

# GOAL ROS-1

An adequate recreation and open space system which offers a full range of active and passive recreation, including natural and historical resource protection

## Objective ROS-1.1

The City shall maintain a park system that is adequate to serve the recreational needs of the current and future population.

**Policy ROS-1.1A.** The City shall maintain the neighborhood and community park levels of service stated in Policy CIE-1.5A for the provision of adequate recreation facilities.

**Policy ROS-1.1B.** Level of service standards shall be applied citywide, not on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

**Policy ROS-1.1C.** The City will consider a neighborhood park service areas of 3/4 miles to prioritize the development of new public recreation facilities in population centers not currently served by neighborhood or community parks.

**Policy ROS-1.1D.** The City shall prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan and update it every five to seven years.

**Policy ROS-1.1E.** The Parks Master Plan effort shall include robust public engagement activities including but not limited to surveys, and will include a thorough assessment of the city population to facilitate safe access for all individuals.

**Policy ROS-1.1F.** The City will continue to utilize an impact fee system to provide funding for new parks and park facilities/equipment.

**Policy ROS-1.1G.** Each year, the City will examine all federal, state, and local funding programs for assistance in developing and/or acquiring recreational lands.

**Policy ROS-1.1H.** The City will create an inventory of public sites and determine if any of them could be used for a neighborhood parks.

**Policy ROS-1.1I.** The City shall consider developing existing undeveloped recreation sites consistent with the area's recreational needs, and the City's ability to operate and maintain these sites.

**Policy ROS-1.1J.** The city shall utilize the following criteria for its Park Development Program:

- (a) facility construction over land acquisition;
- (b) shoreline over interior sites;
- (c) multi-purpose over single purpose projects;
- (d) larger sites over smaller sites;
- (e) access over enhancement; and
- (f) projects which serve low income over high income areas, and those which serve high density over low density areas.

**Policy ROS-1.1K.** Land Development Regulations shall continue to be implemented which provide for the development of water-oriented recreational facilities which are environmentally sensitive, and which provide public access/use.

**Policy ROS-1.1L.** The Parks and Recreation Master Plan shall assess existing park deficiencies that extend beyond park acreage and identify

programs and funding sources for eliminating these deficiencies.

**Objective ROS-1.2**

Coordinate with developers the provision of parks and open space within residential developments.

**Policy ROS-1.2A.** The City shall include in the Land Development Code a minimum open space requirement for all development. The minimum shall vary by zoning district but shall be no less than 20% per site.

**Policy ROS-1.2B.** Continue to enforce zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that adequate open space requirements are maintained.

**Policy ROS-1.2C.** Continue to enforce Land Development Regulations which require cluster type developments which provide recreation or open space.

**Policy ROS-1.2D.** Open space standards shall include conservation lands but shall not include land designated for neighborhood or community parks or stormwater retention areas. Lakes may be counted as open space if access to water recreation is provided (e.g., boating, swimming, fishing).

**Policy ROS-1.2E.** The City shall review all proposed residential developments to ensure adherence to the recreational level of service standards.

**Objective ROS-1.3**

Provide for the use of private resources and citizen involvement in the development of recreational sites.

**Policy ROS-1.3A.** The Parks and Recreation Department shall continue to provide staff support to the "Adopt a Park" program by meeting with and encouraging neighborhood groups and service clubs to provide needed neighborhood and tot lot park equipment.

**Policy ROS-1.3B.** The City shall utilize the Recreation Advisory Board for achieving citizen involvement in the identification of potential sites

and facilities necessary to satisfy recreational needs.

**Policy ROS-1.3C.** Continue efforts to obtain non-development/scenic easements along the Indian River Lagoon through donations of properties and/or purchase using state and local grants.

**Policy ROS-1.3D.** The Land Development Regulations shall continue to require open space and/or recreational amenities in development projects, where appropriate.

**Objective ROS-1.4**

Annually notify appropriate governmental, quasi-public, and private agencies of the City’s plans and needs in order to ensure the coordination of efforts and resources to meet recreation demands in the City.

**Policy ROS-1.4A.** The City will utilize intergovernmental coordination to alert the following agencies to the City’s recreational needs:

**Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District:** public fishing access to canals.

**Brevard Community College:** use of lakes on the college site for public fishing/swimming and use of planned recreational facilities by the public.

**U.S. Air Force:** potential use of a portion of the Malabar tracking station land for an urban district park, passive recreation use, and/or a public golf course.

**Brevard County Commission:** park assistance/development.

**School Board:** use of recreation facilities by the public.

**Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District:** recreation opportunities and fish stocking.

**Policy ROS-1.4B.** Continue to coordinate the use and development of the community center site with the abutting property of the Audubon Society and Brevard County through the Recreation Advisory Board.

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