

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

7.0 INTRODUCTION

7.0.0 Background

The City of Vero Beach has, within its boundaries, approximately 300 acres of recreation or open space oriented land. This land is broken into three major classifications. The first classification is land which has been developed for active park land with facilities. The second classification is unimproved open space and access land. The third classification includes schools. The respective acreages are as follows:

Parks with facilities	-	157.65 acres
Open space/beach access	-	4.61 acres
Schools	-	<u>134.45</u> acres
Total		296.71 acres

These figures do not include the area which is classified as "semi-public". This "semi-public" land includes privately owned golf courses, tennis courts and swimming pools. These facilities include among other things the two golf courses at Dodger Town and private country clubs. The total of all "semi-public" and public open space and recreation acreages is slightly under 800 acres. This represents a significant percentage of the total land area of the City.

In this element, the following purposes will be accomplished:

- o Inventory existing park and open space facilities.
- o Establish standards for the evaluation of and planning for facilities.
- o Identify service areas in sectors of the City for existing parks.
- o Analyze deficiencies in recreation and open space service and make recommendations which will address these.
- o Establish goals, objectives and policies for recreation and open spaces.

7.1 METHODOLOGY

The Recreation and Open Space Element recommendations are based on an analysis of the City of Vero Beach recreation needs. A comparison of existing area facilities to national, Florida and comparable community standards and criteria allowed the preparation of standards and criteria specific to Vero Beach. Demographic information and inventory data was compared to these standards and criteria to determine area needs, in terms of facility type, activities and location.

7.2 INVENTORY OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

7.2.0 Park and Recreational Facility Classifications

The recreation and open space facilities within the City of Vero Beach fall into five major classifications as follows:

- o Community Parks
- o Neighborhood Parks
- o Special Facilities
- o Beach Access and Open Space Parks
- o Schools

A description of each of these park facility types is included in the "Standards" section (see Section 7.9).

7.2.1 Inventory

The following inventory lists all of the recreation and open space facilities in Vero Beach. These facilities are grouped according to one of the five major classifications.

	<u>Acreage</u>
COMMUNITY PARKS	
o Riverside Park Complex	54.00
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	
o A.W. Young Park	5.01
o Pocahontas Park	6.00
o Charles Park	11.00
o Jaycee Beach Park	6.10
o Humiston Park	4.40
o South Beach Park	8.11
o Conn Beach Park	3.10
o Troy Moody Park	<u>.48</u>
TOTAL	44.20
	<u>Acreage</u>
SPECIAL FACILITIES	
o Old YMCA Building	10.00

o	The Youth Center	.50
o	Michael Field	7.54
o	MacWilliams Park	7.97
o	Bob Summers Field	8.85
o	Ballfield Complex	10.10
o	Memorial Island Park	10.00
o	Sexton Plaza	.23
o	Riomar Drive Park	.26
o	Recreation Administration Complex	<u>4.00</u>
	TOTAL	59.45

BEACH ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE PARKS

o	Piece of Pie Park	.41
o	Jacoby Park	.48
o	Block Manor Park	.22
o	Circle Park	.27
o	Van Busch Park	.90
o	Flamevine Lane Beach Access	.14
o	Gayfeather Lane Beach Access	.14
o	Hibiscus Lane Beach Access	.14
o	Lady Bug Lane Beach Access	.02
o	Sandpiper Lane Beach Access	.02
o	Jasmine Lane Beach Access	.02
o	Coquina Lane Beach Access	.02
o	Pirate Cove Lane Beach Access	.02
o	Turtle Cove Lane Beach Access	.02

o	San Juan Park	<u>1.79</u>
	TOTAL	4.61
 SCHOOL BOARD LAND		
o	Citrus Bowl	4.45
o	Beachland School	25.00
o	Osceola School	15.00
o	Rosewood School	15.00
o	Vero Beach Junior	35.00
o	Vero Beach Senior	<u>40.00</u>
	TOTAL	134.45

Figure 7.1 depicts existing park and recreation lands in the City of Vero Beach.

7.2.2 Facilities

Table 7.1 illustrates facilities located at each of the parks described in Section 7.2.1. The facility types listed across the top of the table represent those which were most prevalent in the Vero Beach parks. The "Other" category captures those facilities which are more peculiar to a particular park.

