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## PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN



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# ***Executive Summary***



The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan is a concise long-range planning document that provides guidance on the direction, development and delivery of the County's recreation facilities over the next 10-year period. The report provides a long-term vision for County managed park facilities through 2035 and includes actionable recommendations that can be incorporated into all aspects of the Department's park operations, including how to best develop, promote, manage and maintain a dynamic park system that can adjust and respond to an increasingly diverse and expanding population.

This plan is divided in nine distinct chapters:

- Chapter 1 – Introduction: Includes a project overview, a description of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and the connection of the master plan with the Department's Strategic Plan.
- Chapter 2 – Demographic Trends: An analysis of near and long-term demographic trends within Palm Beach County.
- Chapter 3 – Park Inventory and Level of Service Analysis: This section includes the parks and amenity facility inventory, the review and evaluation of municipal and School District facilities within the county and level of service analysis.
- Chapter 4 – Leisure Trends Analysis: Analysis of national, state and local trends in leisure and recreation activities.
- Chapter 5 – Needs Assessment: Analysis conducted by AECOM that interprets and summarizes public feedback on the recreation needs and priorities of Palm Beach County residents.
- Chapter 6 – Discussion of past land acquisition activity throughout the history of the Department as well as past and present funding strategies used for the acquisition of park land.

- Chapter 7 – Capital Development Plan: List of proposed redevelopment and expansion projects over the next 5-year and 20-year period based upon level of service needs, aging park infrastructure and feedback from Palm Beach County residents
- Chapter 8 – Funding Options: Discussion of past, present and potential future funding sources to operate, program and construct new park facilities.
- Chapter 9 – Priority Strategies and Recommendations: This chapter summarizes the priority facility and program needs and provides short, medium and long-term recommendations for implementation.

The following is a summary of each of the chapters:

## Summary of Palm Beach County Demographic Trends

- Palm Beach County's permanent population is expected to grow from 1,527,392 residents in 2023 to over 1.7 million residents by 2035 according to the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research. This projected increase of roughly 250,000 new residents over the next 11 years will place additional pressure on the Department to develop, program and maintain park facilities in order to maintain a high-quality level of service.
- An additional 55,667 new households are expected to be formed by 2035. Much like the overall population, these new households will demand a variety of recreational needs.
- Palm Beach County's residents will continue to age, particularly those over the age of 80. By 2035, over 10% of all the county's residents will be over the age of 80, up from 7.3% in 2020. The recreational needs of this population segment differ significantly than those younger age segments.



- Palm Beach County's residents will continue to become more racially and ethnically diverse. In 2020, 54.2% of the population identified as being white, with 19.3% identifying as black and 23.4% identifying as Hispanic. By 2035, 48% of the population is projected to identify as white, with 28% identifying as Hispanic and 21% identifying as black.
- Household income levels are increasing but are not outpacing inflation. The \$150,000 to \$199,999 income segment is expected to experience the greatest increase over the next five year period (8% in 2023 to 10.5% in 2028) followed by the \$100,000 to \$149,999 income segment (17.3% in 2023 to 19.5% in 2028). While these increases are a positive sign, 55.3% of the county's population will still reside in households earning under \$100,000 annually in 2028. The need for free and affordable recreational programming should remain a high priority for the Department.

## Existing Conditions and Level of Service Summary

- The County's Parks and Recreation Department currently manages a total of 98 active parks and undeveloped properties throughout the county. 88 consist of active parks and 10 are undeveloped properties planned for future development. The County is also the land owner of 11 active parks that are leased to various municipalities throughout Palm Beach County.
- The Department currently manages 6,040 acres of active (developed) park land and 2,102 acres of undeveloped land for future development.
- There are a combined 407 municipal parks located throughout Palm Beach County. The City of West Palm Beach leads all municipalities with 53 parks, followed by the Village of Wellington with 40 parks and the City of Palm Beach Gardens with 18 parks.

- There are a combined 180 elementary, middle school and high schools operated by the School District of Palm Beach County that contain a variety of active recreational amenities. A vast majority of these recreation facilities are not open for public use after school hours.

## Summary of National, State and Local Leisure Trends

- Pickleball remains the fastest growing sport in America. Participation almost doubled in 2022, increasing by 85.7% year-over-year and by an astonishing 158.6% over three years. This increase in demand is also being witnessed throughout the state of Florida and locally in Palm Beach County.
- Basketball, soccer (outdoor), football (flag), and football (tackle) all posted three year total participation increases of over 4.5%. Basketball had the highest three-year increase of 13.0%.
- Golf and tennis continue to maintain their momentum. Golf (on or off-course) increased by 9.7% last year, while tennis increased by 4.3%. Both sports have grown over 20% nationally since 2019.
- E-bikes, scooters and other electric mobility devices are becoming more prevalent in recreational settings throughout Florida. While these devices are increasing overall park usage, it is posing challenges on existing bike and pedestrian trails where conflicts between walkers and e-bikes are on the rise.
- Technological innovations that benefit outdoor recreation such as online reservation systems, geocaching and drones. While these hobbies may not yield high cardiovascular rewards, they are driving more people outdoors.

## Needs Assessment Summary

A comprehensive countywide recreational needs assessment was conducted by AECOM from August, 2023 through January, 2024. This assessment was commissioned by the Department to obtain valuable information on the needs and desires of residents throughout all of Palm Beach County. Community feedback was obtained through engagement exercises at public meetings, an online survey and a statistically valid survey administered via phone contacts by ETC Institute.

Five common themes were obtained from four public meetings held throughout the county: 1) Extend hours and timeframe of services 2) Increase services and recreational activities 3) Improve existing infrastructure 4) Increase equitable access 5) Maintain existing green space.

Results from the online survey provided more detailed responses to the needs and desires of the county's residents. A few key results from the survey are highlighted below:

### Top 10 Facilities Most Needed by County Residents

1. Beaches
2. Park Restrooms
3. Large Regional Parks
4. Shaded Areas
5. Small Neighborhood Parks
6. Nature Centers
7. Open Green Space
8. Multi-use Trails
9. Picnic Pavilions and Shelters
10. Recreation Centers

The statistically valid survey generally mirrored the results of the online survey. Based on the results of the survey ETC Institute provided a Priority Investment Rating ranking which equally weighed the importance that residents placed on facilities with unmet resident facility needs. A few key results from the survey are highlighted below:

### Top 5 Actions to Improve the Parks and Recreation System

1. Maintain/Improve Existing Beach Parks
2. Develop New Nature Trails and Greenways
3. Maintain/Improve Existing Parks
4. Maintain/Improve Existing Nature Centers/Natural Areas
5. Maintain/Improve Trails and Greenways

### Top 10 Priorities for Facility Investment Based on the Priority Investment Rating

1. Beaches
2. Shaded Areas
3. Multi-use Trails
4. Park Restrooms
5. Small Neighborhood Parks
6. Nature Centers
7. Open Green Space
8. Restrooms (General)
9. Swimming Pools/Aquatic Centers
10. Dog Parks



## Top 10 Activities or Programs Most Needed Based on the Priority Investment Rating

1. Concerts
2. Nature/Environmental Enjoyment
3. Outdoor/Adventure Recreation
4. History and Museums
5. Health and Wellness
6. Active Adult Activities
7. Performing Arts
8. Special Events
9. Yoga/Pilates/Zumba
10. Family-Focused Special Events

## Land Acquisition Summary

- A majority of the County's acquisition of park land occurred in three decades: the 1940's (the land for John Prince Park was acquired in 1939), the 1970's as the county's population growth began to surge and in the 1990's as continued population growth required the purchase of additional park land for development.
- Approximately 45% of the land acquired by the County for park use was done through donations by developers, private land owners or other government agencies. Another 31% was acquired through purchase or exchange and the remaining 24% through lease agreements with other government agencies.
- Land acquisition efforts by the Department have declined steadily over the past two decades as a result of decreasing land availability, the high cost for undeveloped land and lack of funding available to purchase land. The Department has an overall total park acreage Level of Service (LOS) of 5.4 acres per thousand residents. While still

above the target level of five acres, declined from a total of 6.2 acres per thousand residents in 2010 and 6.8 acres per thousand in 2000.

- In order to maintain the Department's target of 5 acres of park land per thousand residents, it will need to acquire an additional 220 acres of land by 2035 and an additional 395 acres by 2045.
- The Department's future land acquisition efforts should focus on; 1) Identifying a continuous source of funding exclusively for the use of acquiring additional park land; 2) Identifying and acquiring potential surplus government owned parcels located within underserved areas identified in the study; 3) Identifying and pursuing Interlocal Agreements between the County and School District for co-use of existing public schools recreation facilities located within underserved "park desert" portions of the county and; 4) Identifying and acquiring privately held property located within those targeted underserved areas.

## Capital Development Plan Summary

- A total of 111 redevelopment or expansion projects are planned at County managed park facilities over the next 20-year period.
- 91% of these projects consist of renovation and redevelopment projects within existing parks. Most of these renovation projects are driven by the age of the facility as well as the need to respond to the changing demographics and needs of the county's residents.
- Only 9% of these projects consist of new park development or expansion of park facilities on undeveloped land within existing parks.

## Funding Options

- The Department has historically utilized the following funding sources to operate, program and construct new park facilities: Ad Valorem (General Fund), Park Impact Fees, Revenue Bonds, General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Federal, State and Local grants and user fees.
- The Department's current funding approach is not expected to be sustainable for long-term operations, programming and development as it is heavily Ad Valorem dependent which can fluctuate depending on property values, political mandates and overall economic conditions.
- Additional funding opportunities should be explored that better balance the revenue received by the Department by expanding the number of revenue sources. These sources include Bed Tax Revenue, the issuance of future bonds, proceeds from a future sales tax, securing additional grant funding, increased or expanded user fees or the creation of a special taxing district.

## Priority Strategies and Recommendations

Based on the data and analysis produced for the master plan, a list of short, medium and long-term recommendations have been provided that are recommended to be implemented over the next 10-year period. The following is a top-3 list of recommendations by timeline. A full list of recommendations can be found in the Priority Strategies and Recommendations chapter:

### ***Top short-term strategies (1-3 years)***

- Finalize design standards and construct additional shade bearing structures and landscaping within the park system.
- Increase the use of technology to expedite services while reducing staffing needs.
- Continue to explore public-private partnerships to provide diverse recreational offerings that meet the needs of the County's residents while reducing the financial impact to the Department and County.

### ***Mid-Term Strategies (Completion within 5 Years)***

- Prioritize a funding strategy to meet expected level-of-service deficiencies within Beach and District parks.
- Develop a replacement schedule for all amenities and other necessary park infrastructure within all park facilities.
- Enhance sense of security and comfort in Department managed park facilities by implementing a variety of security enhancements. Follow Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to address access control, surveillance and lighting to improve security. Consider the re-establishment of a PBSO Park unit.

### ***Long-Term Strategies (Completion within 10 Years)***

- Construction of regional recreational attractions for sports tourism purposes. A large, centrally located fieldhouse and outdoor tournament facilities are needed in Palm Beach County to attract regional and national tournaments.
- Replacement of outdated recreational facilities constructed in the 1980's and 1990's with new modern facilities to host new recreational trends and meet community needs.
- Partner with the Palm Beach County School District to open public school recreation areas to the public on nights and weekends.



# CHAPTER

# 1



## *Introduction*



## Introduction

In 2023 the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department commenced a comprehensive park master plan that provides the Department and County with a defined strategy for future development. The overall purpose of this master plan is to create a well-designed, functional, and sustainable park system that meets the changing needs of the county's residents and visitors. Master plans attempt to balance the demands for healthy lifestyles, environmental protection, social equity, public facility demands and cultural preservation. Master planning involves the strategic allocation of services and infrastructure to help ensure efficient use of resources, minimize environmental impacts, and foster healthy and livable neighborhoods. The ultimate goal of recreation and parks planning is to create a park system that is safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to live, work, and play for all residents.

This master plan was developed to guide the Department over the next 10-year period. Over the past 10 years, incredible changes have occurred within the County, state and nation including steady population growth, the Great Recession and a global pandemic. Through these impacts, needs and priorities for recreation and parks have evolved. This planning process was structured to identify current needs and priorities as well as project needs over the next 10 years and is intended 1) to be referenced regularly to identify community needs for parks and recreation facility development and investment, 2) align goals with other community-wide strategic priorities and goals, 3) and gauge progress towards meeting community needs.

## A Growing Demand for Public Parks:

During and after the COVID-19 pandemic, support for public parks in the United States significantly increased. As people spent more time at home, many looked for ways to stay active and maintain their mental health. The importance of parks as a community resource has become more apparent. This has led to an increase in both public awareness and funding for parks. Many communities have recognized the role that parks play in promoting health and well-being, and have advocated for increased funding to support park maintenance, programming, and access.



Additionally, the pandemic highlighted the disparities in access to parks and green space in low-income and marginalized communities in many cities. This has led to calls for more equitable distribution of park resources and funding, as well as efforts to create new parks and improve existing ones. Furthermore, many local governments and private organizations across the country stepped in to support public parks as an outcome of the pandemic. These organizations provided additional funding, volunteers, and resources to help maintain parks and ensure that they remain safe and accessible for all visitors. This increased support for public parks has helped to ensure that these valuable community resources are able to continue to serve the needs of the public.

## Why Parks and Recreation are Essential:

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) report entitled “Why Parks and Recreation are Essential Public Services”, parks and recreation activities have three values that make them essential services to communities:

1. Economic value
2. Health and Environmental Benefits
3. Social Importance

Just as water, sewer, and public safety are considered essential public services, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community, ensuring the health of families and youth, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and a region.

There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment.

## Health and Environmental Benefits

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks and recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- According to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.
- A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health to the length of stay in visits to parks.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.
- Green open space and tree canopy directly correlate to the health outcomes of a community. In several studies across the country, the level of tree canopy in a community directly impacted life expectancy, with differences of up to 20 years in certain conditions.
- Parks, open space and connective corridors provide essential native habitats for threatened and endangered species. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Florida has 134 imperiled animal species. Preservation and enhancement of these natural areas provides needed habitat for both threatened and non-threatened habitat.



## Social Importance

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- An ongoing study by the Trust for Public Land shows that over the past decade, voter approval rates for bond measures to acquire parks and conserve open space exceeds 75%. Clearly, the majority of the public views parks as an essential priority for government spending.
- Parks and recreation programs provide places for health and well-being that are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities, especially to those with disabilities.
- In a 2007 survey of Fairfax County, VA, residents of 8 of 10 households rated a quality park system either very important or extremely important to their quality of life.
- Research by the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods indicates that community involvement in neighborhood parks is associated with lower levels of crime and vandalism
- Access to parks and recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency. • Parks have a value to communities that transcend the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community.



# CHAPTER

# 2



## *Demographic Trends*



## Introduction

The purpose of this analysis is to provide the Department insight into the general characteristics of the county's population and identify market trends in recreation at the national, state and local level. It also assists the Department in developing a better understanding of the types of parks, facilities, and programs / services that are most appropriate to satisfy the needs of the county's residents.

The following analysis serves two purposes – it aims to answer the who and the what. First, the analysis assesses the demographic characteristics and population projections of Palm Beach County residents to better understand who the Department serves. Secondly, recreational trends are examined on a national, state and local level to understand what the county's resident's desire in regards to recreational amenities and programs. Findings from this analysis establish a fundamental understanding that provide a basis for prioritizing the community need for parks, trails, facilities, and recreation programs.

## Demographic Analysis and Methodology

The following analysis describes the population characteristics within Palm Beach County. This assessment is reflective of the County's total population and its key characteristics such as age segments, race, ethnicity, and income levels. It is important to note that future projections are based on historical patterns and unforeseen circumstances during or after the time of the analysis could have a significant bearing on the validity of the projected figures.

Demographic data used for the analysis was obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) and the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), ESRI is the largest research and development organization dedicated to Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and specializing in population

projections and market trends. BEBR produces Florida's official State and Local Population Estimates and Projections, which are utilized for budgeting, planning, policy analysis, and state revenue-sharing for cities and counties in Florida. All data was acquired in January 2024 and reflects actual numbers as reported in the 2020 Census. All estimates and projections are based upon Census 2020 data.



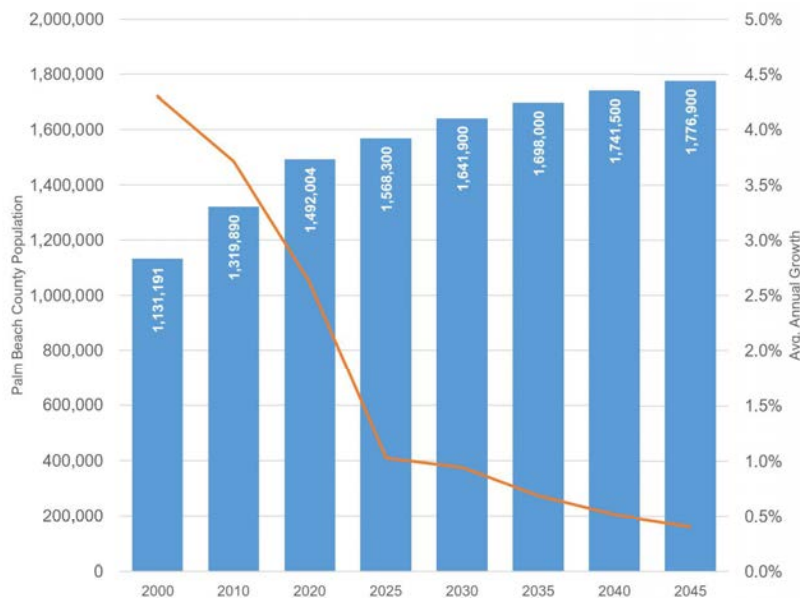


## Population

Palm Beach County's population continues to increase, albeit at a reduced rate as a result of land constraints in the eastern portion of the county. The population has risen from 1,131,191 residents in 2000 to 1,527,392 in 2023, an increase of nearly 400,000 residents. BEBR projects that the average annual population growth rate will slow to 1% in 2025 and further decrease to .4% by 2045 as a result of land availability. Even with this slowdown, however, another 250,000 permanent residents are expected to reside within the county by 2045.

Population growth will be focused on four submarkets within the county: the western suburbs of Boynton Beach/Delray Beach, the Acreage, the Glades and urban infill development east of the Turnpike.

**Figure 2.1 - Palm Beach County Population: 2000 - 2045**



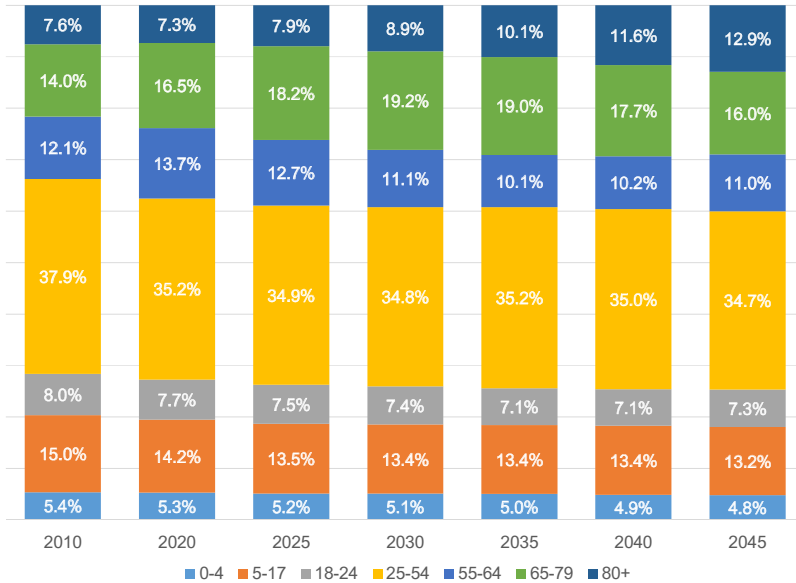
## Population by Age Segment

Analysis of Palm Beach County's total population by age segment (cohorts) indicates an older populace, with over 40% of its residents being 55+-years-old in 2023. The population has a median age of 46.4-years-old which is significantly older than the U.S. median age of 38.9-years. Assessing the population as a whole, the county is projected to continue slowly aging for the foreseeable future, particularly in those areas of the county with a high density of retirement communities.

By 2045 the 55+ population is expected to remain around 40% of the county's total population by 2045, however, there will be a steady and noticeable increase in the number of residents over 80 years of age. This is largely due to the increase in life expectancy coinciding with the remainder of the Baby Boomer generation shifting into the senior age groups.

Due to the continued growth of the older age segments, it is useful to further segment the "Senior" population beyond the traditional 55+ designation. Within the field of parks and recreation, there are two commonly used ways to partition this age segment. One is to simply segment by age: 55-64, 65-74, and 75+. However, as these age segments are engaged in programming, the variability of health and wellness can be a more relevant factor. For example, a 55-year-old may be struggling with rheumatoid arthritis and need different recreational opportunities than a healthy 65-year-old who is an active tennis player competing in senior tournaments. Therefore, it may be more useful to divide this age segment into "Active," "Low-Impact," and/or "Social Seniors".

**Figure 2.2 - Palm Beach County Population by Age Segment: 2010 - 2045**



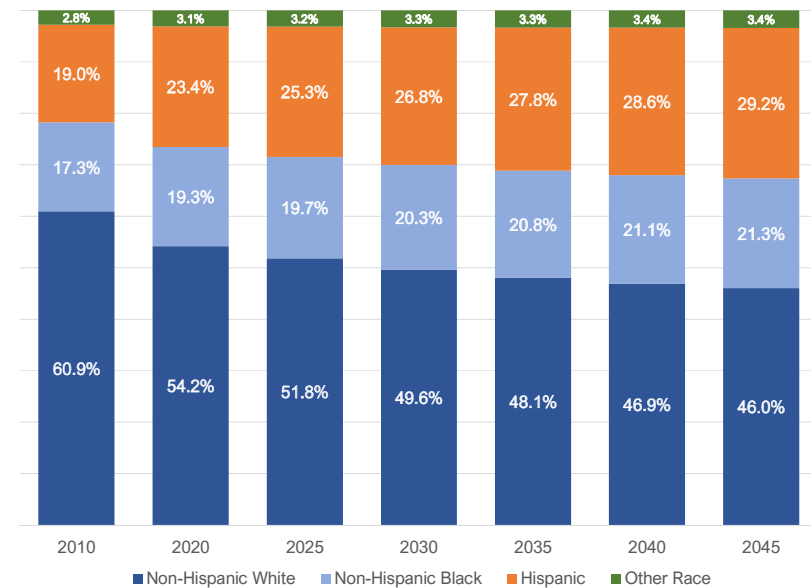
## Race and Ethnicity

In order to provide relevant programs and services to the residents of Palm Beach County it is important to understand the ethnic distribution of customers and potential customers. Ethnic and cultural variations impact park planning, programming, facility specifications and community needs.

According to BEBR data derived from Census 2020 statistics, 54.2% of the county's population identified as White, with 23.4% identifying as Hispanic and 19.3% identifying as Black. 3.1% of the population identified as Other Race. The county's White population has gradually declined since 2000 as the area becomes more racially and ethnically diversified. When compared against the nation the county's generally more diverse. As of 2023 the United States is approximately 58.4% White Alone, 13.6% Black Alone, and 19.1% Hispanic.

Race and Ethnicity projections through 2045 expect the population to continue diversifying with a steady decrease in the White Alone population, accompanied by a continued steady increase in the county's Hispanic population. The Black and Other Race categories are also expected to experience limited gains over time.

**Figure 2.3 - Palm Beach County Population by Race and Ethnicity: 2010 - 2045**

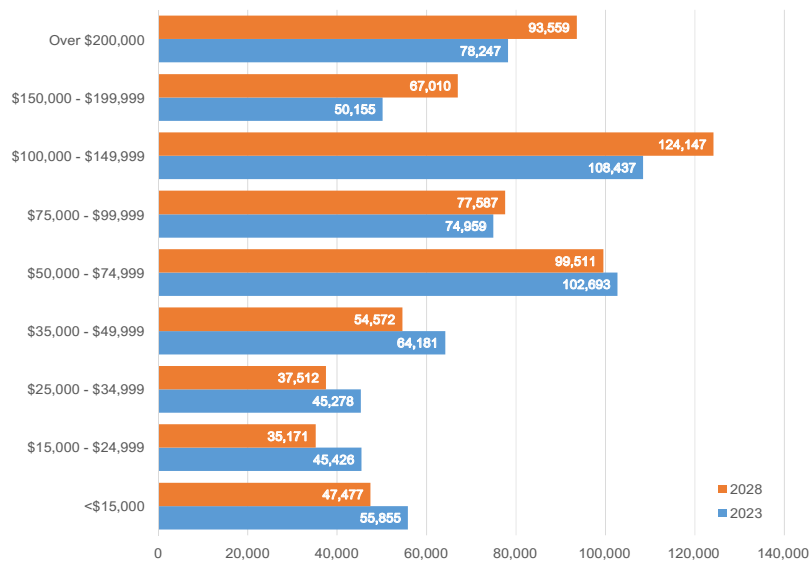


## Households by Income

The median household income in Palm Beach County was estimated at \$74,721 in 2023 with a projected increase to \$87,546 by 2028. The annual rate of increase (3.2%) is projected to be slightly below the state rate (3.3%) but above the national rate of 2.6%. Average household income is also expected to increase from \$114,405 in 2023 to \$132,448 in 2028.

The \$150,000 to \$199,999 income segment is expected to experience the greatest increase over the next five year period (8% in 2023 to 10.5% in 2028) followed by the \$100,000 to \$149,999 income segment (17.3% in 2023 to 19.5% in 2028). While these increases are a positive sign, 55.3% of the county's population will still reside in households earning under \$100,000 annually in 2028. The need for free and affordable recreational programming should remain a high priority for the Department.

**Figure 2.4 - Palm Beach County Income by Segment: 2023 - 2028**



## Demographic Conclusions

The aforementioned analysis suggests potential implications for the Department and other services provided by Palm Beach County. While it is important not to generalize recreation needs and priorities based solely on demographics, these projected trends, if realized, will likely require the Department to adjust its recreational programming and operations to meet a changing population.

First, with the population expecting to increase for the foreseeable future, it suggests that the Department focus on a robust capital funding program to provide new facilities in addition to provide existing amenities and facilities in order to provide the County's high level-of-service.

Second, the County's aging population indicates the need to provide more programs and services for the 55+ population. Such a focus will need to differentiate between active retirees and those who require more passive, lower impact recreational activities. It will also be important to continue providing services for the 60% of residents who are currently under 55-years-old.

Finally, the Department should ensure its growing and diversifying population is properly represented in its recreational facilities and offerings, marketing and communications, public outreach and health needs. Focus should be directed towards the equitable distribution of park resources to address these needs



# CHAPTER 3



## ***Park Inventory and Level of Service Analysis***

## Park Inventory and Level of Service Analysis

The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department currently operates 98 parks, preserves, and trails totaling 8,191 acres. These parks range from less than one-acre in size to over 880 acres. Parks are classified in two ways:

**Active Parks** - Defined as park land that includes man-made elements such as sport fields, playgrounds, and basketball courts. The Department presently manages 85 parks that contain active recreational amenities.

**Passive Parks** - Resource-based acres include natural areas that include environmentally sensitive lands, natural waterbodies, and wooded areas. Resource-based acres can be used for activities such as hiking, fishing, and camping. As of June, 2024 the Department manages 13 parks that are primarily resource based.

The Department further categorizes parks by park type. This classification is based primarily on park size but can also be dependent on the type of facilities and services offered within the park.

**Neighborhood Parks** - are the smallest park type and are typically less than two-acres in size. These parks are typically located within CCRT areas do not contain parking areas as they are considered “walk-to” in nature and serve residents within a 10-minute walk or half-mile radius. Site amenities within these parks are generally limited to playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic shelters and walking paths. The Department currently has 22 neighborhood park properties within its inventory.

**Community Parks** - are larger parks that generally serve a three-mile radius. These parks range from five to 25 acres, but are generally around 12 acres in size. Multiple modes of transportation to these parks are encouraged through sidewalks and pathways, but vehicle parking is provided as they are considered “drive-to” parks. These parks are typically active in nature and contain a limited number of sports fields, playgrounds, large picnic pavilions, splash pads, or recreation centers. The Department currently has 17 community parks within its inventory.

**District Parks** – Generally defined as parks up to 150 acres in size that contain a wide variety of park amenities and include both active and passive park acreage. The service area for a district park has historically defined as five miles or more recently as a ten minute drive. The Department currently has 16 district park properties within its inventory.

**Regional Parks** - are primarily large resource-based parks over 150 acres in size with protected environmental lands that can also contain active recreational amenities that allow recreational league or tournament play. These parks typically attract visitors beyond county lines and have a service area of greater than 10 miles or 30 minute drive. There are currently 10 regional park properties managed by the Department.

**Special Facilities** – These facilities, typically classified under District parks for level-of-service purposes, are designed for a single activity such as a golf course or boat ramp (ex. Park Ridge Golf Course, Waterway Park). These facilities have a service area of up to 10 miles on average and range from less than an acre (Canyon Amphitheater) to over 230 acres in size (Park Ridge Golf Course). The Department manages eight Special Facilities across the county.

The following maps depict the location and classification of each County managed park by region (North, Central, South and Glades).



