficiency)	387.4

Source: Plantation Parks and Recreation Department, 2017

City: Based upon the City's current estimated population of 88,328, the City park standard requires 353.3 acres. The City's current park inventory of 652.3 acres exceeds the City standard by 299.0 acres.

Table 2.54
City Park Standard Conformance For Buildout Population
City of Plantation

	Acres
Park Requirement (4 acres per 1,000 pop.)	353.3
Allowable Credits Due to Existing and Proposed Parks	652.3
Surplus/(Deficiency)	299.0

Source: Plantation Parks and Recreation Department, 2017

State and City Guidelines for User-Oriented Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Table 2.55 below indicates the standards used by the Florida Department of Natural Resources as a general guide for the development of activity based or user oriented outdoor recreation. It also shows the implications for Plantation upon the current inventory of facilities.

Table 2.55
Guidelines for User-Oriented Outdoor
Recreation Activities

Resource/Facility	Population Per Facility			Existing	Suggested by Guideline
	Minimum	Maximum	Recommended or Median		
18-hole golf course	5,000	62,500	50,000	1	1
Tennis court	1,000	7,500	2,000	46	30
Baseball/softball	1,500	6,000	3,000	31	20
Football/soccer	4,000	15,000	6,000	18	10
Handball/racquetball court	1,000	10,000	6,000	1	10
Basketball court	1,000	5,000	5,000	19	12
Swimming pool	--	--	50,000	2	1

Sources: Outdoor Recreation In Florida, State Department of National Resources
 Plantation Parks and Recreation Department, 2017

The table shows that the City is generally meeting or exceeding most guidelines.

Table 2.56
Existing Recreation and Open Space Facilities City of Plantation, 2017

Park/Location Acreage	Park Use	Year Acquired/ Built	Exercise Trails/ Walkways	Baseball/ Softball Fields	Soccer/ Football Fields	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Tot Lots/ Playgrounds	Special Amenities
PREMIER PARKS									
CENTRAL PARK 9141 NW 2 Street Central Park Drive 107.70 acres owned	Active Premiere Park	1982 ----- park expansion 2003	Two (2) ½ mile trails	8	7	Full (3) Biddy (3)	28	2	Olympic Pools (2)/Diving Boards – 1,3,5 meter Water Play Area Pavilions (2) Cardio/Fitness Room Corporate Pavilion with Showers/Restroom Restrooms & Grills Concession (2)* Tennis Wall 440' Running Track Classrooms Batting Cages Indoor Gym Hard Tennis Courts (2) Roller Hockey (2) Clay Tennis Courts (26) Pickleball Courts (6) Mitigation Area 10-Acre Lake
PLANTATION PRESERVE GOLF COURSE 7050 W. Broward Boulevard 213 acres owned	Active/ Passive Premier Park	2003 ----- dedicated 2006	1.5 mile					1	18-hole Championship Golf Course & Clubhouse Restrooms Restaurant Trailheads (2) Benches Pro Shop Shelters Picnic Tables Driving Range Archeological Site Mitigation Area
REGIONAL PARKS									
COMMUNITY CENTER/ PLANTATION WOODS 5555 Palm Tree Road 12.29 acres owned	Active/ Passive Regional Park	1963 upgraded 2010 & 2017				1	8 (2 lighted courts)	3	Meeting Rooms (3) Warming Kitchen Tennis Wall Water Play Area Racquetball Pavilions (4) Picnic Tables Restrooms Aerobics Room Cardio/Fitness Room
SUNSET PARK 10600 Cleary Boulevard 37.60 acres owned	Active Regional Park	1993	¼ mile	7 + T-ball (4)				2	Concession (2)* Batting Cages Press Box Restrooms Picnic Tables Pavilion Lake
PINE ISLAND PARK 320 S. Pine Island Road 21.23 acres owned	Active Regional Park	1978 ----- lighting upgrade 2014			7			1	Concession* Restrooms Picnic Tables Pavilion
DEICKE AUDITORIUM & HOFFMAN PARK 5701 Cypress Road 3.36 acres owned	Mixed Regional Park	1973 ----- renovated 2013		1		½ court (1)		1	Meeting Rooms Warming Kitchen Ball Room Gazebo Picnic Area