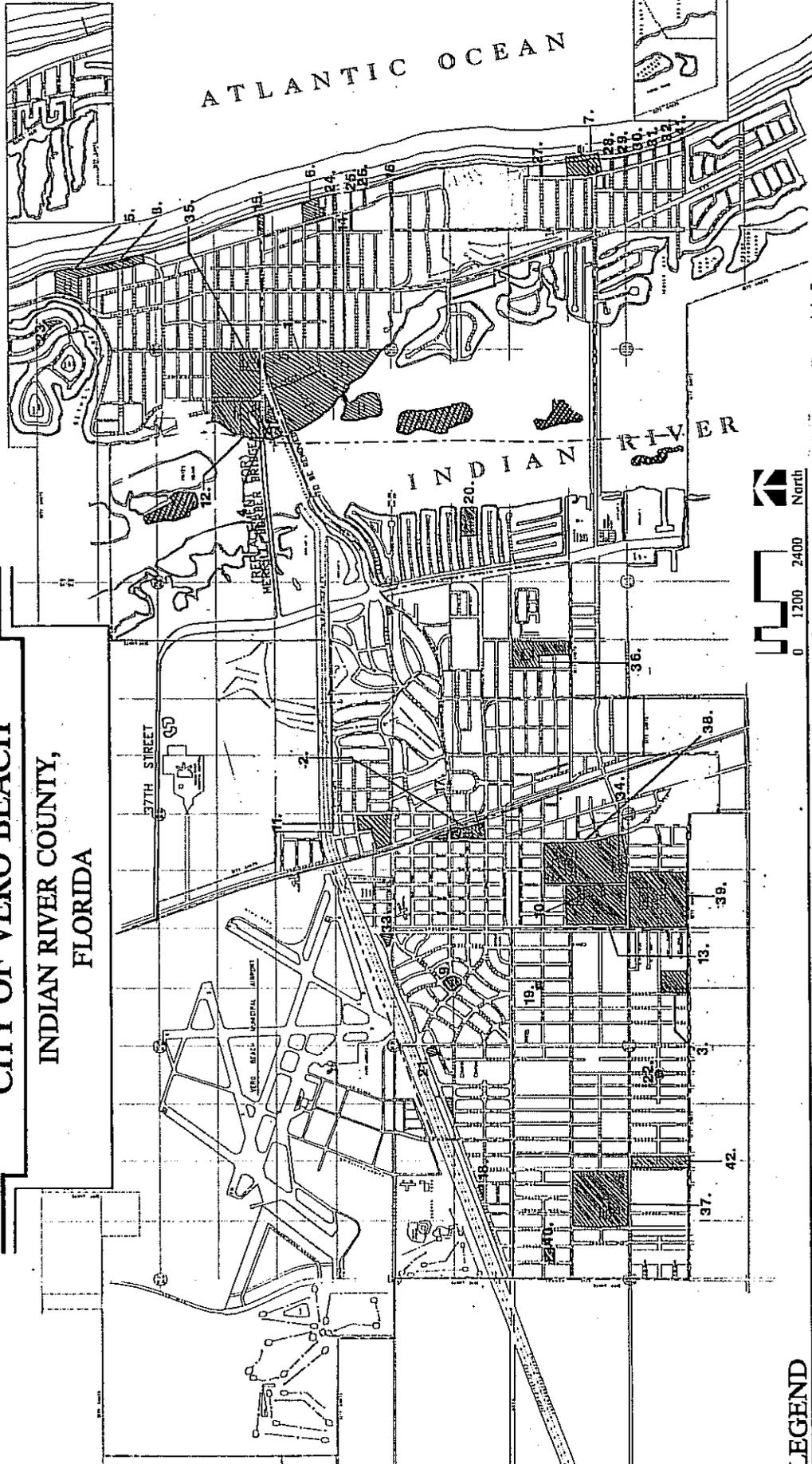
7.3 CRITERIA/STANDARDS

The development of standards for recreation facilities is necessary in evaluating existing parks and recreation facilities and identifying deficiencies. It is also necessary for planning the development of new facilities. A number of different standards and criteria are available to guide in the planning and design of recreation facilities. However, these needs vary with geographic location, community population makeup and community attitude. It is for this reason that a set of criteria and standards have been developed specifically for the City of Vero Beach. The criteria and standards for parks and recreational facilities are typically based on the year-round residents of Vero Beach. However, the seasonal visitors to the area also have access to all of the public and semipublic facilities discussed in this plan.

The criteria and standards may be broken into several categories; those related to facility type and those related to facility activities. Facility type categories are listed below:

- o Special Facilities
- o Community Parks
- o Neighborhood Parks
- o Beach Access and Open Space Parks

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-  Open Space / Recreation
-  Spoil Island / Open Space

- 40. Laite Rose
- 41. Sea Gull Drive Beach Access
- 42. Old YMCA Facility

- 27. Lady Bug Lane Beach Access
- 28. Sandpiper Lane Beach Access
- 29. Jasmine Lane Beach Access
- 30. Cocolina Lane Beach Access
- 31. Pirate Cove Lane Beach Access
- 32. Turtle Cove Lane Beach Access
- 33. San Juan Park
- 34. Citrus Bowl
- 35. Beachland School
- 36. Chesaca School
- 37. Rainwood School
- 38. Vero Beach Junior High School
- 39. Vero Beach Senior High School

