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**INTRODUCTION:**

**[New text, page 1]**

Chapter 163.3177(6)(e), Florida Statutes, requires each local government comprehensive plan to have “A recreation and open space element indicating a comprehensive system of public and private sites for recreation, including, but not limited to, natural reservations, parks and playgrounds, parkways, beaches and public access to beaches, open spaces, and other recreational facilities.” However, Chapter 9J-5.014, Florida Administrative Code, which formerly contained the Florida Department of Community Affairs’ “Minimum Standards” for review of local Recreation and Open Space Elements, has been deleted. Thus, while the Recreation and Open Space Element remains a requirement for local comprehensive plans in the State of Florida, the format and contents of such an Element may be tailored to local needs, provided that the intent of the Statute is met. This Recreation and Open Space Element was recently updated, as recommended by the Community Character/ Smart Growth Advisory Committee, by Ordinance No. 2003-67, adopted on December 16, 2003, to further implement the Collier County Community Character Plan and “Smart Growth” principles.

The Recreation and Open Space Element is divided into three sections, each of which is guided by a specific goal. These three sections are:

- The general provision of parks, recreation facilities and open space areas for the use and enjoyment of Collier County residents and visitors.
- The development of a countywide neighborhood park system.
- The development of a countywide regional and community park system.

Within Collier County government, the responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the above goals is assigned to the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department, which is part of the Public Services Division.

**Goal, Objectives and Policies  
Recreation & Open Space Element**

**GOAL 1:**

**[No change to text, page 1]**

**Objective 1.1:**

**[No change to text, page 1]**

**Policy 1.1.1:** [Revised text, page 1]

Collier County hereby adopts ~~the~~ following level of service standards for facilities and land owned by the County or available to the general public ~~are adopted~~:

**STANDARD OF SERVICE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARD:**

- A. 1.2882 acres of community park land/1,000 population (weighted unincorporated)
- B. 2.9412 acres of regional park land/1,000 population (weighted)
- C. Recreation facilities: Facilities in place, which have a value (as (X) defined) of at least ~~\$179.00~~ \$270.00 per capita of population. A Construction Cost Index (CCI) adjustment will be used to determine the construction cost of facilities planned. The CCI that will be used will be the prior year of the County’s fiscal year budget.
  - 1. Value will be arrived at using the per unit values for each facility type available in the County, as set forth in ~~Table A~~ the Annual Update and Inventory Report (AUIR), applying the values to the number of each facility type, adding up all values and dividing the total by the County population (weighted).
  - 2. Where recreation facilities provided by other governmental bodies or the private sector are available through arrangement with the County to the public on a convenient basis, they shall be considered in measuring in-place facility value.

**Policies 1.1.2 through 1.1.4:** [No change to text, page 1]

**Policies 1.1.5 and 1.1.6:** [No change to text, page 2]

**OBJECTIVE 1.2:** [No change to text, page 2]

**Policy 1.2.1:** [No change to text, page 2]

**Policy 1.2.2:** [Revised text, page 2]

~~Continue to rezone all County owned recreation sites and open space under appropriate recreation zoning.~~

The proper Collier County Zoning District for all County-owned parks and recreational sites shall continue to be P, Public Use, or the equivalent zoning designation within a Planned Unit Development.

**OBJECTIVE 1.3:** [No change to text, page 2]

**Policy 1.3.1:** [Revised text, page 2]

~~All~~ public developed County-owned or managed parks and recreation facilities shall have automobile, bicycle and/or pedestrian access facilities, where the location is appropriate and where such access is economically feasible.

**Policy 1.3.2:** [Revised text, page 2]

Collier County shall ~~C~~continue to ensure that access to beaches, shores and waterways remains available to the public. Further the County and will develop a program to assess the availability of land for the creation of such new access points, and a method to fund ~~it's~~ the necessary land acquisition.

**OBJECTIVE 1.4:** [No change to text, page 2]

**Policy 1.4.1:** [Revised text, page 2]

~~Maintain and improve the existing system which encourages developers to provide recreation sites and/or facilities which are consistent with park and recreation guidelines.~~

Through the land development review process, Collier County shall continue to encourage developers to provide recreation sites and/or facilities within residential or mixed use Planned Unit Developments (PUDs). ~~Provision of land for such sites shall be consistent with the Level of Service (LOS) Standards identified within the County's Capital Improvement Element, Category A, parks and recreation facilities.~~

**Policy 1.4.2:** [Revised text, page 2]

Collier County shall continue to coordinate the provision of recreational facilities and activities with other governmental jurisdictions that own or operate such facilities and activities within, or adjacent to, Collier County. Said governmental entities shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- U.S. Department of Commerce, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Department of the Interior, The National Park Service
- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks
- The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry
- Lee County, Florida
- Hendry County, Florida
- Broward County, Florida
- Dade County, Florida
- Monroe County, Florida

The South Florida Water Management District, Big Cypress Basin Board  
The Collier County School Board  
The City of Naples, Florida  
The City of Marco Island, Florida  
Everglades City, Florida  
The City of Bonita Springs, Florida

**OBJECTIVE 1.5:** [Revised text, page 3]

~~Continue to operate existing program for enforcing existing future developer commitments for recreation facilities and open space.~~

Through the PUD monitoring process, Collier County shall continue to enforce developer commitments for the provision of parks, recreation facilities and open space.

