

CHAPTER 7
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT
GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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GOAL

7.13.0 Goal: ~~To establish and maintain an~~ The City of Vero Beach's open space and recreation system that will provides a wide variety of indoor-outdoor leisure experiences, which to meets the physical, social, recreational and cultural needs of all population segments of the City and provides with access to a variety of passive recreation resources and open space areas.

7.13.0.0—Access

Objective 1: Access

The City shall Provide for public access to active public recreation sites, including beaches, boat ramps and active public open spaces during the planning period.

Policies:

- 1.1 The City will shall maintain existing pedestrian easements to the beach from A1A Ocean Drive.
- 1.2 The City will shall ensure that appropriate vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle access is provided to all parks and shall work with GoLine to provide transit service to major parks and recreation sites.
- 1.3 The City shall acquire and develop access easements or rights-of-way as required to provide adequate access ways which are compatible with the character and needs of the recreation facility or site.
- 1.4 At least every three years, the City shall evaluate its recreational facilities for compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and, if deficiencies are identified, the City shall endeavor to program capital improvements and other actions needed to remedy any deficiencies commensurate with available financial resources.

7.13.0.1—Public/Private Coordination

Objective 2: Public/Private Coordination

~~By 1991, the City will establish mechanisms~~ The City will ~~continue to~~ shall coordinate public and private resources ~~on an ongoing basis~~ to meet the diverse recreational demands needs of the City's resident, visitor, and seasonal population.

Policies:

- ~~2.1~~ The City will ~~coordinate on an ongoing basis with Indian River County public and private groups in the area regarding the provision of recreational services and establish appropriate interlocal agreements.~~
- 2.1 The City shall coordinate the provision of recreational services and facilities with public and private organizations and enter into appropriate interlocal and license agreements as appropriate.
- 2.2 The City ~~will not~~ shall avoid duplicate duplicating recreation facilities and services which are provided by the private sector, which are available to the public and are adequate to serve the needs of the population.
- 2.3 The City shall encourage and support private groups not-for-profit organizations to provide recreation services and facilities to City residents in a manner that is efficient and economical. ~~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.~~
- 2.4 The City shall work with Indian River County and the Indian River County School District to collate recreation facilities and services at County school sites where appropriate.
- 2.5 The City shall encourage and support non-governmental 501(c)(3) organizations to facilitate the funding of recreation capital improvements.
- 2.6 The City shall encourage co-sponsorship of recreational and cultural events, such as races, greenmarkets, festivals, art shows and athletic events by allowing the use of City facilities parks and public lands as locations for these events.
- 2.7 The City shall identify state and federal recreation grant opportunities, and if appropriate, the City shall apply for grants for funding of recreation facilities.
- 2.8 On a periodic basis the City shall evaluate its recreational fee schedule for both residents and nonresidents to help ensure that user fees are equitable and have a reasonable relationship to the cost of the recreation service.
- 2.9 On a periodic basis, the City shall evaluate the potential for new revenue opportunities such as, but not limited to facility naming rights and beach and park concessions.

7.13.0.2 Adequate Facilities

Objective 3. Provision of Adequate Facilities

The City shall ~~provide at all times~~ preserve and maintain sufficient ~~supply~~ of open space and recreational lands and facilities to accommodate its permanent and seasonal residents and visitors, recognizing that the current level of parks and recreation facilities will be adequate through the 2035 planning horizon. ~~at the accepted level of service~~

[Note: The existing level-of-service (LOS) standards for recreation and open space are proposed for elimination removing recreation and open space from concurrency requirements of the Plan and Chapter 163, F.S. Instead these former standards will now only be guidelines.]

Policies:

3.1 The City shall use the following standards based on the City's functional (permanent, visitor, and seasonal) population as a guide for evaluating and planning for park, recreation, and open space needs ~~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

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[Note: The current amount of public open space and recreation acreage is 19.9 acres per 1,000. The number of Community Parks (Riverside) is one and the number of Neighborhood Parks is 7. Special facilities and beach parks are not included under the Community or Neighborhood Park classifications.]

3.2 The City shall ~~implement~~ follow the standards guidelines for recreational facilities and activities as identified in Tables 7-3 7.3 and 7-4 of Chapter 7 of the technical document to the Comprehensive Plan ~~These standards shall be used as guidelines in development of recreation facilities and services. shall not be used for concurrency purposes.~~

3.3 ~~The City shall consider the criteria and standards for public parks and recreation facilities in Table 7-2 of Chapter 7 of the technical document to the Comprehensive Plan in the planning and development of new and the evaluation of existing park and recreation facilities.~~

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.~~

3.4 The City shall consider the preparation of a master plan for Riverside Park and park lands north of Beachland Boulevard abutting the eastern shoreline of the Indian River Lagoon. At a minimum, the master plan should identify by location and type of use, the preferred long-term development of these valuable recreation and open space lands.

3.5 The City shall encourage the linkage of park and open spaces to bicycle and pedestrian trails in pursuant to the pertinent policies of the Transportation Element.

~~7.13.0.3 Public/Private Open Space~~

Objective 4: Public/Private Open Space

~~By September 1990, the City shall will establish standards enforce its standards for the provision and preservation of open space as part of the development approval process to ensure that existing open space areas are conserved and that new development projects provides for sufficient open space and passive recreation opportunities 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.~~

~~4.3-1 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.~~

4.2 The City shall ensure through its Land Development Regulations that sufficient open space is provided in public and private development projects.

~~7.13.0.4 Arts and Cultural Programs~~

Objective 5: Arts and Cultural Programs

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

Policies:

- 5.1 ~~The City shall continue to support the provision of cultural activities by encouraging making public property available for private not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations' events and, if appropriate, space for construction of permanent facilities for art and cultural activities. by facilitating the provision of art in public places and by making meeting rooms and community centers available to arts and cultural organizations.~~
- 5.2 The City shall identify foundation, state and federal arts and cultural grant programs, and where appropriate, the City shall apply for available grant funds for arts and cultural programs and activities.
- 5.3 The City shall support and cooperate with the Cultural Council of Indian River County in carrying out its cultural and arts programs and activities.
- 5.4 The City shall support and coordinate efforts with the Cultural Council of Indian River County in the creation of the Vero Beach Cultural Arts Village pursuant to Objective 11 and supporting policies of the Land Use Element.

~~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.~~