- 14. Memorial Island Park
- 15. Sexton Plaza
- 16. Romar Drive Park
- 17. Recreation Administration Complex
- 18. Piece of Pie Park
- 19. Jansiey Park
- 20. A.W. Young Park
- 21. Black Manor Park
- 22. Circle Park
- 23. Van Beach Park
- 24. Flamavine Lane Beach Access
- 25. Haytheater Lane Beach Access
- 26. Hibiscus Lane Beach Access

- 1. Rivendale Park Complex
- 2. Posehonas Park
- 3. Charles Park
- 4. MacWilliams Park
- 5. JayCoo Beach Park
- 6. Humerton Park
- 7. South Beach Park
- 8. Conn Beach Park
- 9. Troy Moody Park
- 10. The Youth Center
- 11. Michael Field
- 12. Bob Summers Field
- 13. Ballfield Complex

EXISTING PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES
Figure 7.1

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Source: Vero Beach Parks and Recreation Department

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1987 CITY OF VERO BEACH RECREATION FACILITIES

Table 7.1

	ACRES	BASEBALL FIELDS	BASKETBALL COURTS	DAY CARE	FOOTBALL FIELDS	GOLF COURSES	GYMNASIUMS	MEETING ROOMS	MULTI-USE COURTS	PAR COURTS TRAILS	PASSIVE AREAS	PICNIC AREAS	PLAYFIELDS	PLAYGROUNDS	RACQUETBALL COURTS	COMFORT STATION	SHUTTLERS	SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS	SOFTBALL FIELDS	SWIMMING POOLS	TENNIS COURTS	TRACKS	OTHER	
Community Parks																								
Riverside Park Complex	54.00							1	1	2			2	1	12				10					
Neighborhood Parks																								
Pocohontos Park							3						1	2		26			4					
Charles Park	11.00	2						2	2	1			1	1	4				2					
A.W. Young Park **	5.01									7														
Jaycee Beach Park	6.10						1			2			1	1	10									
Humiston Park										1			1	1										
South Beach Park	8.11									1				1	4									
Conn Beach Park	3.10																							
Troy Moody Park	.48											1	1											
TOTAL	44.20																							
Special Facilities																								
The Youth Center	.50	1					1	1							1									
Michael Field	7.54	1													1									

FACILITIES

1987 CITY OF VERO BEACH RECREATION FACILITIES

Table 7.1 (Cont.)

FACILITIES

ACRES	BASEBALL FIELDS	BASKETBALL COURTS	DAY CARE	FOOTBALL FIELDS	GOLF COURSES	GYMNASIUMS	MEETING ROOMS	MULTI-USE COURTS	PAR COURTS TRAILS	PASSIVE AREAS	PICNIC AREAS	PLAYFIELDS	PLAYGROUNDS	RACQUETBALL COURTS	COMFORT STATION	SHELTERS	SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS	SOFTBALL FIELDS	SWIMMING POOLS	TENNIS COURTS	TRACKS	OTHER	
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Old YMCA Building *
 Bob Summers Field
 Ballfield Complex
 Memorial Island Park
 Sexton Plaza
 Riomar Drive Park
 Recreation Administration Complex
 MacWilliams Park
TOTAL
Beach Access and Open Space Parks
 Piece of Pie Park
 Jacoby Park
 Block Manor Park
 Van Busch Park
 Circle Park

Standards for the City of Vero Beach are based on the assumption that service levels provided by existing centers should be met or exceeded. Those levels would be compared to statewide standards. Section 7.4 contains standards for facilities and facility types. Table 7.2 contains a summary description of facility categorical criteria.

7.4 SPECIAL FACILITY STANDARDS

The special facility park is a facility which serves the needs of a large segment of the population. Examples of this type of facility are Bob Summers Field and Boat Basin Park. These recreation areas should be located near arterial routes. The size of these facilities will depend on the activities they contain.

7.4.0 Location Criteria

A special facility park should be:

- o Central to the area in which a need for a special facility activity is demonstrated.
- o A "ride to facility" but accessible by bicyclists or pedestrians where possible.
- o Accessible from major collector streets.

7.4.1 Development Criteria

A special facility park should contain:

- o A specified amount of land based on space requirements needed for the activities it contains.
- o Facilities in numbers determined by the population of the desired service area divided by the recommended number of persons to be served by each facility.

7.4.2 Recommended Facilities

The special facility park should contain specialized activities which would not normally be located in one of the other parks.

7.5 COMMUNITY PARK STANDARDS

A community park serves as a focus for several neighborhood units. It may supplement neighborhood parks, or in cases where neighborhood parks do not exist, it may function as both. This facility can serve up to 25,000 people. An example of a community park is the Riverside Park Complex. Figure 7.2 shows the location of this park.