Figure 3.1

**PALM BEACH COUNTY ( NORTH ) - PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOCATION MAP**

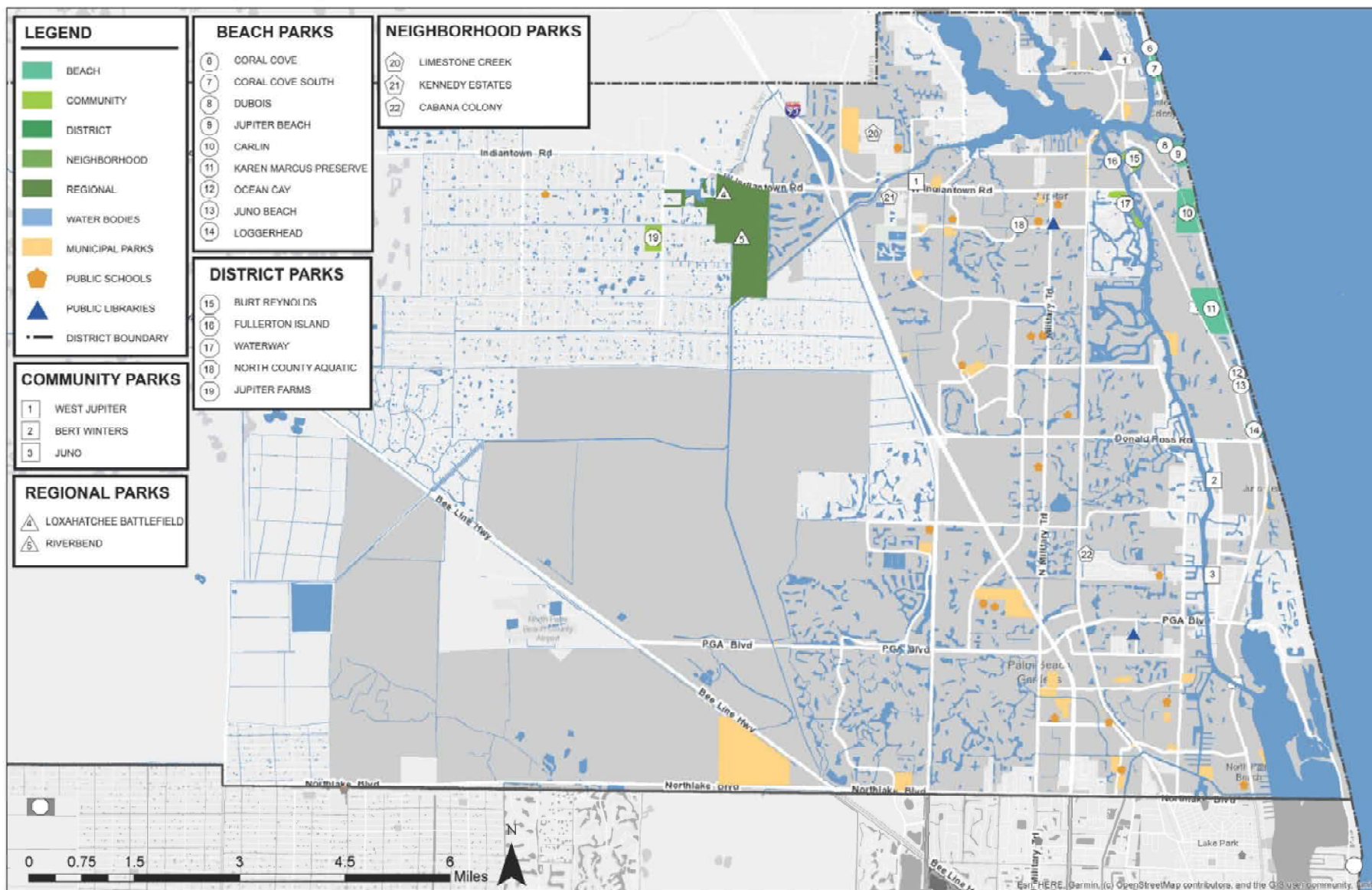




Figure 3.2

PALM BEACH COUNTY ( CENTRAL ) - PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOCATION MAP

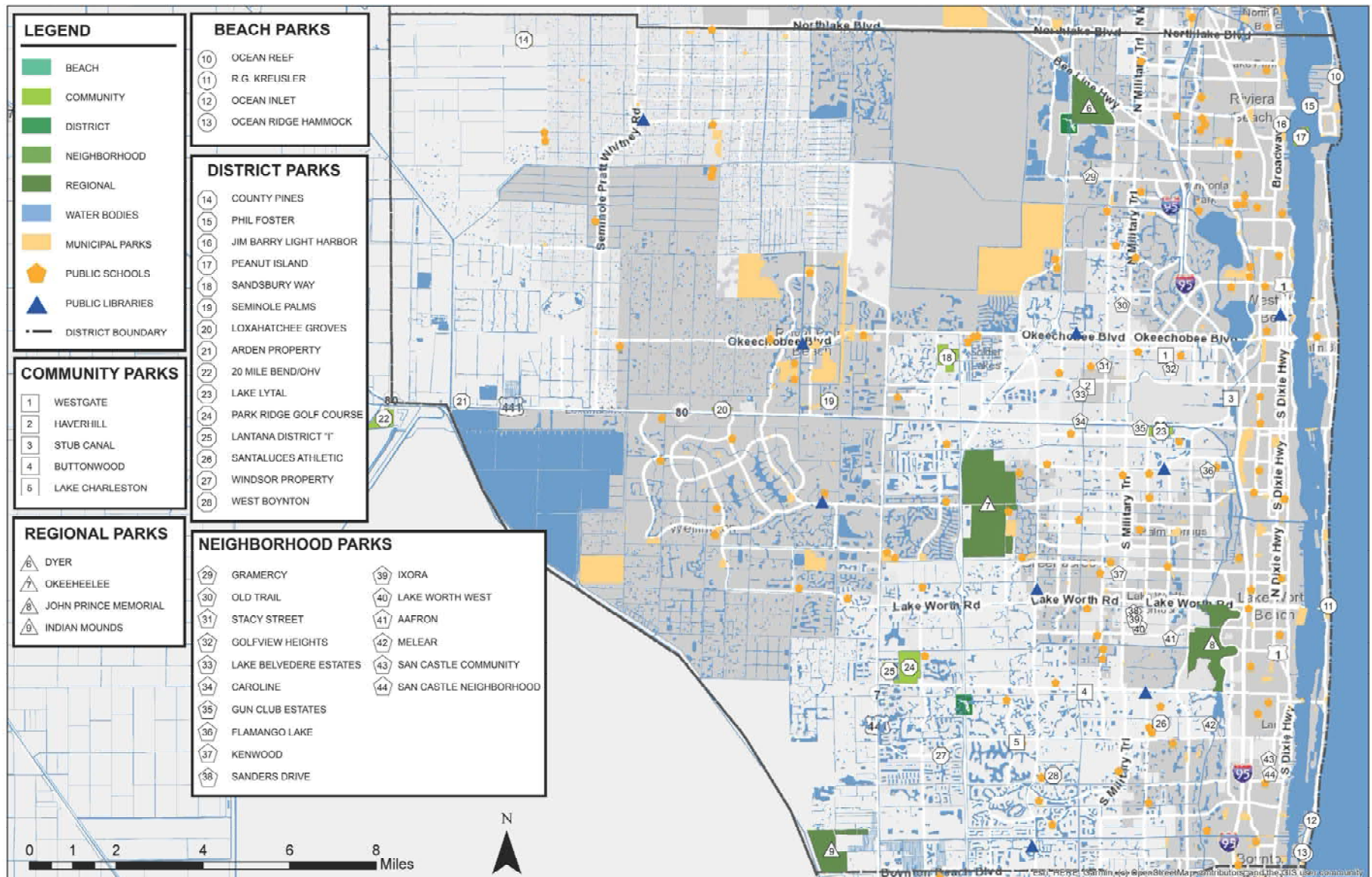


Figure 3.3

**PALM BEACH COUNTY ( SOUTH ) - PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOCATION MAP**

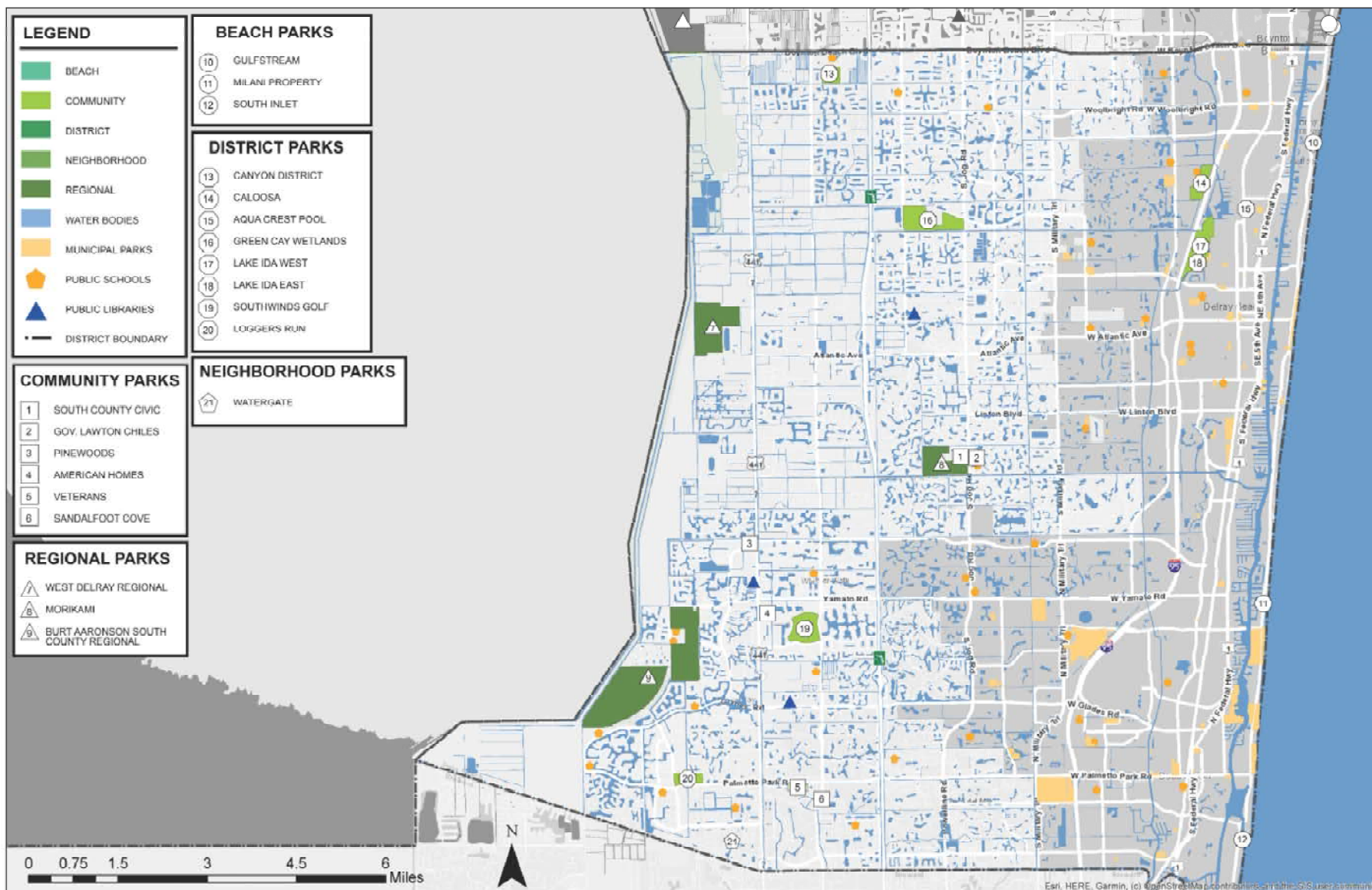
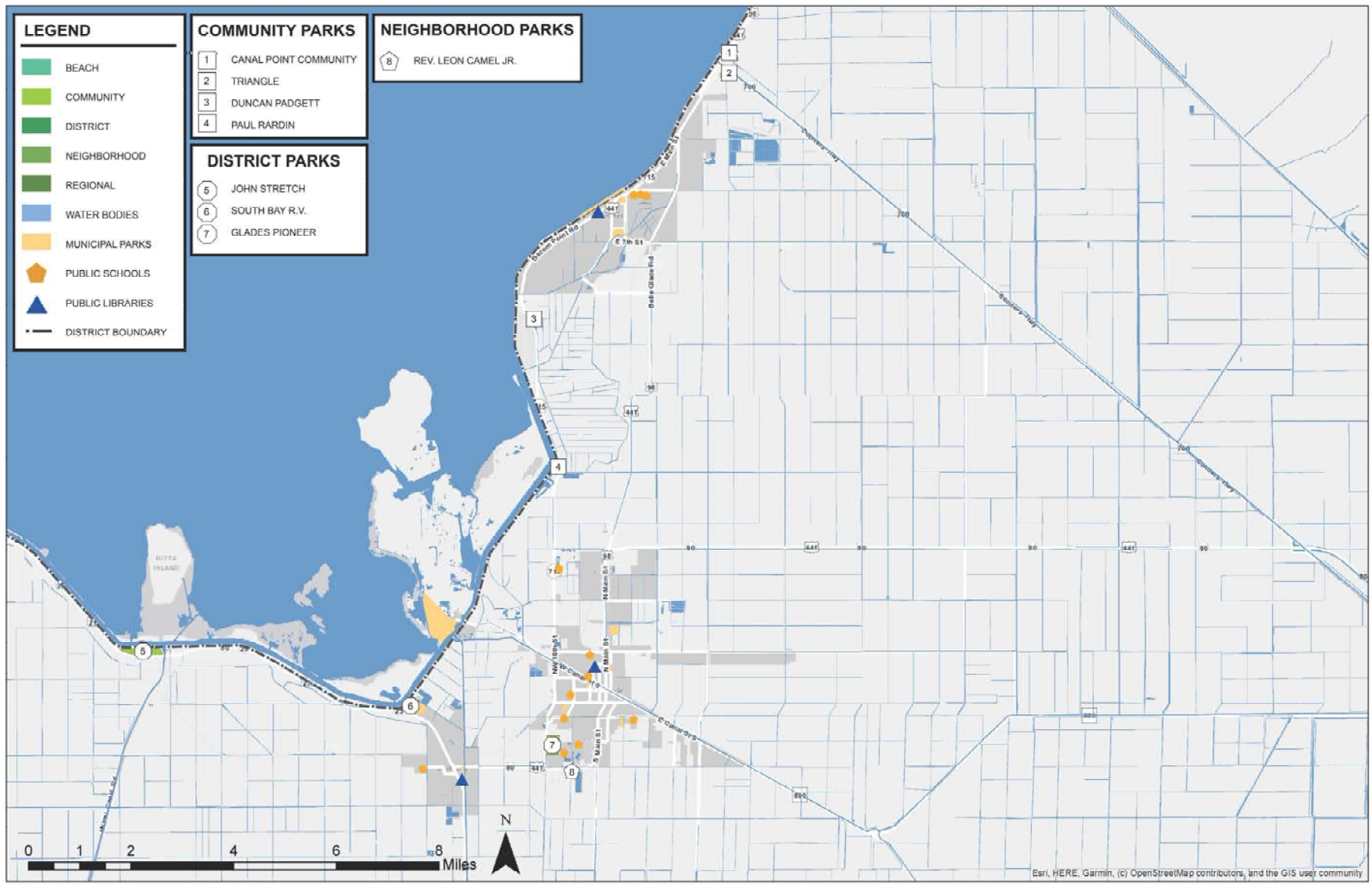




Figure 3.4

PALM BEACH COUNTY ( GLADES ) - PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOCATION MAP





## Amenity Inventory – Parks and Recreation Department

Facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department contain 77 different types of active and passive recreational amenities. The matrix below provides an overall countywide summary of each of the amenities offered by the Department. A detailed breakdown of amenities offered by park can be found in the appendix.

**Figure 3.5 - Total Amenities - Palm Beach County Parks**

Amenity	Amount	Amenity	Amount	Amenity	Amount
Camp Site Primitive	24	Concession Stand	19	Path Wheelchair Exercise Course	1
Camp Site RV	374	Exercise Station	202	Bench	588
Court Basketball Full	58	Waterski Lake (Permit Required)	1	Picnic Area	77
Court Basketball Half	7	Snorkling	9	Picnic Pavilion	51
Court Bocce	4	Fishing Freshwater	19	Picnic Shelter	260
Court (Pits) Horseshoe	4	Fishing Saltwater	18	Picnic Tables	292
Court Petanque	28	Frontage Intracoastal (in Feet)	9,755	Pier Fishing	7
Court Racquetball	38	Frontage Lake (in Feet)	50,681	Playground Sites	92
Court Roller Hockey	2	Frontage Ocean (in Feet)	24,650	Playground Ages 2-5	64
Court Tennis	66	Golf Course Holes	93	Playground Ages 5-12	81
Court Pickleball	38	Golf Course	5	Pool 25 yard	4
Court Volleyball Sand/Grass	22	Golf Learning Center	1	Pool 50 Meter	3
Field Baseball 90' Base Path	13	Golf Driving Range	5	Range Archery	1
Field Baseball 50' - 75' Base Path	30	Launch Boat Freshwater	15	Recreation Building	7
Field Multipurpose	52	Launch Boat Saltwater	17	Restroom Facilities	109
Field Open Play	23	Launch Canoe/Kayak	17	Skate Park	1
Field Short Sided Soccer	6	Boat Slips	78	Dog Park	4
Field Softball Youth	16	Parking Boat/Trailer	702	Special Events Area	4
Field Softball Adult	21	Parking Paved Bus	16	Memorial	10
Community Center	8	Parking Paved Car	14,672	Track BMX	1
Gymnasium	4	Parking Shell/Overflow	190	Track RC Car	1
Amphitheater	3	Path Bicycle (in Miles)	40.6	RC Boat Lake	1
Rental Facility	10	Path Mountain Bike (in Miles)	10.6	RC Aircraft Field	2
Museum	4	Path Walking (in Miles)	44.5	Splashpark	4
Nature Center	5	Path Exercise (in Miles)	10.0	Water Park	3
Equestrian Facility	3	Path Equestrian (in Miles)	21.0		

## Amenity Inventory – Municipal Parks (Aggregate)

As part of the overall inventory process the Department also collected data on municipally managed park land located throughout Palm Beach County. The matrix below provides an overall countywide total of park amenities managed by a municipal agency. A detailed breakdown of amenities offered by municipal park can be found in the appendix.

**Figure 3.6 - Total Amenities - Municipal Parks**

Amenity	Amount	Amenity	Amount	Amenity	Amount
Amphitheater	11	Community Gym	17	Path (mi) Exercise	14.85
Campsite	1	Concession Stand	48	Path (mi) Equestrian	0
Court Basketball Full	176	Dog Park	15	Picnic Area	77
Court Basketball Half	16	Exercise Station	174	Picnic Pavilion	155
Court Bocce	4	Fishing Freshwater	7	Picnic Shelter	210
Court (Pits) Horseshoe	2	Fishing Saltwater	47	Pier/Dock Fishing	22
Court Petanque	1	Frontage (ft) Intracoastal	36270	Playground Ages 2-5	202
Court Pickleball	173	Frontage (ft) Lake	24620	Playground Ages 5-12	231
Court Raquetball	67	Frontage (ft) Ocean	24984	Splash Pad	7
Court Roller Hockey	6	Golf Course Holes	171	Pool 25 yard	12
Court Shuffleboard	64	Launch Boat Freshwater	8	Pool 50 Meter	4
Court Tennis	320	Launch Boat Saltwater	28	Range Archery	0
Court Volleyball Paved	1	Launch Canoe or Kayak	25	Recreation Center	20
Court Volleyball Sand/Grass	60	Nature Center	4	Restroom Facilities	244
Equestrian Facility	1	Parking Boat/Trailer	451	Skate Park	10
Field Baseball	112	Parking Bus	12	Special Events Area	6
Field Multipurpose	113	Parking Car	22385	Track BMX	0
Field Open Play	156	Path (mi) Bicycle	8.3	Track RC Car	1
Field Softball	67	Path (mi) Mountain Bike	0	Water Park	7
Community Center	37	Path (mi) Walking	120.93		

## Amenity Inventory – School District

The Department also collected data on recreation areas within public schools managed by the School District of Palm Beach County. The matrix below provides an overall countywide total of recreational amenities managed by the School District, most of which are not currently accessible to the public. A detailed breakdown of amenities offered by public school can be found in the appendix.

**Figure 3.7 - Total Amenities - School District**

Amenity	Amount
Tennis Court	263
Basketball Court	374
Little L. Baseball Field	27
Major L. Baseball Field	43
Softball Field	38
Multi Purpose Field	97
Track	54
Volleyball Court, Outdoor	43
Racquetball Court	62
Trail (If)	10,413
Pavilion	77
Gymnasium	60
Play Area	305

## Level of Service Analysis

The purpose of a level of service (LOS) analysis is to determine how well the existing Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation system is meeting the needs of the County's residents. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), the basic definition of LOS is expressed as an allocation mechanism for the delivery of park and recreation facilities throughout a community. By adopting LOS standards, a community in essence says that all residents, regardless if they pay taxes or use the park

and recreation facilities, have equal opportunity to share in the basic services in the standards. The consulting team examined LOS standards from a two-tiered perspective: on a macro level, through a general

## Facility Based Level of Service

Several strategies may be used to assess and measure need for park and recreation facilities and programs. One common method compares supply of park and recreation facilities against demand. If demand is less than supply then there is a surplus or excess capacity and no immediate need for additional facilities. One technique that has proven to be effective and is relatively easy to understand is to develop a level of service standard. Park and recreation facility LOS illustrate the opportunities through the availability of park and recreation facilities in a community and is typically calculated in terms of facilities per 1,000 population. Currently, the County has no LOS standards for recreation and sport facilities.

For the tables that follow, the number of County facilities is compared against the NRPA guidelines for park and recreation facilities. The national facility guidelines utilized in this analysis were sourced from NRPA's 2024 Agency Performance Review. The Performance Review compiled data from nearly 1,000 park and recreation agencies across the country from 2021 to 2023. Data from that report was self reported by Parks and Recreation Departments across the country and, while not all-encompassing, provides a defensible benchmark.



The following table is a summary of the LOS calculations for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation park system. The number of facilities needed in the County to meet NRPA's median number of residents per facility benchmark (250,000 population and above) was calculated by taking the population estimate and dividing it by the number of facilities in the County to arrive at the population served per facility. This number is then subtracted from the number of facilities operated by the County to find the surplus or deficiency. Palm Beach County's 2024 total population estimate is 1,527,392 and the 2029 population projection is 1,544,112. The projected population for 2045 is 1,776,900.

At first glance the table provides an alarming observation that the County's park system is currently heavily deficient in a variety of recreational facilities, particularly with tennis courts, play areas, multipurpose fields and diamond fields. This analysis does not paint a complete picture of the county's overall recreational facility supply but does indicate weaknesses that the Department should address over time.

**Figure 3.8 - County Level of Service Analysis - Surplus or Deficiency**

2024 NRPA Median # of Residents per Facility (250K and Above)	Current Population Served per Facility	Facility	Existing # of County Facilities	Surplus or Deficiency 2024	Surplus or Deficiency 2029	Surplus or Deficiency 2035
9,591	16,602	Play Area	92	-67	-69	-85
11,129	19,092	Diamond Field (Baseball/Softball)	80	-57	-59	-73
15,136	23,498	Basketball Court (Full and Half)	65	-36	-37	-47
14,238	29,373	Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	52	-55	-56	-67
10,524	23,142	Tennis Court	66	-79	-81	-95
128,906	381,848	Dog Park	4	-8	-8	-9
113,219	305,478	Swimming Pool	5	-8	-9	-10
42,495	40,195	Pickleball Court	38	2	2	-2
127,714	1,527,392	Synthetic Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	1	-11	-11	-12
57,456	69,427	Volleyball Court	22	-5	-5	-8
111,111	509,131	Fitness Zone (Outdoor Fitness Area)	3	-11	-11	-12
332,396	509,131	Waterpark	3	-2	-2	-2
374,718	509,131	Ampitheater	3	-1	-1	-2
378,408	305,478	Nature Center	5	1	1	1
248,646	190,924	Aquatic Center	8	2	2	1
11,925	14,013	Restroom	109	-19	-20	-33

In order to obtain a more complete examination of countywide LOS a similar analysis was performed using only parks that are managed by municipalities. These facilities, while being located in and managed by a municipality, can generally be utilized by the residents of the County regardless of their place of residence. Where fees are charged at municipal facilities, non-municipal residents generally pay a higher fee to utilize the facility. The following table indicates that the recreational amenities within these municipal parks generally exceed the NRPA standard when analyzed at a countywide level. The only facilities that are deficient in 2024 when compared against the national median are Diamond Fields, Multipurpose Synthetic Turf fields and Nature Centers.

**Figure 3.9 - Municipal Level of Service Analysis - Surplus or Deficiency**

2024 NRPA Median # of Residents per Facility (250K and Above)	Current Population Served per Facility	Facility	Existing # of Municipal Facilities	Surplus or Deficiency 2024	Surplus or Deficiency 2029	Surplus or Deficiency 2035
9,591	6,612	Play Area	231	72	70	54
11,129	8,439	Diamond Field (Baseball/Softball)	181	44	42	28
15,136	7,955	Basketball Court (Full and Half)	192	91	90	80
14,238	14,143	Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	108	1	0	-11
10,524	4,773	Tennis Court	320	175	173	159
128,906	101,826	Dog Park	15	3	3	2
113,219	95,462	Swimming Pool	16	3	2	1
42,495	8,829	Pickleball Court	173	137	137	133
127,714	152,739	Synthetic Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	10	-2	-2	-3
57,456	25,039	Volleyball Court	61	34	34	31
374,718	138,854	Ampitheater	11	7	7	6
378,408	381,848	Nature Center	4	0	0	0
11,925	6,234	Restroom	245	117	116	103

When the County managed park facilities are combined with the municipally managed recreation facilities a more complete picture on overall countywide recreational supply emerges. From a countywide recreational amenity perspective there is a surplus of all recreational facilities identified in the matrix below. It should be noted municipal parks and recreation facilities and programs often charge resident/non-resident rates which may create an economic barrier for some county residents.

**Figure 3.10 - Combined Level of Service Analysis - Surplus or Deficiency**

2024 NRPA Median # of Residents per Facility (250K and Above)	Current Population Served per Facility	Facility	Existing # of Combined Facilities	Surplus or Deficiency 2024	Surplus or Deficiency 2029	Surplus or Deficiency 2035
9,591	4,573	Play Area	334	175	173	157
11,129	5,852	Diamond Field (Baseball/Softball)	261	124	122	108
15,136	5,966	Basketball Court (Full and Half)	256	155	154	144
14,238	9,428	Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	162	55	54	43
10,524	4,128	Tennis Court	370	225	223	209
128,906	80,389	Dog Park	19	7	7	6
113,219	63,641	Swimming Pool	24	11	10	9
42,495	7,239	Pickleball Court	211	175	175	171
127,714	138,854	Synthetic Rectangular Field (Multipurpose)	11	-1	-1	-2
57,456	18,627	Volleyball Court	82	55	55	52
374,718	117,492	Ampitheater	13	9	9	8
378,408	169,710	Nature Center	9	5	5	5
11,925	4,339	Restroom	352	224	223	210



In addition to analyzing facility LOS standards within Palm Beach County, a comparison to other peer counties is also possible through NRPA's Park Metrics Custom Agency Performance Report application. NRPA launched a benchmarking initiative in 2011 called PRORAGIS (Park and Recreation Operating Ratio and Geographic Information System, now called NRPA Park Metrics) which allows registered agencies to upload a variety of data for comparison and benchmarking purposes. While this is not a comprehensive analysis as not all agencies are registered with NRPA, most of the larger parks and recreation departments across the country provide data for comparison.

The table below compares select recreational facilities by peer jurisdiction measured by population served per facility. For example, Palm Beach County has one diamond field for every 19,092 residents. Orange County by comparison has 1 diamond field per 32,335 residents.

**Figure 3.11 - County Comparisons - Population Served per Facility**

Metric	Community Centers	Nature Centers	Restrooms	Playgrounds	Basketball Courts	Multise courts (indoor)	Volleyball (outdoor)	Diamond Fields	Skateboard Parks	Dog Parks	Rectangular Fields	Splash Pads	Fitness Zones	Regulation 18-hole Courses	Disc Golf Courses	Swimming Pools (outdoor only)	Tennis Courts (outdoor only)	Pickleball (outdoor)
<b>Palm Beach County</b>	<b>305,478</b>	<b>509,131</b>	<b>14,275</b>	<b>10,988</b>	<b>25,457</b>	<b>381,848</b>	<b>72,733</b>	<b>19,092</b>	<b>1,527,392</b>	<b>381,848</b>	<b>28,285</b>	<b>509,131</b>	<b>509,131</b>	<b>381,848</b>	<b>763,696</b>	<b>190,924</b>	<b>30,548</b>	<b>40,195</b>
Alachua County	38,071			8,786	14,277					114,213						114,213	8,158	28,553
St. Johns County	44,431		3,793	10,725	14,137	103,671	51,836	4,860	103,671	44,431	5,271	311,014	103,671	311,014	311,014	311,014	11,962	17,279
Charlotte County	202,661	202,661	5,790	4,312	12,666	33,777	16,888	6,141	101,331	40,532	11,921	67,554	28,952		50,665	50,665	33,777	25,333
Sarasota County	116,056	116,056		6,190	23,211	77,371	24,433	8,290		92,845	17,855		6,190		232,112	232,112	11,323	11,053
Lee County	91,384	822,453		21,089	17,879	91,384	411,227	6,633	822,453	117,493	7,477	274,151	274,151		411,227	91,384	14,429	37,384
Orange County	355,687	474,249		13,174	34,701		49,060	32,335	203,249	67,750	36,481	237,124	43,114		1,422,746	1,422,746	33,875	118,562
Miami-Dade County		445,640	25,960	18,314	22,098		106,953		381,977		12,980	243,076	76,395	668,459	1,336,919	127,326	18,066	68,560
Broward County	324,063	388,875	39,681	74,784	97,219		162,031	121,523		972,188	194,438	648,125	243,047		277,768	972,188	84,538	243,047
Seminole County	476,727	476,727		31,782	39,727												8,828	
Martin County	20,207		3,514	6,736	7,698		20,207	5,052	53,885		6,466	80,828		161,655	161,655	80,828	7,698	4,755
Hillsborough County	486,587	1,459,762		12,371	17,587	91,235	182,470	13,034	291,952	145,976	6,546	208,537	121,647		486,587		27,033	40,549
Polk County		787,404	18,748	8,118	22,497		112,486	5,624	787,404	262,468	14,857				393,702			
<b>13 County Average</b>	<b>223,759</b>	<b>568,296</b>	<b>15,966</b>	<b>17,490</b>	<b>26,858</b>	<b>129,881</b>	<b>110,030</b>	<b>22,258</b>	<b>474,813</b>	<b>223,974</b>	<b>31,143</b>	<b>286,616</b>	<b>156,255</b>	<b>380,744</b>	<b>531,645</b>	<b>359,340</b>	<b>24,186</b>	<b>57,752</b>

Palm Beach County generally ranks slightly above average across most of the facilities analyzed but also appears to have some significant deficiencies. Amenities such as volleyball courts, swimming pools, pickleball and playgrounds all appear to serve a smaller population size when compared to other peer counties. Other amenities, such as dog parks, skateboard parks, fitness zones, splash parks and community centers serve a much higher local population than other counties.

## Acreage Based Level of Service

Acreage of parkland per 1,000 residents remains the most common, albeit dated technique of quantifying the amount of land supply needed to satisfy recreational land needs for a jurisdiction. NRPA defines a LOS standard for park acres at 10 acres per 1,000 people. This is not a universal definition as local conditions and needs vary greatly between communities, particularly with how park land is defined from community to community. Some agencies, for example, include land that is dedicated towards environmental preservation as park acreage even though the land does not provide public access or include any onsite recreational amenities. Environmental preserves tend to consist of large tracts of land which inflates and distorts the actual amount of park land available to the public.

The following tables compare existing total park acreage for County and municipally managed park land to the NRPA LOS standard for 2024, 2029 and 2035.

**Figure 3.12 - 2024 Level of Service Acreage**

2024 Level of Service Analysis (LOS) Acreage	
2024 Population	1,527,392
NRPA Standards LOS (Acres/1000 population)	10
Acres Needed to Meet 2024 Population	15,274
Park Acreage (County Owned)	8,191
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (County Owned)	5.4
Park Acreage (Municipal Owned)	6,192
Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal Owned)	4.1
Park Acreage (Municipal and County)	14,383
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal and County)	9.4

**Figure 3.13 - 2029 Level of Service Acreage**

2029 Level of Service Analysis (LOS) Acreage	
2029 Population	1,544,112
NRPA Standards LOS (Acres/1000 population)	10
Acres Needed to Meet 2029 Population	15,441
Park Acreage (County Owned)	8,191
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (County Owned)	5.3
Park Acreage (Municipal Owned)	6,192
Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal Owned)	4.0
Park Acreage (Municipal and County)	14,383
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal and County)	9.3

**Figure 3.14 - 2035 Level of Service Acreage**

2035 Level of Service Analysis (LOS) Acreage	
2035 Population	1,698,000
NRPA Standards LOS (Acres/1000 population)	10
Acres Needed to Meet 2045 Population	16,980
Park Acreage (County Owned)	8,191
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (County Owned)	4.8
Park Acreage (Municipal Owned)	6,192
Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal Owned)	3.6
Park Acreage (Municipal and County)	14,383
Actual Acres per 1000 residents (Municipal and County)	8.5

Based on this analysis the County does not adequately provide sufficient park land to meet the NRPA standard for park acreage. A total of 15,274 acres of park land is needed to meet the 10 acres per thousand benchmark and the County currently manages 8,191 acres of park land. As the population of Palm Beach County is projected to increase the level of service for park acreage for County managed land is expected to decrease from 5.4 acres per thousand in 2024 to 4.8 acres per thousand by 2035 if no additional acreage is added. As an aside, if all of environmentally sensitive County owned properties managed by the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management were included in the LOS calculation the County's acres per thousand of park land calculation would increase to 25.9, well above the national benchmark.

When County owned park land is combined with municipally managed park land in Palm Beach County the residents of the county are provided with 9.4 acres of park land per 1,000 people based on 2024 population estimate – slightly below the NRPA standard of 10 acres per 1,000 people. This amount is expected to decline to 8.5 acres per thousand by 2035.

Acreage data sourced from NRPA Park Metrics was also analyzed to provide a comparative LOS analysis against other peer agencies. For the purposes of this benchmarking exercise 12 county parks and recreation agencies within Florida were analyzed to determine how Palm Beach County ranks against other counties. The following table ranks the jurisdictions by park acres per thousand population and also includes other data such as total park acres, number of residents per park and number of acres per park.

On a park acres per thousand basis Palm Beach County ranks well against other heavily urbanized counties such as Miami-Dade, Broward and Hillsborough. Most of the counties that rank higher either include their environmentally sensitive natural areas or are not as urbanized and have a much lower population.

**Figure 3.15 - Level of Service Rankings per Agency**

Rank	Jurisdiction	Park Acres per Thousand	Total Park Acres	# of Residents per Park	# of Acres per Park
1	Sarasota County Government	117.3	54,470	3,074	361
2	Lee County Parks and Recreation	46.0	37,800	4,621	212
3	Charlotte County Community Services	25.8	5,223	3,118	80
4	St. Johns County Parks and Recreation	18.1	5,638	3,274	59
5	Seminole County Leisure Services	16.0	7,632	13,621	218
6	Alachua County Parks and Open Space	11.7	1,340	3,938	46
7	Martin County Parks and Recreation	10.7	1,730	2,214	24
8	Orange County Parks & Recreation	10.5	14,899	12,934	135
9	<b>Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8,191</b>	<b>15,586</b>	<b>84</b>
10	Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation	5.0	13,446	9,157	46
11	Polk Parks and Natural Resources	4.9	3,868	7,720	38
12	Broward County Parks and Recreation	3.2	6,239	36,007	116
13	Hillsborough County	2.3	3,304	7,564	17

Source: NRPA Park Metrics

## Proximity Based Level of Service

A modern approach to quantifying park level of service is measuring the accessibility of residents by distance to recreational facilities. This method of analysis provides a much more equitable measurement when compared to an aggregate acreage or facility count as these approaches can be skewed by outliers such as a few oversized parks or tournament facilities. Measurement to a recreational facility is typically analyzed in miles, drive-time or walk-time.

The following maps depict half-mile and 3 mile service areas around all County managed park facilities. A half-mile service area was included which represents a 10-minute walk to the facility and a 3-mile service area represents a 10-minute travel distance by car. The maps are separated by North, Central, South and Glades region to provide for graphical representation purposes. Palm Beach County's BCC signed the Trust for Public Lands Mayor's Challenge in 2017, committing to improve the overall 10-minute walk scope to eventually have all county residents within a ten minute walk of a quality park.