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JIM WARD COMMUNITY CENTER 301 N.W. 46 th Avenue 7.84 acres owned	Active/ Passive Regional Park	2002	.22 mile	1		3	2	1	Meeting Rooms Game Room Cardio/Fitness Room Aerobics Room Water Play Area Barbeque Grills (2) Pavilion Computer Lab
VOLUNTEER PARK/ CAMP EVERGLADES/ EQUESTRIAN CENTER 12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard 83.57 acres owned (Camp Everglades dedicated 2003) (PEC dedicated 2005)	Mixed Regional Park	1978 ----- dedicated 1999	.87 mile			2	2	1	Meeting Rooms Raised Stage w/Dressing Rooms Kitchen Equestrian Center (96 stalls/5 rings) Trail (pedestrian/horse) Mitigation Area Conference Room Concession* Barbeque Grill Pavilion w/Restrooms
P.A.L. FIELD & ROY SALMON STADIUM 1000 N.W. 70 Avenue 16.50 acres leased	Active Regional Park	1963		1	4				Concession (2)* Stadium Field Multi-Purpose Practice Fields Joint Use With Broward County Schools Restrooms Board Rooms
POP TRAVERS FIELD 6250 S.W. 16 Street 9.57 acres owned	Active Regional Park	1973		4				1	Concession* Field House Restrooms Picnic Tables Pavilion
SEMINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6200 S.W. 16 Street (North half) 5.70 acres leased	Active Regional Park	1973		2					Joint Use with Broward County Schools
COMMUNITY PARKS									
JACK CARTER/ HARMONY PARK 1301 S.W. 54 Avenue 6.45 acres owned	Passive Community Park	2002	½ mile w/exercise stations					1	Stop Spot Benches Shelter
FIG TREE PARK 620 S. Fig Tree Lane 6.83 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	1978		2 T-ball		½ court (1)		1 (playground renovated 2008)	Restrooms Benches Picnic Tables Pavilion Practice Field Grills

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JACARANDA LAKES PARK 1200 N.W. 94 Avenue 7.97 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	1978	½ mile w/exercise stations			½ court (1)	2	1	Restrooms Picnic Tables
VETERANS PARK 1776 Lauderdale West Drive 5.00 acres owned	Passive Community Park	1986	¼ mile with exercise stations for the disabled/ elderly						Memorial Wall Picnic Tables Benches
RAE CAROLE ARMSTRONG LIBERTY TREE PARK 7421 N.W. 5 Street 14.18 acres owned	Passive Community Park	1978 expanded 2006 renamed/ rededicated 2010	1 w/exercise stations					1	Gazebo Picnic Tables Pavilion Benched “Reading Room” area Restroom
MIRROR LAKE PARK 1241 N.W. 72 Avenue 5.50 acres owned	Active/ Passive Community Park	1974		2				1	Benches Picnic Table
PARK EAST PARK 4701 N.W. 6 Court 2.97 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	1978	¼ mile with exercise stations					1	Picnic Tables Benches
MIDDLE ACRES PARK 800 N.W. 118 Avenue 5.00 acres owned	Undeveloped Community Park	1975							
NORTH ACRES PARK 12001 N.W. 21 Court 15.00 acres owned	Passive Community Park 10 acres undeveloped	1975						1	Picnic Tables Benches Small Pond