7.5.0 Location Criteria

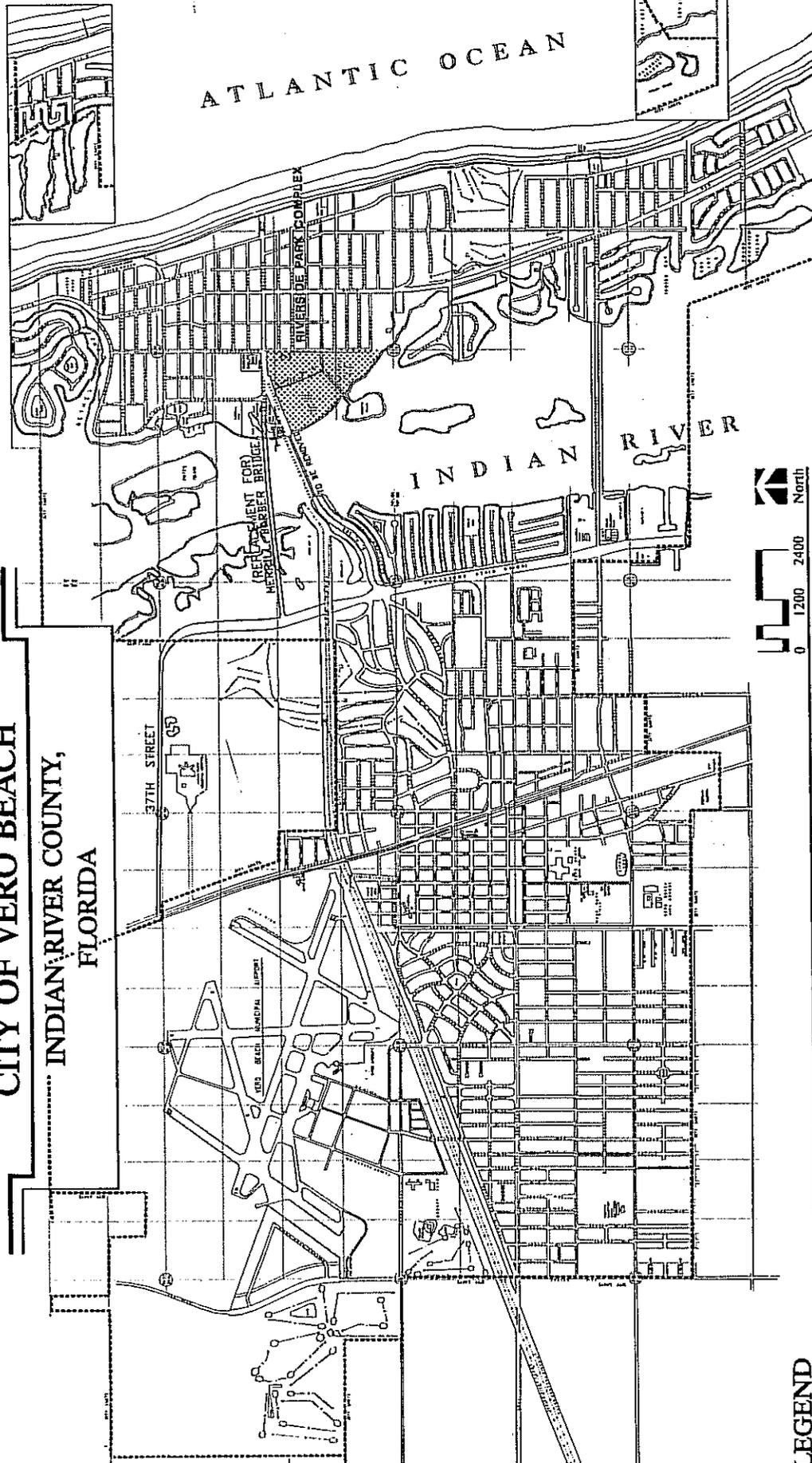
A community park should be:

- o Central to several constituent neighborhoods.
- o A "ride to facility" but accessible by bicyclists or pedestrians where possible.
- o Accessible from arterial or major collector streets.
- o A service facility for the community.