Figure 3.16

## PALM BEACH COUNTY ( NORTH ) - 10 MINUTE WALK AND 10 MINUTE DRIVE LEVEL OF SERVICE

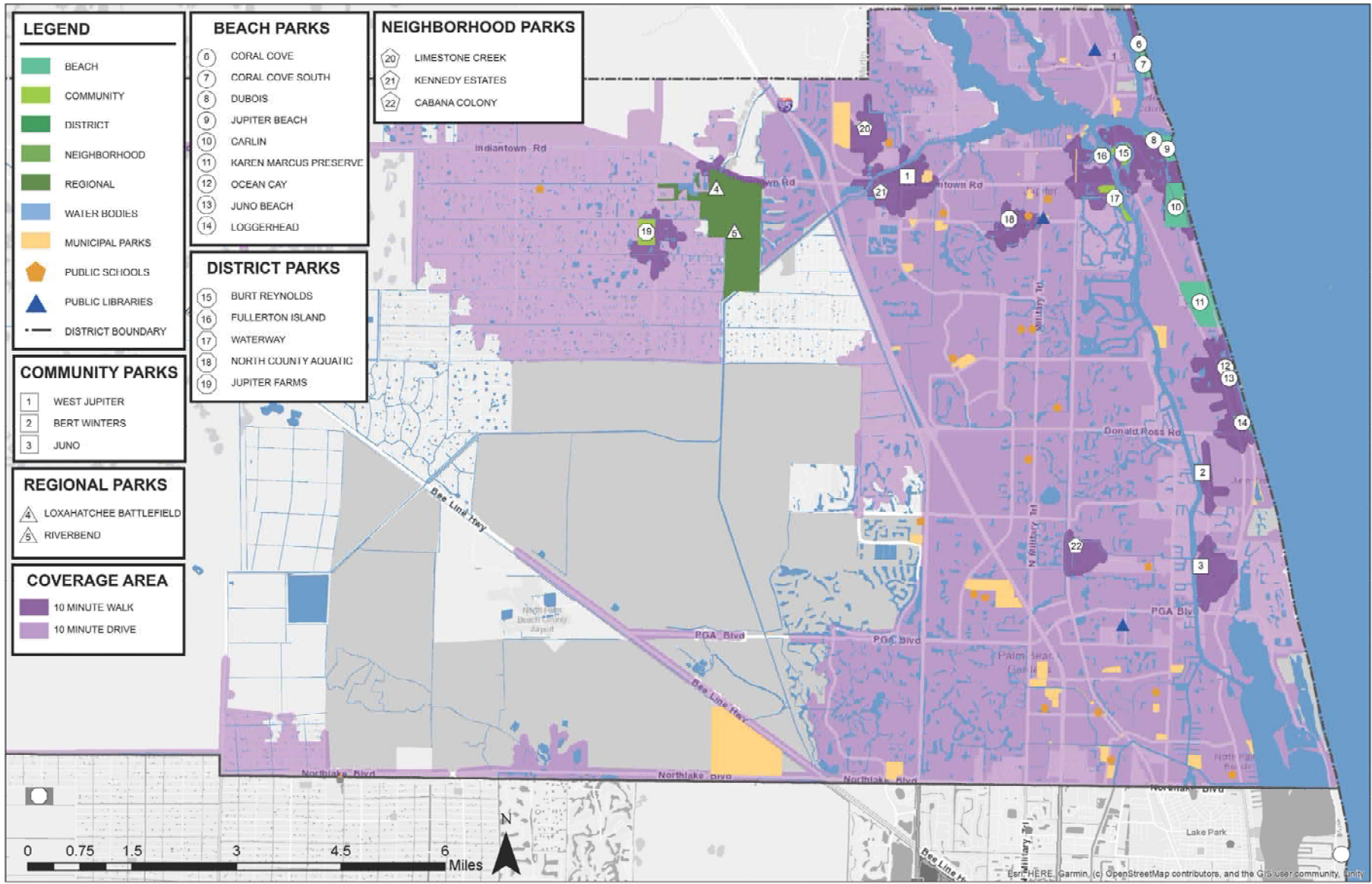


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**PALM BEACH COUNTY ( CENTRAL ) - 10 MINUTE WALK AND 10 MINUTE DRIVE LEVEL OF SERVICE**

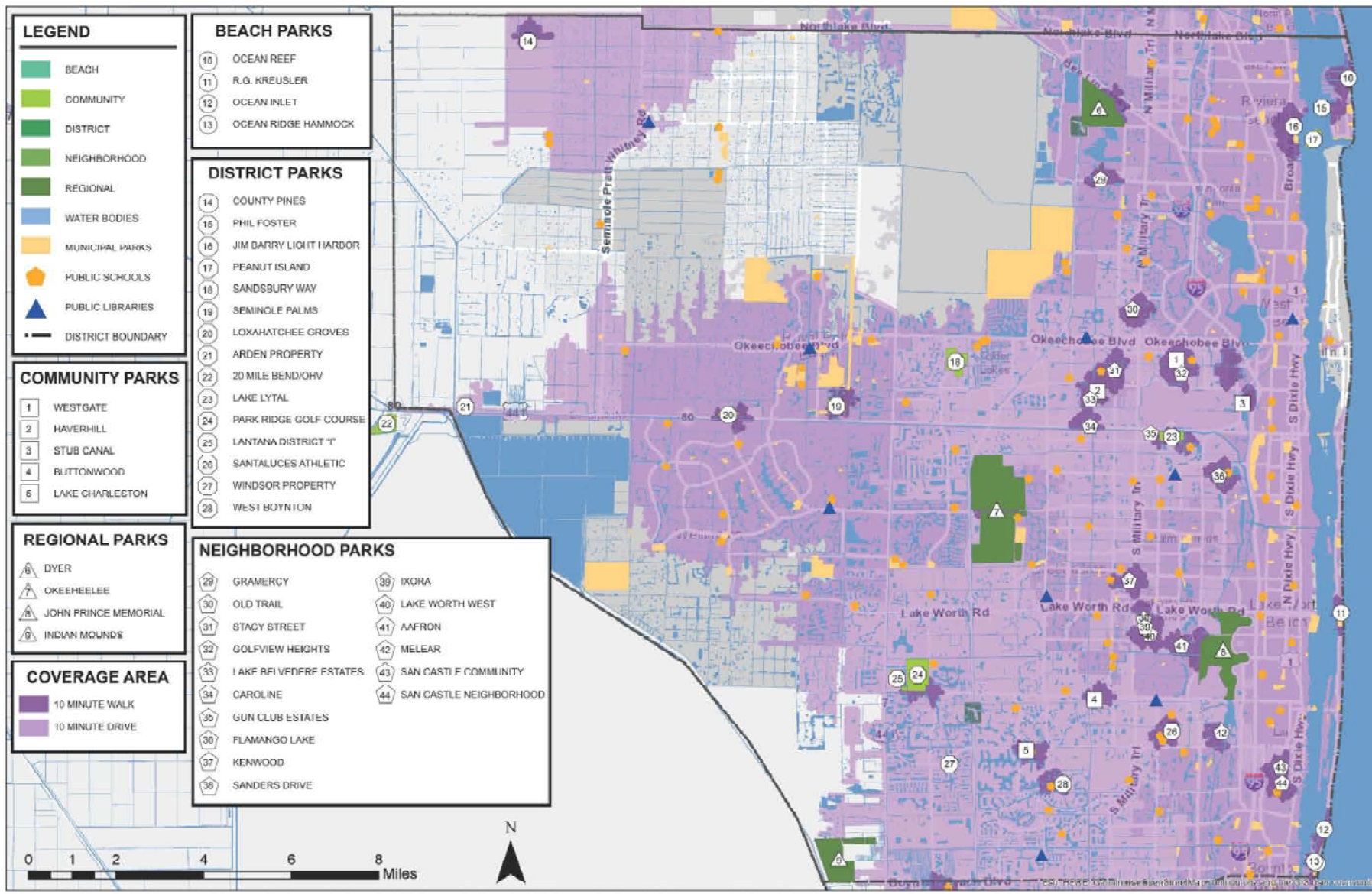
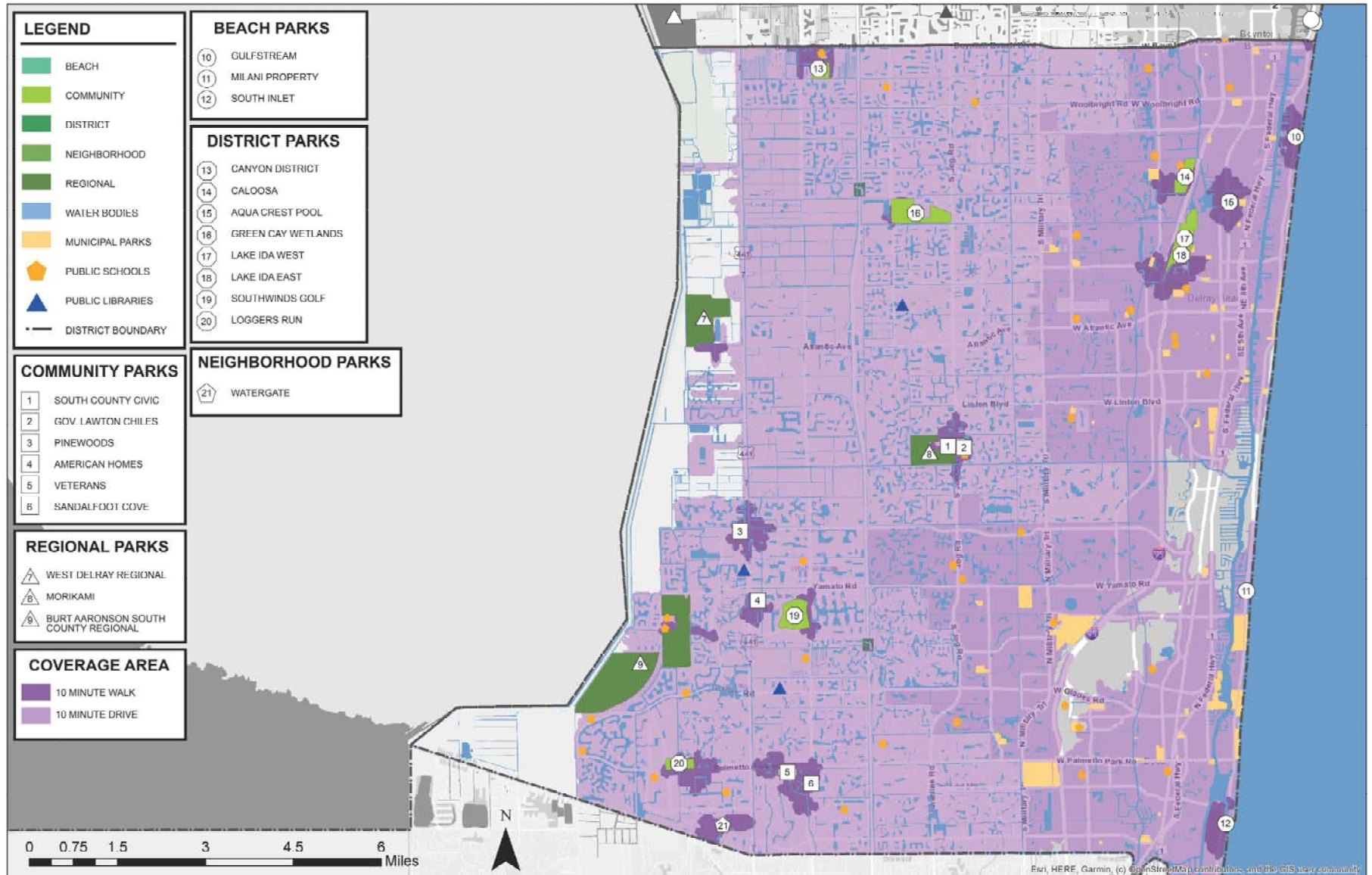




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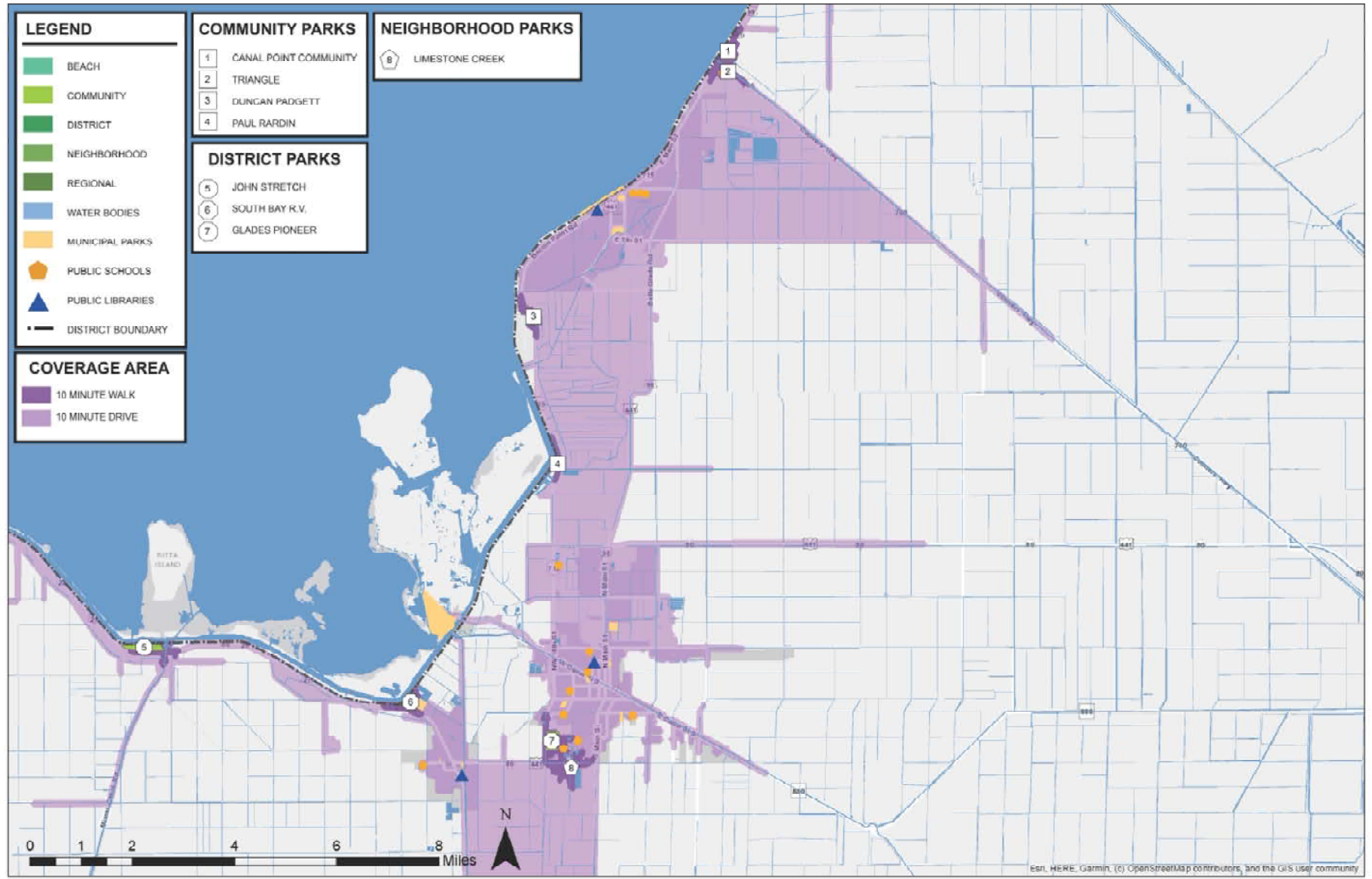
## PALM BEACH COUNTY ( SOUTH ) - 10 MINUTE WALK AND 10 MINUTE DRIVE LEVEL OF SERVICE





**Figure 3.19**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY ( GLADES ) - 10 MINUTE WALK AND 10 MINUTE DRIVE LEVEL OF SERVICE**



Analyzing the half-mile and 3-mile access Level Of Service for all of the County's parks and recreation facilities reveals gaps in LOS in the north-western, western and southern sections of the county. Smaller pockets of gaps exist along the northeastern and eastern edges of the county. The central and eastern parts of the county are well served by parks and recreational facilities. The north-western areas with the largest gaps are primarily large residential properties, so the demand for walkable access may be high without sufficient access to parks. The results of this analysis may indicate that some neighborhoods in the county may not have walkable access to open spaces, however the need for walkable facilities will need to be analyzed alongside the community input as well as future growth patterns.

## Access Level of Service

From an access level-of-service standpoint most of the county's residents are within a 10-minute drive to a County managed park facility. Gaps in access are typically located either within incorporated areas (Wellington, Boca Raton, and Delray Beach) that are covered by the park system managed by each municipality. The only unincorporated area of the county with access deficiencies is the Acreage which is serviced by parks managed by the Indian Trails Improvement District.

Access to County parks within a 10-minute walk is, as expected, significantly more limited. This is the result how the County park system was developed over time and, more importantly, the Department's directive on the types of parks that were constructed. Unlike municipal park systems, county managed parks are typically either resource based and/or consist of large parks that serve the broader local population. These parks typically consist of amenities that are utilized by residents within a five-to-ten mile radius which can include multiple adjacent municipalities.

The creation of CCRT (Countywide Community Revitalization Team) areas across the county in the 1990's expanded the Department's mandate to also construct small neighborhood parks to serve underrepresented populations located within lower-income unincorporated neighborhoods. The population service area for these parks were originally a half-mile radius (currently a 10-minute walk). The County presently operates 20 neighborhood parks across the county and these parks provide an adequate access level-of-service for most of the county's larger CCRT areas. Access LOS of gaps do exist, however, and are located within a corridor stretching from Forest Hill Boulevard north to Southern Boulevard and Military Trail west to Haverhill Road. This corridor contains 12 unincorporated neighborhoods that do not presently have access to a park within walking distance from their homes. A smaller, second access gap is located in the south-central portion of the county within the Concept Homes and Lee Crossing/Homes of Lantana neighborhoods.





# CHAPTER

# 4



## *Leisure Trends Analysis*



## Recreation Trends

A key component of the park master planning process is the examination of current and projected recreational trends that could influence long-term operational, programmatic and capital decisions. These trends are typically influenced by demographic shifts in the local population (gradual aging of the population or influx of in-migrants from other states), societal changes such as the overall rise in the use of technology and cultural impacts that drive the demand for certain recreational activities. Preparing for these anticipated changes today will allow the Department to develop strategies that can be addressed in a calculated and measured manner. This chapter identifies national, state and local recreational trends that can be incorporated into future park expansion and redevelopment projects. The following analysis assesses current and projected leisure trends and determines how those trends might impact existing and future user populations within Palm Beach County. The results of the analysis will be used to determine the community's priorities for developing new facilities, programming and operational needs within the Parks and Recreation Department.

### National Recreation Trends - Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA)

The Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) Sports, Fitness & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report 2023 was utilized to help establish levels of activity and identify key participatory trends in recreation across the U.S. This report has been utilized by a variety of Parks and Recreation agencies and recreation consultants to quantify activity trends occurring throughout the country. Over 122 different sports/activities were analyzed and subdivided into various categories including: sports, fitness, outdoor activities, and aquatics.

This study is based on findings from surveys carried out in 2022 by the Physical Activity Council ("PAC"), resulting in a total of 18,000 online interviews. Surveys were administered to all genders, ages, income levels, regions, and ethnicities to allow for statistical accuracy of the national population. A sample size of 18,000 completed interviews is considered by SFIA to result in a high degree of statistical accuracy. A sport with a participation rate of five percent has a confidence interval of plus or minus 0.32 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. Using a weighting technique, survey results are applied to the total U.S. population figure of 305,439,858 people aged six and older.

### Fitness and Team Sports Participation Highlights

- Pickleball continued to be the fastest growing sport in America. Participation almost doubled in 2022, increasing by 85.7% year-over-year and by an astonishing 158.6% over three years.
- Most team sports displayed a significant decrease in CORE participation numbers, while seeing significant increases in casual participation. Looking at the three-year changes, soccer (outdoor) was the only team sport that saw both total and CORE participation increase.
- Basketball, soccer (outdoor), football (flag), and football (tackle) all posted three year total participation increases of over 4.5%. Basketball had the highest three-year increase of 13.0%.
- For the first time since 2015, every racquet sport increased its total participation number compared to the previous year.

- Participation in group fitness-based activities continued to struggle, but showed some signs of recovery. Boot camp style training, cardio kickboxing, and stationary cycling (group) all increased participation in 2022, but are still significantly down from their 2019 numbers.
- Health club-based activities continued to struggle. Elliptical motion/cross-trainer, stairclimbing machine, stationary cycling (recumbent/upright), and weight resistance machines all had participation decreases last year, and are down over 10% compared to 2019 numbers.
- Barre and Pilates showed solid participation increases in 2022, while yoga decreased for the first time in the last decade. All have three-year participation increases with yoga and Pilates increasing over 10% in the last three years.
- Golf and tennis continue to maintain their momentum. Golf (on or off-course) increased by 9.7 % last year, while tennis increased by 4.3%. Both sports have grown over 20% since 2019.
- Personal combat sports had a good year. Martial Arts, boxing for fitness, MMA for competition, MMA for fitness, and wrestling all posted participation increases in 2022.
- For the fifth straight year, trail running and hiking (day) total participation increased.
- Camping, fishing, and bicycling activities recovered to 2020 participation levels after showing slight decreases in 2021.



## General Sports - National Participation Trends

The sports most heavily participated in, in the United States in 2022 were Golf (41.1 million), Basketball (28.1 million) and Tennis (23.3 million), which have participation figures well in excess of the other activities within the general sports category. Followed by Baseball (15.4 million), Outdoor Soccer (13 million), and Pickleball (8.9 million).

The popularity of Basketball, Golf, and Tennis can be attributed to the ability to compete with relatively small number of participants. Basketball's success can also be attributed to the limited amount of equipment needed to participate and the limited space requirements necessary, which make basketball the only traditional sport that can be

played at the majority of American dwellings as a drive-way pickup game. Target type game venues or Golf Entertainment Venues (E.g., Top Golf) have increased drastically (57%) as a 3-year trend. The emergence of Golf Entertainment, such as Top Golf, has helped increase participation for golf as an activity outside of traditional golf course environments.

#### **General Sports: One-Year Trend**

In general, the most recent year shares a similar pattern with the five-year trends; with Pickleball (85.7%), Golf- Entertainment Venues (25.7%), and Racquetball (8%) experiencing the greatest increases in participation this past year. Other sports experiencing Year Over Year increases include Wrestling, Tennis, and Tackle Football. Three sports that increased rapidly last decade are now experiencing decreases in participation, such as Rugby (-5.8%) and Roller Hockey (-4%). Other sports including Ultimate Frisbee (-2.2%), Ice Hockey (-1.3%), Beach Volleyball (-1.3%), and Lacrosse (-.9%) have also seen a decrease in participation over the last year.

#### **General Sports: Five-Year Trend**

Since 2018, Pickleball (13.6%), Golf-Entertainment Venues (13.6%), and Tennis (6.2%) have emerged as the overall fastest growing sports using an average annual growth rate (AAGR). Basketball (3.9%) and Outdoor Soccer (1.8%) have also experienced steady growth. Based on the trend from 2018-2022, the sports that are most rapidly declining include Ultimate Frisbee (-7.1%), Rugby (-6.3%), Roller Hockey (-5.7%), and Slow Pitch Softball (-3.6%) by AAGR.

### **General Fitness - National Participation Trends**

National participatory trends in fitness activities continue to generally trend upward. Many of these activities have become popular due to an increased interest among Americans to improve their health and enhance quality of life by engaging in an active lifestyle. These activities also have very few barriers to entry, which provides a variety of options that are

relatively inexpensive to participate in and can be performed by most individuals. The most popular general fitness activities amongst the U.S. population include: Fitness Walking (110.8 million), Treadmill (52.9 million), Free Weights (52.2 million), Running/Jogging (50.8 million), and Resistance Machines (36.3 million).

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## Outdoor Recreation - National Participation Trends

Results from the SFIA report demonstrate a consistent increase in outdoor/adventure recreation activities over the past six year period. Much like the general fitness activities, these activities encourage an active lifestyle, can be performed individually or within a group, and are not as limited by time constraints. The most popular activities in terms of total participants in 2022 from this category include: Day Hiking (44.9 million), Road Bicycling (38.9 million), Freshwater Fishing (38.3 million), and Camping within ¼ mile of Vehicle/Home (26.3 million).

### One-Year Trend

The one-year trend shows significant above average growth in the BMX Bicycling (8.3%), Backpacking Overnight (8.3%), and Birdwatching (6.8%) categories. The only category that experienced a decline in YOY activity is Adventure Racing (-.9%)

### Five-Year Trend

From 2018-2022, Skateboarding (7.9%), Camping (7.8%), Day Hiking (6%) and Birdwatching (5.4%) have undergone the largest increases in participation. The five year AAGR trend also shows activities such as Adventure Racing (-1.4%), Archery (-.9%), and In-Line Roller Skating (-.3%) experiencing decreases in participation.

## Aquatic Recreation - National Participation Trends

Participation in aquatic recreation activities generally remained steady from 2017 – 2022. The most popular water sports / activities based on total participants in 2022 were Fitness Swimming (27.1 million), Recreational Kayaking (10.5 million), Aquatic Exercise (10.5 million) and Canoeing (9.2 million). It should be noted that water activity participation tends to vary based on regional, seasonal, and environmental factors. A region with more water access and a warmer climate is more likely to have a higher participation rate in water activities than a region that has a long winter season or limited water access. Therefore, when assessing trends in water sports and activities, it is important to understand that fluctuations may be the result of environmental barriers which can greatly influence water activity participation.

### One-Year Trend

All activities within the Aquatic Recreation category experienced YOY increase in participation with the exception of Water Skiing (-.6%). Jet Skiing (7.6%) and Scuba Diving (7.4%) also had the greatest one-year growth in participation from 2021-2022. Other activities that experienced YOY growth from 2021-2022 include Boardsailing/Windsurfing (7.2%), Surfing (6.6%) and Rafting (6.3%).

### Five-Year Trend

Surfing (7.3%) and Recreational Kayaking (5.3%) experienced the strongest increase by AAGR from 2018-2022. Activities experiencing a five-year AAGR loss were Competition Swimming (-3.6%), Water Skiing (-3.1%), Snorkeling (-2.5%) and Boardsailing/Windsurfing (-2.2%).

## National Recreation Trends

### - Outdoor Foundation

For over 15 years the Outdoor Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Outdoor Industry Association, has produced the Outdoor Participation Trends Report. This annual report provides insights into outdoor recreation trends across the country. The latest 2023 report highlighted the following trends:

- The outdoor recreation participant base grew 2.3% in 2022 to a record 168.1 million participants or 55% of the U.S. population ages 6 and older. The outdoor recreation participant base has grown each of the last eight years, adding 14.5 million participants since January 2020. Although 2022 outdoor recreation included record numbers of participants and participation rates, the number of outings per participant declined in 2022 for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020.
- While new and young outdoor participants are more diverse than the current outdoor base and accelerating quickly, ethnic groups are still underrepresented.
- The participation rate for Hispanic people has increased from 34% in 2015 to 56% in 2022.
- The participation rate for African-Americans increased more than 5% in 2022 to 40.7%
- LGBTQIA+ participate in outdoor recreation at higher rates than heterosexual cisgender (people who retain the gender that was presumed for them at birth) Americans. In 2022, 61% of LGBTQIA+ people of all genders participated in outdoor recreation. From 15.8 million in 2021, more than 18 million outdoor recreation participants identified as LGBTQIA+ in 2022.
- A significantly higher percentage of seniors are participating in outdoor recreation. In 2022, the senior participation rate hit a high of 35%, above the 28% recorded in 2018. This equated to 1 in every five outdoor participants and a total of 1 million new participants in 2022.
- Hiking is the most popular outdoor activity. Running, bicycling, fishing and camping round out the top five.
- Camping had the second highest growth rate over the past three years at 29.1% per year.
- Running has the highest average outings per runner at 54 per year. The average hiker heads to the trail just six times per year.
- The fastest growing categories for outdoor recreation are Snowshoeing (21%), Camping (12%), Cross Country Skiing (8.5%) and BMX Bicycling (8.3%)
- Americans racked up more than 11.8 billion outdoor recreation outings in 2022, but the frequency of participation is declining across outdoor recreation.
- Outings for families with children (people 17 and younger) are declining; this statistic dropped from 85 outings in 2012 to 66 in 2022. Families with young children tend to be more active than families with older children; the rate drops off in teenage years.

Figure 4.1 - SFIA - GENERAL SPORTS PARTICIPATION LEVEL CHART

Activity							% Change	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	1-Yr. Trend	5-Yr. AAGR
Baseball	15,642	15,877	15,804	15,731	15,587	15,478	-0.7%	-0.2%
Basketball	23,401	24,225	24,917	27,753	27,135	28,149	3.7%	3.9%
Cheerleading	3,816	3,841	3,752	3,308	3,465	3,507	1.2%	-1.5%
Football, (Flag)	6,551	6,572	6,783	7,001	6,889	7,104	3.1%	1.7%
Football, (Tackle)	5,224	5,157	5,107	5,054	5,228	5,436	4.0%	0.8%
Football, (Touch)	5,629	5,517	5,171	4,846	4,884	4,843	-0.8%	-2.9%
Golf (9 or 18-Hole Course)	23,829	24,240	24,271	24,804	25,111	25,566	1.8%	1.4%
Golf (Entertainment Venue)	8,345	9,279	9,905	12,057	12,362	15,540	25.7%	13.6%
Gymnastics	4,805	4,770	4,699	3,848	4,268	4,569	7.0%	-0.5%
Ice Hockey	2,544	2,447	2,357	2,270	2,306	2,278	-1.3%	-2.2%
Lacrosse	2,171	2,098	2,115	1,884	1,892	1,875	-0.9%	-2.8%
Pickleball	3,132	3,301	3,460	4,199	4,819	8,949	85.7%	26.4%
Racquetball	3,526	3,480	3,453	3,426	3,260	3,521	8.0%	0.1%
Roller Hockey	1,834	1,734	1,616	1,500	1,425	1,368	-4.0%	-5.7%
Rugby	1,621	1,560	1,392	1,242	1,238	1,166	-5.8%	-6.3%
Soccer (Indoor)	5,399	5,233	5,336	5,440	5,408	5,495	1.6%	0.4%
Soccer (Outdoor)	11,924	11,405	11,913	12,444	12,556	13,018	3.7%	1.8%
Softball (Fast Pitch)	2,309	2,303	2,242	1,811	2,088	2,146	2.8%	-0.8%
Softball (Slow Pitch)	7,283	7,386	7,071	6,349	6,008	6,036	0.5%	-3.6%
Tennis	17,683	17,841	17,684	21,642	22,617	23,595	4.3%	6.2%
Track and Field	4,161	4,143	4,139	3,636	3,587	3,690	2.9%	-2.2%
Ultimate Frisbee	3,126	2,710	2,290	2,325	2,190	2,142	-2.2%	-7.1%
Volleyball (Court)	6,317	6,317	6,487	5,410	5,849	6,092	4.2%	-0.3%
Volleyball (Sand/Beach)	4,947	4,770	4,400	4,320	4,184	4,128	-1.3%	-3.5%
Wrestling	1,896	1,908	1,944	1,931	1,937	2,036	5.1%	1.5%
Legend	Large Increase (greater than 5%)		Moderate Increase (0% to 5%)		Moderate Decrease (0% to -5%)		Large Decrease (less than -5%)	



Figure 4.2 - SFIA - GENERAL FITNESS PARTICIPATION LEVEL CHART

National Trends - General Fitness								
Activity	Participation Levels						% Change	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	1-Yr. Trend	5-Yr. AAGR
Aerobics (High Impact/Intensity Training HIIT)	21,476	21,611	22,044	22,487	21,973	21,821	-0.7%	0.3%
Bodyweight Exercise	24,454	24,183	23,504	22,845	22,629	22,034	-2.6%	-2.1%
Boot Camp Style Cross-Training	6,651	6,695	6,830	4,969	5,169	5,192	0.4%	-0.4%
Boxing for Fitness	5,157	5,166	5,198	5,230	5,237	5,472	4.5%	1.2%
Cardio Kickboxing	6,693	6,838	7,026	5,295	5,099	5,531	8.5%	-3.0%
Cross-Training Style Workout	13,622	13,338	13,542	9,179	9,764	9,248	-5.3%	-6.3%
Dance, Step, & Choreographed Exercise	22,616	22,391	23,957	25,160	24,752	25,163	1.7%	2.2%
Elliptical Motion Trainer	32,283	33,238	33,056	27,920	27,618	27,051	-2.1%	-3.3%
Fitness Walking	110,805	111,001	111,439	114,044	115,814	114,759	-0.9%	0.7%
Free Weights (Barbells)	27,444	27,834	28,379	28,790	28,243	28,678	1.5%	0.9%
Free Weights (Dumbbells/Hand Weights)	52,217	51,291	51,450	53,256	52,636	53,140	1.0%	0.4%
Martial Arts	5,838	5,821	6,068	6,064	6,186	6,355	2.7%	1.7%
Pilates Training	9,047	9,084	9,243	9,905	9,745	10,311	5.8%	2.7%
Running/Jogging	50,770	49,459	50,052	50,652	48,977	47,816	-2.4%	-1.2%
Stair Climbing Machine	14,948	15,025	15,359	11,261	11,786	11,677	-0.9%	-4.0%
Stationary Cycling (Group)	9,409	9,434	9,930	6,054	5,939	6,268	5.5%	-6.0%
Stationary Cycling (Recumbent/Upright)	36,035	36,668	37,085	31,287	32,453	32,102	-1.1%	-2.0%
Tai Chi	3,787	3,761	3,793	3,300	3,393	3,394	0.0%	-2.0%
Trail Running	9,149	10,010	10,997	11,854	12,520	13,253	5.9%	7.7%
Treadmill	52,966	53,737	56,823	49,832	53,627	53,589	-0.1%	0.5%
Triathlon (Non-Traditional/Off Road)	1,878	1,589	1,472	1,363	1,304	1,350	3.5%	-6.2%
Triathlon (Traditional/Road)	2,162	2,168	2,001	1,846	1,748	1,780	1.8%	-3.7%
Weight/Resistant Machines	36,291	36,372	36,181	30,651	30,577	30,010	-1.9%	-3.5%
Yoga	27,354	28,745	30,456	32,808	34,347	33,636	-2.1%	4.3%
Legend		Large Increase (greater than 5%)		Moderate Increase (0% to 5%)		Moderate Decrease (0% to -5%)		Large Decrease (less than -5%)

Figure 4.3 - SFIA - OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTICIPATION LEVEL CHART

National Trends - Outdoor Recreation								
Activity	Participation Levels						% Change	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	1-Yr. Trend	5-Yr. AAGR
Adventure Racing	10,975	10,540	10,660	10,746	10,306	10,217	-0.9%	-1.4%
Archery	7,769	7,654	7,449	7,249	7,342	7,428	1.2%	-0.9%
Backpacking Overnight	3,413	3,439	3,648	3,880	3,861	4,181	8.3%	4.2%
Bicycling (BMX)	3,413	3,439	3,648	3,880	3,861	4,181	8.3%	4.2%
Bicycling (Mountain)	8,609	8,690	8,622	8,998	8,693	8,916	2.6%	0.7%
Bicycling (Road)	38,866	39,041	39,388	44,471	42,775	43,554	1.8%	2.5%
Birdwatching (> 1/4 mile of Vehicle/Home)	12,296	12,344	12,817	15,228	14,815	15,818	6.8%	5.4%
Camping (< 1/4 Mile of Vehicle/Home)	26,262	27,416	28,183	36,082	35,985	37,431	4.0%	7.8%
Camping (Recreational Vehicle)	16,159	15,980	15,426	17,825	16,371	16,840	2.9%	1.1%
Fishing (Freshwater)	38,346	38,998	39,185	42,556	40,853	41,821	2.4%	1.8%
Fishing (Saltwater)	13,062	12,830	13,193	14,527	13,790	14,344	4.0%	2.0%
Hiking (Day)	44,900	47,860	49,697	57,808	58,697	59,578	1.5%	6.0%
Roller Skating, In-Line	5,268	5,040	4,816	4,892	4,940	5,173	4.7%	-0.3%
Skateboarding	6,382	6,500	6,610	8,872	8,747	9,019	3.1%	7.9%
Legend	Large Increase (greater than 5%)		Moderate Increase (0% to 5%)		Moderate Decrease (0% to -5%)		Large Decrease (less than -5%)	

Figure 4.4 - SFIA - AQUATICS PARTICIPATION LEVEL CHART

National Trends - Aquatic Recreation Activity							% Change	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	1-Yr. Trend	5-Yr. AAGR
Aquatic Exercise	10,459	10,518	11,189	10,954	10,400	10,676	2.7%	0.5%
Boardsailing/Windsurfing	1,573	1,556	1,405	1,268	1,297	1,391	7.2%	-2.2%
Canoeing	9,220	9,129	8,995	9,595	9,199	9,521	3.5%	0.7%
Jet Skiing	5,418	5,324	5,108	4,900	5,062	5,445	7.6%	0.2%
Kayaking (Recreational)	10,533	11,017	11,382	13,002	13,351	13,561	1.6%	5.3%
Kayaking (Sea/Touring)	2,955	2,805	2,652	2,508	2,587	2,642	2.1%	-2.1%
Kayaking (White Water)	2,500	2,562	2,583	2,605	2,623	2,726	3.9%	1.8%
Rafting	3,479	3,404	3,438	3,474	3,383	3,595	6.3%	0.7%
Sailing	3,974	3,754	3,618	3,486	3,463	3,632	4.9%	-1.7%
Scuba Diving	2,874	2,849	2,715	2,588	2,476	2,658	7.4%	-1.5%
Snorkeling	8,384	7,815	7,659	7,729	7,316	7,376	0.8%	-2.5%
Stand-Up Paddling	3,325	3,453	3,562	3,675	3,739	3,777	1.0%	2.6%
Surfing	2,680	2,874	2,964	3,800	3,463	3,692	6.6%	7.3%
Swimming (Competition)	7,283	7,386	7,071	6,349	6,008	6,036	0.5%	-3.6%
Swimming (Fitness)	27,135	27,575	28,219	25,666	25,620	26,272	2.5%	-0.5%
Wakeboarding	3,005	2,796	2,729	2,754	2,674	2,754	3.0%	-1.7%
Water Skiing	3,572	3,363	3,203	3,050	3,058	3,040	-0.6%	-3.1%
Legend	Large Increase (greater than 5%)		Moderate Increase (0% to 5%)		Moderate Decrease (0% to -5%)		Large Decrease (less than -5%)	



## 2024 National Recreation Trends - NRPA

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) the following trends were identified that are expected to impact Parks and Recreation agencies throughout the nation in 2024 and beyond. The information is derived from the following NRPA article: "Top Trends in Parks and Recreation for 2024" (December 21, 2023, Feature, by Richard J. Dolesh)

### Artificial Intelligence

How much of a disruptive innovation will artificial intelligence (AI) be for parks and recreation? That is a burning question for a lot of people in the park and recreation industry, and the answer is not clear yet. However, it can be said with certainty that AI will affect virtually everything we do from this point forward. AI will enable us to answer phone calls, respond to the public more quickly, write speeches, summarize meetings, prepare reports, count visitors, monitor building systems, surveil parks, provide security, plan new parks and massively save energy. This is not a years-in-the-future blue-sky prediction about some far-off trend. It is already happening, and at breakneck speed.

