



City of Marco Island

Date: February 9, 2026
To: City Council
From: Joe Parrilli, Manager Fleet & Facilities
Through: Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Interim City Manager
Re: Parks Master Plan Top 5 Improvements and Funding Requirements

As part of the City's ongoing effort to maintain, enhance, and prioritize improvements to parks, recreation facilities, and public amenities, staff has identified a series of capital improvement projects for City Council consideration. These projects address aging infrastructure, safety concerns, increased community use, and long-term operational sustainability across multiple park facilities.

The proposed projects have been prioritized based on urgency, community impact, and facility condition, and represent a comprehensive investment in recreational assets throughout the City. The recommended projects include:

1. **Playground Equipment (Priority 1 – \$2,000,000):** Replacement of playground equipment at two locations, with new rubber mat flooring, and shade structures.
2. **Field Replacement – Mackle Park/Winterberry Park/ VCP Bandshell Field/Farmers Market Field (Priority 2 – \$950,000):** Replacement of existing athletic field surfaces to address wear, drainage, and safety concerns. Improvements to support continued use for community events, performances, and the farmer's market.
3. **Tot Lot (Priority 3 – \$175,000):** Replacement of the tot lot area, including new surfacing and fencing.
4. **Mackle Park/Winterberry Park Lighting (Priority 4 – \$400,000):** Installation and/or replacement of park lighting to improve safety, visibility, and usability during evening hours.
5. **Racquet Center Improvements (Priority 5 – \$582,000):** Enhancements include resurfacing tennis courts (conversion from clay to hard courts and resurfacing existing courts), resurfacing and conversion of pickleball courts, and installation of Acoustiblok sound-mitigation panels.

The total estimated cost for all proposed projects is **\$4,107,000**. Council direction is requested regarding the prioritization, funding, and implementation of these projects.