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SOUTH ACRES PARK (TARA PARK) 11600 Tara Drive 3.73 acres owned	Passive Community Park	1982						1	Picnic Tables Benches
BOTANICAL GARDENS (Plot 1) 501 N. Fig Tree Lane 2.27 acres owned	Passive Community Park	1976							Flowering Trees Butterfly Garden Historic Museum & Library Benches
BOTANICAL GARDENS (Plot 2) 501 N. Bel Aire Drive 4.01 acres owned	Passive Community Park	1978 ----- renovated 2006	1/3 mile w/ exercise stations					1	Fruit Trees Benches Picnic Table Wind Harp
SEMINOLE PARK HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK 6600 S.W. 16 Street 22.63 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	1977 ----- Dog Park dedicated 2002	½ mile w/ exercise stations				2	1	Picnic Tables Pavilion Grill Restrooms Happy Tails Dog Park Sand Volleyball
DEICKE PARK 1200 N.W. 106 Avenue 10.00 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	1992	½ mile with exercise stations			1	2	1	Pavilion Restrooms Picnic Tables Sand Volleyball
COUNTRY CLUB PARK 1150 S.W. 45 th Avenue 2.89 acres owned	Mixed Community Park	2002 ----- dedicated 2007	.23 mile w/exercise stations					1	Pavilion Picnic tables Open field area Benches
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS									
COCOPLUM PARK 781 S.W. 90 th Avenue 1.50 acres owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1979 renovated 1992						1	Bench Picnic Table
FUMPSTON PARK 1600 S.W. 59 Avenue 1.26 acres owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1980							Benches w/seating shelter

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MARCANO ESTATES PARK 7851 S. Marcano Boulevard 2.00 acres owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1988						1	Benches Picnic Tables
MINI PARK #1 (South) 4291 N.W. 3 Court .31 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1980						1	Picnic Tables Swings
MULTI CULTURAL GARDENS PARK 460-470 N.W. 43 Avenue .50 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	2001						1	Picnic Tables Multi-Cultural Global Garden Benches
MINI PARK #3 (North) 540 NW 43 Avenue .30 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1979							Benches
BOTANICAL GARDENS (Plot 3) 501 N. Holly Lane .85 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1986							Benches
PLANTATION POINT PARK 1200 S.W. 51 Avenue .19 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1982				½ court (1)		1	Benches Picnic Table
SOUTH BEL AIRE PARK 310 S. Bel Aire Drive .85 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park								Benches
THROWER PARK 20 S.W. 63 Avenue .30 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1970							Bench Historic Marker
WOODBURY PARK 41 E. Tropical Way .48 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1979							

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PLANTATION BUSINESS PARK 4651 N.W. 9 Court 1.00 acre owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1988	1						Linear Park Benches
MELALEUCA PARK 12500 SW 2 Street .50 acre Owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	2001						1	Picnic Table
COUNTRY CLUB CIRCLE LINEAR PARK 4520 East Country Club Circle 2.00 acres owned	Passive Neighborhood Park	1991 ----- dedicated 2003	1.85 mile						Trailheads (2) Recreational Trail Lighted Pathway Benches Stop Spot
PARK EAST TRAIL HEAD 4680 NW 9 Ct. 0.57 acres owned	Neighborhood Park Trailhead	2001 ----- dedicated 2006						1	Trailhead Benches Seating Shelter
EAST TROPICAL WAY PARK (Two Lots Park) East Tropical Way 1.92 acres	Undeveloped Lots	2006							Access to south entrance of Plantation Preserve Linear Trail

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CULTURAL FACILITIES									
HELEN B. HOFFMAN LIBRARY 501 N. Fig Tree Lane 3.02 acres owned	Passive Cultural Facility	1961 renamed 1981 expanded 2007							Computer Lab Resource Center Benches
HISTORICAL MUSEUM 511 N. Fig Tree Lane 3.17 acres owned	Passive Cultural Facility	1980							Historical Archives Flowering Trees Picnic Tables Benches Butterfly Garden
TOTAL FACILITIES: 658.51 Acres Total 636.31 acres owned 22.20 acres leased	43		16	25 general 6 T-ball	18	19 full/half/ bidy	46 20 Hard 26 Clay	30	2 Pools 2 Water Play Areas 1 Running Track 2 Cardio/Fitness Rooms 2 Sand Volleyball 4 Community Centers 1 Restaurant 1 Full Kitchen (Volunteer Park) 2 Warming Kitchens (Community Center/Deicke Auditorium) 2 Gazebos 1 Dog Park – Happy Tails Dog Park 2 Tennis Walls 6 Pickleball Courts 9 Concessions* *Concession stands are only opened during scheduled events.
641.59 acres developed 16.92 acres undeveloped									