AI chatbots are already improving the efficiency of local governments in responding to residents' inquiries. AI algorithms are helping to process information at rates much faster than humans can, allowing faster decision making and better services to the public. AI-assisted analytics are improving traffic flow, monitoring community health and improving public safety, freeing workers for other tasks and responsibilities. There is little doubt that AI will bring disruptive innovation to parks and recreation on a scale that we have never seen before.

There are more than 1,000 location-aware apps tracking your mobile phone and providing a real-time location log no matter where you go. The average smartphone, likely a device similar to yours, has about 25 location-aware apps installed on it reporting your location. Some of these apps report your location hundreds or even thousands of times a day! This

personally identifiable data is aggregated, matched with other data, like your spending habits, purchasing histories and other very personal data, and is sold on the open market by more than 4,000 data brokers to anyone who wants to buy it. It is a \$200 billion a year market, growing by leaps and bounds.

Park and recreation agencies might want to purchase such location-aware data about their customers to better identify who is using their parks, where people are coming from, and what they did before and after they visited their parks. However, there is a sharp downside to public agencies obtaining and using such personally identifiable information — the public strongly objects to such invasions of personal privacy.

But there may be a good solution at hand. Ian Ross, the director of Civic at Placer.ai, a location analytics company, says, "We are a privacy-first company. The data we obtain is totally anonymous and aggregated. Our partners that provide data to us only provide us device latitude and longitude, nothing else. We get a location, not who owns a device. Further, our 150 data scientists verify all data that we collect, and only then do we provide it to our customers after a three-day delay. It is our hard-and-fast rule that protects personal privacy."

Placer.ai's huge data set covers the entire United States and is accurate from a starting date of January 1, 2017. This six-year look-back window gives agencies, local governments, nonprofits and business customers an unparalleled ability to analyze geolocated devices in a variety of ways, such as how many people visited parks on a given day, for example, or the traffic flow along roadways into parks, or how much time people spent in parks.

"Public funds invested in parks are often unheralded," says Ross. "With our data, we can show that investments in parks directly correlate to benefits to the local economy." He cites the example of a unique creative

event, called Flower Piano, that takes place at Golden Gate Park of San Francisco's Department of Recreation and Parks, in which a dozen pianos are spread throughout the 55-acre botanical garden for people to play scheduled and open performances. Local businesses vociferously complained about parking spots being taken away near their restaurants during the five weekends of the event. Using Placer.ai data, they were able to show a direct increase of 35 percent in visits to local restaurants because of the Flower Piano event, proving to surprised restaurant owners the direct economic impact of the park on nearby businesses.

## The Impacts of Climate Change

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are approaching, if not already living in, a post-climate change world. Parks and recreation must collectively adapt to this existential challenge. Despite concerted efforts to keep global temperatures from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) to stave off irreversible, and even devastating, impacts from climate change, average temperatures will continue to rise for decades, even if we progressively reduce the conditions causing the temperature rise. This has many implications for public and worker safety from extreme heat, and long-term health conditions that will last a lifetime from heat stress.

Fortunately, how Americans view the threats from climate change is changing. A new survey by the Pew Research Center shows that most Americans believe that climate change is harming people and that conditions will likely get worse during their lifetimes. In addition, nearly three-quarters of Americans believe that climate change will cause significant environmental harm, including the extinction of some wildlife species. Six in 10 people think heat waves will cause people to die, and nearly 6 in 10 believe that rising seas will cause migration away from coastal areas. However, only about 40 percent of Americans think that it will make much difference in their communities — a major disconnect with the topline beliefs about how much climate change will impact our nation.

Surprisingly, however, there is also good news in the report: The rate of climate change is slowing despite 2023 being the hottest year ever recorded. Carbon emissions in the United States are down 12 percent between 2005 and 2019. The massive increase in ebike use globally is reducing oil consumption by 1 million barrels per day! Costs for renewable energy have plummeted. Solar energy costs have declined 70 percent and wind energy costs have decreased 90 percent. Eighty percent of new energy sources are from renewables. Bad news may abound from weather catastrophes and extreme heat, but for the first time, there are some promising climate-change signs as well.

One critical strategy for communities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change is to enhance the means of self-protection, and one of the best ways to accomplish that is to become more resilient to both catastrophic spike events and long-term climate trends. Parks and recreation plays a vital role in helping communities achieve that goal through flood protection, retention of stormwater, green infrastructure parks, and protection against both long-term climate trends and single events.

This connection of parks to climate resiliency will increasingly become one of the most lasting proofs of just how essential parks are to all communities. Parks, from the smallest to the largest, will play an increasingly important role in 2024 and beyond in mitigating urban heat-island effects, preventing destructive effects of stormwater and flooding, measurably improving air quality in cities and densely populated urban areas, and improving community health, livability and sustainability.

Park and recreation agencies are already adapting to extreme heat. In Austin, Texas, for example, running clubs have shifted their training runs to take place in the dark, well before dawn. Phoenix Parks and Recreation is now leading night hikes to take advantage of lower temperatures. Running clubs in Tempe, Arizona, time their early morning runs to start at 5 a.m. Kids' daylight activities generally take place only under shade shelters -

or at shaded playgrounds. And some agencies are experimenting with earlier and later open hours to better address impacts of extreme heat.

## The Workplace

Most of the focus of park and recreation agencies in improving health and well-being is directed toward the communities they serve. However, Allison Colman, NRPA's senior director of programs, says the park and recreation industry will see an equally heavy focus on both workforce development and staff well-being in 2024.

"The profession will look inward," Colman says, "and take steps to better prioritize the mental health and well-being of our own workforce." She points to the results of the American Psychological Association's 2023 Work in America Survey that shows people want to work for an organization that values their psychological well-being, provides support for mental health and respects work/life boundaries.

Gallup's influential State of the Global Workplace: 2023 Report shows a definite uptick in employee engagement since the pandemic ended, but the engagement of remote workers to the mission and purpose of their organization has fallen to a record low.

The idea of the four-day work week is gaining steam across America. According to Bankrate, a financial service and comparison company, 81 percent of the full-time workforce support a four-day work week and more than 90 percent of younger workers support more flexible work options. Oshan Jarow, a Future Perfect Fellow at Vox, writes in the November 9, 2023 issue that support from workers for a four-day work week has never been higher and that demonstration programs internationally have shown the benefits outweigh the negatives. "The word is good — employees are happier, and employers seem to exhibit the same amount of productivity they do with five-day [work] weeks."

Across these experiments, the results tell a similar story: Paying people the same amount for less time worked leaves them feeling happier and healthier and often boosts business, too. Studies have shown no declines in productivity or work program. But there can be unintended consequences. While the four-day work week could lower carbon emissions and reduce traffic congestion, it would have a negative effect on public transportation systems and the increased public use of local park and recreation services would affect agency work programs and budgets.

A four-day work week might sound great to workers, but 95 percent of companies with more than 100 employees plan to bring people back to the office in 2024, according to Jon Cooper, CEO and founder at Overall's, a concierge-like tech and financial benefit company. The pandemic may have led employers to tolerate and even encourage full-remote work, but that era is over. However, despite the firm employer conviction to bring employees back to the office, 65 percent of employees want to continue to work from home, a trend that points to a large disconnect between employee and employer preference of where people will work from.





## Recreational Program Trends

The pandemic caused many people to spend more time in parks and walking on trails, but paradoxically, since the pandemic began, walking trips have declined precipitously nationwide.

A new report published by Streetlight Data, a transportation analytics firm, finds that walking activity nationwide declined an average of 36 percent since 2019. In some Midwest urban areas, walking trips have declined up to 50 percent, a shocking turn toward sedentary behavior.

One interesting correlation about the decline of walking, says Emily Adler, director of content for Streetlight, in Bloomberg’s urban news site, City Lab, is that “If walking is declining less in warm weather metros, or coming back faster, it suggests that walking is becoming primarily a form of recreation.” Adler speculates that more recreational walking is good for public health outcomes but less so for walking as a mode of transportation to destinations.

The implications for parks and recreation are significant. Recreation programmers, health staff and trail managers should have a ready audience to promote the much-needed health benefits of walking by offering more guided and self-guided walking activities in 2024. Other program trends, such as family engagement activities, outdoor youth programs and senior walks, are tailor-made for parks and recreation to lead the way through walking.

## More Pickleball – More, More, More

Like Godzilla rising from the sea, the recreation behemoth pickleball has still not slowed its seemingly unstoppable march through cities as the fastest-growing recreational sport in the nation.

Along with all the good that pickleball brings, the noise factor is drowning out even residents of communities who are most willing to accept the good about the sport: healthful active recreation, great for older adults, all ages can play — what’s not to like? Unfortunately, conflicts over noise are growing. Neighbors are suing neighbors. Public hearings in some localities have become so heated that law enforcement has had to intervene.

As a result, park and recreation agencies have become much more careful when deciding where to site pickleball courts. Some agencies are now conducting sophisticated sound studies when planning new courts, and are looking at sound abatement measures that will reduce the incessant “thwack-thwack” noise that travels improbable distances from pickleball courts. Centennial, Colorado, a suburb of Denver, has just lifted a six-month moratorium on new courts and passed first-of-their-kind regulations that prohibit any courts within 250 feet of a nearby home’s property line. Also, any new courts will require a city permit within 600 feet of a home and noise must be under a 47-decibel limit.

In one unusual twist, the conservation group Birds Connect Seattle has objected to the conversion of old unused tennis courts in Lincoln Park into pickleball courts by Seattle Parks and Recreation because they believe the noise will harm certain species of birds, including hawks, owls, ravens and eagles that nest and roost in nearby big trees in the park.

The group also objects to the potential prospect of installing lights on the courts at some future date, which they believe would be especially harmful to the birds. However, this hasn’t deterred advocates for more pickleball courts, who feel they have been promised more public courts soon.

Seattle Parks and Recreation Director Anthony-Paul “AP” Diaz explains that existing nearby tennis courts in Lincoln Park have been very popular with older adults from a senior community that lives nearby. The only way to provide pickleball courts was to convert some of the tennis courts, which was not a good solution. A staff member suggested repurposing some unused and in disrepair tennis courts that were used for maintenance storage as new pickleball courts. “We thought it was a win-win,” says Diaz. However, when the bird nesting and roosting issue came to light, that created a new problem. To begin to resolve the conflict, Diaz has committed the department to doing a sound study to see if the new noise would affect the birds. Where the new pickleball courts would be located, he explains, is already an active recreation area with daytime noise from athletic fields, an outdoor summer pool, and aircraft landing nearby. “We want to protect nature too,” Diaz says. He notes newly approved sound-deadening equipment recently endorsed by USA Pickleball could reduce the noise factor by paddles and balls by up to 50 percent. He has called a community meeting for all to express their concerns.

## Cricket Explodes

In the North Texas city of Allen, assistant recreation supervisor Greg Dunn says they are trying to meet the needs of the community, especially the rapidly growing Southeast Asian population, which has nearly doubled in just a few years. The surging popularity of cricket has made cricket one of the most popular sports in the region and led nearby Grand Prairie, Texas, to approve a long-term lease with Major League Cricket to redevelop the former Airhogs baseball stadium into a 7,200-person capacity cricket-specific stadium that opened this year. “Youth cricket is taking off in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as well,” says Dunn, citing the example of the Crown Cricket Academy. “We have made a huge push to be more inclusive in parks and recreation. I took the NRPA Equity in Practice course earlier this year, and I try to include the principles from that course in all that I do.”

## Recreation Programs That Are Hot in 2024

Family engagement nights, seasonal festivals, fitness programming, holiday karaoke, “eldertainment,” games and activities for “kidults,” and partnerships with libraries are all hot program trends for 2024, according to observations from park and recreation staff around the country. The growth of new seasonal programming and festivals leading to the hiring of more part-time program staff is a strong trendline as well, said a group of park and recreation staff at a recent Virginia Park and Recreation Society trends discussion.

## Communities Going to the Dogs... Willingly

Dog ownership surged during the pandemic and now comprises 45 percent of all families. Eighty-five percent of dog-owning families consider their dogs to be members of the family, according to a Forbes Advisor survey, and dog owners make “professional, financial and lifestyle choices” for their dogs. Dog parks remain the fastest-growing type of park and off-leash dog parks are the fastest-growing type of dog park. Even so, says Beth Miller, CEO of Wagtown, a national group that advocates for responsible dog-friendly people and communities, their survey of park and recreation leaders showed that “the top three barriers to great dog park experiences are available land, financial support and subject matter expertise.”

## Florida Outdoor Recreation Trends

The latest available Florida Statewide Outdoor Recreation Participation (SCORP) study was completed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Recreation and Parks in 2023. Public input for the SCORP was obtained from the 2021-2022 Outdoor Recreation Participation study that was conducted by the DEP and University of Florida's Research Design and Data Coordination Center. Input was also received on recreation issues from the SCORP workgroup, through meetings with stakeholders and through research of national and statewide trends in outdoor recreation.

This section will highlight recreation trends drawn directly from the 2023 SCORP study and analyzes quantifiable survey data over time to illuminate specific trends in state outdoor recreation.





## SCORP Trends

### Trend #1: COVID-19 and Future Outdoor Recreation Impacts

When the coronavirus pandemic struck in 2020, a surprising trend emerged – people began flocking to the outdoors, especially to locations close to home. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, more than half of Americans above the age of six participated in at least one outdoor recreation experience in 2020, the highest level the group recorded. Many were nontraditional users who were new to certain activities. In 2021, National Park Service Deputy Director Shawn Benge commented on the surge: “This past year has reminded us how important national parks and public lands are to overall wellbeing. Throughout the country, national parks provided close-to-home opportunities for people to spend much needed time outdoors for their physical and psychological health.

In Florida, like in most states, this trend put a strain on many local, state and national parks and private outdoor venues. Many high-profile parks experienced record numbers of visitors in 2021. These included Canaveral National Seashore and Big Cypress National Preserve. The outdoor industry also experienced a surge with items such as kayaks, bicycles and camping equipment often selling out while manufacturers were overwhelmed to the point where supply chain issues emerged, partly due to shipping and employment issues.

While the pandemic helped create a surge in outdoor pursuits, many of the new people are considered casual participants rather than dedicated outdoor users. This may result in a plateau or decline in future years.

### Trend #2: E-Bikes, Scooters and other Electric Mobility Devices

In recent months and years, a wide variety of electric mobility devices have flooded the recreation market. These are giving users many new choices to enjoy the outdoors, especially those who might have mobility challenges, but they have also created a safety concern among trail managers and traditional trail users due to the speed some of these devices can travel. How compatible are they on shared-use trails that may include equestrians? What are these emerging electric mobility devices and how fast can they move?

#### Types of E-Bikes

**Cruiser:** Built for comfort with wide tires and high handlebars. Good for flat surfaces and mostly seen on bike paths and paved roads.

**Commuter:** Seats and tires are narrower than cruisers and generally run faster.

**Road:** Narrow tires and drop handlebars for paved surfaces. Built for speed.

**Mountain:** Wide tires and flat handlebars for off-road, unpaved terrain.

#### Classes

**Class 1:** Assists when pedaling up to 20 mph.

**Class 2:** Equipped with a throttle and assists up to 20 mph.

**Class 3:** Pedal-assist bike equipped with a speedometer and assists up to 28 mph. Often used by commuters.

Note: some e-bikes feature “race mode,” which is meant for private property and racetracks. These e-bikes can go up to 40 mph.

Most charges will last 20-70 miles depending on terrain, type of bike and how often the assist function is engaged.

**Hunting E-Bikes**

Hunters are increasingly using all-terrain e-bikes to gain access to backcountry areas where motorized vehicles are not allowed. Several models of these camo-colored, fat-tired e-bikes are on the market. Some models feature a 1,000-watt motor that can reach 35 mph without pedaling. A walk-assist feature on one model allows the user to walk along the e-bike and engage the motor at 2.5 mph. Many hunting e-bikes have a heavy-duty rack above the back tire for loading gear and game, and many can pull a small trailer. Some models have two front tires for greater stability in rough terrain. Since e-bikes enable a larger number of hunters greater access to remote areas, some land managers worry about increased pressure on wildlife populations. The USFS updated its e-bike policy in 2022, stating, “As use trends change with time and new technologies, the way we manage lands to ensure their long-term health and resilience must change as well.”

**E-Bike Regulations**

Local, state and federal laws and regulations are frequently updated as managers seek to keep up with emerging trends. Users need to check the rules of specific trails and lands they intend to access before embarking. Many trail managers are trying to regulate e-bikes with speed limits of 15 to 20 mph, but enforcement is often difficult. According to a 2022 Pinellas Trail System e-bike survey, about a quarter of both e-bike and traditional bicycle respondents said they did not know the speed limit on the Pinellas Trail (20 mph).

For the federally funded RTP, applicants may check the mixed use, non-motorized/motorized category if e-bikes are allowed on the trail for which they are applying, possibly enhancing their chances of receiving funding.

**Types of Electric Scooters**

There are several brands of adult electric scooters. Most weigh under 30 pounds and have a 250-watt motor. Top speeds range from 12 to 19 mph, and distances per charge range from 7 to 25 miles. Most have a weight limit of 220 pounds.

An intermediate scooter has a 500-watt motor and an extreme performance scooter has dual 1600-watt motors. This high-end scooter has a range of up to 52 miles, can reach speeds of up to 56 mph and has a 385-pound weight limit. It has a bright LED headlight for night riding. At 100 pounds, this scooter weighs much more than most. Electric scooters for children weigh less and are generally not as durable. Their top speed is around 10 mph with a range of around 8 miles. The majority of electric scooters have two wheels, but there is also a one-wheel variety with a 13-mile range. More stable three- and four-wheel scooters, popular with seniors, are similar to electric wheelchairs.

**Electric Unicycles**

Electric unicycles have become popular. Some can reach speeds of 31 mph, with a maximum range per charge of 75 miles. They come with bright, automotive-quality headlights. Electric unicycles have fold-down foot pedals and are self-balancing. They have a handle at the top for easy carrying.

**Hoverboards**

Hoverboards come in two-wheel and one-wheel varieties. For the two-wheel hoverboards, the user’s feet are placed between the two wheels facing forward, and for the one-wheel version, one foot is placed in front and the other behind the wheel with the rider riding like they would on a skateboard or surfboard, a different position than for a unicycle. Some hoverboards have wide tires for off-road use. Some one-wheel

hoverboards can reach 19 mph and travel up to 25 miles on a charge. The two-wheel hoverboards are similar to the Segway, first unveiled in 2001, but without the stem and handlebars. There is also a variety that features “electric roller skate hovershoes,” that have two separate independent wheels.

### **Trend #3: Pump Tracks**

A pump track is a small circular trail of rollers and berms for wheeled sports equipment. If ridden properly, a user only needs to pedal or push in the beginning, followed by a pumping action to maintain momentum. Roller skates, roller blades, bicycles, scooters and skateboards can all be used on pump tracks. And it’s not just for kids, adults use them as well. Competitions are sometimes held on pump tracks. Pump tracks can be built as permanent infrastructure as part of a public space or they can be set up as a temporary mobile structure designed to fit in a specific space. They can be built cheaply from dirt or clay, requiring periodic maintenance, or they can be made from wood, concrete, asphalt, fiberglass or other composite materials. They can be incorporated into the landscape or installed above ground.

Pump tracks serve all ages and abilities, and their benefits are well documented. They can help improve bike handling skills, spatial awareness and cooperation, and the space needed is often slightly larger than a baseball diamond.

### **Trend #4: Technology Innovations and Outdoor Recreation**

How is technology affecting outdoor recreation? If you are reading this online, that is one way. If you use your computer or smartphone to plan an outing or download a map, that is another example. While printed materials may never completely fall out of favor, more and more people are relying on digital devices to find locations for outdoor recreation and

to guide them once there. People are also buying outdoor recreation merchandise online and using instructional videos for education on outdoor skills in place of or in addition to personal instruction.

Technology is also helping outdoor recreation providers gauge the use of a particular activity, like sophisticated trail counters that determine if a person is walking, riding a bike, or on a horse. Reservation systems can also be made quick and easy online, and some outdoor activities, such as geocaching, can be done with a mobile phone or GPS tracking device. Recreation providers must constantly be on the lookout for the latest trends in technology and how they might affect outdoor pursuits.

Drones continue to be an emerging trend in outdoor recreation, with new models becoming available each year along with new regulations for their use. Drones can also assist recreation providers in gauging use and impacts.

Sophisticated remote-controlled (RC) airplanes and boats are on the market with the advent of lighter weight rechargeable batteries. While these hobbies may not yield high cardiovascular rewards, they are getting more people outdoors. There are several RC clubs around the state and most have designated areas where they can safely pursue their hobby.

### **Trend #5: Pickleball Still Growing**

As reported in the 2019 SCORP, pickleball is an emerging outdoor sport, having grown an average of 11.5% per year from 2016 through 2021. Invented in 1965 by three dads to entertain their kids in the summer, there were an estimated 4.8 million pickleball players in the country in 2022. From 2020 through 2021, it has grown fastest among players under 24 years of age (21%). There are professional pickleball tournaments with prize money and players on tour.



Per the latest SCORP study, periodic surveys of Florida's residents and tourists were conducted to estimate recreation demand in Florida. The 2021-2022 Florida Outdoor Recreation Participation Study was conducted from Oct. 26, 2021, to May 6, 2022, by the Research Design and Data Coordinating Center at the University of Florida. For this study, 1,236 people provided feedback about their participation in 34 different outdoor recreation activities. Respondents were asked to identify each activity they or someone in their household participated in during the preceding 12 months. In addition, respondents were asked why they recreate in the outdoors, what would encourage them to engage in more outdoor recreation and the types.

Of the respondents, 97% were full-time Florida residents, 3% were part-time residents, and four were non-residents, so this can largely be viewed as a residential survey. The largest number of people were from suburban locations, followed by small cities or towns. The majority of respondents were over 50 years old and almost three-fourths did not have children under the age of 18 living in their household.

### Top Statewide Recreation Activities

For the 2023-2027 SCORP, the survey asked for results in seven broad categories: trail activities, nature study, saltwater beach activities, freshwater activities, outdoor sports, camping and hunting/shooting. Each of these was broken down into sub-categories for more specific results. For example, camping was divided into tent camping, RV camping, primitive camping and horseback camping.

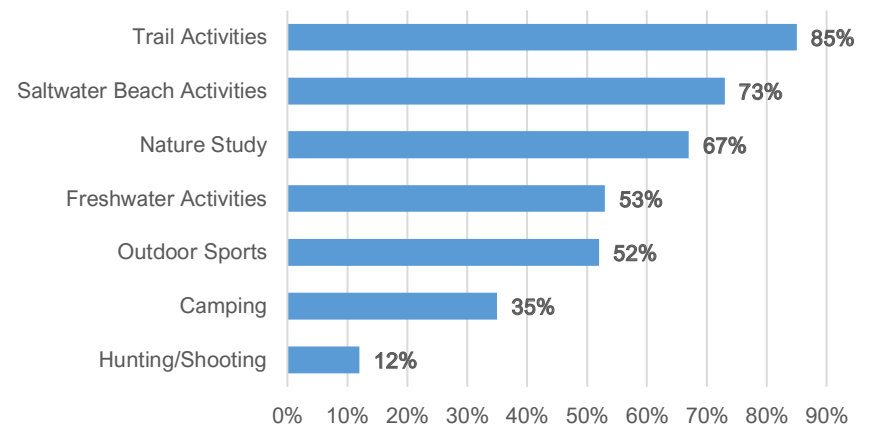
Eighty-five percent of respondents indicated that they participated in trail activities, the largest figure in the survey. Trail activities included running/walking, bicycling, skateboarding/rollerblading, geocaching and OHV (off-highway vehicle) riding. The number of those who ran or walked on a natural surface was slightly higher than those who used a paved surface. Regarding bicycling, most people rode on a maintained trail followed by a

road with no bike lane, paved greenway, sidewalk, bike lanes and natural surface trails. Most respondents used road bikes followed by mountain bikes, hybrid bikes and electric bikes.

The results, ranked in order of highest to lowest after trail activities, were saltwater beach activities, nature study, freshwater activities, outdoor sports, camping and hunting/shooting.

**Figure 4.5**

In the past year, what activities have you (or someone in your household) participated in?



Golf ranked highest in outdoor sports followed by pickleball, tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, disc golf, volleyball and football. Pickleball was featured as an emerging trend in the 2019 SCORP and continues to experience strong demand with a second-place ranking.



The most popular saltwater beach activities were walking, swimming, boating, fishing, paddling, snorkeling/diving and surfing. Paddling and fishing were broken down for more specific results.

Of those 28% that were surveyed as participating in paddling activities, 78% paddled using a kayak, with 55% with a stand up paddleboard, 17% using a canoe and 5% using a motorless boat. Those respondents that were involved with saltwater fishing indicated that 65% fished from a boat, 58% fished from shore, 41% were located on a pier, dock or jetty, 20% fished from a kayak and canoe and 4% fished using a stand-up paddleboard.

Figure 4.6

What type of outdoor sports did your household participate in?

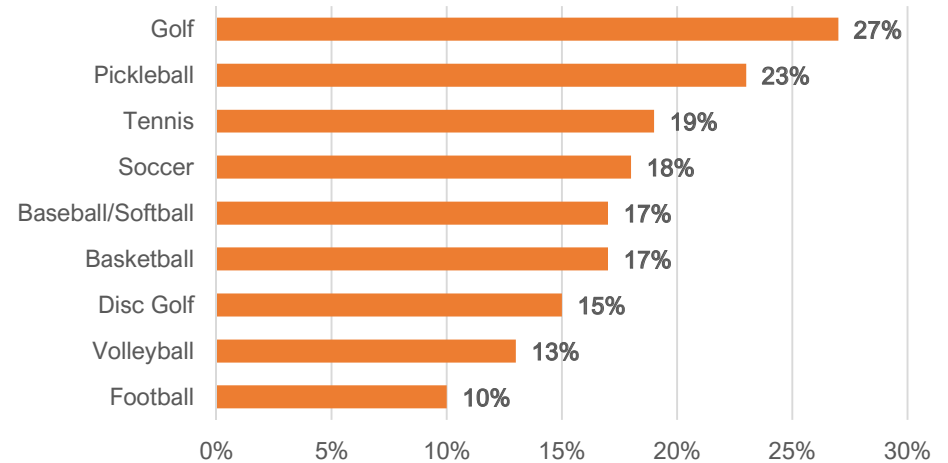
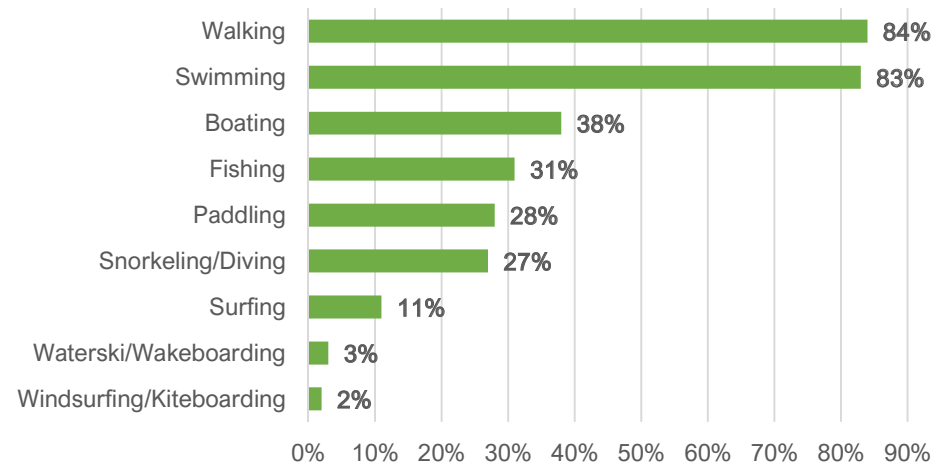


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What type of saltwater beach activities did your household participate in?

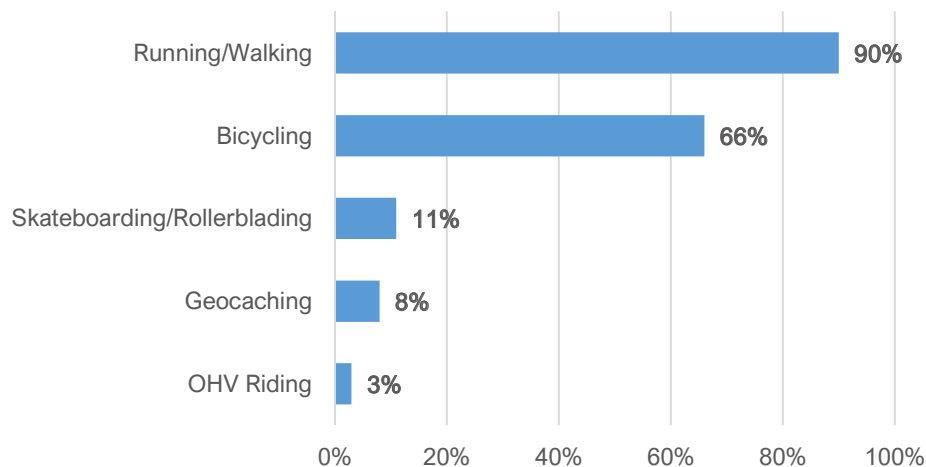


Of those 90% of the survey population that indicated they utilized trails for running and walking activities, 81% preferred a paved surface while 87% preferred a natural surface.

Bicycling was the second highest usage of trails with a 66% participation rate. Of those that participated in bicycling, 54% used a road bike, 43% used a mountain bike, 33% used a hybrid and the remaining 17% used either an electric bike, BMX bike, beach cruiser, recumbent bike or tandem bike (respondents could choose more than one category). Most of the respondents (59%) preferred to ride on a maintained trails, with another 57% indicating they used a road with no bike lanes and 54% indicating they utilized a paved greenway. Only 23% of the respondents indicated that they rode on a natural surface trail within the past year.