Table 7.2. A Summary of City of Vero Beach Recreation Facilities Categorical Criteria

Recreation Facility Category	Location	Service Area/ Population Served	Acreage	Facilities
Special Facilities	In easily accessible area in urban area or on periphery. Access to major collector street.	Central to "identified" need area.	Varies, depending on activity.	Primary purpose parks, softball, passive. Golf course may also contain "neighborhood" facility apparatus.
Community Parks	Central to several neighborhoods. major collectors.	One-mile radius. Near 25,000 population. Several neighborhoods.	15 acres desired.	Neighborhood park facilities and total family facilities: pool, softball, tennis, passive areas and a building.
Neighborhood Parks	"Walk-to" park. Located central to neighborhood. Near minor collector.	One-half mile radius. Several neighborhoods.	Five acres desired.	Play equipment, picnic, parking, comfort stations, shelter, sports fields, multi-use courts.
Beach Access & Open Space Parks	Sensitive or valuable resource areas.	Varies, depending on the resource.	Five acres desired (may be less in heavily urbanized areas where acreage).	Shelters, nature trails, picnicking, boardwalks, dune crossovers, comfort stations.

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VERO BEACH EXISTING COMMUNITY PARK

Figure 7.2

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Service Area Boundary

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Source: Vero Beach Parks and Recreation Department

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7.5.1 Development Criteria

A community park may contain:

- o Fifteen acres (desired).
- o Facilities in numbers determined by comparing service area population with the City of Vero Beach activities standards presented earlier in this section.
- o "Whole family" activities not found in neighborhood centers (e.g. swimming pool, arts and crafts).

7.5.2 Recommended Facilities

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| (1) Tennis Courts | (7) Multi-Purpose Court |
| (2) Playground | (8) Swimming Pool |
| (3) Senior Citizens' Activities | (9) Gymnasium |
| (4) Picnic/Passive Area | (10) Recreation Center Building |
| (5) Sports Field | |
| (6) Par Cours | (11) Paved Parking |

7.6 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK STANDARDS

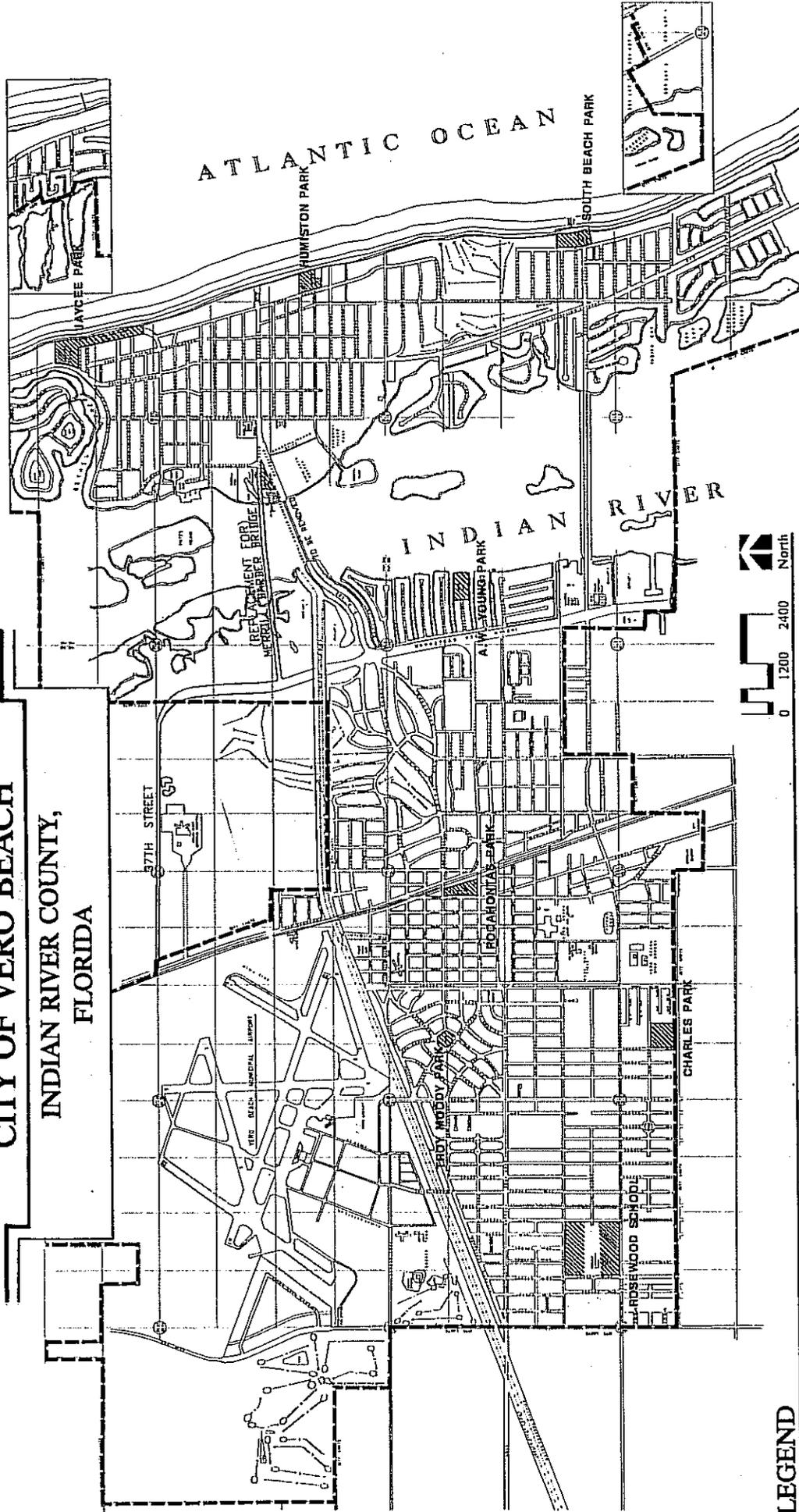
A neighborhood park functions as the focus for a neighborhood unit. This facility can serve up to 5,000 population. Examples of neighborhood parks are Charles Park and Troy Moody Park. Figure 7.3 illustrates the location of the existing neighborhood parks.

