

## **CHAPTER III**

### **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

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# GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

## GOAL

PROVIDE A PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM WHICH OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR A VARIETY OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATION, PROMOTES VISUAL APPEAL AND PROVIDES RELIEF FROM EXPANSES OF DEVELOPMENT.

## Park and Open Space System

### Objective 1

Provide a system of parks and open space to meet the recreational needs of the public.

### Policy 1.1

The Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department develops, operates and maintains the County's parks and recreational areas as well as other facilities managed from the State of Florida, Brevard County School Board and other lands managed. This involves the general management of the facilities and program evaluation to identify existing deficiencies and recreational needs for future development. The Department's responsibilities extend to the construction, operation and maintenance of all county recreational facilities.

### Policy 1.2

A system of parks and recreational facilities meeting the needs of the population shall be maintained to provide for the acceptable levels of service.

### Policy 1.3

Brevard County establishes an acceptable level of service (A.L.O.S.) of total developed acreage of County owned or managed parks, except for the city owned and County operated parks of Titusville, Rockledge, Cocoa and Brevard County School sites, at 3.0 acres per 1,000 people living in the unincorporated areas of the County.

### Policy 1.4

Brevard County establishes three Parks Operations Areas:

- North Area Parks Operations;
- Central Area Parks Operations;
- South Area: Parks Operations.

### Policy 1.5

Provide adequate maintenance to ensure that existing facilities remain open to the public.

**Policy 1.6**

Develop and enhance existing parks and open space sites to provide additional facilities based on the needs of the public and as funding become available.

**Policy 1.7**

Acquire additional parks and open space based on the needs of the public and as funding becomes available.

**Policy 1.8**

Brevard County shall continue to identify appropriate linear open spaces for potential greenway network programming, potential acquisition, planning and development. A greenways network shall be coordinated to promote, develop and maintain linear connections between existing and proposed parks and open spaces. The greenways network shall provide for pedestrian, bicycle, non-motorized and other passive uses.

**Policy 1.9**

Brevard County's Land Development Regulations shall continue to implement the following provisions:

- Regulations which preserves scenic vistas and establishes vegetative coverage requirements for developing and redeveloping properties; and
- Regulations concerning the provision of oceanfront and riverfront breezeways.

**Policy 1.10**

Oceanfront breezeways shall be provided to permit unrestricted movement of onshore breezes and preserve visual access to the ocean. All oceanfront property, except single-family residential, shall have a minimum of 30 percent of the width clear as breezeway/visual corridor pursuant to current Land Development Regulations.

**Policy 1.11**

Riverfront breezeways shall provide for a minimum 30 percent breezeway, as measured along the waterfront and visual corridor of each property's river frontage, except single-family residential, pursuant to current Land Development Regulations.

**Policy 1.12**

Brevard County shall maintain, and update as may be necessary, an inventory of County-owned or managed by agreement parks that are open to the public by Parks Operations Area. This inventory will be used to assess whether the adopted Levels of Service are being achieved and maintained. The inventory of parks will be reviewed for amendment to the Future Land Use Map, as needed.

## **GOAL**

PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

### **Public and Private Access to Waterways**

#### **Objective 2**

To ensure that Brevard's waterways are a publicly-accessible local system of waterways linked to a larger regional system that contributes to the greatest possible recreational and commercial access to the navigable waters of the State of Florida in a manner that does not jeopardize their environmental values.

#### **Policy 2.1**

The County shall identify, inventory and characterize its system of waterways in terms of use, capacity and relationship to recreational and commercial working waterfronts.

#### **Policy 2.2**

The County shall use this data when identifying future public access opportunities, for integrating waterways with recreational and commercial working waterfronts and when coordinating with other jurisdictions on the potential regional aspects.

### **Maintenance of Parks and Open Space System**

#### **Objective 3**

A system of parks and recreation facilities meeting the needs of the population shall be maintained to provide for organized recreational programs and passive enjoyment of park resources.

#### **Policy 3.1**

Recreational programs shall be offered at existing facilities based on facility capacities, staff resources and the leisure pursuit interests of the public.

#### **Policy 3.2**

The County will strive to locate future parks at, nearby or adjoining existing school sites through coordination with the Brevard County School Board, other government agencies and not-for-profit organizations, where feasible.