**Policy 1.5.1:** [Revised text, page 3]

~~Continue to inventory new developer recreational facilities commitments as approved. This inventory will be updated on an annual basis.~~

Collier County shall maintain ~~an~~ a current inventory of recreational facility commitments made by developers through the development review process. ~~This inventory will be updated on an annual basis.~~

**Policy 1.5.2:** [Revised text, page 3]

Collier County shall ~~Enforce~~ enforce developer commitments of ~~developers~~ for recreational facilities and open spaces through appropriate actions of County agencies.

**OBJECTIVE 1.6:** [No change to text, page 3]

**Policy 1.6.1:** [No change to text, page 3]

**GOAL 2:** [Revised text, page 3]

~~THE COUNTY SHALL DEVELOP PROMOTE A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SYSTEM TO PROVIDE USABLE OPEN SPACE TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY~~

**Objective OBJECTIVE 2.1:** [Revised text, page 3]

By the year 2010, the County Parks and Recreation Department will ~~develop a Neighborhood Park Plan to~~ identify general areas where neighborhoods might request sites for future neighborhood parks.

**Policy 2.1.1:** [Revised text, page 3]

The Parks and Recreation Department will ~~develop a Neighborhood park Plan and identify those sites or general areas for neighborhood parks on a Neighborhood Park master Plan. This Plan will be developed by the year 2010~~ with citizen input to determine the types of recreational facilities particular communities would like to see within their neighborhoods.

**Policy 2.1.2:** [Revised text, page 3]

~~The County shall amend the Land Development Code to include a new definition of usable open space that will provide for an open space area to be used as a neighborhood park for the recreational needs of the surrounding area.~~

The County shall amend the Land Development Code to require the developer of a residential PUD, or a PUD having a residential component, to provide ~~an open space area that is a~~ suitable ~~for use as a~~ neighborhood park, ~~and that~~ as determined on a case-by-case basis, which is, as required by Policy 5.4 in the Future Land Use Element, compatible with the surrounding development.

**Policy 2.1.3:** [Revised text, page 4]

New neighborhood parks will be carefully sited and intentionally integrated into existing residential neighborhoods, and shall be designed according to the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), where these principles are appropriate and economically feasible. Neighborhood parks may also be co-located with churches, schools, or other recreational facilities. ~~, where appropriate and economically feasible.~~

**Policy 2.1.4:** [Revised text, page 4]

**Policy 2.1.5:** [Revised text, page 4]

The County shall encourage the development of pedestrian pathways and bike lanes from the surrounding residential communities to park sites. ~~, where appropriate and economically feasible.~~

**GOAL 3:** [No change to text, page 4]

**Objective OBJECTIVE 3.1:** [Revised text, page 4]

**Policy 3.1.1:** [Revised text, page 4]

**Policy 3.1.2:** [Revised text, page 4]

The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for the design and construction of the all new community and regional parks.

**Policy 3.1.3:****[Revised text, page 4]**

The County shall continue to partner with ~~the~~ Collier County Public Schools to co-locate parks in conjunction with new school sites as they such sites are identified and developed and/or to provide County recreational programs at Collier County Public Schools' facilities.

**Policy 3.1.4:****[Revised text, page 5]**

The County shall continue to update ~~the~~ parks and recreation impact fees to keep pace with increased land acquisition and development costs for the establishment of community and regional parks.

**Policy 3.1.5:****[Revised text, page 5]**

The County shall investigate the utilization of tax credits or other incentives ~~for~~ to encourage property owners ~~who may wish~~ to dedicate land to the County to meet the recreational needs of community and regional parks.

**Policy 3.1.6****[Un-deleted previously deleted text, page 5]**

The County shall encourage the development of pedestrian pathways and bike lanes from the surrounding residential communities to park sites.

**Policy 3.1.7:****[Revised text, page 5]**

By the year 2010, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Transportation ~~Operations Department~~ Services Division will investigate the utilization of the existing canal and power line easements to create a greenway system ~~throughout~~ within the coastal Urban Designated Area, the Immokalee Urban Designated Area, and Northern Golden Gate Estates (this excludes Conservation designated areas, Agricultural/Rural designated areas, Southern Golden Gate Estates, and the outlying Urban designated areas of Copeland, Port of the Islands, Plantation Island and Chokoloskee). ~~where appropriate and economically feasible.~~