

COLLIER COUNTY  
GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

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## GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### **GOAL 1: PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE AREAS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF COLLIER COUNTY.**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.1:**

Continue to ensure that a comprehensive system of parks and recreation facilities is available from among facilities provided by the County, other governmental bodies and the private sector.

#### **Policy 1.1.1:**

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:**

- A. 1.2882 acres of community park land/1000 population
- B. 2.9412 acres of regional park land/1000 population
- C. Recreation facilities. Facilities in place which have a value (as (X) defined) of at least \$179.00 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 applying the values to the number of each facility type, adding up all values and dividing the total by the County population.
  - 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.

#### **Policy 1.1.2:**

Encourage the continuation and expanded use of public school and other public and private facilities by the general public to maximize the benefit from available facilities.

#### **Policy 1.1.3:**

Ensure that economically disadvantaged individuals will not be restricted from any participation due to financial hardships.

#### **Policy 1.1.4**

Acquire suitable lands for new park sites in areas where major population growth is expected.

**Policy 1.1.5:**

Continue to correct or improve existing parks and recreation facilities deficiencies which are necessary in order to meet the level of service standards.

**Policy 1.1.6:**

The County shall continue to establish and implement a program with appropriate criteria to designate or acquire open space areas and natural reservations.

**OBJECTIVE 1.2:**

Protect designated recreation sites and open space from incompatible land uses through development of appropriate design criteria and land use regulations.

**Policy 1.2.1:**

Continue to update land development regulations outlining specific definitions and standards applying to recreation and open space land provisions for natural reservations and open space.

**Policy 1.2.2:**

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

**OBJECTIVE 1.3:**

Continue to ensure that all public developed recreational facilities, open space and beaches and public water bodies are accessible to the general public.

**Policy 1.3.1:**

All public developed recreation facilities shall have, where appropriate, automobile, bicycle or pedestrian access facilities.

**Policy 1.3.2:**

Continue to ensure that access to beaches, shores and waterways remain available to the public and develop a program to the availability of such access and a method to fund its acquisition.

**OBJECTIVE 1.4:**

Continue formal mechanism to improve and coordinate efforts among levels of government and the private sector in order to provide recreational opportunities.

**Policy 1.4.1:**

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

**Policy 1.4.2:**

Continue to develop and implement a formal program for coordinating County programs with other government agencies.

**OBJECTIVE 1.5:**

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

**Policy 1.5.1:**

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

**Policy 1.5.2:**

Enforce commitments of developers for recreation facilities and open spaces through appropriate actions of County agencies.

**OBJECTIVE 1.6:**

Whenever possible and practical, utilize County owned property for recreational uses.

**Policy 1.6.1:**

Continue to coordinate inventory of properties with appropriate County and State agencies to determine availability for recreation uses.

**(I) GOAL 2: THE COUNTY SHALL DEVELOP A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SYSTEM TO PROVIDE USEABLE OPEN SPACE TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.**

**(I) Objective 2.1**

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.

**(I) Policy 2.1.1**

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.

**(I) Policy 2.1.2**

The County shall amend the Land Development Code to include a new definition of useable 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.

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**(I) Policy 2.1.3**

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). Neighborhood parks may also be co-located with churches, schools, or other recreational facilities.

**(I) Policy 2.1.4**

The County shall investigate the utilization of tax credits or other incentives for property owners who wish to dedicate land to the County to meet the recreational needs of neighborhood parks.

**(I) Policy 2.1.5**

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

**(I) GOAL 3: THE COUNTY SHALL DEVELOP A COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM TO PROVIDE USEABLE OPEN SPACE TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.**

**(I) Objective 3.1**

By the year 2010, the Parks and Recreation Department will develop a Community and Regional Park Plan to provide larger parks and recreational facilities as well as passive open space within a 15 to 20 minute drive of residents 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). This plan will include the identification of future community and regional park sites (or general areas), park improvements, cost estimates, and potential funding sources. The principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) will be integrated into the planning and development of the Community and Regional Park sites.

**(I) Policy 3.1.1**

The Parks and Recreation Department will acquire land to meet the needs of the Community and Regional Park Plan, including sufficient land to allow for a portion of these sites to remain in passive open space.

**(I) Policy 3.1.2**

The Parks and Recreation Department will design and construct the new community and regional parks.

**(I) Policy 3.1.3**

The County shall continue to partner with the Collier County Public Schools to co-locate parks in conjunction with new school sites as they are identified and developed.

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**(I) Policy 3.1.4**

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

**(I) Policy 3.1.5**

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

**(I) Policy 3.1.6**

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

**(I) Policy 3.1.7**

By the year 2010, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Transportation Operations Department will investigate the utilization of the existing canal and power line easements to create a greenway system throughout 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).

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