**Policy 3.3**

The County will strive to coordinate joint-use agreements with Brevard County schools.

**Policy 3.4**

Adequate levels of staff shall be maintained to ensure that recreational programs are cost effective and properly administered.

**Policy 3.5**

Persons with disabilities shall be provided access to county owned or operated recreational facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Policy 3.6**

Enhance the existing public access sites to beaches, shores, parks, and conservation lands by providing additional facilities as determined by need, the character of the land, and as funding becomes available.

**Policy 3.7**

Brevard County shall encourage cultural and related programs.

**GOAL**

ATTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE AREAS AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

**Level of Service****Objective 4**

Provide adequate funding to achieve the appropriate levels of service in a cost effective manner.

**Policy 4.1**

Various means shall be utilized by Brevard County to fund the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas and to provide recreational programs.

**Policy 4.2**

Establish user fees and/or enterprise funds to offset costs at park sites where facilities and programs are intensive and require continued care and operational guidance.

**Policy 4.3**

Monitor joint-use and contractual agreements to ensure cost effectiveness and that County needs are served.

**Public and Private Partnerships****Objective 5**

Coordinate public and private resources to meet recreational demands.

**Policy 5.1**

Development of residential areas shall provide active recreation and open space areas, to augment public recreational facilities and to provide direct, convenient facilities to meet the recreational needs of the residents.

**Policy 5.2**

Brevard County may acquire lands, funds, or both, to gain additional neighborhood or community parks necessary to support new residential development.

## APPENDIX

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<b>Table</b>	<b>Title</b>
1.	Park Inventory by Park Operations Area

**TABLE 1**

**Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department**

*2017 Acceptable Level of Service Acreage*  
July, 2017

<i>North Area</i>	
<i>Bernice G. Jackson Park</i>	<i>21.62</i>
<i>Blue Hole Park</i>	<i>.45</i>
<i>Chain of Lakes</i>	<i>270.19</i>
<i>City Point Community Church</i>	<i>.40</i>
<i>Cuyler Park</i>	<i>13.31</i>
<i>Fay Lake Wilderness Park</i>	<i>192.70</i>
<i>Fay Park</i>	<i>11.10</i>
<i>Fox Lake Park</i>	<i>31.57</i>
<i>Friendship Park</i>	<i>.96</i>
<i>Gibson Complex and Fields</i>	<i>22.71</i>
<i>Harry T. &amp; Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park</i>	<i>11.93</i>
<i>Hatbill Park</i>	<i>15.00</i>
<i>Holder Park</i>	<i>40.95</i>
<i>Kennedy Point Park</i>	<i>5.38</i>
<i>Manatee Hammock</i>	<i>26.45</i>
<i>Mims Launch Ramp</i>	<i>.75</i>
<i>Nicol Park</i>	<i>5.27</i>
<i>North Brevard Senior Center</i>	<i>16.68</i>

<i>Parrish Park – Scottsmoor</i>	<i>16.95</i>
<i>Parrish Park – Titusville</i>	<i>36.60</i>
<i>Port St John Boat Ramp</i>	<i>1.03</i>
<i>Port St John Community Center</i>	<i>5.48</i>
<i>Rotary Riverfront Park</i>	<i>5.79</i>
<i>Sandrift Community Center</i>	<i>2.41</i>
<i>Scottsmoor Landing</i>	<i>3.04</i>
<i>Scottsmoor Meeting Hall</i>	<i>.46</i>
<i>Sherwood Park</i>	<i>4.00</i>
<i>Singleton Tennis Courts</i>	<i>4.42</i>
<i>Six Mile Creek</i>	<i>4.15</i>
<i>Space Coast Communities Sports Complex</i>	<i>207.18</i>
<i>Stuart Park</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>Tom Statham Park</i>	<i>5.15</i>
<i>W. W. James Park</i>	<i>40.17</i>
<i>William J. Manzo Memorial Prk</i>	<i>2.37</i>
<i>Total ALOS Park Acreage – North Area</i>	<i>1,029.62</i>

<i>Central Area</i>	
<i>Cherie Down Park</i>	<i>6.99</i>
<i>Cocoa West Recreation Area</i>	<i>18.85</i>
<i>Dolphin Park</i>	<i>.72</i>