7.6.0 Location Criteria

A neighborhood park should be:

- o Centralized in the area it serves.
- o Accessible by pedestrian and bicycle routes.
- o Accessible from minor collector streets.
- o A service facility for an approximate one-mile radius area.

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VERO BEACH EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
 Figure 7.3

Source: Vero Beach Parks and Recreation Department

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7.6.1 Development Criteria

A neighborhood park should contain:

- o Five acres (desired).
- o Facilities in numbers determined by comparing service area population with the City of Vero Beach activities standards presented earlier in this section.

7.6.2 Recommended Facilities

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) Shelter/Comfort Station | (4) Play Area |
| (2) Sports Field(s) | (5) Paved Parking |
| (3) Picnic/Passive Area | (6) Multi-Purpose Courts |

7.7 BEACH ACCESS AND OPEN SPACE PARK STANDARDS

Beach access and open space park areas are natural resource based or open space lands. These are lands which are valuable to the community for a number of reasons, all of which should be used as criteria in the evaluation of potential beach access and open space park areas. These criteria are as follows.

7.7.0 Acquisition Standards

Acquisition of potential park land should accomplish one or more of the following:

- o Protect lands which are classified as being sensitive, a valuable resource, or posing a potential threat to public safety if developed (e.g. special treatment areas).
- o Provide open space in neighborhoods where open space and parks are non-existent or scarce.

Beach access and open space park land should be:

- o Five acres are desirable (may be less for beach access parks where larger tracts are not available or are too expensive).
- o Accessible by car, bicycle, and pedestrians. (Because of the nature of this resource, it may not necessarily be central to residential neighborhoods.)
- o Acquired according to its potential for development -- top priority should be given to the acquisition of those properties in imminent danger of development.

7.7.1 Recommended Facilities (where appropriate)

- (1) Picnic Area
- (2) Shelters
- (3) Nature Trails
- (4) Boardwalks
- (5) Parking

7.8 CITY OF VERO BEACH GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES*

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>EXISTING NUMBER</u>	<u>FORP** STANDARD</u>	<u>CITY OF VERO BEACH EXISTING RATIO</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED VERO BEACH STANDARD</u>
Baseball	4	1/6,000	1/4,355	1/6,000
Basketball (Full Court)	11	1/5,000	1/1,583	1/2,000
Boat Ramps (Lanes)	8	1/5,000	1/2,178	1/2,200
Gymnasium	4	--	1/4,355	1/6,000
Par Cours	3	1/10,000	1/5,806	1/9,000
Picnic	14	1/4,166	1/1,244	1/2,200
Playfield, Soccer	11	1/4,000	1/1,583	1/2,200
Football				
Playground	8	1/5,000	1/2,178	1/2,200
Racquetball	8	1/10,000	1/2,177	1/5,000
Softball: Youth	3	1/6,000	1/5,806	1/6,000
Adult				
Swimming Pools	1	1/25,000	1/17,420	1/20,000
Tennis Courts	24	1/2,000	1/726	1/1,000
Volleyball	5	1/5,000	1/3,480	1/3,500

*Including school facilities and land.

