

City of Marco Island
2035 Comprehensive Plan
Parks Element
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Commented [BDM1]: PB: Consider adding Open Space

GOAL 1 TO ENHANCE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHILE MAINTAINING THE SMALL TOWN CHARM, BEAUTY, AND CONVENIENCE OF THE MARCO ISLAND COMMUNITY.

Objective 1.1 Establish a minimum Level of Service (LOS) for community and regional parkland acreages.

- Policy 1.1.1 The adopted LOS for community parkland will be 1.2882 acres of active parkland/1,000 permanent residents.
- Policy 1.1.2 The adopted LOS for regional parkland will be 2.9142 acres of active parkland/1,000 permanent residents as established by Collier County.
- Policy 1.1.3 The City will actively seek acquisition of recreational land and pursue hardscape, landscape, and amenity improvements through grants or other non-governmental and private donations to maintain the adopted LOS.

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Objective 1.2 Continue planning for the maintenance, acquisition, and enhancement of open space, parks and recreation facilities, and programs for the enjoyment of Marco Island residents.

- Policy 1.2.1 The City will develop a parks and open space master plan to assess desired and needed parklands, open space and amenities and continue to plan to improve identified current and projected shortfalls based on population or other community goals. The parks master plan will identify:
 - a. Community-driven needs assessment of the City's parkland and open space facilities
 - b. a comprehensive system of parks, open spaces, and historic features,
 - c. connectivity of bike paths and sidewalks, and methods of interconnecting the system to residential, commercial, and public uses,
 - d. desired levels of service for regional, community, and neighborhood park facilities and the appropriate mix of community, neighborhood, and special parks needed to service their populations, and
 - e. a cost and prioritization system.

Commented [BDM3]: Steering Committee comments: Impact of parks on congestion (e.g., parking lot that will be increasing by county – road layout and congestion).

Possible change: Add an additional element to parks and open space master plan, such as
f. relationship of parks and open space master plan to other Island infrastructure priorities

Also consider adding in opportunities to add protections for species in open space.

- Policy 1.2.2 The City will continue to assess impact fees for regional and community parks.
- Policy 1.2.3 The City shall continue to employ user fees to offset the operating costs of its recreational facilities.
- Policy 1.2.4 The City will include members of the public in park and recreation planning and implementation through public meetings and on-going assessment activities.

Objective 1.3 Engage in partnerships to expand recreational and civic use facilities.

- Policy 1.3.1 The City will work cooperatively with private, non-governmental, and public entities to pursue enhanced and expanded recreational and civic use facilities on public and privately owned lands.
- Policy 1.3.2 The City will provide assistance to non-City entities in the development of grant applications that would have the effect of increasing Marco Island recreational and civic resources.
- Policy 1.3.3 Where possible, the City will locate parks adjacent to school sites and seek collaborative partnerships with the school system as opportunities arise.
- Policy 1.3.4 The City will explore modifications to interlocal agreements with Collier County to ensure non-resident use of the City's parklands is appropriately funded and managed.

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Objective 1.4 Develop a wide range of recreational programs for all ages and interests as part of the annual budgetary process and ongoing functions of the Parks and Recreation Department.

- Policy 1.4.1 The City will develop recreation programs and activities that reflect the City resident needs and develop methods to monitor and assess community recreational needs.
- Policy 1.4.2 The City will develop methods to assess the cultural and civic needs of the community that will provide for adequate programs and facilities to accommodate these needs.
- Policy 1.4.3 Recreational and therapeutic opportunities for the physically handicapped and mentally challenged persons will be considered in recreational programming.

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Add special needs instead of handicapped language