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<i>F. Burton Smith Regional Park</i>	<i>1,103.95</i>
<i>Harbor Point Park</i>	<i>.09</i>
<i>Intracoastal Waterway Park</i>	<i>8.50</i>
<i>James G. Bourbeau Memorial Park</i>	<i>194.54</i>
<i>Kelly Park East</i>	<i>15.37</i>
<i>Kelly Park West</i>	<i>40.93</i>
<i>Kings Park</i>	<i>240.00</i>
<i>Kiwanis Island Park</i>	<i>23.93</i>
<i>Lee Wenner Park</i>	<i>11.55</i>
<i>Leroy Wright Recreation Area</i>	<i>55.56</i>
<i>Lori Wilson Park</i>	<i>34.50</i>
<i>Manatee Cove Park</i>	<i>29.52</i>
<i>Margaret &amp; Danny Strickland Park</i>	<i>.25</i>
<i>McLarty Park</i>	<i>19.85</i>
<i>Mitchell Ellington Park</i>	<i>114.15</i>
<i>Osteen Park</i>	<i>3.60</i>
<i>Pineda Park</i>	<i>4.52</i>
<i>Pineview Park</i>	<i>3.77</i>
<i>Riverwalk – A Family Park</i>	<i>6.37</i>
<i>Robert P. Murkshe Memorial Park</i>	<i>2.50</i>
<i>Rotary Park Merritt Island</i>	<i>37.90</i>
<i>Silver Pines Park</i>	<i>3.77</i>
<i>Ulumay Wildlife Sanctuary</i>	<i>436.53</i>
<i>Veterans Memorial Park</i>	<i>68.66</i>

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<i>Watts Park</i>	<i>2.07</i>
<i>Woody Simpson Park</i>	<i>8.91</i>
<i>Beach Access Sites</i>	<i>3.64</i>
<i>Total ALOS Park Acreage – Central Area</i>	<i>2,501.49</i>

<i>South Area</i>	
<i>Bonsteel Park</i>	<i>2.34</i>
<i>Brevard Zoo Linear Park</i>	<i>37.03</i>
<i>Canova Beach Park</i>	<i>9.10</i>
<i>Christenson’s Landing</i>	<i>3.92</i>
<i>Coconut Point Park</i>	<i>36.90</i>
<i>Eau Gallie Causeway Boat Ramp</i>	<i>1.40</i>
<i>Erna Nixon Park</i>	<i>53.93</i>
<i>First Street Boat Ramp</i>	<i>.64</i>
<i>Fisherman’s Landing</i>	<i>7.48</i>
<i>Flutie Athletic Complex</i>	<i>36.49</i>
<i>Howard E. Futch Memorial Park</i>	<i>12.39</i>
<i>Irene H. Canova Park</i>	<i>3.95</i>
<i>John Jorgensen’s Landing</i>	<i>1.01</i>
<i>Juan Ponce de León Landing Park</i>	<i>13.66</i>
<i>Judith Resnick Memorial Park</i>	<i>10.06</i>

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<i>Kiwanis Park at Geiger Point</i>	7.00
<i>Lake Shepard Boat Ramp</i>	.12
<i>Lake Washington Park</i>	26.83
<i>Long Point Park</i>	84.50
<i>Max K. Rodes Park</i>	134.38
<i>Micco Park</i>	9.27
<i>Pineda Causeway</i>	.97
<i>POW/MIA Park</i>	4.90
<i>Police Foundation Park</i>	6.34
<i>Rotary Park at Suntree</i>	10.36
<i>Sarno Lakes</i>	41.25
<i>Seagull Park</i>	1.60
<i>South Beach Community Park</i>	65.65
<i>South Mainland Community Center - Micco</i>	10.38
<i>South Patrick Community Park</i>	8.12
<i>Spessard Holland North Beach Park</i>	9.25
<i>Spessard Holland South Beach Park</i>	5.25
<i>S.P.R.A. Park</i>	.83
<i>Viera Regional Park</i>	124.62
<i>Wickham Park</i>	476.27
<i>Beach Access Sites</i>	5.57
<i>Total ALOS Park Acreage – South Area</i>	1,270.87
<i>Total ALOS Park Acreage Unincorporated Brevard County</i>	4,801.98

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