**Florida Outdoor Recreation Plan (February 1987; Florida Department of Natural Resources).

7.9 ACTIVITY STANDARDS

The following represents standards for activities which may be located in area parks or recreation facilities. These standards may be used to determine space and special requirements needed to accommodate these activities.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Space Required</u>	<u>Special Requirements</u>
Archery	3 Targets	.5 Acre	Earth Berm
Baseball	1 Diamond	2.8 Acre	Fencing, Backstop, Bleachers
Basketball	1 Court	.14 Acre	
Boat Launch	1 Ramp (2 Lanes)	1.0 Acre	Parking, Turn Around
Camping	1 Site	1.0 Acre	Restroom, Water, Fire Pit
Football	1 Field	1.83 Acres	Level Area
Golf Course	9 Holes	80.00 Acres	Visual Interest Area
	18 Holes	160.00 Acres	
Gymnasium*	1 Court	1.3 Acres	
Multi-Use Courts	1 Court	1.3 Acres	Level Area
		Varies: Minimum	
		2,500 sq ft/.06 Acre	
Par Cours	10 Stations	Varies: 10 Acres	
		Desirable	
Passive Area	1 Park	1.5 Acres	Wooded
Picnic	3-4 Tables	.5 Acre	Shade Trees
Playfield	1 Field	1.5 Acres	

Activity	Units	Space Required	Special Requirements
Playground	1 Playground	1.0 Acre	
Racquetball	2 Courts	.25 Acre	
Restrooms	1 Each	400 Sq Ft	
Shelters	1 Shelter	400 Sq Ft	
Shuffleboard	2 Courts	1,200 Sq Ft	
Soccer	1 Field	2.0 Acres	Level Area
Softball	1 Field	1.7 Acres	Fencing, Backstop, Bleachers
Swimming Pool	1	.11 Acre	Fencing
Tennis	1 Court	.14 Acre	Fencing
Track	○ Mile 6 Lane	4.0 Acres	

*Gymnasiums are usually included in a community center building. Square footage represented in this category reflects this.

7.10 RECREATION PARK NEEDS

This section projects the need for additional community and neighborhood parks in the City of Vero Beach based on accepted levels of service and projected population growth in the City.

The accepted level of service for community parks in the City of Vero Beach is one community park for every 25,000 people. The service area for these parks is the entire City of Vero Beach. Based on this level of service and the projected population of 18,688 in the year 2010, the current Riverside Park Complex is sufficient to meet the projected needs, thereby requiring no additional community parks during the planning period.

Due to the size of the City of Vero Beach, both geographically and in terms of population, the accepted service area for neighborhood parks is also the entire City. However, the level of service for these smaller parks is one neighborhood park per 5,000 people. Based on this level of service and the year 2010 population projection, there is a projected need for four neighborhood parks. Currently, the City has eight neighborhood parks as described in Section 7.2 and graphically illustrated in Figure 7.1.

In addition to the supply of community and neighborhood parks, the City also has a large supply of special facilities as indicated in Section 7.2 and the natural recreation resource of the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. While considered special facilities due to their single purpose use, many of the parks listed contain facilities which could otherwise be found in either community or neighborhood parks. Pedestrian access points to the beach are provided at each major intersection with many containing boardwalks and public parking. Public boat ramps and Riverside Park and MacWilliams Park, as well as the municipal marina, provide access to the Intracoastal Waterway.

In summary, the City of Vero Beach has approximately 300 acres of public recreation and open space land which translates to over 17 acres per 1,000 people. This level of service far exceeds most accepted standards and the City will seek to maintain a minimum of 15 acres per 1,000 people during the planning period.

7.11 FACILITIES NEEDS

Table 7.3 contains an analysis of the demand for specific types of recreational facilities based on accepted levels of service and the projected population in Vero Beach. Based on this analysis, the City of Vero Beach either meets or exceeds the required inventory of facilities in the year 2010 with its current supply.

7.12 RECREATION AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The private sector is an active participant in the provision of recreation facilities in the City of Vero Beach. The following facilities are available, primarily through membership programs, to the general Vero Beach public:

- o Dodgertown--Nine-hole golf course, open to public.
- o Dodger Pines--18-hole semipublic golf course and swimming pool.
- o Vero Beach Country Club--Private club with membership open to the public. Includes an 18-hole golf course and pro shop.
- o Riomar Country Club--Private club with membership open to the public. Includes an 18-hole golf course and driving range.
- o Timber Ridge Tennis Ranch--Private club with membership open to the public. Located south of the City limits. Includes 15 tennis courts, swimming pool and restaurant.
- o Westside Racquet Club--Located in the County, this facility provides seven clay courts including two lighted courts. Memberships are open to the public.
- o Vista Plantation--18-hole golf course and driving range located in the County just west of the City limits.
- o Vista Royale--27-hole golf course and driving range in the County just south of the City limits.

Notes: (1) Facility needs are based on projected population contained in the "Housing Element".
(2) Private facilities were not included in this analysis.

Source: Hunter Development Economics, 1990.