**Figure 4.8**

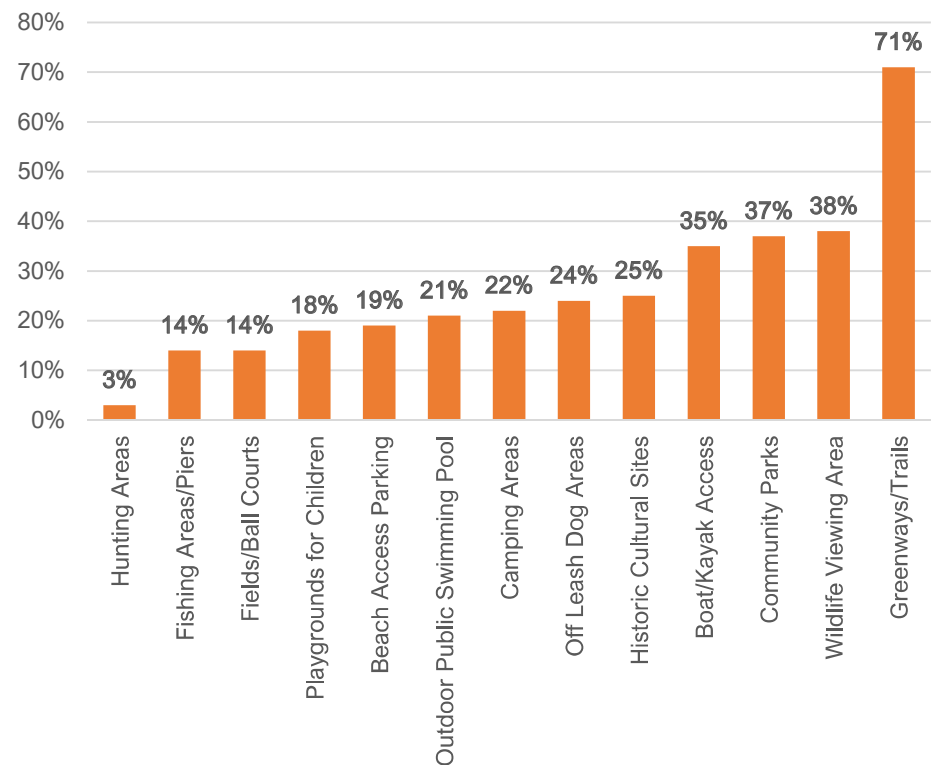
What type of trail activities did your household participate in?



71% of those surveyed indicated that they would like to see additional greenways and trails constructed within their community. Of that 71% most (83%) would prefer hiking or walking trails followed closely by biking paths/trails (80%). 58% indicated a preference for nature/interpretive trails and 48% preferred paved walkways. Paddling trails followed at 38% and there was limited interest in horseback riding trails (12%) and off road vehicle areas (11%).

**Figure 4.9**

What outdoor recreation facilities would you like to see built or provided for in your community?





Of the 14% of respondents that selected fields/ball courts as a desired recreational amenity, 58% preferred to see additional pickleball courts followed by tennis courts at 39%. Another 36% selected soccer fields and 30% would like to see additional disc golf courses within their community. Traditional fields such as baseball/softball (24%) and football (16%) scored low. 21% of those surveyed would like to see the construction of additional public golf courses.

One of the questions posed in the participation survey was “With whom do you typically recreate outdoors in Florida?”. 78% responded with “Family Member” followed by 43% “By Myself” and 40% “With a Friend”. 29% choose to recreate with a pet and only 5% with a large group. Respondents could choose more than one category.

Figure 4.10

What type of fields/courts would you like to see in your community?

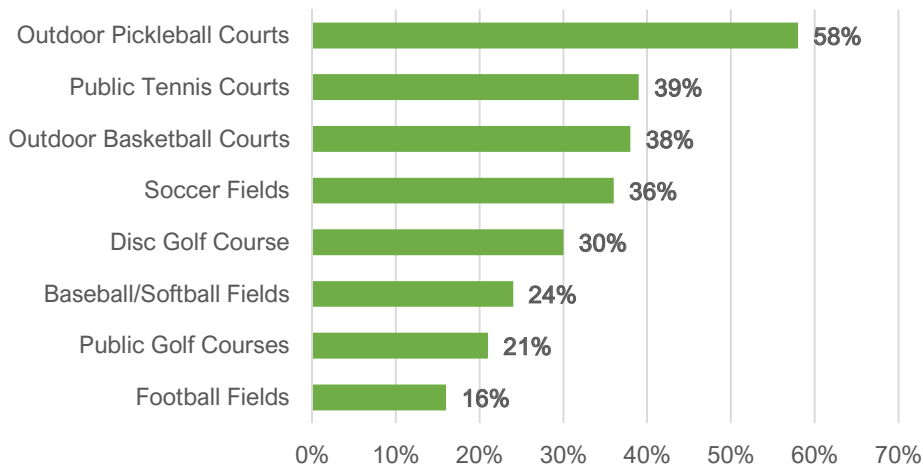
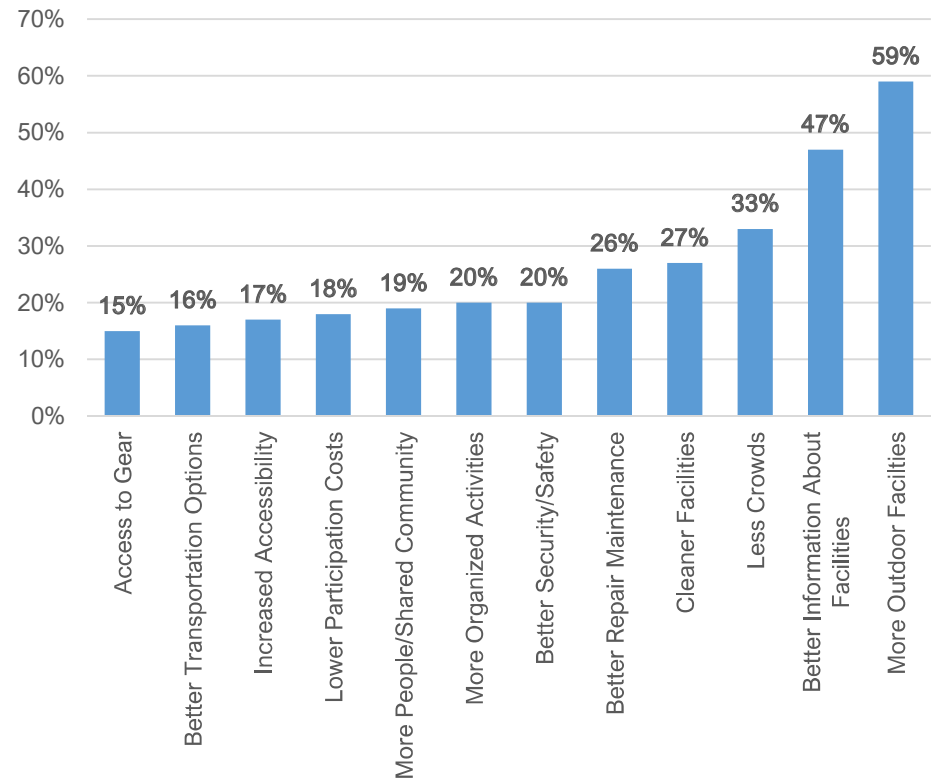


Figure 4.11

What would encourage you to recreate outdoors more in Florida?



The survey also posed the question “Why do you recreate outdoors in Florida?”. 88% of the responses indicated “To Enjoy the Scenery” followed by 86% “For my Mental Health”. 82% selected “For my General Health” followed by 65% “To be with Family and Friends”. Only 23% chose “To Get my Pet Outdoors”.

61% of the respondents expect to recreate outdoors in the future and 92% support maintaining current levels of outdoor recreation services and opportunities in Florida.

## Palm Beach County Recreation Trends Market Potential Index (MPI)

The following exhibits depict sport and leisure market potential data for Palm Beach County, as provided by ESRI. A Market Potential Index (MPI) measures the probable demand for a product or service within the defined service areas. The MPI shows the likelihood that an adult resident living within the county will participate in certain activities when compared to the U.S. national average. The national average is 100 and numbers below 100 would represent lower than average participation rates while numbers above 100 would represent higher than average participation rates. The county is compared to the national average in four (4) categories – general sports, fitness, outdoor activity, and commercial recreation. It should be noted that MPI metrics are only one data point used to help determine community trends; thus, programmatic decisions should not be based solely on MPI metrics.

Overall, when analyzing the MPIs for Palm Beach County, the data demonstrates slightly below average market potential index (MPI) numbers. A majority of MPI scores are in the mid-low 90's however, 11 activities in each category scored at or above the national average (100):



**Figure 4.12 - Palm Beach County MPI's Over 100 (General Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Activity)**

Sport	Category	MPI
Golf/12 Mo	General Sport	113
Fishing (Salt Water)/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	106
Bicycling (Road)/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	105
Walking for Exercise/12 Mo	Fitness	105
Zumba/12 Mo	Fitness	103
Aerobics/12 Mo	Fitness	101
Backpacking/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	101
Roller Skating/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	101
Swimming/12 Mo	Fitness	101
Pilates/12 Mo	Fitness	100
Tennis/12 Mo	General Sport	100

**Figure 4.13 - Palm Beach County MPI's Under 100 (General Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Activity)**

Sport	Category	MPI
Bicycling (Mountain)/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	99
Weight Lifting/12 Mo	Fitness	99
Yoga/12 Mo	Fitness	98
Boating (Power)/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	97
Soccer/12 Mo	General Sport	97
Baseball/12 Mo	General Sport	96
Volleyball/12 Mo	General Sport	96
Football/12 Mo	General Sport	95
Ping Pong/12 Mo	Indoor Activity	95
Archery/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	94
Hiking/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	94
Ice Skating/12 Mo	General Sport	94
Softball/12 Mo	General Sport	94
Bowling/12 Mo	Indoor Activity	93
Basketball/12 Mo	General Sport	92
Canoeing or Kayaking/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	91
Frisbee/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	91
Jogging or Running/12 Mo	Fitness	91
Motorcycling/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	90
Horseback Riding/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	89
Fishing (Fresh Water)/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	84
Target Shooting/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	82
Hunting w/Shotgun/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	79
Hunting w/Rifle/12 Mo	Outdoor Activity	72

These overall below average MPI scores are just one data point of many but may indicate that county residents have a somewhat limited participation presence when it comes to recreational offerings when compared to the nationwide average. This becomes significant when the Parks and Recreation Department considers starting up new programs or building new facilities, indicating that additional analysis or survey work is needed to ensure sufficient resident demand.

**Figure 4.14 - Palm Beach County MPI's Over 100 (General Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Activity)**

Activity	MPI
Attended Horse Races/12 Mo	110
Went to Art Gallery/12 Mo	108
Played Computer Game Online/12 Mo	107
Visited Theme Park 5+ Days/12 Mo	106
Played Bingo/12 Mo	105
Went to Live Theater/12 Mo	105
Went to Beach/12 Mo	103
Went to Museum/12 Mo	102
Flew a Drone/12 Mo	100
Played Computer Game Offline (w/Software)/12 Mo	100

**Figure 4.15 - Palm Beach County MPI's Under 100 (General Sports, Fitness and Outdoor Activity)**

Activity	MPI
Visited Theme Park/12 Mo	99
Did Birdwatching/12 Mo	98
Did Photography/12 Mo	96
Played Billiards or Pool/12 Mo	94
Went to Zoo/12 Mo	94
Went on Overnight Camping Trip/12 Mo	93
Visited Aquarium/12 Mo	91
Visited Indoor Water Park/12 Mo	90

Source: ESRI



An analysis of commercial leisure recreation activity indicates an overall above average market potential index (MPI) for Palm Beach County. Activities with a higher MPI are generally passive in nature and typically require a higher barrier of entry (entry fee, specialized equipment) which corresponds with local demographic and economic trends (significant percentage of older residents and high wage earners). Those activities with an MPI under 100 tend to be activities with limited availability in Palm Beach County (indoor water park, aquarium, overnight camping) that require the resident to travel out-of-county to attend.

The Department also analyzed recreation needs assessment survey data from 2015 and 2023 which provided insight into a variety of recreation needs and priorities from the residents of Palm Beach County. The consultants who authored the studies for the Department selected residents through a random sampling process. These residents were asked a series of questions as part of an overall user survey. While the survey methodologies and questions differ from the two reports there are some general trends worth noting that can impact how the Department plans, designs and programs facilities over the next five year period.

In the 2015 report, the survey respondents were offered a set of choices in terms of better understanding future park needs within the County park system. The report indicated that restrooms, shade and parking were the greatest areas of importance for the general public.

Beaches, trails, nature centers and restrooms were listed as being most important to those surveyed households in the 2023 analysis. The report also ranked overall needs by Priority of Investment, which is a formula developed by the consultant to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility. Using their methodology the following priorities were established:

**Figure 4.16 - Comparison of 2015 and 2023 Needs Assessments (Areas of Importance)**

#	2015 Report	2023 Report
1	Restrooms	Beaches
2	Shaded Areas for Spectators	Multi-Use Trails
3	Shade in Park	Nature Centers
4	Shaded Areas for Spectators	Park Restrooms
5	Maintenance of Beaches	Large Regional Parks
6	Neighborhood Parks	Dog Parks
7	Beach Parking	Open Green Space
8	Parking	Small Neighborhood Parks
9	Shade for Playgrounds	Shaded Areas
10	Facility Maintenance	Aquatic Facilities

**Figure 4.17 - Comparison of 2015 and 2023 Needs Assessments (Areas of Importance)**

#	2023 Investment Priorities
1	Beaches
2	Shaded Areas
3	Multi-Use Trails
4	Restrooms
5	Small Neighborhood Parks
6	Nature Centers
7	Open Green Space
8	Restrooms
9	Aquatic Facilities
10	Dog Parks

# CHAPTER 5



## *Needs and Priorities Assesement*



## Introduction

The following Needs and Priorities Assessment was commissioned by the Parks and Recreation Department and conducted by AECOM, a leading Parks and Recreation planning consultant in late-2023 and early-2024 as part of the Department's overall park master planning efforts. The purpose of this analysis was to obtain and interpret feedback on the recreational needs and priorities of Palm Beach County's residents. Results from this assessment will allow the Department to:

- 1) adapt its goals, policies, and strategic plans, as well as the future development of program areas and facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 2) demonstrate if programming or facility deficiencies exist throughout or within the County
- 3) lay the foundation for a new vision and goals for the Department and establish a shared set of community needs and priorities.

Input obtained during this needs assessment will ultimately provide a focused direction for the development and delivery of parks, recreation, cultural and community services. This assessment will help ensure that Palm Beach County is meeting the needs of residents today, while continuing to provide a high-quality, sustainable and equitable park system for the future.





## Methodology and Approach

### 1 Connecting with the Community Outreach

August 2023 - October 2023

- Department Coordination
- Background Research, Inventory and Mapping
- Material Development
- Meeting Advertisements
- Social Media
- Project Website



### 2 Gathering Community Input Engagement

October 2023 -

- Stakeholder Interviews (12)
- Focus Groups (9)
- Community Meetings (4)
- Virtual Room
- Online Survey
- Statistically Valid Survey



### Project Process

The Needs Assessment was intended to provide valuable community input that will be utilized for the planning, acquisition, development and operations of parks, trails, park facilities, and recreation and cultural programs throughout the County. The assessment was conducted in a linear process, building upon previous work; beginning with an overview of the existing parks, analysis of public needs and priorities, formation of a long-range vision, and lastly, a strategic plan for implementation.

## 3 Establishing Community Needs and Priorities Summary

December 2023



The process for the Needs Assessment is summarized in the diagram below, including all engagement methods utilized during the assessment as well as the timeframes during which they were conducted.

January 2024 - March 2024

- Synthesis and Analysis of Findings
- Preparation of Draft Summary Report
- Presentation to the Commission
- Final Report

Virtual Room

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department invites you to participate in a free engagement session and provide your feedback on your parks programs and recreation facilities.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**

Step 1: **Change** | **Add** | **Review** | **Submit** | **Cancel**

If you could change or add items to your parks or the recreation programs you participate in, what would they be?

**Change** **Add**

What would you change?

What would you add?

**Continue**

**2023 Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Survey**  
Let your voice be heard today!

Palm Beach County would like your input to help determine park and recreation priorities for our community. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at <https://pbc.surveymonkey.com/s/2023-pbc-parks-recreation>. We appreciate your time.

1. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...  
 Under age 5: Apr 15-19 Apr 20-24 Apr 25-29 Apr 30-34 Apr 35-39 Apr 40-44 Apr 45-49 Apr 50-54 Apr 55-59 Apr 60-64 Apr 65-69 Apr 70-74 Apr 75-79 Apr 80-84 Apr 85-89 Apr 90-94 Apr 95-99 Apr 100-104 Apr 105-109 Apr 110-114 Apr 115-119 Apr 120-124 Apr 125-129 Apr 130-134 Apr 135-139 Apr 140-144 Apr 145-149 Apr 150-154 Apr 155-159 Apr 160-164 Apr 165-169 Apr 170-174 Apr 175-179 Apr 180-184 Apr 185-189 Apr 190-194 Apr 195-199 Apr 200-204 Apr 205-209 Apr 210-214 Apr 215-219 Apr 220-224 Apr 225-229 Apr 230-234 Apr 235-239 Apr 240-244 Apr 245-249 Apr 250-254 Apr 255-259 Apr 260-264 Apr 265-269 Apr 270-274 Apr 275-279 Apr 280-284 Apr 285-289 Apr 290-294 Apr 295-299 Apr 300-304 Apr 305-309 Apr 310-314 Apr 315-319 Apr 320-324 Apr 325-329 Apr 330-334 Apr 335-339 Apr 340-344 Apr 345-349 Apr 350-354 Apr 355-359 Apr 360-364 Apr 365-369 Apr 370-374 Apr 375-379 Apr 380-384 Apr 385-389 Apr 390-394 Apr 395-399 Apr 400-404 Apr 405-409 Apr 410-414 Apr 415-419 Apr 420-424 Apr 425-429 Apr 430-434 Apr 435-439 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## Department Coordination, Background Research & Material Development

While the Needs Assessment primary focus was on obtaining community input on parks and recreation needs and priorities, a significant portion of the project involved background research, inventory development, mapping and engagement tool development. The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department was instrumental in providing the project team with critical resources and background information that allowed for the effective communication of the park system's context, facility and program offerings, and resource mapping. The Department also assisted the project team in the distribution of all outreach materials, as well as the scheduling of stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and community meetings. The following is a summary of the collaborative efforts conducted by the Department and the project team prior to initiation of the community engagement phase of the PRCNA.

### Guiding Documents

The Needs Assessment is part of an interconnected network of planning initiatives conducted at local and regional scales. Results from this assessment were analyzed within the context of other plans and initiatives to identify areas of alignment, key trends, and potential collaboration opportunities. The list of referenced guiding documents included the following:

- Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025
- Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan - Recreation and Open Space Element
- Palm Beach County Greenways and Trails Plan
- Palm Tran - FY 2021 - 2031 Transit Development Plan
- Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Surtax Project List



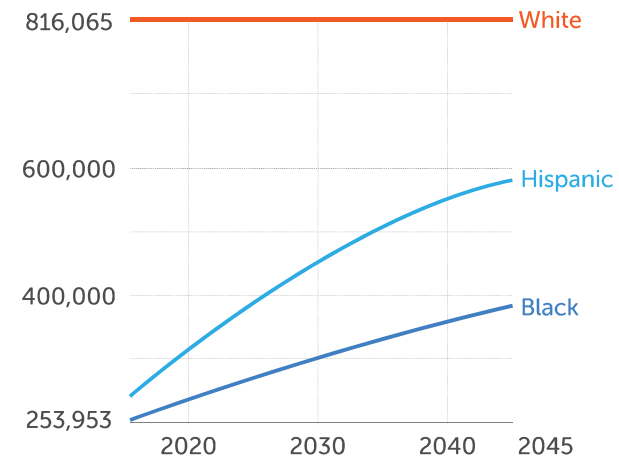
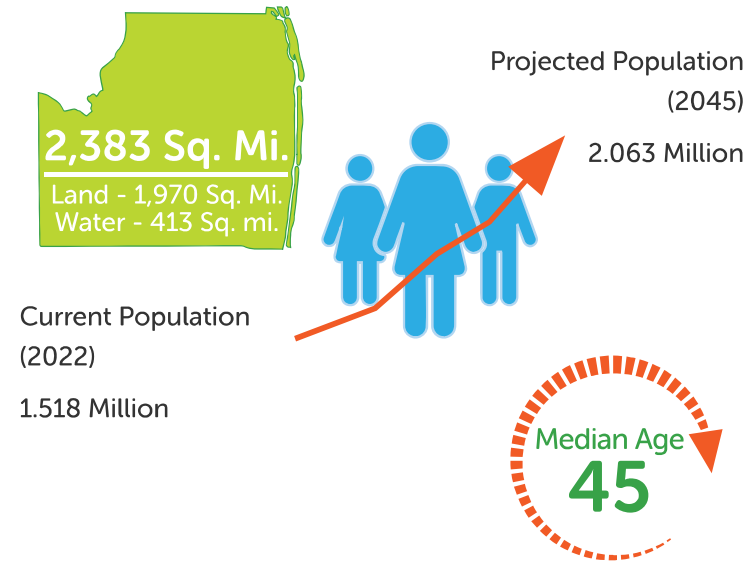


## Guiding Documents

In addition to researching guiding documents, the project team also reviewed the demographics of Palm Beach County to identify any applicable trends to parks and recreation needs and priorities. Located in the southeastern part of Florida, Palm Beach County (PBC) stretches from Florida's Atlantic Coast into the state's rural center and includes the northern edge of the Everglades National Park. The eastern third of Palm Beach County is highly urbanized, while the central and western portions of the county are suburban or rural.

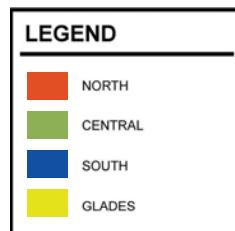
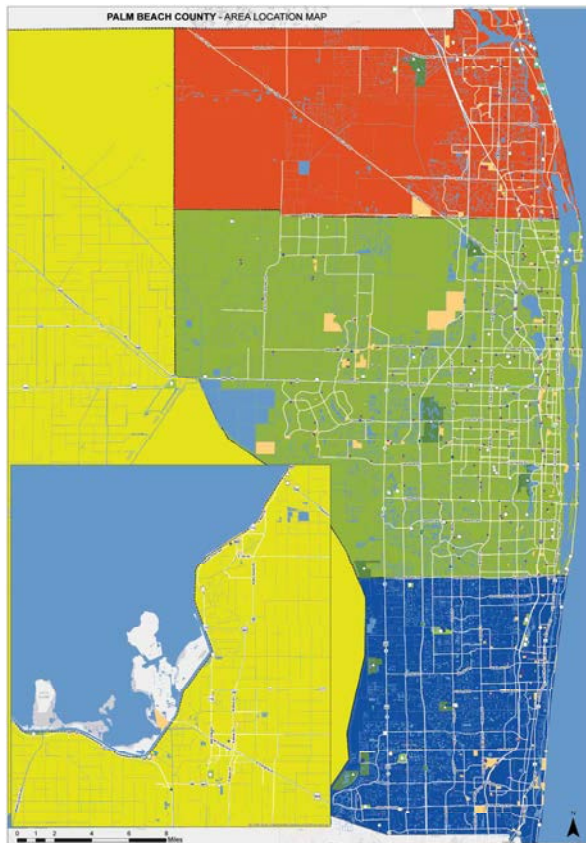
PBC has seen substantial growth over the last couple of decades, and is currently the third most populous county in the state. This trend is expected to continue over the next 15 years as the County is expected to grow to over two million people by 2045.

As the County grows, the population is expected to continue to diversify in both race, ethnicity and age. The County's current median age is 45 years, which is higher than the surrounding region and the State of Florida. However, the number of families and families with children are also increasing, which may result in increased diversity of recreation facility and program needs across the age spectrum. The figure below highlights some of the key demographic trends identified in the overview:



### Parks System Inventory

In addition to obtaining valuable community input, the PRCNA was also an opportunity to educate the general public on the park system. Provided by the department, the diagram to the right is a summary of the parks and amenities available throughout Palm Beach County. The Department also provided location maps showing the park types available in each geographically distinct area of the County. Shown in the map legend below, these areas include the North, Central, South, and Glades areas of the County.



### Level of Service

In addition to location maps, the Department also provided Level of Service (LOS) maps for residents to visualize how the parks are serving their community. LOS is a measure of a park system's ability to provide parkland, facilities, and access to its residents. There are three types of LOS: Acreage LOS, Facilities LOS, and Access LOS. Acreage and Facility LOS are calculated based on acreage or units serving the population. Access LOS is assessed as an equitable travel time from residences to a park. For the purpose of this assessment, the LOS analysis prioritizes Access LOS as its primary metric.

The maps can be found on the following pages: 22-25 and 35-38

- Palm Beach County (North) - Parks and Community Facilities Location Map
- Palm Beach County (Central) - Parks and Community Facilities Location Map
- Palm Beach County (South) - Parks and Community Facilities Location Map
- Palm Beach County (Glades) - Parks and Community Facilities Location Map
- Palm Beach County (North) - 10 Minute Walk and 10 Minute Drive Level of Service
- Palm Beach County (Central) - 10 Minute Walk and 10 Minute Drive Level of Service
- Palm Beach County (South) - 10 Minute Walk and 10 Minute Drive Level of Service
- Palm Beach County (Glades) - 10 Minute Walk and 10 Minute Drive Level of Service

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Total County Parks Acreage - 8190.72 Ac.

## Parks by Commission District

District 1 - 24 parks  
District 2 - 10 parks  
District 3 - 15 parks  
District 4 - 8 parks  
District 5 - 16 parks  
District 6 - 16 parks  
District 7 - 9 parks

Developed Acreage - 6036.43 Ac.  
Undeveloped Acreage - 2154.32 Ac.



Total Number of Parks - 98

Beach Park - 16  
Community Park - 17  
District Park - 33  
Neighborhood Park - 22  
Regional Park - 10

## Park Amenities

Tennis - 66  
Basketball - 65  
Pickleball - 38  
Volleyball - 22  
Racquetball - 38  
Other - 15

Baseball/ Softball - 80  
Multipurpose Field - 52  
Open Play Field - 23

Picnic Area - 77  
Picnic Shelter/ Pavilion - 311  
Picnic Table - 292



Boat Launch - 32  
Canoe/ Kayak Launch - 17  
Boat Slip - 78

Pools - 7  
Water Parks - 3

Archery Range - 1  
Skate Park - 1  
Dog Park - 4  
BMX, RC Car Track - 2  
Pier Fishing - 7  
Equestrian Facility - 3



## Engagement Tool Development

The information developed through the collaborative efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department and the project team were ultimately included in the materials presented to the public through the various methods of public engagement. These materials were utilized to provide background information and prompt feedback in stakeholder interviews, focus groups, community meetings, the project website, the virtual open house, and both surveys. Materials included:

- Project Informational Handout
- County Map Booklet
- Community Meeting and Virtual Open House Boards:
- Project Information Boards
- Open-ended Comment Boards
- Recreation Activity Preference Boards

In order to encourage participation from traditionally underrepresented groups, all materials were provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Copies of all engagement materials can be found in the Appendix.

## Outreach

Outreach for the Needs Assessment included a multi-faceted approach with a mix of traditional and modern methods. The County distributed flyers, posters and business cards at community locations throughout the County, as well as with local organizations. The County also embarked on a robust social media campaign through a variety of outlets in the weeks leading up to the engagement launch. Specific efforts were made to engage with traditionally underrepresented and overlooked groups in order to ensure everyone had an opportunity to participate. All outreach materials directed residents to the project website using a QR code, and also provided information on the four in-person community meetings across the County. Examples of outreach materials can be found on the following page.

Understanding the geographic and demographic differences across the County, the project team made a concentrated effort to ensure that outreach was targeted throughout the different communities of Palm Beach County. Outreach was conducted in conjunction with efforts to host meetings in four distinct geographic areas of the County, as well as twelve planning areas considered in cross-tabulations of the Statistically Valid Survey.

**Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation  
Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment**




**Attend a Community Meeting!**

Four opportunities to participate!  
Your feedback is an integral part of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment process. We invite you to attend a community meeting and provide your feedback on the needs and priorities for parks and recreation facilities and services in your community.

**Community Meetings are from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

November 8, 2023 Green Cay Nature Center	November 9, 2023 Okeetchee Nature Center	November 14, 2023 Belle Glade Public Library	November 15, 2023 West Jupiter Community Center
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Virtual Open House and Online Survey Available at:  
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In addition to the community meetings, we are providing other opportunities to participate in the public engagement process. A Virtual Open House and online survey are available on the project website, and the website will continue to be updated with project information and upcoming engagement opportunities.

All queries and comments related to this project can be submitted to:  
Email: [pbcparke@pbcgov.org](mailto:pbcparke@pbcgov.org) Phone: 561-966-6664

**Parques y Recreación del Condado de Palm Beach  
Evaluación Integral de Necesidades Comunitarias**




**¡Asista a una Reunión Comunitaria!**

¡Cuatro oportunidades para participar!  
Sus comentarios son una parte vital del proceso de la Evaluación Integral de las Necesidades. Lo invitamos a asistir a una reunión comunitaria y brindar su opinión sobre las necesidades y prioridades de parques, instalaciones y servicios recreativos en su comunidad.

**Las Reuniones Comunitarias son desde las 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Noviembre 8, 2023 Green Cay Nature Center	Noviembre 9, 2023 Okeetchee Nature Center	Noviembre 14, 2023 Belle Glade Public Library	Noviembre 15, 2023 West Jupiter Community Center
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La Casa Abierta Virtual y Encuesta en Línea están disponibles en:  
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Además de las reuniones comunitarias, ofrecemos otras oportunidades para participar en el proceso de participación pública. Una Casa Abierta Virtual y una encuesta en línea están disponibles en el sitio web del proyecto. El sitio web seguirá siendo actualizado con información del proyecto y próximas oportunidades de participación.

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Figure 5.1 - Sample of Outreach Materials

## Stakeholder Interviews

### Methodology

In addition to the focus group meetings, interviews were conducted with stakeholders and elected officials, County management, community leaders and others identified and invited by the County to ensure a high level of review and information gathering from a variety of perceptions and opinions. These interviews were conducted one-on-one with a member of the project team and were done in-person or in a virtual setting.

### Stakeholder Interview Findings

Below are the common themes that were identified through stakeholder interviews. Common themes are organized by the questions asked during the interviews.

#### **Benefits of Parks**

There was an emphasis on outdoor activities for health, community, and inclusivity.