*Leased Gym Facilities: Plantation High School, South Plantation High School, Plantation Middle School, Seminole Middle School, American Heritage School

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APPENDIX II

Glossary for Recreation and Open Space Element

Active Facilities - A facility which caters to those involved in direct or specialized physical activities.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways - 9J-5.003(8)FAS - means any road, path or way which is open to bicycle travel and traffic. a foot and from which motor vehicles are excluded.

Community - A cluster of two (2) or more neighborhoods which generally has a population of 10,000 or more.

Community Park - 9J-5.003(17)FAS - means a park located near major roadways, and designed to serve the needs of more than one neighborhood.

Mini-Park - A park or recreation area primarily for passive recreation use which is two (2) or fewer acres in size.

Neighborhood - A residential development which may comprise of one or several developments which has a population of 5,000 or more.

Neighborhood Park - 9J-5.003 (55)FAS - means a park which serves the population of a neighborhood and is generally accessible by bicycle or pedestrian ways.

Novelty Recreation - Develop those facilities which have not been traditionally created through public funds that would indicate only short-term popularity, but could be created through private funding.

Open Spaces - Undefined open leisure area. 9J-5.003 (59)FAS – means undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation or conservation uses.

Park - 9J-5.003 (61)FAS - means a neighborhood, community, or regional. park.

Passive Facility - A facility which caters to those involved in sitting, walking or nature study rather than active play.

Playground - 9J-5.003(62)FAS - means a recreation area with play apparatus.

Private Recreation Sites - 9J-5.003 (68)FAS - means sites owned by private, commercial or non-profit entities available to the public .for purposes of recreational use.

Glossary For Recreation and Open Space Element (Continued)

Public Buildings and Grounds - 9J-5.003 (71) FAS -means structures or lands that are owned, leased, or operated by a government entity, such as civic and community centers, hospitals, libraries, police stations, fire stations, and government administration buildings.

Public Facilities - 9J-5.003(72)FAS - means transportation systems or facilities, sewer systems or facilities, solid waste systems or facilities, drainage systems or facilities, potable water systems or facilities, educational systems or facilities, parks and recreation systems or facilities and public health systems or facilities.

Public Lands - That land which has been acquired for public use (i.e., school property, utility easements, public libraries, fire stations).

Public Recreation Sites - 9J-5.003 (74)FAS - means a component of a recreation site used by the public such as a trail, court., athletic field or swimming pool.

Recreation - 9J-5.003 (73) FAS - means the pursuit of leisure time activities occurring in an indoor or outdoor setting.

Recreation Facility - 9J-5.003 (74) FAS - means a component of a recreation site used by the public such as a trail, court, athletic field or swimming pool.

Recreational Uses - 9J-5.003 (75)FAS - means activities within areas where recreation occurs.

Region - An area consisting of a number of cities and/or counties related to each other by economy, transportation, or other large-scale concerns.