Table 7.3. City of Vero Beach Recreation Needs Analysis Using Recommended Citywide Level of Service Standards

Facility	Current Inventory	Recommended Level of Service (LOS) for Area	Current Needs	Current Deficiency	2010 Projected Needs	2010 Projected Deficiency
Parks						
Recreation and Open Space Acreage (Total)	296	15 per 1,000 persons	261	0	280	0
Community (54 Acres)	1	one per 25,000 persons	1	0	1	0
Neighborhood (44 Acres)	8	one per 5,000 persons	3	0	4	0
Facilities						
Baseball Field	4	one per 6,000 persons	3	0	3	0
Basketball Court	11	one per 2,000 persons	9	0	9	0
Football/Soccer Field	12	one per 2,000 persons	9	0	9	0
Softball Field	3	one per 6,000 persons	3	0	3	0
Tennis Court	24	one per 1,000 persons	17	0	19	0
Racquetball Court	8	one per 5,000 persons	3	0	4	0
Swimming Pool	1	one per 20,000 persons	1	0	1	0
Gymnasium	4	one per 6,000 persons	3	0	3	0
Boat Ramps (Lanes)	8	one per 2,200 persons	8	0	8	0
Picnic	14	one per 2,200 persons	8	0	8	0
Playground	8	one per 2,200 persons	8	0	8	0
Volleyball	5	one per 3,500 persons	5	0	5	0
Par Course	3	one per 9,000 persons	2	0	2	0
Total or Projected Population			17,418		18,668	

Notes: (1) Facility needs are based on projected population contained in the "Housing Element".
 (2) Private facilities were not included in this analysis.

Source: Hunter Development Economics, 1990.

7.13 GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

7.13.0 Goal: To establish and maintain an open space and recreation system that provides a wide variety of indoor-outdoor leisure experience, which meets the physical and cultural needs of all population segments of the City and provides access to passive recreation resources and open space areas.

7.13.0.0 Access

Objective 1:

Provide for public access to public recreation sites, including beaches and active open spaces during the planning period.

Policies:

- 1.1 The City will maintain existing pedestrian easements to the beach from A1A.
- 1.2 The City will ensure that vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle access is provided to all parks.

7.13.0.1 Public/Private Coordination

Objective 2:

By 1991, the City will establish mechanisms by which public and private resources are coordinated on an ongoing basis to meet recreational demands.

Policies:

- 2.1 The City will coordinate on an ongoing basis with Indian River County and private groups in the area regarding the provision of recreational services and establish appropriate interlocal agreements.
- 2.2 The City will not duplicate recreation facilities which are provided by the private sector, are available to the public and are adequate to serve the population.
- 2.3 The City shall encourage private groups to provide recreation services and facilities to City residents. Where private services and facilities are provided, the City will coordinate its recreation activities, services and facilities to ensure that recreation demands are met efficiently and economically.

7.13.0.2 Adequate Facilities

Objective 3:

The City shall provide at all times a sufficient supply of open space and recreational lands and facilities to accommodate its residents at the accepted level of service.

Supplement 3; Adopted February 5, 2008; Ordinance #08-01.

Policies:

- 3.1 The City shall establish and maintain the following minimum level-of-service based on permanent population:
 1. Public Open Space and Recreation: 15 acres/ 1,000
 2. Community Parks: 1 park/ 25,000
 3. Neighborhood Parks: 1 park/ 5,000
- 3.2 The City shall implement standards for recreational facilities as identified in Table 7.3. These standards shall be used as guidelines in development of recreation facilities and shall not be used for concurrency purposes.
- 3.3 The City shall maintain level of service standards for public open space and parks and recreational facilities consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and through the concurrency management system of its Land Development Regulations.
- 3.4 The City shall review the need to consider seasonal population in its setting of level of service for recreational facilities in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report to be completed by September 1, 2010.

7.13.0.3 Public/Private Open Space

Objective 4:

By September 1990, the City will establish standards for the provision and preservation of open space as part of the development process to ensure that existing open space areas are conserved and that new development provides for open space and passive recreation in its plans.

Policies:

- 4.1 The City shall establish standards and criteria for the dedication of land, or payment in lieu thereof, for all future private and public developments for open space and/or recreation use, consistent with the acquisition standards set forth in Section 7.7.
- 4.2 The City shall incorporate the open space definition and standards reflected in this element into its Land Development Regulations to be adopted September 1, 1990.
- 4.3 The City shall through its Land Development Regulations, to be adopted by September 1, 1990, require that all environmentally sensitive areas from which density is transferred and other such areas as are appropriate, be maintained as open space in perpetuity and that this be accomplished through recordation of conservation easements.

7.13.0.4 Arts and Cultural Programs

Objective 5:

By 1991, the City will have a program to facilitate the provision of the arts and cultural activities in the City.

Policies:

- 5.1 The City shall support the provision of cultural activities by encouraging private arts organizations, by facilitating the provision of art in public places and by making meeting rooms and community centers available to arts and cultural organizations.

7.14 CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT

The City of Vero Beach has identified no additional recreational needs necessary to meet projected population. It will therefore be unnecessary to prepare a system which will respond to additional demand for services.