- Diverse park facilities
- Family-friendly spaces
- Post-covid considerations
- Accessible playgrounds
- Lighting
- Various activities like pickleball

There was a need to adapt community centers with affordable, demographic-responsive programs, visionary leadership, and a focus on recreation and nature elements. Emphasis points were:

- Adapt community centers for changing needs
- Balance services for seniors and families
- Prioritize affordable, demographic-responsive programs
- Emphasize visionary leadership
- Address housing affordability and proximity to workplaces
- Expand parks tailored to community needs
- Focus on recreation spaces and natural elements

#### **Parks and Recreation Department Role**

Stakeholders indicated their vision for the role of the Parks and Recreation Department as collaborative, accessible, and community-minded. Specific comments included the following:

- Gold Medal standards drive park enhancement
- Prioritize safety, avoid duplication, and maintain high standards
- Serve all through accessible branches, regional parks, and tailored services
- Collaborate with municipalities for diverse open spaces and recommendations
- Ensure accessibility for everyone



## **County Departments Focus Group**

### Benefits of Parks:

- Sustainable community connections
- Health and wellbeing
- Community green spaces
- “Arts as Prescription”
  - Programs and offerings
  - Mental health
- Tourism
  - Eco-tourism
  - Cultural council
  - Recreation facilities and programs for visitors
- Opportunities for people with disabilities
- Arts, Culture and History
  - Generating interest in topics the community may not know about
- Addressing the inequality divide
  - Parks provide a venue for affordability
  - Opportunities for all members of the community
- County parks are natural areas that provide nature-based benefits

### Vision:

- Continue to fund the level we are at now and beyond
- Level of programming needs to be maintained
- Focus on accessibility
  - Accessible for as many people as possible
  - Visitors feeling a sense of place
- Historic/cultural assets - sense of history and cultural importance
- More trees and shade for programmable areas
- Public art expansion
  - More temporary/participatory public art

- Event-based experiences
- Cultivating community connection and cohesion
- Partnerships with artists

### Comparables:

- Communities with opportunities to swim
- Palm Beach County is the standard bearer
- Temporary public art experiences
  - Urban city parks in NYC and MA
- Participatory, site-specific experiences
- Arts in parks

### Needs and Priorities:

- Maintain existing facilities
- New parks – reserved land for open green spaces
- Continue with programming opportunities
- Expand facilities and programs for underserved communities
- Focus messaging strategy
  - Retro-messaging back to nature
- Community partners
- Signage/wayfinding
  - Natural areas
  - Wayfinding in parks and to parks
  - Digital wayfinding/information
- Promotion of programs and available facilities
- Passive experiences
  - Walking trails
  - Open spaces

### **County Departments Focus Group**

#### Benefits of Parks:

- Community health
- Physical health
- Social interaction
- Cultural engagement
- Wildlife
- Horticulture
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Botany
  - Bird watching
  - Environmental benefits
- Crime prevention
- County natural areas
  - Educational opportunities
  - Passive/adventure opportunities
  - Complement other uses
- Water utilities
  - Public parks through wetlands
- Lessons from the COVID era
- Groundwater recharge and stormwater benefits
- Introduce public works projects through parks
- Interpretive/educational signage
- Provide affordable benefits to the community
- Economic development
- Wetlands
- Affordability

#### Vision:

- Maintain the status quo in terms of quality and level of service
- Identifying community interests
- Maintain quality while expecting an increase in population of 200,000-300,000 people
- More staff, more budget
- Address challenges with different user groups
- Land acquisition strategies for future parks
- Parks as a leader in sustainability and resilience
  - Develop resilient design guidelines
- Free Wi-Fi in parks
- Continue sewer infrastructure projects
- Parks as self-sufficient with sustainable energy
  - Solar utility pond
  - Park system off the grid
- Parks and recreation playing a role in a fragmented ecosystem

#### Comparables:

- Security of parks – learn a lot from Broward

#### Needs and Priorities:

- Asset preservation, keep up what we have
- New sources of revenue to address challenges with water and utility stresses
- Drought tolerant plants
- Stay in tune with residents' needs
- Recreation programs
- County staff/volunteer education is a priority – doing a great job, keep expanding
- Moving forward in a sustainable and responsible way
- Maintain land base – constant development pressure – need strong conservation advocacy

**Seniors and Active Adults Focus Group**

## Benefits of Parks:

- Senior perspective
  - Recreation facilities for seniors
  - Trips to parks – beaches and natural preserves
  - PalmTran/transportation opportunities
  - Socializing/community spaces
  - Physical activity/accessibility
  - Integration/connectivity
  - Physical/emotional benefits
  - Intergenerational
  - Parks/libraries
  - Interaction with children/grandchildren

## Vision:

- Senior center for 55+, some older
- Accessible senior facilities for all abilities
- Audio/visual accessibility
- Safety and security features

## Comparables:

- Parks with exercise equipment
  - Senior-friendly
  - Outdoor fitness equipment for seniors
- Gardening/community gardens

## Needs and Priorities:

- Security on-site and/or cameras
- Fixed park hours
- Continue health and wellness
- Fitness facilities
- Mental health
- Maintenance (preventative)

- Partnerships with resources in the community

- County resources
- Community resources
- Parks as one-stop-shop for the day

**Youth Sports Organizations Focus Group**

## Benefits of Parks:

- Youth services
  - Summer camp sites with gathering spaces
  - Food
  - Classes
  - Get your green on and go
- Young children
  - Affordability
  - Structured activities for new skills
- Off-road multi-use trails
- Cycling opportunities
- Safe spaces away from traffic

## Vision:

- Opportunities for improvement
  - Certain communities have more opportunities for facilities and programs, more equitable
  - More balanced system across the County
- Must have the outdoor space for opportunities
- Address high-risk areas
- Entry-level positions and training opportunities for teens
- Mindful stations for mental health
- Parkland acquisition
- Addressing increased growth and development
- Conservation of open space and natural areas



- More public recreation space in non-private areas
- Pocket parks in dense areas
- Increased tree canopy
- Address potential user conflicts
- Dedicated space for pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians
- Improved streetscape

#### Comparables:

- Areas with dedicated cycle space
- Need more investment in public amenities for cycling
  - Park City, Utah
  - Philadelphia, PA
  - Frisco, CO
- Broward County
  - Covered basketball courts
  - More shaded spaces
- Older teen programs
  - Programs for those that don't play on travel teams

#### Needs and Priorities:

- Activate under-utilized spaces
  - Responding to trends
  - Utilize County-owned spaces for places that are used by the public
- Places for older kids/teens that meet their interests
- Outdoor/adventure
- Bike trails, pump tracks and wheeled sports
- Recreation responding to heat
  - Shade/tree canopy
  - Water access
  - Flexibility

- Skate park with new YMCA
- Lake Lydle
- Affordable activities for teens

#### **Special Needs Programs Focus Group**

##### Benefits of Parks:

- Opportunities for health and wellness
- Ability to spend time in nature
- Affordable programs
- Variety of programs
- New skills for those with disabilities

##### Vision:

- Parks – need to maintain what we have
- Resources to grow and expand
- More opportunities for people with disabilities to participate
- Additional locations for therapeutic recreation, e.g. complex in Lake Worth
- County is so large, not serving all areas equally
- Facilities of individuals with spinal injuries
- Accessibility for all age groups
- Transportation to recreation areas

##### Comparables:

- We offer a lot, we have a lot of resources available

##### Needs and Priorities:

- Staffing
- New and innovative facilities like Okeheelee wake park
- Lots of space, but limited parking (accessible)
- Adaptive sports – gyms that can host these activities
- Expand wheelchair lending program and recreation facilities
- Storage spaces

- On-site access to equipment for people that are traveling to our facilities
- Specialized wheelchairs for nature trails
- Website information on available equipment
- Trail access
- Nature-based recreation
  - Providing open space as County develops
- Other individuals with disabilities across the spectrum
- Internal promotion of opportunities and advertisement of services
- Special needs swim lessons and drowning prevention
- Parks that have everything – something for everyone throughout the County
- Programming is currently centrally located- need to branch out
- Senior programming as the population ages
- Providing opportunities for everyone
- Inclusive playgrounds with sensory opportunities
- Transportation
- Safe spaces for children and families
- Affordability

## **Municipal Partners Focus Group**

### Benefits of Parks:

- County offers facilities we do not offer
  - At-will, nature-based recreation
  - Large picnic pavilion areas
- Municipalities tend to offer more active recreation
- Large athletic complexes
- Dog parks
- County facilities and fee structures
- Benefit from large regional parks
- Partnerships to build up our parks

- All parks are for everyone
- Help with the economy

### Vision:

- Pickleball courts
- Canals connecting throughout the County
- Regional trail system - ways to connect all of our spaces together
- Blueways
- Ownership of the connectivity initiative
- Maintain visionary ideas
- County add facilities and programming that the municipalities don't do, like adventure recreation
- Local level
  - What exists between each municipality and the county
- Ways to reevaluate where connectivity will benefit

### Comparables:

- Broward as an example of connectivity
- Sunrise, FL
  - Covered pickleball/basketball
- Park systems abroad
  - Playgrounds
    - Less structured/more creative
    - Overcoming legal issues to creative play
    - Destination – unique, nature-based

#### Needs and Priorities:

- West Delray/West Palm/ Boynton are going to need help
  - Young families with high expectations
  - Level of service
- Field deficient
- Potential land acquisition
- Priority to serve families and young children
- Staffing issues
- Partnerships with other agencies and career paths for agencies
- Operations and maintenance
- High-density, affordable housing is stressing infrastructure
- Using hardscape areas as parks (underpasses)
- How to get people to natural areas
- Addressing the homeless/unsheltered

#### Community Organizations Focus Group

##### Benefits of Parks:

- Passive parks and active parks
- Gathering spaces for parks
- Nature-based recreation
- Glades
  - City parks and County parks serving four cities
- Family activities and special events
- Marinas
- Lake access

##### Vision:

- Build up County parks that serve cities
- If every park had a classroom for around 20-40 people
  - Meetings/clubs/community groups
  - People are currently meeting at fire stations, sheriffs offices,

#### and libraries

- Track clubs
  - Practice area for track clubs
  - Currently utilizing schools
- Water park
  - Functional year-round
  - Learn to swim programs and therapeutic programs
- Continue to get feedback from the community
- Water activities in the Glades area

##### Comparables:

- Switzerland/Italy
  - Vending and franchises in a park – snacks/refreshments
- Public/private partnerships
- Bike rentals/bike shares/bike connectivity
- Would like to see a lot of the things that are on the coast out in the western portion of the County

##### Needs and Priorities:

- Trails
- Fitness and exercise opportunities
- Tennis/pickleball courts and programs
- Upgrades to existing facilities
- Changing baseball fields to soccer/multipurpose fields
- Closest County Park to the glades is too far for some
- Meeting rooms
- Zumba/Yoga – need instructors
- Beaches – keep them clean
- Dog parks – places to take dogs in dense communities
- Restrooms



- Splash pads
- Water-related activities
- Nature centers

## **Economic Development Focus Group**

### Benefits of Parks:

- Infrastructure
- Different organizations that we bring in to use the parks
- Parks and recreation is the largest provider for sports venues
  - Sports tourism
- Young people
  - Different experiences across the parks

### Vision:

- ATV or UTV parks - safe opportunities
- Diversity of product that lives within the parks
- Anchor for economic development and tourism
- Creative and forward thinking, open-minded
- Willing to have conversations regarding development
- Fishing/water-based activities
- Take advantage of Lake Okeechobee
- Expand on how we communicate what is available

### Comparables:

- Places with an ATV/UTV park
- Tampa
  - Events/sporting events that bring outside interest
  - Balance of organization and public use of facilities/local programming
  - Large venue with 15+ fields
- Wellington

### Needs and Priorities:

- Our parks are underutilized
- Awareness of what is available
- Facilities
  - Indoor sporting venues
  - Multipurpose indoor facilities
  - Convention center/fairgrounds are only current large options
  - Missing intermediate size facility
  - Large footprint of rectangular fields
  - Synthetic turf – rectangular fields can't handle demand
  - Open-minded for opportunities like pickleball
  - Post-COVID recreation trends
  - Synthetic turf baseball diamonds
  - Golf range (Top Golf)

## Community Meetings

### Methodology

One of the primary engagement methods of the Needs Assessment was a series of community meetings that were open to the public. Hosted by the County and members of the project team, the meetings were held at key public centers in geographically distinct areas of the County to capture an accurate cross-section of residents. All meetings were from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

#### Meetings Locations and Date:

- Green Cay Nature Center - Nov. 8, 2023
- Okeetchee Nature Center - Nov. 9, 2023
- Belle Glade Public Library - Nov. 14, 2023
- West Jupiter Community Center - Nov. 15, 2023

## Community Meeting Findings

### Benefits of Parks

- Participants generally enjoyed outdoor activities such as walking and biking, and expressed strong interests in cultural experiences. There was a strong preference for family-oriented and inclusive recreation, including programs for individuals with disabilities and active seniors. The enthusiasm extended to aquatic programs, with interest in increased opportunities for track and field, soccer, kayaking and boating.
- Outdoor activities, including walking, biking and kayaking
- Cultural activities and programs
- Family-oriented and inclusive recreation
- Programs for seniors
- Increased access and availability
- Maintain park cleanliness, enhance user-friendliness
- Upgrade playgrounds

- Resolve conflicts in natural areas
- Extend Pioneer Park Pool's operation, coordinate opening times
- Increase staff for diverse programs
- Replace single-use fields with multi-use space
- Utilize social media for local event awareness



## **Meeting #1 Green Cay Nature Center**

Participants indicated a desire to participate in natural and outdoor activities such as walking, visiting the beach, kayaking, and biking.

### Changes to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- Keep the park clean from litter
- More user- friendly, adapt to specialized needs users
- Update playground
- Add more sunshades
- Use sustainable products to as cleaning products and construction materials

### Additions to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- More parks in western communities including more walking area, biking and wildlife space

- Photography exhibits: celebrate local and international photography

What types of facilities and activities would you like to have access to?

- 5 Years:
  - Off-road bike tours and walking area
  - Guided natural tours
  - Learning opportunities on botanical and horticultural topics
- 10 Years:
  - More senior and adult programs
- 20 Years:
  - More park space





### **Meeting #2 Okeetchee Nature Center**

Participants showed support for natural and outdoor activities like walking, visiting wildlife/natural areas, exercising, fishing, boating, kayaking, and going to the beach.

Additionally, there was a need for art and cultural pursuits, such as visiting museums, historical places and attending visual and performing arts events. Participants also expressed a desire for family-oriented and inclusive recreation activities, showing interest in activities like picnicking, programs for individuals with disabilities, attending special events and festivals, and activities for more active seniors.

#### Changes to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- Conflicts between PBC parks (at natural and combined areas)
- Coordinate park opening and closing times

#### Additions to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- Add employees to natural centers
- Increase funding
- Add visible signage in parks
- Add additional waste receptacles in parks
- Increase staff levels/retention
- Improve efficiency of hiring process
- Modernized facilities with digital access
- Add benches in wildlife/natural area
- Closer access to restrooms from ski dock area
- Add boardwalk/birdwatching platforms

#### What types of facilities and activities would you like to have access to?

- 5 Years:
  - Water skiing
  - Add boardwalks



## **Meeting #3 Belle Glade Public Library**

Participants expressed an interest in family recreation activities, particularly catering to active seniors and individuals with disabilities. There was a notable interest in aquatic programs, including water fitness, therapeutic/ warm water programs, splash pads, and swimming lessons. Additionally, participants expressed a desire for increased availability of track and field, soccer, kayaking, boating, and biking activities.

### Changes to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- Extend the operating time of Pioneer Park Pool throughout the entire year
- Upgrade the playground to include obstacle courses

### Additions to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- Meeting Space
- Activities for children with disabilities
- Add running track to support track clubs

- Add bike racks and create bike trails with berms, ramps, wooden features
- Soccer fields
- Tennis courts
- Splash pad
- Amphitheater stage

What types of facilities and activities would you like to have access to?

- 5 Years:
  - Mountain bike park
  - Track field
  - Meeting space
- 10 Years:
  - Pool / Splash pad in Pahokee / South Bay
  - Skate park
  - Amphitheater



### **Meeting # 4 West Jupiter Community Center**

People were mostly interested in family recreation programs for people with disabilities and activities for special events and festivals.

Participants also enjoy natural and outdoor activities and would like to have more of walking, biking routes and wildlife and natural areas.

Changes to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- More staff for more programs
- Replace single use fields with multi-purpose fields
- More physical activities for middle aged people, people with disabilities; evening activities schedule
- Social media to bring awareness of local events, meetings

Additions to Parks or Recreation Programs:

- More day programs for adults with disabilities in north county

- Extend open-gym hours
- Therapeutic recreation
- Multi-use trails for walking, running and biking

What types of facilities and activities would you like to have access to?

- 5 Years:
  - Recreation building for the North County.
  - Therapeutic recreation center in North County
  - More programs and activities for people with disabilities
- 20 Years:
  - Housing development for adults with disabilities





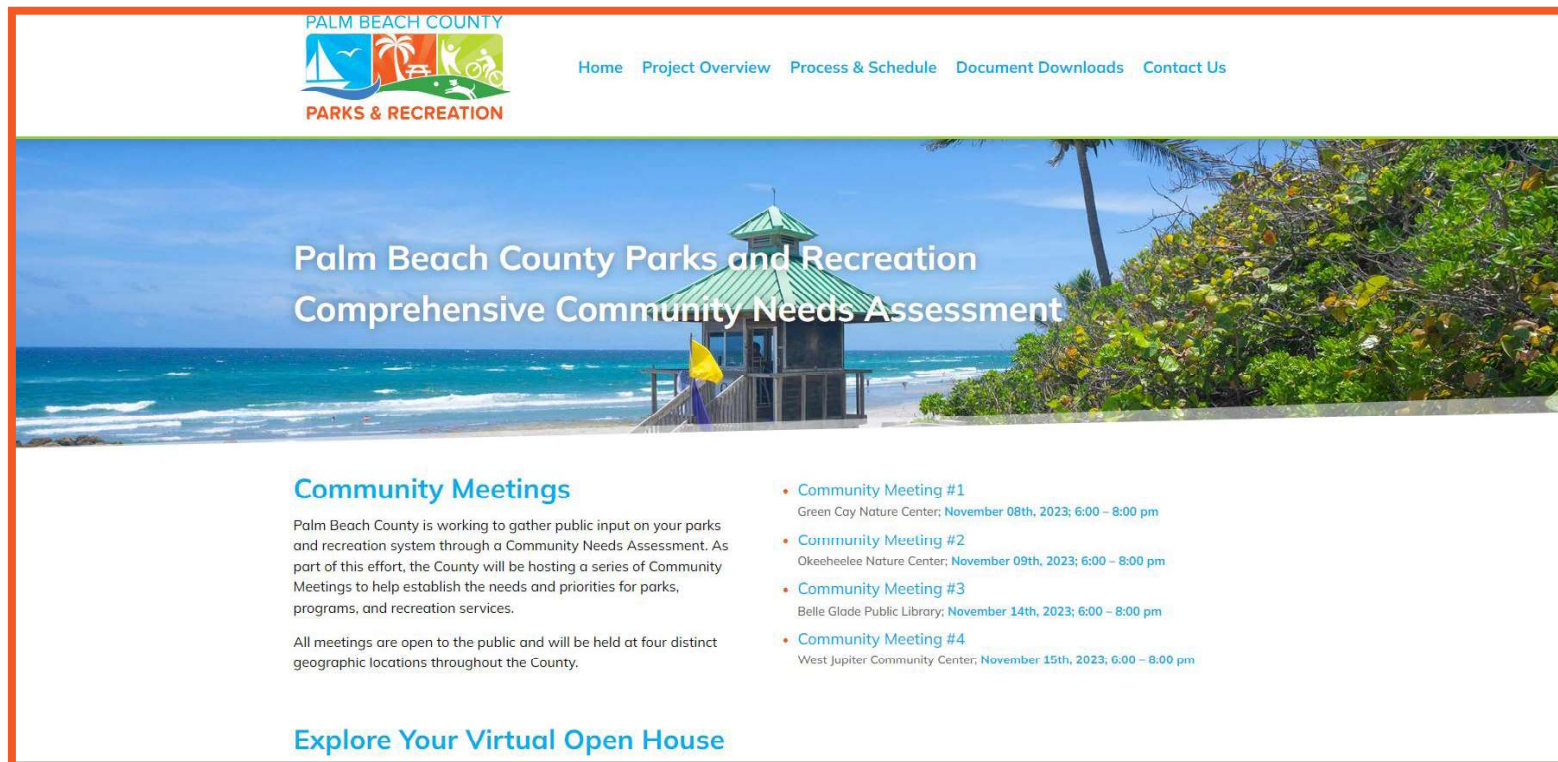
## Project Website

A project website was created at the beginning of the project to keep the community updated on the progress of the plan. This project website also served as a platform for virtual public engagement purposes through the utilization of virtual meeting rooms that hosted all PRCCNA related information along with options for online community feedback. The online survey was also accessed from this site.

## Virtual Open House

As part of the online engagement, community members were invited to visit a Virtual Open House and provide feedback on the needs and priorities for parks and recreation facilities and services for their specific community. Once in the Virtual Open House, participants could watch a welcome video, view information boards, and participate in a series of engagement exercises to provide input. The Virtual Open House remained accessible for three months for the community to learn and provide input on parks and recreation needs and priorities.

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## Virtual Open House Findings

### Participation

As part of the online engagement, community members were invited to visit a Virtual Open House and provide feedback on the needs and priorities for parks and recreation facilities and services for their specific community. Once in the Virtual Open House, participants could watch a welcome video, view information boards, and participate in a series of engagement exercises to provide input. The Virtual Open House remained accessible for three months for the community to learn and provide input on parks and recreation needs and priorities.

1,344

Virtual Room  
Page Views

201

Question  
Responses

61

Open-Ended  
Comments

974

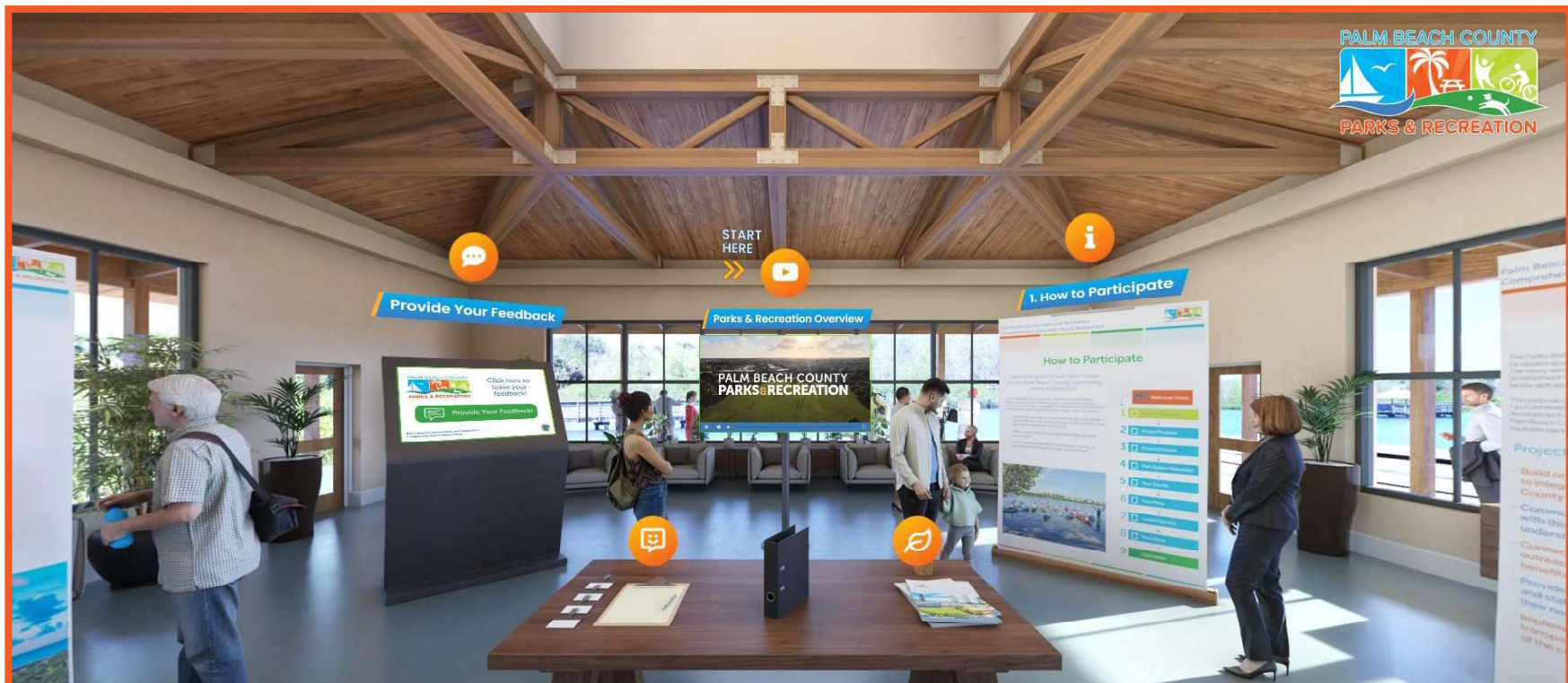
Virtual Room  
Visitors

2,577

Website  
Visitors

81

Engagement  
Portal  
Participants



**Engagement Exercises**

While attending the virtual open house, the participants were asked to answer several questions. These questions were intended to gauge the participant's sentiments towards the current park infrastructure and their vision for the future. They were asked the following questions:

- What activities do you or members of your household currently participate in or have a need for?
- If you could change or add items to your parks or the recreation programs you participate in, what would they be?
- What types of facilities and activities would you like to have access to in 5, 10, and 20 years?
- If you could change or add items to your parks or the recreation programs you participate in, what would they be?

**Common Themes**

The common themes identified through the engagement exercises are as follows:

- Extend hours and timeframe of services
- Participants requested that the park system extend their hours of service to allow for increased access, as well as introduce early morning, evening, and weekend classes. They also mentioned expanding the season for certain recreational activities like the water parks.
- Increase services and recreational activities.
- Participants wanted to see an increase in many existing services and activities that the park system already provides. For example, they mentioned increasing the number of archery classes and bike rentals available, building additional indoor and outdoor pickleball courts, and adding more playground equipment, splash pads, and pools.

- There was also interest in expanding the County's recreational sports teams options to include volleyball, kickball, and swimming, among other sports.
- Improve existing infrastructure
- Many comments included improving existing infrastructure, specifically adding shade structures to the walking and biking paths and playgrounds. Upgrading restrooms and installing more water bottle refill stations was also mentioned.
- Increase equitable access
- Ensuring equitable access to the park system was a high priority for the respondents. This included access for individuals with disabilities, residents from unincorporated areas, and visitors with irregular work schedules. There was a particular interest in ensuring sports fields are available for the Special Olympics.
- Maintaining green space
- Many comments requested the green space throughout the park system remains protected and maintained.

Below are the results for the question regarding which activities the participant or a member of the participant's household currently participates in or have a need for. Top five results from each category are shown.

## Natural/Outdoor Activities

13 Participants

1. Go to the Beach (92%)
2. Walking (85%)
3. Exercising (77%)
4. Visit Wildlife/Natural Areas (77%)
5. Biking (62%)

## Sports/Fitness

11 Participants

1. Fitness Classes (73%)
2. Gymnastics/ Dance (45%)
3. Pickleball (36%)
4. Track and Field (27%)
5. Tennis (27%)

## Family Recreation

12 Participants

1. Special Events/ Festivals (83%)
2. Picnicking (67%)
3. Life Skill Classes (50%)
4. Active Senior (42%)
5. Visit Playground (42%)

## Art/Cultural

12 Participants

1. Visit Museums (83%)
2. Historical Places/ Events (73%)
3. Performing Arts (67%)
4. Visual Arts (58%)

## Youth Programs

11 Participants

1. Youth Aquatics (27%)
2. Sports Development (27%)
3. Pre-School (18%)
4. Camps (18%)
5. After School (18%)

## Aquatic Programs

11 Participants

1. Water Fitness (8%)
2. Swimming for Fun (64%)
3. Therapeutic/ Warm Water (55%)
4. Learn to Swim (27%)
5. Use Splash Pad (9%)

## Community Meetings

### Methodology

The PRCCNA online survey was conducted using the PublicInput.com engagement platform over the course of approximately four months. The survey was designed to seek input from the public for this planning project on various topics such as demographics, usage patterns, barriers to usage, priorities, and communication. The following collection of charts and data highlights results from the online survey. Detailed results of all the survey questions can be found in the Appendices.

### Online Survey Findings

#### Participation

The online survey received over 400 visitors and 200 participants who completed the survey. A summary of participation is below.

**200**  
Participants

**17,264**  
Question Responses

**128**  
Open-Ended Comments

#### Overall satisfaction for program services offered by Palm Beach County

Overall, respondents expressed a high level of satisfaction with the program services offered by the County, with all aspects of program services receiving higher than 80% satisfaction. The respondents were satisfied with the quality of instructors, fees charged for value received, times programs are offered, quality of customer service for registration, quality of facilities where programs are offered, and ease of registration. It is important to note, however, that availability of information about parks and recreation programs and services on the website was also the top aspect of program services that respondents were dissatisfied with (16%). With online medium becoming the preferred mode of accessing information about programs, having a streamlined website is essential. The County should continue improving online platforms and ensure websites are updated and easy to navigate.

#### Top 5 Aspects of Program Services with Highest Satisfaction

1. Quality of Instructors (92%)
2. Fees Charged for Value Received (88%)
3. Times Programs are Offered (87%)
4. Quality of Customer Service for Registration (87%)
5. Quality of Facility where Program is Offered / Ease of Registration (85%)



### **Facilities Needing the Most Attention**

When asked to rate their satisfaction for parks and recreation facilities, respondents also expressed a high level of satisfaction for facilities that they used. In addition to asking participants to rate their satisfaction with current facilities, respondents were also asked to rate the facilities they felt needed the most attention over the next two years. Responses indicated that attention was needed at beaches, multi-use trails, large regional parks, pickleball courts, nature centers, and small neighborhood parks. This aligns with input received through other questions in the survey, as well as other methods of engagement conducted across the process.

### **Barriers to Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities**

Parks or facilities being too far from residences was listed as the topmost reason preventing household members from using parks and recreation facilities. Another top barrier was “program or facility not offered”, which can partially be attributed to a lack of awareness of what is being offered. Improvement to the marketing of programs and services could potentially help mitigate the perception that programs or facilities are not offered. Using other community or municipal facilities was also a top reason preventing use of County facilities, highlighting the need for coordination to reduce potential duplication of services. The results of the type of facilities most needed by respondents is consistent with the results of other public engagement efforts. The results express a need for beaches (48%), restrooms (47%), large regional parks (45%), shaded areas (43%), small neighborhood parks (41%), nature centers (41%), open green space (41%), multi-use trails (40%), picnic pavilions and shelters (35%), and recreation centers (34%).

### **Top 5 Facilities Needing the Most Attention Over the Next Two Years**

1. Beaches (40%)
2. Multi-use Trails (26%)
3. Large Regional Parks (18%)
4. Pickleball Courts (18%)
5. Small Neighborhood Parks (17%)

### **Top 5 Reasons Preventing Residents from Using Parks, Greenways, Recreation Facilities, or Programs**

1. Parks/Facilities Too Far From Residence (35%)
2. Program or Facility Not Offered (24%)
3. I Do Not Know What is Being Offered (24%)
4. Other (21%)
5. Parks/Facilities are Too Crowded / I Use Private or Other Community's Facilities (19%)

## **Facilities Most Needed by Respondents**

The results of the type of facilities most needed by respondents is consistent with the results of other public engagement efforts. The results express a need for beaches (48%), restrooms (47%), large regional parks (45%), shaded areas (43%), small neighborhood parks (41%), nature centers (41%), open green space (41%), multi-use trails (40%), picnic pavilions and shelters (35%), and recreation centers (34%).

## **Facilities Most Important to Respondents**

The facilities that are most important to the residents of Palm Beach County largely align with the facilities that residents had the most need for. Top facilities include beaches (48%), multi-use trails (32%), large regional parks (28%), nature centers (22%), open green space (19%), pickleball courts (18%), playgrounds (17%), restrooms (16%), small neighborhood parks (15%), and shaded areas (15%).

### **Top 10 Facilities Most Needed by Respondents**

1. Beaches
2. Restrooms
3. Large Regional Parks
4. Shaded Areas
5. Small Neighborhood Parks
6. Nature Center
7. Open Green Space
8. Multi-use Trails
9. Picnic Pavilions and Shelters
10. Recreation Centers

### **Top 10 Facilities Most Important to Respondents**

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3. Large Regional Parks
4. Nature Centers
5. Open Green Space
6. Pickleball Courts
7. Playgrounds
8. Restrooms
9. Small Neighborhood Parks
10. Shaded Areas

### **Programs Most Needed by Respondents**

Respondents listed several at-will recreational activities and programs as some of their top needs. Activities and programs ranking highly included nature/environmental enjoyment (47%), outdoor/adventure recreation (47%), concerts (44%), history and museums (43%), performing arts (39%), special events (38%), health and wellness (37%), water-related activities (37%), active adult activities (36%), and socializing (35%). These needs coincide with the current recreational trends of people wanting to participate in more at-will activities versus planned programs such as sports activities.

### **Programs Most Important to Respondents**

The programs and activities that are most important to the residents of Palm Beach County largely align with the facilities that residents had the most need for. Top activities and programs include nature/environmental enjoyment (50%), outdoor/adventure recreation (38%), active adult activities (30%), concerts (28%), health and wellness (25%), boating/sailing (18%), family-focused programs and special events (18%), tennis/pickleball programs and leagues (16%), adult athletic leagues (14%), and history and museums (13%).

## **Top 10 Activities or Programs Most Needed by Respondents**

1. Nature/Environmental Enjoyment
2. Outdoor/Adventure Recreation
3. Concerts
4. History and Museums
5. Performing Arts
6. Special Events
7. Health and Wellness
8. Water-related Activities
9. Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities
10. Socializing

## **Top 10 Activities or Programs Most Important to Respondents**

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3. Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities
4. Concerts
5. Health and Wellness
6. Boating/Sailing
7. Family-Focused Programs and Special Events
8. Tennis/Pickleball Programs and Leagues
9. Adult Athletic Leagues
10. History and Museums

**Sources of Information about County's Recreational Programs and Activities**

A majority of the survey respondents indicated learning about the County's programs and activities through email blasts, County/department website, social media posts, other websites, and printed publications. This is a reflection of the County's consistent efforts to ensure the community stays informed. However, in the barriers to parks and facilities use online survey question, around 24% of respondents cited not knowing what is being offered as one of the top barriers to using the County's programs and facilities.

**Actions to Improve the Parks and Recreation System**

In an effort to identify how resources should be allocated to improve the park system, respondents were asked which actions they would support with their tax dollars. Top actions selected by respondents included maintain/improve existing beach parks, develop new nature trails and greenways, maintain/improve existing parks, maintain/improve existing nature centers/natural areas, and maintain/improve existing trails and greenways .

**Top 5 Methods  
Most Preferred  
Methods of  
Communication**

1. E-mail Newsletters (69%)
2. County/Department Website (53%)
3. Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.) (45%)
4. Search Engine/Other Website (28%)
5. Printed Publications/Leisure Time Magazine (19%)

**Top 5  
Actions to  
Improve the  
Parks and  
Recreation  
System**

1. Maintain/Improve Existing Beach Parks (50%)
2. Develop New Nature Trails and Greenways (47%)
3. Maintain/Improve Existing Parks (33%)
4. Maintain/Improve Existing Nature Centers/Natural Areas (30%)
5. Maintain/Improve Trails and Greenways



## Statistically Valid Survey

### Methodology

In conjunction with the other engagement techniques, the project team also administered a statistically valid parks and recreation survey for Palm Beach County during the winter months of 2023. The survey results helped determine park and recreation priorities for the county at large, as well as specific communities throughout Palm Beach County.

Survey packets were mailed to a random sample of households in Palm Beach County. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at [PalmBeachCountySurvey.org](https://PalmBeachCountySurvey.org).

After the surveys were mailed, the project team followed up with residents to encourage participation. To prevent people who were not residents of Palm Beach County from participating,

everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. The project team then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to collect a minimum of 1,200 completed surveys from residents. The goal was met with 1,212 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 1,212 households has a precision of at least +/- 2.8 at the 95% level of confidence. Major findings from the survey can be found on the following pages. Results were also cross-tabulated for twelve distinct planning areas across the County to capture the unique needs of the communities in each area.

## Palm Beach County Facilities/Amenities Use

### Use of Facilities/Amenities

Respondents were asked to select all the facilities/amenities their household uses. Beaches (79%), restrooms (65%), and small neighborhood parks (57%) were selected most often by respondents. If respondents did use the facility/amenity, they were asked to rate their satisfaction. Respondents were most satisfied (rating “satisfied” or “very satisfied”) with nature centers (91%), large regional parks (90%), and golf courses (89%). Respondents said the most important facilities/amenities to their households are beaches (45%), restrooms (27%), and multi-use trails (22%).

**Transportation Methods**

Respondents most often travel to parks and recreation facilities via driving (92%) followed by walking (42%).

**Parks and Green Space**

Almost an equal percentage of respondents feel there is sufficient parks and green space areas within walking distance of their residence (46%) and that there is not (47%).

**Barriers to Recreation Use**

Respondents most often noted parks/facilities being too far from residence (28%), not knowing what is offered (23%), and insufficient security/loitering (19%).

**Benefits of Parks, Trails, and Recreation Facilities**

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with 10 potential benefits provided by parks, trails, and recreation facilities. Respondents most often agreed (rating “agree” or “strongly agree”) with the benefit of preserving open space and the environment (94%), improving physical health and fitness (93%), and improving mental health and reducing stress (92%).