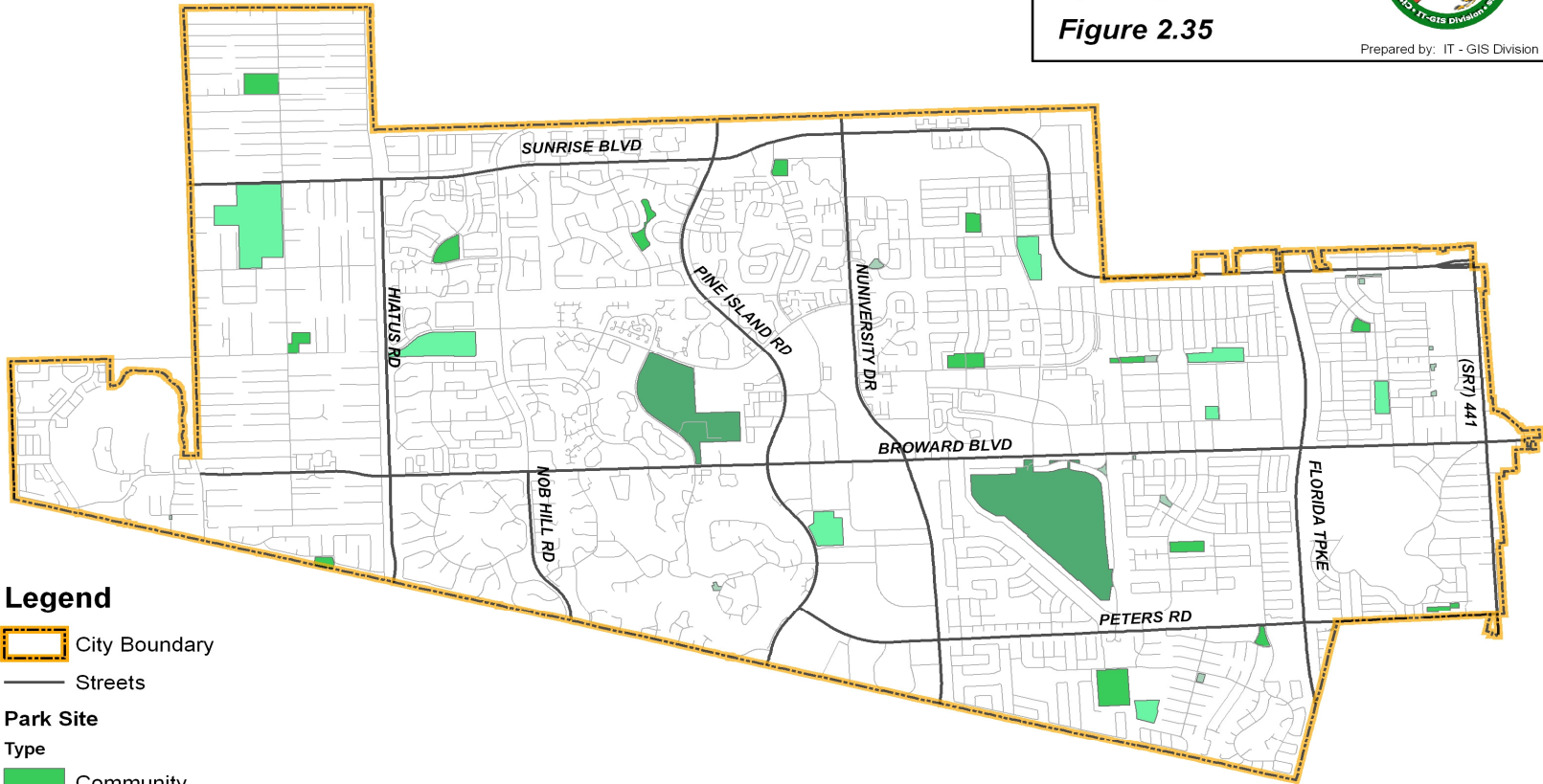
Regional Park - 9J-5.003 (76)FAS - means a park which is designated to serve two or more communities.

Special Recreational Development - Those specialized facilities which are typically created through public funding to meet the demands of a majority for the residents' needs. (i.e., for Plantation Horse Arena, Amphitheater, Cultural Arts Center.)



City of Plantation
Recreation
Open Space Sites
Figure 2.35







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Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Streets

Park Site

- Type
-  Community
 -  Neighborhood
 -  Premier Facility
 -  Regional

Source: City of Plantation, Parks & Recreation Department, 2007

