

VI. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

GOAL 1: TO ENHANCE MARCO ISLAND'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHILE MAINTAINING ITS TROPICAL SMALL, TOWN CHARACTER.

Objective 1.1: Establishment of minimum Level of Service (LOS) standards for community parklands and regional parkland acreages per 1,000 residents.

Policy 1.1.1: The City will utilize the following minimum LOS standard for community parkland on Marco Island: 1.2882 acres of active parkland/1,000 permanent residents.

Measurement: *Annual inventory of parkland resources and population estimates.*

Policy 1.1.2: The adopted LOS standard for regional parkland will be 2.9142 acres per 1,000 residents as established by the provider Collier County.

Measurement: *Receipt of County AUIR reports and population estimates.*

Policy 1.1.3: The City will consult recommended 2010 Population Guidelines for User-Oriented Outdoor Recreation Activity Tables to address projected shortfalls in amenities as recreational sites are either upgraded or improved.

Measurement: *Type of amenities added to the City's recreational network annually.*

Objective 1.2: To seek additional recreational and open space sites on Marco Island and maintain and enhance the existing sites.

Policy 1.2.1: Upon Plan adoption, the City will investigate vacant property on Marco Island that could be suitable for a future park or community/cultural center.

Measurement: *Lots acquired outright or shared that add to or enhance the City's Park, Recreation and Open Space network.*

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Policy 1.2.2: Within three years of the Plan's effective date, the City will investigate designating Tracts C and D on Winterberry Drive as a Passive Park/open space and begin public input on potential improvements.

Measurement: Progress toward development of Tracts C and D for park/open space purposes.

Policy 1.2.3: The City will actively seek acquisition of recreational land and/or open space through submission of grant applications.

Measurement: Grant submittals prepared by or on behalf of the City seeking funds for park or open space acquisitions.

Policy 1.2.4: Public meetings will be held by the Parks and Recreation Department, to seek input from the residents of Marco Island on the design of all public recreational facilities to be built or expanded on Marco Island.

Measurement: Public meetings held concerning public recreational improvements.

Objective 1.3: Promotion of a safe, convenient, and energy efficient multimodal transportation system.

Policy 1.3.1: Incorporation of the recommendations contained in the Right-Of-Way Report into the five-year Capital Improvement Element based on priority of need and availability of fiscal resources.

Measurement: Transportation system upgrades contained in the five year CIE and CIP.

Policy 1.3.2: Continuation of the sidewalk assessment program to provide a complete sidewalk network adjacent to all arterial and collector roads by 2005. *Portions of CR 92 east of Barfield Drive are not envisioned as part of the desired sidewalk network.

Measurement: Annual number of linear feet of sidewalk installed along arterial and collector roads.

Policy 1.3.3: Within five years of the Plan's effective date, the City will investigate and create a mechanism to establish a dedicated pedestrian

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promenade easement along major bulkheaded undeveloped parcels of property zoned commercial and dedicated easement from the promenade to the nearest public access.

Measurement: Establishment of Development regulations to effect the creation of the desired pedestrian easement.

Policy 1.3.4: Require that all roadway improvement projects (except intersections or signal projects) to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the design, funding, and implementation, unless deemed technically unfeasible due to significant site conditions or circumstances.

Measurement: Incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the design, funding and implementation of all new roadway projects.

Policy 1.3.5: Seek enhancement grants through the MPO to fund bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Measurement: Enhancement grants applied for through the MPO to fund bicycle and pedestrian system improvements.

Objective 1.4: The City will actively seek and cooperatively pursue partnerships with Island entities for enhanced and expanded recreational and civic use facilities.

Policy 1.4.1: The City will work cooperatively with private and quasi-public groups and entities to pursue enhanced and expanded recreational and civic use facilities on both public and privately owned lands.

Measurement: Dialogue between the City and non-City entities that provide recreational and civic facilities and programs, with the objective of expanding opportunities of mutual benefit.

Policy 1.4.2: City staff will actively provide assistance to non-City entities in the development of grant applications to increase Island recreational and civic resources.

Measurement: Number of times City staff assists other in the development of grant applications annually.

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Policy 1.4.3: The City will investigate the potential of a Marco Island Civic/Cultural Center in conjunction with other private and quasi-public entities such as the School Board, the YMCA, and others.

Measurement: *Establishment of dialogue with interested parties concerning the need for a Marco Island Civic/Cultural Center.*