**Palm Beach County Programs Participation****Recreation Program Use**

Twenty-five percent (25%) of respondents report participating in recreation programs offered by Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation during the past two years. Of those who have participated, over half (56%) participated in two to three programs. Respondents most often use parks, facilities, and programs during weekday evenings (31%).

**Satisfaction with Programs**

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with 10 aspects of recreation programs. Respondents were most satisfied (rating “satisfied” or “very satisfied”) with the overall quality of programs (86%), the times programs were offered (85%), and the location of programs (82%).

**Communication Methods**

Respondents most often learn about Palm Beach County recreational programs/activities via word of mouth (56%), social media (54%), and the county/department website (45%). Respondents would most prefer to use social media (58%), email newsletters (45%), and the county/department website (42%).

**Development and Funding**

Respondents most often support (rating “somewhat supportive” or “very supportive”) maintaining/improving existing parks (87%), maintaining/improving existing beach parks (87%), and maintaining/improving existing nature centers/natural areas (85%). The three actions respondents would be most willing to fund with their tax dollars are maintaining/improving existing beach parks (45%), developing new nature trails and greenways (35%), and maintaining/improving existing nature centers/natural areas (32%).

**Willingness to Pay for Improvements**

Respondents were asked to indicate what the maximum amount of additional funding they would be willing to pay per month to fund improvements to parks and facilities. Respondents most often selected \$4-5 (24%), \$1-3 (21%), and nothing (21%).

## Parks and Recreation Facilities Needs and Priorities

### Facility Needs

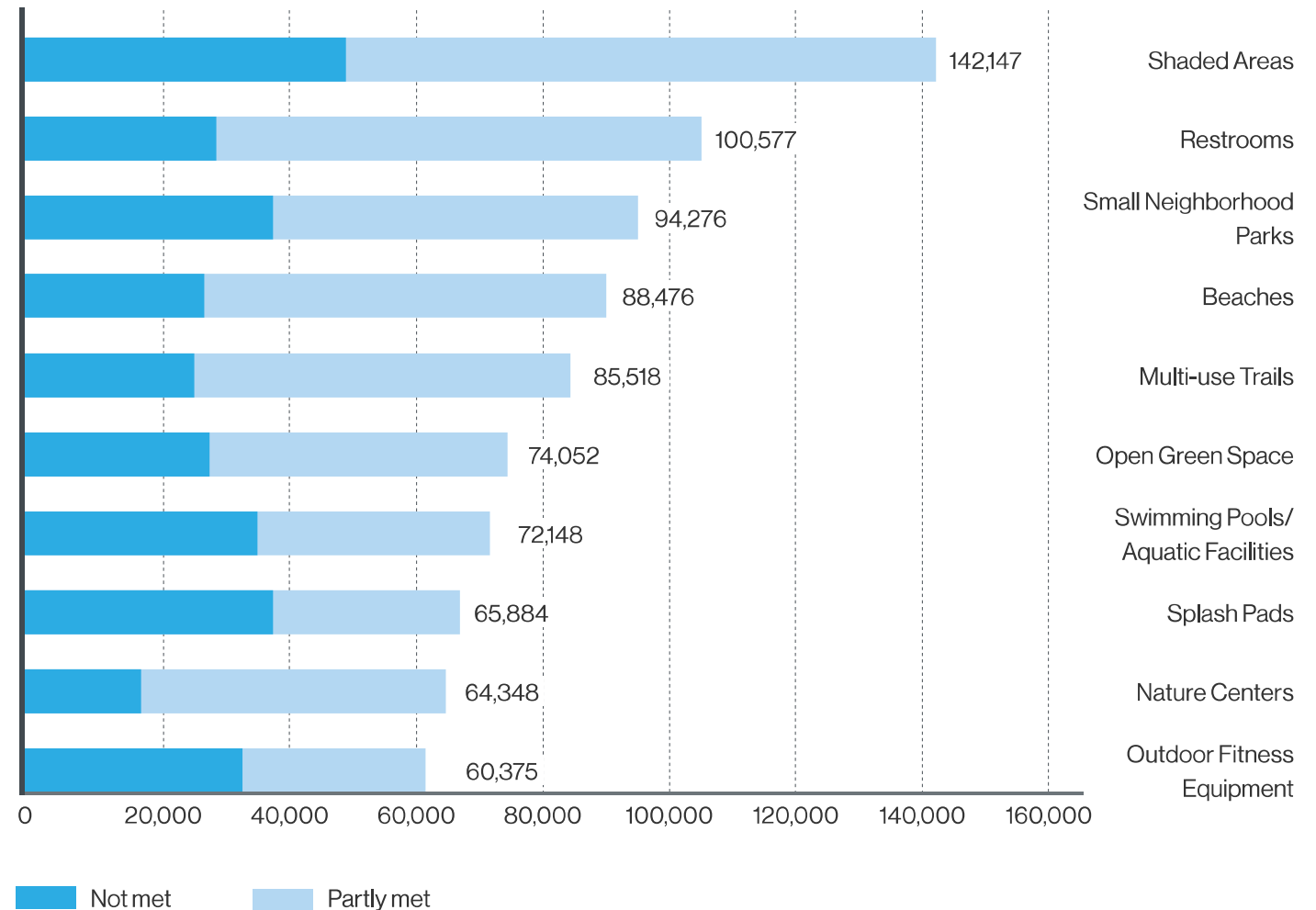
Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 30 different parks and recreation facilities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three parks and recreation facilities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need were:

1. Shaded areas – 142,147 households
2. Restrooms – 100,577 households
3. Small neighborhood parks – 94,276 households

The top ten percentages of residents who selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in **Figure 5.2**.

**Figure 5.2: Estimated Number of Households Whose Facility/Amenity Needs Are Only “Partly Met” or “Not Met”**



## Facilities Importance

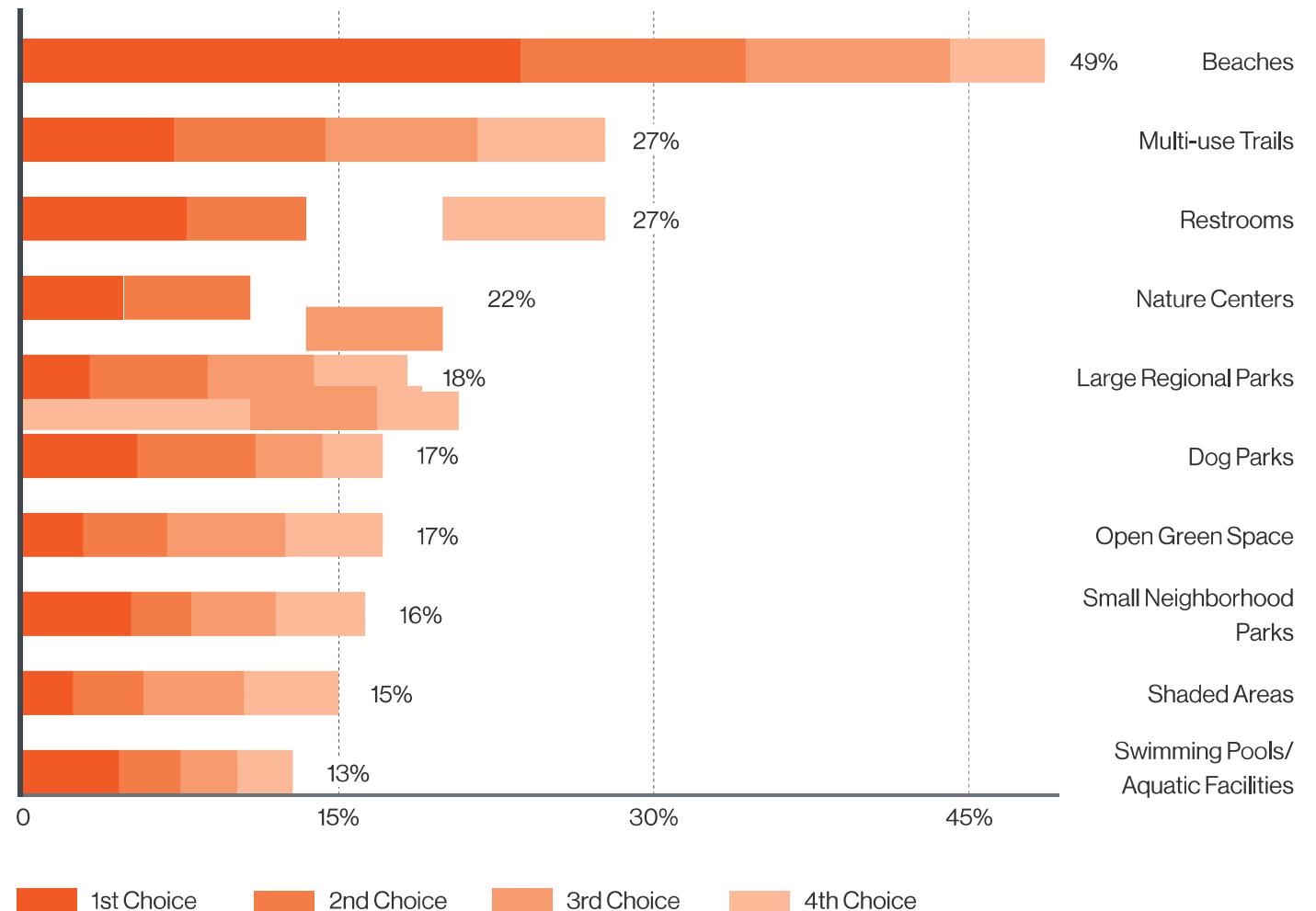
In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item.

Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these were the four facilities ranked most important to residents:

1. Beaches (49%)
2. Multi-use trails (27%)
3. Restrooms (27%)
4. Nature centers (22%)

The top ten percentages of residents who selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in **Figure 5.3**.

**Figure 5.3: Facilities/Amenities Most Important to Households**





## Recreation Program Needs and Priorities

### Recreation Program Needs

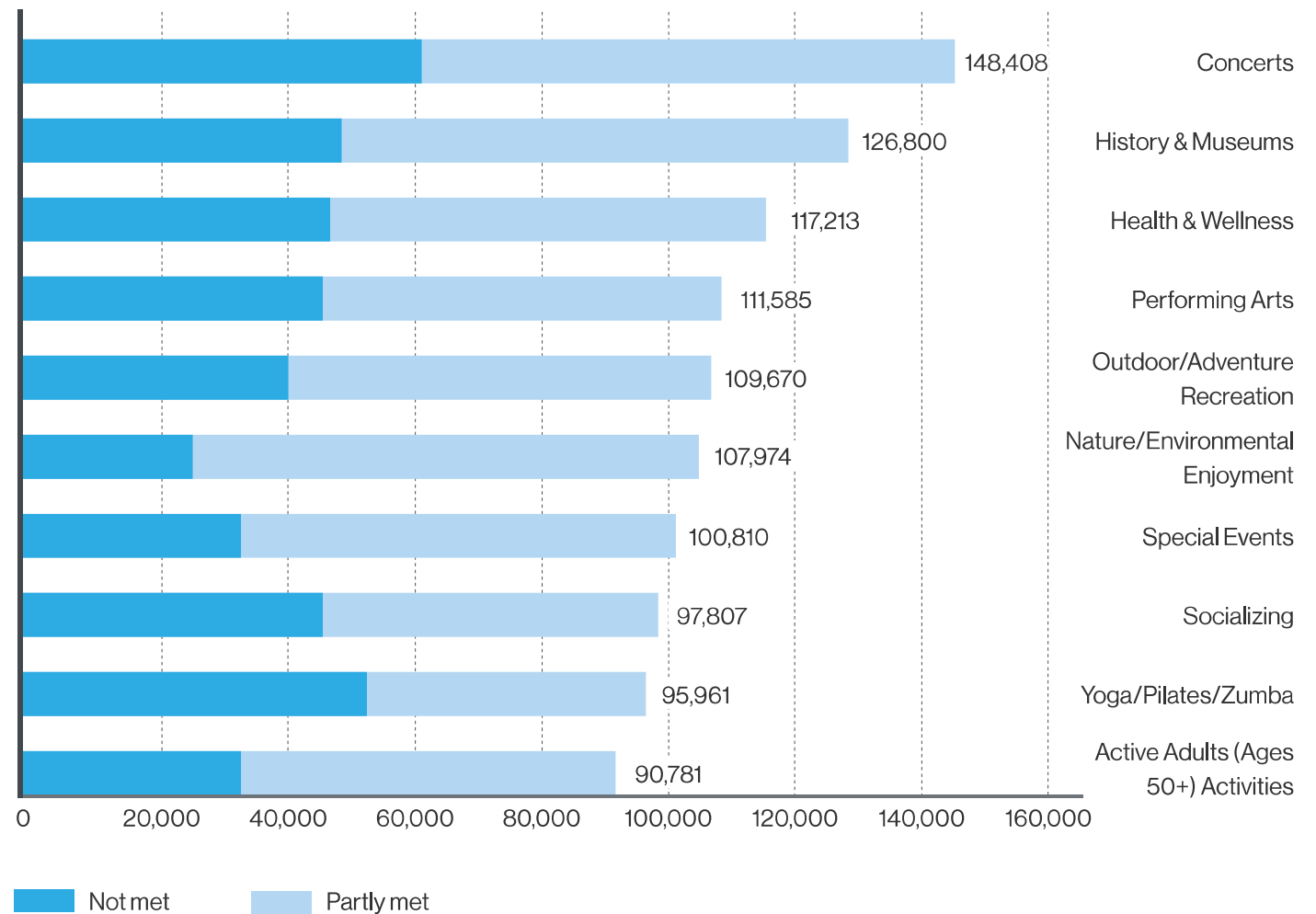
Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 29 recreation programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various recreation programs.

The three programs with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need were:

1. Concerts (148,408 households)
2. History and museums (126,800 households)
3. Health and wellness (117,213 households)

The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 29 programs assessed is shown in **Figure 5.4**.

**Figure 5.4: Estimated Number of Households Whose Program Needs Are Only “Partly Met” or “Not Met”**



## Programs Importance

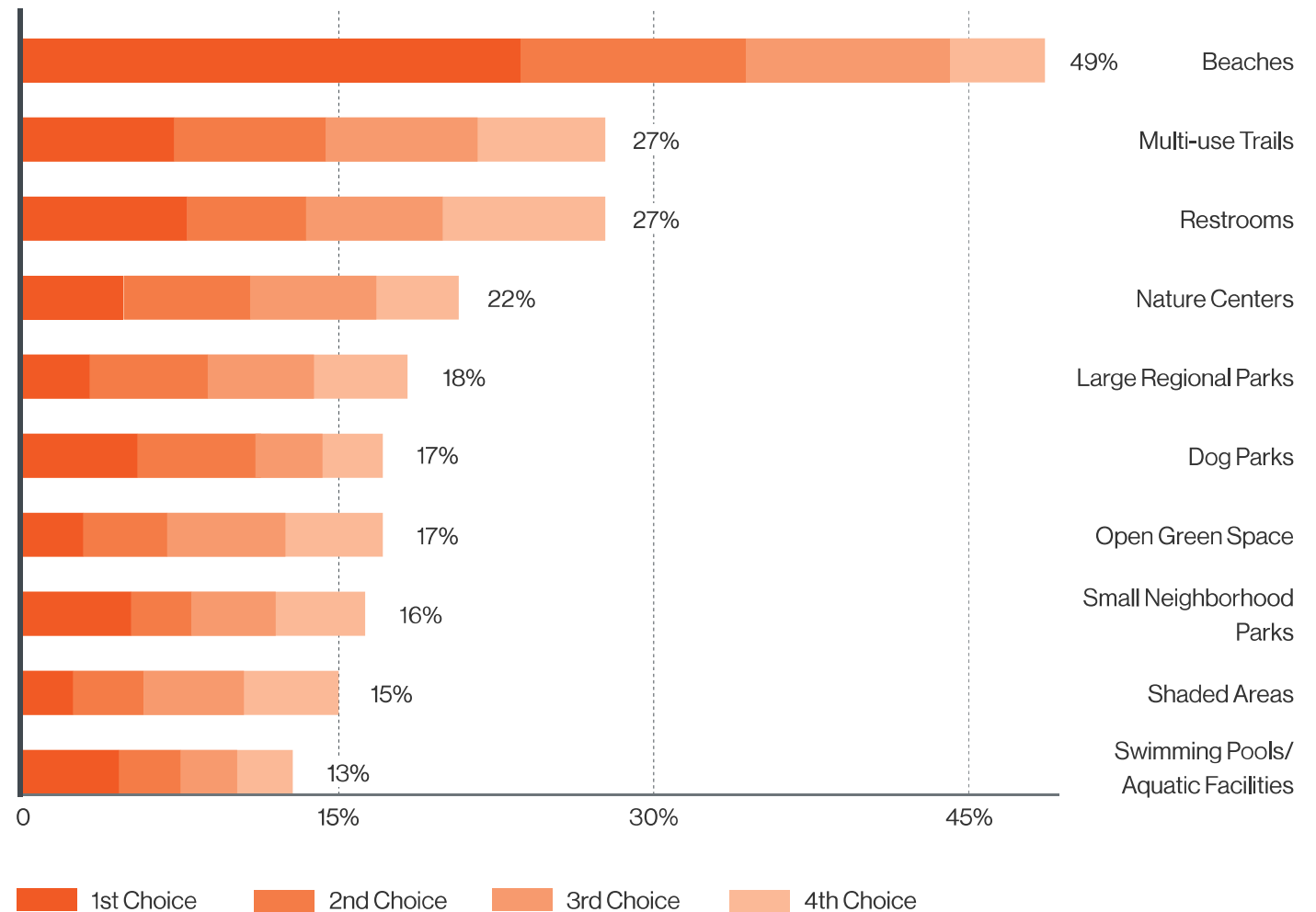
In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item.

Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these were the four programs ranked most important to residents:

1. Nature/environmental enjoyment (34%)
2. Outdoor/adventure recreation (26%) and Concerts (26%)
3. History and museums (20%) and Health & Wellness (20%)
4. Active adult (ages 50+) activities (18%)

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top four choices is shown in **Figure 5.5**.

**Figure 5.5: Facilities/Amenities Most Important to Households**



## Priority Investment Rating

### Facilities/Amenities

The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The PIR equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility. Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in the Appendix.

Based on the PIR, the following parks/facilities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Beaches (PIR=163)
- Shaded areas (PIR=131)
- Restrooms (PIR=126)
- Multi-use trails (PIR=116)

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following programs were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Concerts (PIR=175)
- Nature/environmental enjoyment (PIR=173)
- Outdoor/adventure recreation (PIR=150)
- History and museums (PIR=145)
- Health and wellness (PIR=138)
- Active adult (ages 50+) activities (PIR=114)
- Performing arts (PIR=109)
- Special events (PIR=103)

The lists below shows the top ten Priority Investment Rating for both facilities and programs assessed on the survey.

## Top 10 Priorities for Investment for Facilities/ Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating

1. Beaches (163)
2. Shaded Areas (131)
3. Restrooms (126)
4. Multi-use Trails (116)
5. Small Neighborhood Parks (99)
6. Nature Centers (90)
7. Open Green Space (86)
8. Swimming Pools/Aquatic Facilities (78)
9. Dog Parks (69)
10. Large Regional Parks (66)

## Top 10 Activities or Programs Most Needed by Respondents

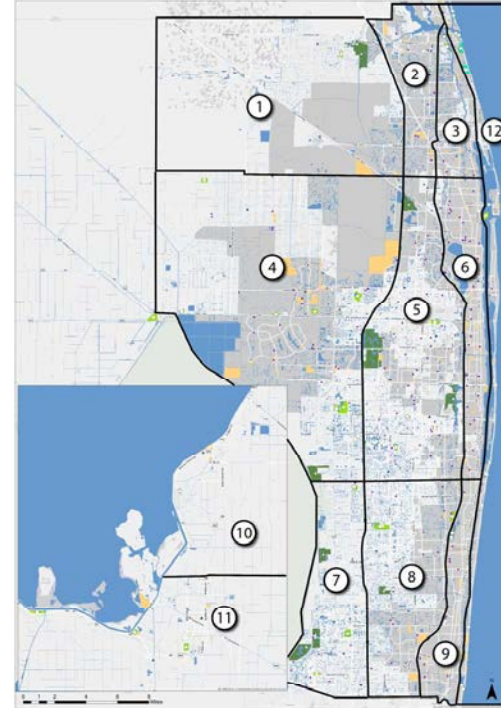
1. Concerts (175)
2. Nature/Environmental Enjoyment (173)
3. Outdoor/Adventure Recreation (150)
4. History & Museums (145)
5. Health & Wellness (138)
6. Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities (114)
7. Performing Arts (109)
8. Special Events (103)
9. Yoga/Pilates/Zumba (96)
10. Family-Focused Special Events (96)

## Planning Areas

### Recreation Program Use

In addition to County-wide results, the survey findings were cross-tabulated across twelve distinct planning areas in order to capture the needs and priorities of the diverse communities throughout Palm Beach County. Shown in the map on the right, the areas are:

1. North West
2. North Central
3. North East
4. Central West
5. Central Central
6. Central East
7. South West
8. South Central
9. South East
10. Pahokee
11. Belle Glade
12. Barrier Islands



Palm Beach County Planning Area Location Map

## Planning Area Findings

In general, planning area findings were consistent with findings at the County-wide level. However, there were some areas where distinct differences in needs and priorities could be found across the planning areas. Below is a list of common themes identified through the cross-tabulation exercise:

- Satisfaction with recreation facilities is relatively high across the County, however satisfaction with athletic facilities tended to be lower in the Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Central planning areas.
- Most respondents were satisfied with water-related facilities with the exception of the Central planning areas where dissatisfaction increased.
- Satisfaction levels for multi-use trails were high for all areas except for the Belle Glade and Pahokee planning areas.
- Most planning areas expressed a strong level of satisfaction for large regional parks with the exception of the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and the North West Planning areas, while satisfaction with small neighborhood parks tended to be lower across several planning areas.
- Dissatisfaction with overall quality of recreation programs was highest in the Pahokee, Belle Glade, and North Central, and South East Planning areas.



- While most respondents indicated that driving was the primary mode of transportation for accessing parks and recreation facilities, alternative transportation was more prevalent in the Pahokee, North Central, North East, Central East, Belle Glade, South East, and Barrier Islands planning areas.
- Respondents in the Central East, Central Central, Belle Glade, South Central, and South West planning areas indicated they do not feel there are sufficient parks and green space areas within walking distance to their residence.
- The most common reason for not using recreation facilities was that facilities are too far from residence, with the exception of North West (too crowded), North East (do not know locations), Barrier Islands and South Central (do not know what is offered), and South East (security).
- Respondents in all planning areas indicated that their needs for parks and recreation facilities were met or partly met, with the exception of pickleball in the North West and Belle Glade planning areas, soccer fields in the Central East planning area, and splash pads in the North West and Barrier Islands planning areas.
- Pahokee, South, and Central planning areas typically indicated the highest level of unmet needs across a range of parks and facilities.
- Beaches were the most important facility to households with the exception of the Pahokee planning area (community centers and rental facilities).
- Programs and activities that respondents indicated an unmet need for across all planning areas included adult athletic leagues, active adult (ages 50+) , adaptive sports/therapeutic recreation, adult and youth learn to swim, aerobics, aquatic related activities , esports, performing arts, and toddler/pre-k activities.

- Pahokee, Belle Glade, South, and Central planning areas typically indicated the highest level of unmet needs across a range of programs and activities.
- The most common ways respondents across all planning areas learn about Palm Beach County recreational programs and activities are County/department website, social media, and word of mouth, with the most preferred methods of communication being County/department website, social media, and email newsletters.
- Respondents across all planning areas were generally supportive of maintaining/improving existing beach parks, maintaining/improving existing parks and recreation facilities, and developing new nature trails and greenways.
- Respondents in Belle Glade largely favored developing new larger community parks, while respondents in all planning areas aside from Pahokee, North East, Barrier Islands, and South West expressed support for developing small neighborhood parks.
- A majority of respondents across all planning areas were in agreement with the benefits provided by parks listed in the survey.

**Table 5.6** on the following pages shows the top five most important selections for both facilities and programs/activities across all planning areas. Detailed results of the cross-tabulation exercise can be found in the Appendix.

**Table 5.6: Top 5 Most Important Facilities and Programs/Activities by Planning Area**

North West	North Central	North East	Central West	Central Central	Central East
<b>Facilities</b>					
Beaches	Beaches	Beaches	Beaches	Beaches	Beaches
Multi-use Trails	Multi-use Trails	Multi-use Trails	Large Regional Parks	Multi-use Trails	Multi-use Trails
Restrooms	Open Green Space	Open Green Space	Dog Parks	Restrooms	Restrooms
Nature Centers	Nature Centers	Restrooms	Multi-use Trails	Large Regional Parks	Small Neighborhood Parks
Dog Parks	Shaded Areas	Boat Launches	Small Neighborhood Parks	Nature Centers	Swimming Pools/ Aquatic Facilities
<b>Programs/Activities</b>					
Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment
Outdoor/ Adventure Recreation	Outdoor/ Adventure Recreation	Outdoor/ Adventure Recreation	Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities	Outdoor/ Adventure Recreation	Outdoor/Adventure Recreation
Health & Wellness	Family-Focused Programs & Special Events	Concerts	Health & Wellness	Concerts	Concerts
History & Museums	History & Museums	Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities	Concerts	History & Museums	History & Museums
Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities	Concerts	Water-Related Activities	Outdoor/Adventure Recreation	Family-Focused Programs & Special	Water-Related Activities

**Table 5.6 Continued: Top 5 Most Important Facilities and Programs/Activities by Planning Area**

South West	South Central	South East	Pahokee	Belle Glade	Barrier Islands
<b>Facilities</b>					
Beaches	Beaches	Beaches	Community Centers & Rental Facilities	Beaches	Beaches
Multi-use Trails	Nature Centers	Multi-use Trails	Shaded Areas	Playgrounds	Golf Courses
Nature Centers	Large Regional Parks	Nature Centers	Nature Centers	Restrooms	Dog Parks
Golf Courses	Shaded Areas	Open Green Space	Restrooms	Swimming Pools/ Aquatic Facilities	Restrooms
Dog Parks	Open Green Space	Small Neighborhood Parks	Athletic Facilities	Picnic Pavilions & Shelters	Community Centers & Rental Facilities
<b>Programs/Activities</b>					
Concerts	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Concerts	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Using Wi-Fi	Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities
Outdoor/ Adventure Recreation	Concerts	Health & Wellness	History & Museums	Health & Wellness	Concerts
Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities	Nature/ Environmental Enjoyment	Concerts	Adult Learn to Swim	Special Events
Active Adult (Ages 50+) Activities	History & Museums	Special Events	Family-Focused Programs & Special	Boating/Sailing	History & Museums
Performing Arts	Health & Wellness	Outdoor/Adventure Recreation	Visual Arts	Family-Focused Programs & Special	Outdoor/Adventure Recreation

## Methodology

Building on the information gathered through previous planning efforts and an inventory of the park system, the project team utilized a wide-range of techniques to conduct a comprehensive, county-wide needs and priorities assessment. The techniques utilized are a combination of industry best practices that provide a system of cross checks to determine the community's top parks and recreation needs and priorities.

The extensive engagement conducted during the Needs Assessment process resulted in the participation of over 1,600 residents and a wealth of input on the future of their parks and recreation system. When analyzing the results from the all engagement efforts, common themes and shared community needs and priorities can be derived for parks, recreation facilities and programs in Palm Beach County.





## Common Themes

- High level of satisfaction with the parks, facilities and programs provided by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department
- Acknowledgment of the benefit that parks, natural areas, and recreation facilities provide to the residents of Palm Beach County
- Strong emphasis on access to natural areas, conservation lands, beaches, and at-will recreation opportunities
- Connections to greenways and trails at both the neighborhood and regional level
- Residents expressed a strong desire for concerts, special events and family-oriented programs and events
- Participants indicated a strong desire for additional restrooms in parks and recreation areas
- Provide a balanced system across the County that works in conjunction with municipalities to ensure resident needs and priorities are met in each unique community
- Increase safety, security, and accessibility for parks and recreation facilities
- Sustainability and resilience throughout the park system and the County as a whole are important factors in the development of park facilities
- Continue to address population growth by providing additional neighborhood parks, as well as large community-based facilities that offer new opportunities
- Continue to improve marketing and promotion of available facilities and programming opportunities to ensure the community knows what is available
- Ensure that programs and recreation opportunities are easily accessible and affordable for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities
- Continue to provide opportunities for programs and facilities that promote arts, culture and history
- Maintain and improve existing parks to ensure the high level of quality that residents value is carried into the future
- Provide flexible, multi-purpose, multi-use and multi-generational parks and recreation facilities
- Increase staff at parks and recreation facilities and provide additional training to ensure service delivery remains at a high level

## Common Themes

Through the compilation of findings from a mixed-method engagement approach, a number of parks and recreation needs and priorities emerged. The table to the right is an overview of the findings from each analysis technique, which were further refined based on common needs and priorities from each method.

Six techniques were used during this process in order to offer a variety of opportunities to the public and also to cross-check results and better determine an accurate understanding of common needs and priorities.

**Figure 5.7** summarizes the synthesized findings of these methods, which included online engagement, community and stakeholder meetings, and a statistically valid survey.

The top facilities and program needs are highlighted in **Table 5.8**. These facilities and activities are identified through these six techniques to have the highest level of importance and largest unmet need by the community.

**Figure 5.7: Facility and Activity Needs and Priorities Summary**

### Top Facility Needs and Priorities

1. Beaches
2. Multi-use Trails
3. Shaded Areas
4. Small Neighborhood Parks
5. Nature Centers/Natural Areas
6. Large Regional Parks
7. Restrooms
8. Swimming Pools/Aquatic Facilities
9. Water Access Facilities
10. Open Green Space

### Top Activity or Program Needs and Priorities

1. Nature/Environmental Enjoyment
2. Outdoor Adventure Recreation
3. Health and Wellness
4. Concerts and Special Events
5. Family-Focused Programs and Events
6. Water-Related Activities
7. History and Museums
8. Active Adult Activities
9. Performing Arts
10. Fitness Classes

Table 5.8: Needs Assessment Summary

● = Indicates Highest Need

● = Indicates Need

		Virtual Open House	Community Meetings	Stakeholder Interviews	Focus Groups	Online Survey	Statistically Valid Survey
Facilities	1 Beaches	●	●	●	●	●	●
	2 Multi-use Trails	●	●	●	●	●	●
	3 Shaded Areas	●	●	●	●	●	●
	4 Small Neighborhood Parks	●	●	●	●	●	●
	5 Nature Centers/Natural Areas	●	●	●	●	●	●
	6 Large Regional Parks	●	●	●	●	●	●
	7 Restrooms	●	●		●	●	●
	8 Swimming Pools/Aquatic Facilities	●	●	●	●	●	●
	9 Water Access Facilities	●	●	●	●	●	●
	10 Open Green Space	●		●	●	●	●
Activities and Programs	1 Nature/Environmental Enjoyment	●	●	●	●	●	●
	2 Outdoor/Adventure Recreation	●	●	●	●	●	●
	3 Health and Wellness	●	●	●	●	●	●
	4 Concerts and Special Events	●	●	●	●	●	●
	5 Family-Focused Programs and Events	●	●	●	●	●	●
	6 Water-Related Activities	●	●	●	●	●	●
	7 History and Museums	●		●	●	●	●
	8 Active Adult Activities		●	●	●	●	●
	9 Performing Arts	●		●	●	●	●
	10 Fitness Classes						

## Conclusion

The Needs Assessment establishes a clear set of shared community parks and recreation needs and priorities that were synthesized from the mixed method approach utilized during this needs assessment process. These results provide valuable insight into where the County should allocate future resources as well as additional planning efforts that can help ensure the shared community needs and priorities are met. The following list outlines recommendations that should be considered by the County following the assessment.

- Continue to develop the Parks and Recreation Department's ongoing Master Plan with visionary and implementation-focused components to accompany the Needs Assessment
- Include the findings from the Needs Assessment into all planning, design and development decision making for facilities or programs and make results from the PRCCNA available to all complementary providers within the County
- Develop a set of park design guidelines that help guide the design and development of future park and recreation facilities and ensure they align with the findings from the Needs Assessment, particularly with regard to conservation, sustainability and resilience
- Identify partners/providers in the County and the South Florida region to help the department achieve goals and meet define delivery roles
- Enhance department marketing efforts with an emphasis on increasing awareness of available park facilities, recreation programs and special events
- Evaluate maintenance practices and future needs along with benchmark data to effectively utilize available resources and increase overall quality of the parks system
- Coordinate with municipalities for joint-development of multi-use trails, greenways, blueways, and access points
- Ensure a land acquisition program is in place to maintain levels of service and conservation efforts as the County continues to grow
- Continue to engage the public on all planning, design and development projects to address changing community needs and priorities over time





# CHAPTER

# 6



## *Land Acquisition*

## Target Areas for Land Acquisition

The acquisition of additional park land into the County's park system is critical to ensure the needs of the county's residents are being met now and into the future. The Department will continue to pursue land acquisition whenever feasible, with a particular focus on acquiring land in underserved neighborhoods, where sports tourism is strategically an economic benefit, as well as in areas of the county where future park land would benefit the most residents.

## Past Land Acquisition Strategy

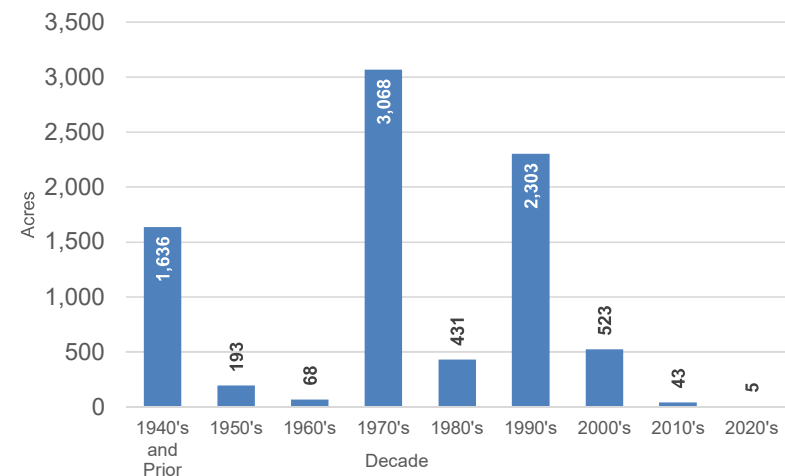
Like most Parks and Recreation agencies across the country the Parks and Recreation Department did not have a formal land acquisition strategy in place during its formative growth years. Past land acquisitions were determined primarily by Comprehensive Plan needs, negotiations between private developers and the County during the development approval process, property donations and Bond initiatives which mandated the acquisition of land for beaches and other recreational purposes. The Department has been very fortunate to have leadership that had a vision for the growth and development of the County's park system which has continually allowed the Department to provide a level-of-service that meets the needs of the county's residents.

The majority of the Department's land acquisition occurred in three decades: the 1940's (the land for John Prince Park was acquired in 1939), the 1970's as the county's population growth began to surge and in the 1990's as continued population growth and subsequent Bond measures/ Impact Fee revenue growth allowed for the purchase of significant acreage for eventual park development.

Land acquisition efforts by the Department have declined steadily over the past two decades as a result of decreasing land availability, the high cost for undeveloped land and lack of funding available to purchase land. In those instances where the Department had funding in place to acquire land it has been outbid by private developers who could move more

quickly to acquire or develop the land for housing given the county's high home values. As the county nears build out the availability of additional land needed to keep pace with population growth forecasts continues to dwindle, forcing the County to either build a sufficient financial reserve to outbid private developers when attempting to acquire land and/or to enter into creative partnerships with other government agencies and non-profits to jointly use land for recreational purposes.

**Figure 6.1 - Park Acres Acquired per Decade**



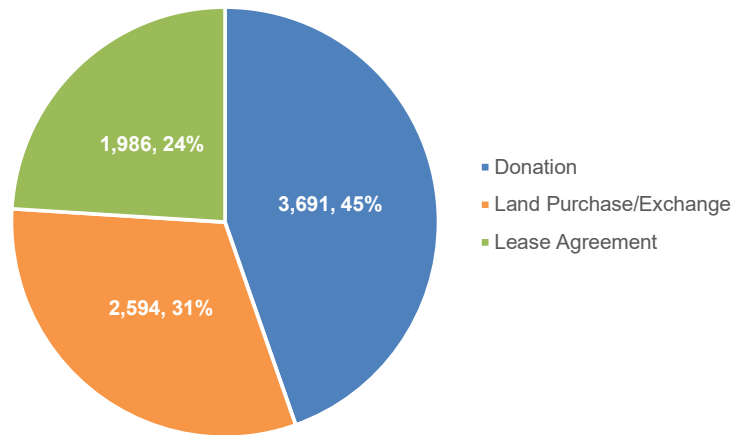
## Funding Sources for Land Acquisition

The Parks and Recreation Department has historically relied on three methods to acquire land for park development:

- Donations (Developer, Other Government Agency or Private Citizen)
- Land Purchase or Exchange
- Lease Agreements with Other Government Agencies

Approximately 45% of all the land acquired by the County for park use was done through donations by developers, private land owners or other government agencies. Another 31% was acquired through purchase or exchange and the remaining 24% through lease agreements. Funding for those purchased properties have come from a variety of funding sources including Park Impact Fees, Revenue Bonds, General Obligation Bonds, and State and Federal grants.

**Figure 6.2 - Methods of Park Acres Acquisition by Percent**

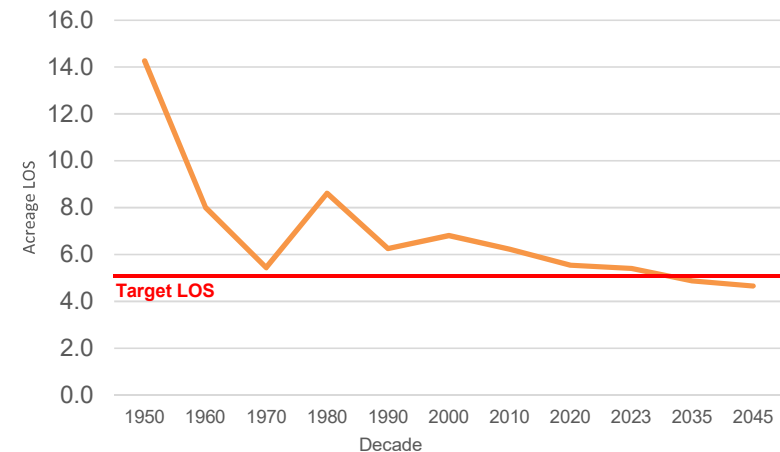


The Department does not currently have a dedicated source of funds to acquire additional parkland. Park Impact Fees, which once provided over \$20 million annually towards park acquisition and development, now totals around \$3 million annually as a result of land availability. The County has also not approved a park specific Revenue or GO Bond since 2006 which has significantly limited land acquisition efforts. Efforts to acquire land through State and Federal grants has also diminished as a result of limited match funding (grants typically require a 50/50 match) and increased competition for grant funds.

## The Need to Acquire Additional Land

According to Census data Palm Beach County's population increased by 207,502 residents between 2010 and 2023. During this time the Department acquired 48 acres of parkland. As a general rule, the Department seeks to meet or exceed an acreage level-of-service of 5 acres per thousand population. This benchmark is based upon national standards for counties with over 1,000,000 in population. As of 2023 the Department had an overall total park acreage LOS of 5.4 acres per thousand residents. While still above the target level of five acres, it has declined from a total of 6.2 acres per thousand residents in 2010 and 6.8 acres per thousand in 2000.

**Figure 6.3 - Acreage Level of Service per Decade**



In order to have maintained the 2010 LOS of 6.2 acres per thousand residents another 1,287 acres of park land would have been needed to be acquired in those 13 years between 2010 and 2023. If the Department does not acquire additional land for development overall LOS is projected to decline to 4.9 acres per thousand residents in 2035 and 4.7 acres per thousand residents in 2045 based upon population projections from the University of Florida's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BEER).

It is projected that the Department will hit the 5 acres per thousand target by 2032 if no additional land is acquired.

In order to maintain the Department's target of 5 acres per thousand LOS it will need to acquire an additional 220 acres of land by 2035 and an additional 395 acres by 2045.

The Department should begin to seek a dedicated funding source for future land acquisition as well as strengthen partnerships with other governmental agencies for the co-use of public facilities in order to maintain a park level of service that the residents of Palm Beach County are accustomed.

## Prioritization Guidelines

Long-standing factors such as patterns of residential development and past code requirements have resulted in an inequitable distribution of recreational amenities across the county. Prioritization guidelines would allow the Department to direct future capital funding or intergovernmental coordination efforts to target areas of the county with known public recreational deficiencies. The City of San Diego developed five prioritization metrics within their master plan that helped identify areas with the greatest recreation needs. They are:

- Access – Amount of time a person must travel to get to a park or facility.
- Equity – Socio-economic characteristics of people living within a defined area.
- Park Demand – Total number of parks provide in a defined area compared to countywide standards.
- Growth – Current and future population density within a defined area.
- Social – Community factors such as safety, maintenance, programming and facility deficiencies

According to the City's master plan, communities and parks that score the highest on selected metrics would rise in priority to receive funding that expands facilities and programming that deliver recreation to everyone. A prioritized approach to future land acquisition could be a critical tool in promoting a balanced and equitable network of recreational experiences for everyone. Investments should be prioritized in the areas with the greatest needs, aligned with the County's equity, housing, climate, and conservation goals.

## 10 Minute Access Goal

Access targets examine how quickly residents can travel to a park or recreation facility. Access relates to the guiding principle that all residents, regardless of socioeconomic class, should reside near or have direct access to a recreational facility consistent with the Trust for Public Lands accessibility standard. The Department has set a 10-minute access and activation goal: residents of Palm Beach County should reside within a 10 minute walk or be within a 10 minute drive to any County, Municipal or private park facility. The intent of this goal is to provide access to the county's regional parks, beaches, community centers, and other recreational facilities for as many of the county's residents as technically feasible.

These goals highlight the importance of access at a regional level while also reaffirming the County's commitment to providing local recreational opportunities people can easily access without the use of a car. Figures 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 show a 10-minute walk, five minute drive and 10 minute drive accessibility to County managed Neighborhood, Community and District parks. Areas in red indicate areas of the unincorporated portions of the county where current travel to existing parks is less accessible or convenient. These gaps highlight opportunities to plan for new park spaces near communities with limited access or enhance pedestrian, bike, and transit links that make it easier to get to existing spaces.



## Gap Analysis by Park Type

The red areas identified in Figures 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6 indicate areas of the unincorporated portions of the county that are considered potentially deficient by park type as they fall outside the service area of a County managed park. The following is an analysis of each area by park type.

### County Managed District Parks

**Area 1D** (Palm Beach Country Estates, Eastpointe C.C., Old Marsh C.C.) – District park access in these communities is serviced by Gardens North County District Park that is managed by the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

**Area 2D** (Lost Tree, Juno Isles, Juno Terrace) – This area is serviced either by private recreation (Lost Tree) or by existing County managed community parks (Juno Park/Bert Winters Park). Given the small size of the service gap and proximity to smaller County and municipal parks there are no plans of acquiring land or developing a district level park in this area of the county.

**Area 3D** (The Acreage) – District park access within the eastern portion of the Acreage is serviced by Acreage Community Park, a 45 acre park managed by the Indian Trails Improvement District. There are no plans of acquiring land or developing a district level park in this portion of the Acreage.

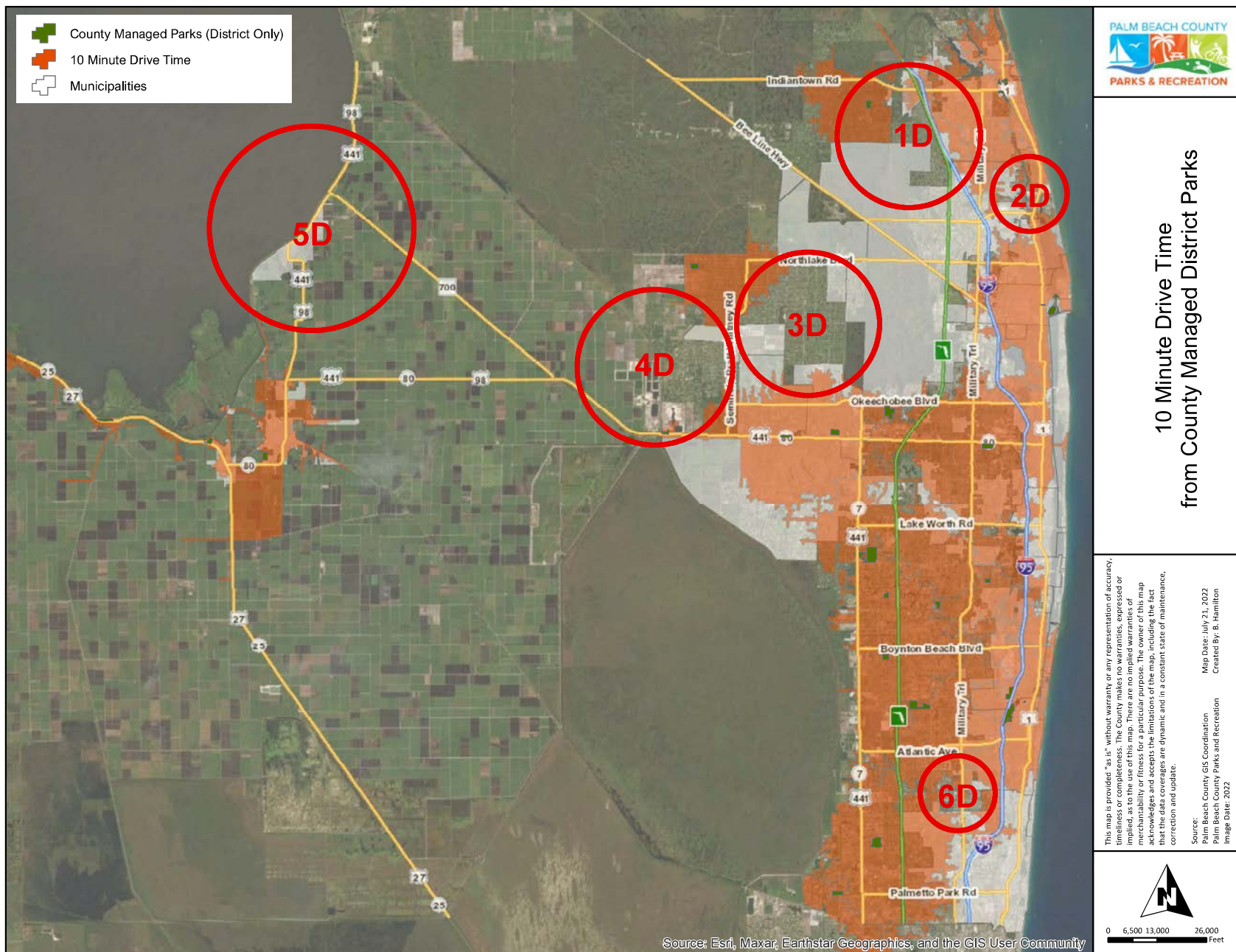
**Area 4D** (Acreage, Deer Run, Fox Trail, Arden) – This portion of unincorporated Palm Beach County is currently deficient from a District park access standpoint. The County has ownership of a 29 acre property adjacent to the Arden community that is planned for future development. No timeline for development is currently in place. Once developed, the park is expected to provide sufficient access to the adjacent targeted communities.

**Area 5D** (Pahokee, Canal Point) – This portion of the county does not have a County managed District park but does contain a number of municipal parks and County managed Community Parks (Canal Point Community Center, Duncan Padgett Park). The need to develop a new District park in this area is limited from an acreage standpoint given the relatively small population size and access to a number of smaller parks. There is, however, a need for additional recreational amenities such as multipurpose fields, a destination all abilities playground, a public pool and a track facility.

**Area 6D** (Bocaire C.C., Polo Club, Gleneagles) – Similar to Area 2, this small underserved portion of unincorporated Palm Beach County is either serviced by private recreation within each of the country club communities or by public parks managed by the City of Boca Raton or the Boca Raton Park District. Patch Reef Park and Countess DeHoernle Park are large District sized parks that are accessible to the residents of these communities. There are no plans to acquire land or develop a District level park in this area



Figure 6.4 - County Managed District Parks Gap Analysis Map





### **County Managed Community Parks**

**Area 1C** (Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates) – Jupiter Farms is currently serviced by Jupiter Farms Park, a 52 acre District park located on the east side of the community. Palm Beach Country Estates contains a 2.3 acre park that is managed by the South Indian River Water Control District. The western portion of Jupiter Farms would benefit from the acquisition and development of a Community park or the provision of additional publicly accessible recreational amenities at Jupiter Farms Elementary.

**Area 2C** (The Acreage, Westlake) – The residents within Area 2 have access to a number of smaller Community and Neighborhood sized parks managed by the Indian Trails Improvement District. Residents of Westlake have access to their own private recreation areas. There are no future plans to acquire or develop and Community sized parks within Area 2C.

**Area 3C** (Acreage, Deer Run, Fox Trail, Arden) – This portion of unincorporated Palm Beach County is currently serviced by two Indian Trail Improvement District parks (Sycamore Lane Park, Downers Park) and the residents of Arden have access to a large private recreation area within their community. The future development of Arden District Park is expected to provide additional park access to the communities within this area.

**Area 4C** (South Bay, Lake Harbor) – Residents within this area have access to two County District parks (John Stretch Park, South Bay R.V.) as well as multiple smaller parks managed by the City of South Bay (Nature Park, Cox Park, Tanner Park). There are no plans to acquire or develop a Community park in this area, however, County staff will work with the City of South Bay staff to secure funding to provide additional improvements to the City managed parks. Additional amenities will also be considered at John Stretch Park.

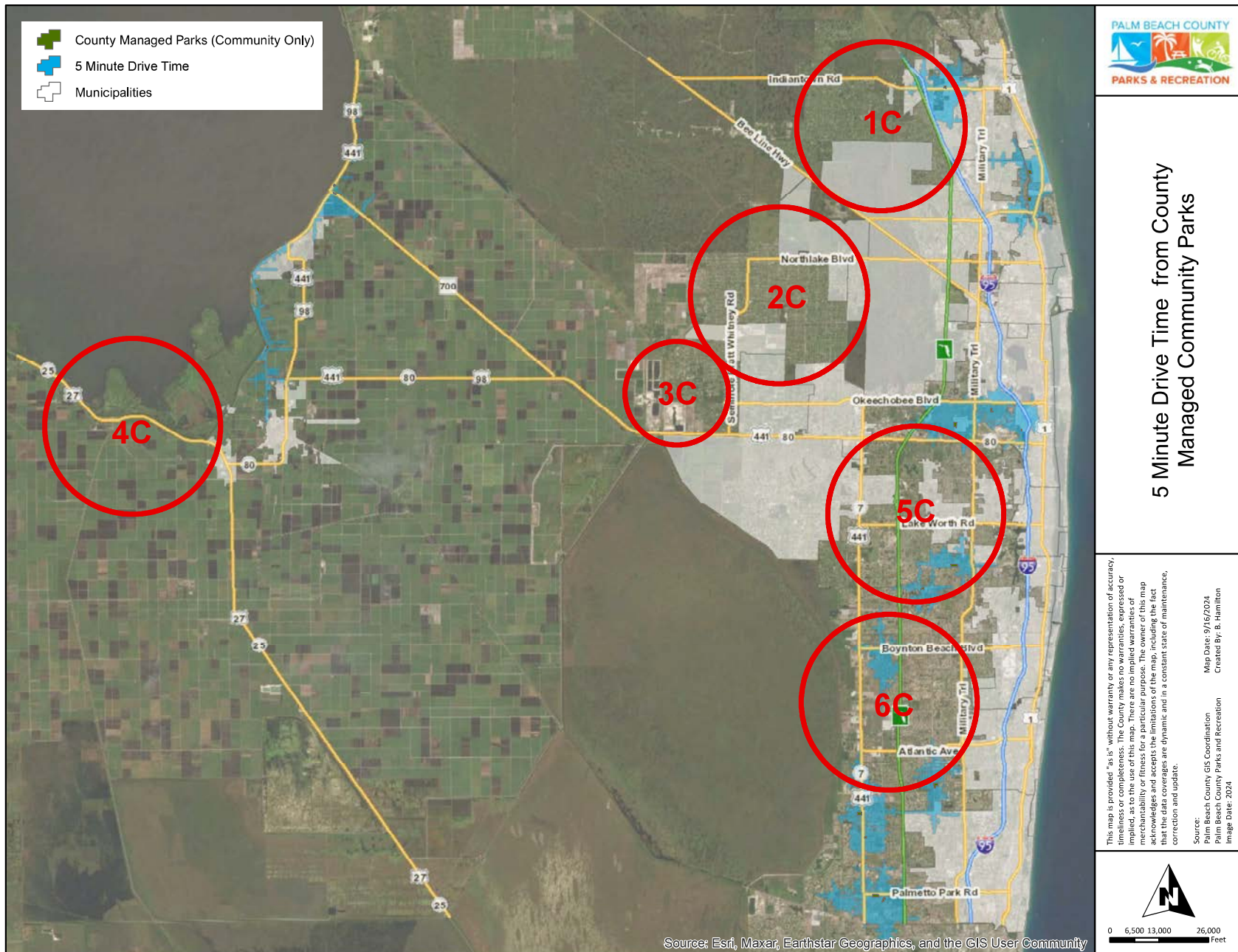
**Area 5C** (Central County, Palm Springs, Greenacres) - Portions of this area are serviced by municipal parks managed by the City of Greenacres and the Village of Palm Springs. Within the unincorporated areas there is a need for one or two Community sized parks. The eventual construction of Lantana District I (50 acre property located on Lantana Road and U.S. Highway 441) will help close service gaps in this area, and the construction of a YMCA Community Center within Lake Lytal Park will provide another needed community center within this area. Acquisition of another Community sized park in this area of the county would be difficult given

lack of available land and high land costs. Consideration should be given to enter into an interlocal agreement with the School District for a co-use recreation facility at one of the local middle or high schools in this area.

**Area 6C** (West Boynton, West Delray) – The residents within Area 6C typically reside within planned unit developments that contain private recreation areas. These private recreation areas are typically the size of a Community park and are highly amenitized. Between these private recreation areas, the construction of the second phase of Canyon District Park and the planned construction of Villages of Windsor Park most of the service gaps in this area should be addressed. A Community sized park located either along 441 or West Atlantic Avenue would benefit the residents of the West Delray area, especially if it contained amenities such as a dog park or playing fields that are not typically found within the private recreation areas.



Figure 6.5 - County Managed Community Parks Gap Analysis Map





### **County Managed Neighborhood Parks**

**Area 1N** (Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach County Estates) – County managed Neighborhood park development has historically been located within unincorporated neighborhoods targeted by the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT). These neighborhoods are defined by demonstrated infrastructure needs and are typically of higher residential density and lower socioeconomic standing than the area defined under 1N. Area 1N would certainly benefit from additional Neighborhood sized parks, however, this area is dominated by large lot development and the service area of each park (10 minute walk) would only provide access to a limited number of homes. Focus should be directed towards the development of a larger park either through acquisition or interlocal agreement.

**Area 2N** (The Acreage, Royal Palm Beach, Westlake, Arden) – The residents within Area 2N either have access to municipal neighborhood parks (Royal Palm Beach), small private parks (Westlake, Arden) or neighborhood parks managed by the Indian Trails Improvement District. There are no plans to acquire or develop a Neighborhood park in this area of the county.

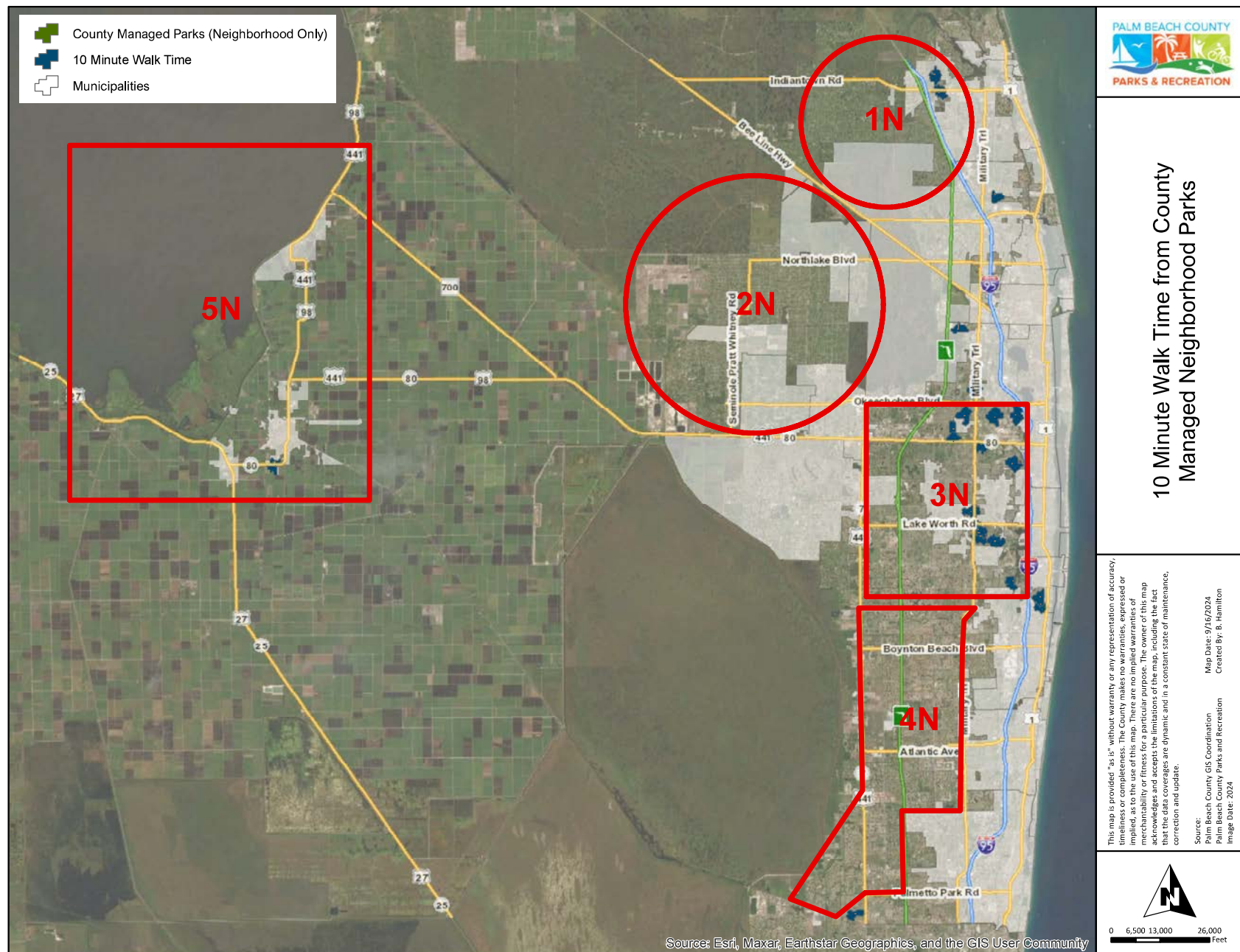
**Area 3N** (Unincorporated Central Palm Beach County) – This area has historically had the greatest need for new Neighborhood park development given the type of residential development that occurred in this portion of the county from the 1950's to 1970's. There is a continued need for additional Neighborhood Parks in this area, particularly for the neighborhoods bounded by Southern Boulevard and 10th Avenue north to the north and south and Military Trail and Jog Road to the east and west. A second area of need is located around the Lantana Road corridor within the Lantana Homes and Concept Homes neighborhoods. The Department is moving forward with the construction of Paulette Burdick Park in 2025, a six acre park located near the intersection of Belvedere Road and Jog Road within the Cam Estates neighborhood. Future development is also planned for a neighborhood park within the Gun Club Estates neighborhood.

**Area 4N** (West Boynton, West Delray, West Boca) – Much like the prior discussion for Area 4C, the residents within this area typically reside within planned unit developments that contain highly amenitized private recreation areas. There are no current or future plans for the acquisition and development of a Neighborhood park in this portion of the county.

**Area 5N** (Glades Region) – An overwhelming majority of the residents within Area 5N live within municipalities of Pahokee, Belle Glades and South Bay. Those residential areas that are located within the unincorporated portion of the glades (Canal Point, Lake Harbor) have County managed Community parks located nearby. The Department currently has one Neighborhood park in this area (Reverend Leon Camel Park) located adjacent to the Okeechobee Center public housing neighborhood. There are no plans to acquire or construct any new Neighborhood parks within Area 5N, however, the Department will continue to work with the municipalities and housing authorities to address any future park needs.



Figure 6.6 - County Managed Neighborhood Parks Gap Analysis Map



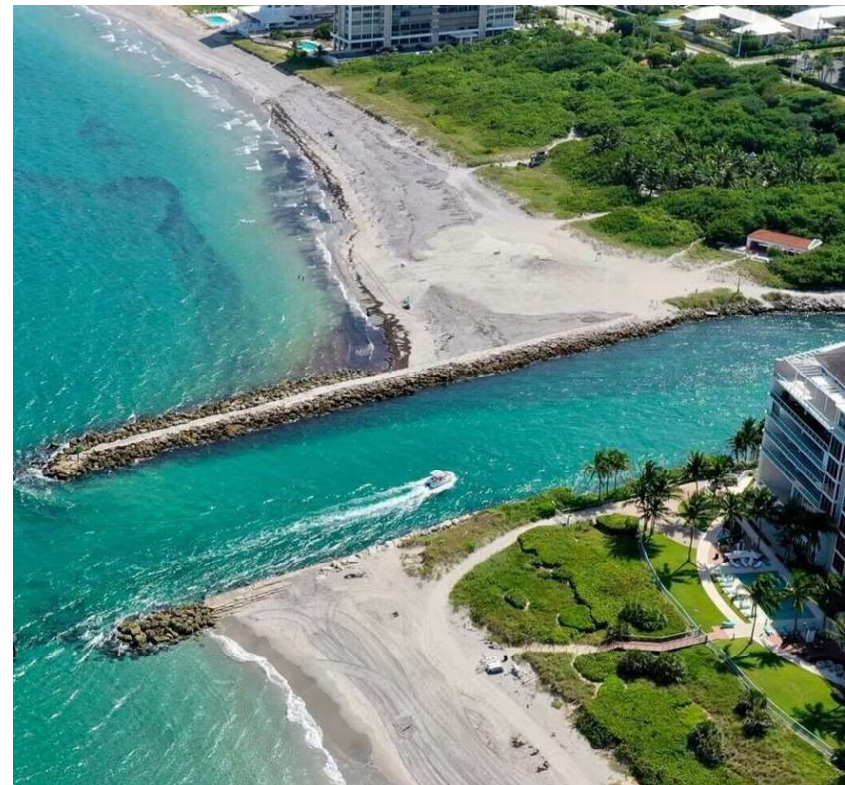


## Conclusions and Recommendations

The Department's future land acquisition efforts should focus on:

- 1) Identifying a continuous source of funding exclusively for the use of acquiring additional park land
- 2) identifying and acquiring potential surplus government owned parcels located within underserved areas identified in the study
- 3) Identifying and pursuing Interlocal Agreements between the County and School District for co-use those existing public schools recreation facilities located within underserved "park desert" portions of the county
- 4) Identifying and acquiring privately held property located within those targeted underserved areas.

There is also a growing need for the Department and County to collaborate with the Tourist Development Council for the acquisition of land that would serve as destination sports tourism sites. Parks and Recreation Departments from across the state and country have worked together with their tourism development boards to acquire land and construct recreational facilities that specialize in attracting tournaments and events that draw out-of-area teams. Florida currently leads the nation in sports tourism given the state's climate, amenities and hospitality infrastructure (hotels, restaurants, nightlife). These facilities have proven to significantly contribute to the local economy by generating revenue through direct spending impacts (tournament operations and sports traveler visitor spending) as well as indirect impacts such as utility consumption, food distribution) and induced impacts such as wage generation.



Finally, based on the results of the Needs Assessment discussed in Chapter 4 as well as ongoing Department observational trends there is a demonstrated need to provide additional beach access to the residents of Palm Beach County. The Department is moving forward with the design and eventual construction (pending funding availability) of parks on the remaining undeveloped County owned beachfront properties (Milani, Karen Marcus Preserve, Coral Cove South). While the acquisition of additional beachfront land is likely infeasible due a lack of supply and high acquisition/development costs, opportunities do exist to purchase properties off the beachfront that could provide additional parking for beachgoers. Other options, such as the use of public transit to transport residents to and from the beach and inland parking areas should also be explored.

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# CHAPTER 7



## *Capital Development Plan*



## 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Department currently maintains a five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan as part of the County's annual financial planning process. The CIP is the Department's financial plan of proposed capital projects, their costs, and timing over a five-year period. This plan, which is approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners, includes a list of Department specific new construction projects as well as a variety of large renovation and replacement projects by funding source. The CIP is designed to meet County near-term infrastructure needs in a strategic and efficient manner. Community sustainability, environmental considerations and changing conditions demand that the CIP be reviewed and updated annually.

The CIP is separate and distinct from the County's operating budget for several reasons. First, capital outlays reflect non-recurring capital

improvements rather than ongoing expenses. Where possible, capital projects are funded from non-recurring funding sources such as bonds, impact fees and grants. These one-time revenue sources are not appropriate for funding recurring operating expenses. Secondly, capital projects tend to have higher costs requiring more stringent control and accountability. Finally, several revenue sources such as Park Impact Fees, Federal and State grants and certain tax proceeds are limited to use on certain types of capital improvements by statute or other legal restrictions.

The following exhibit represents the FY25 Five Year Budget Summary that was provided to County Administration as part of the overall budget process. The new development projects identified in the impact fee portion of the summary are also listed in the 20-year development plan as it typically takes multiple years to accrue sufficient funding to move forward with a project given recent cost escalations and reduced funding sources.



## FY 2025 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

Unit #	Type	PROJECT TITLE	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL
P757	Small	ADA Compliance Measures	\$200,000	\$224,000	\$251,000	\$282,000	\$316,000	\$1,273,000
P948	Small	Administration Building Generator Transfer Switch	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
P949	Small	Aquatic Facilities and Beach Repair and Renovation FY25	\$840,000	\$941,000	\$1,054,000	\$1,181,000	\$1,323,000	\$5,339,000
P950	Large	Athletic Courts Repair and Renovation Countywide	\$500,000	\$560,000	\$628,000	\$704,000	\$789,000	\$3,181,000
P951	Large	Athletic Field and Court Lighting Replacement Countywide	\$2,000,000	\$5,936,000	\$6,649,000	\$7,447,000	\$8,341,000	\$30,373,000
New	Large	Athletic Field Turf Renovation and Replacement Countywide	\$0	\$1,030,000	\$1,030,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$7,060,000
New	Small	Athletic Structures Replacement and Renovation Countywide	\$0	\$2,240,000	\$2,509,000	\$2,811,000	\$3,149,000	\$10,709,000
New	Large	Beach Access, Boardwalk Repair and Replacement Countywide	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$225,000	\$252,000	\$477,000
P891	Large	Bridge Repair and Replacement Countywide	\$2,000,000	\$4,480,000	\$5,018,000	\$5,621,000	\$6,296,000	\$23,415,000
P645	Large	Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park Phase III	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
New	Large	Calypso Bay Water Park Facility Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000
New	Large	Campground Renovations Countywide	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000
New	Large	Coconut Cove Water Park Facility Replacement	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000
New	Large	Coral Cove Park South Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
P952	Small	Cultural and Historical Park Building/Structure Repair & Renovation	\$200,000	\$3,920,000	\$4,391,000	\$4,918,000	\$5,509,000	\$18,938,000
P953	Small	General Administration Repair and Renovation FY25	\$150,000	\$168,000	\$189,000	\$212,000	\$238,000	\$957,000
P954	Small	General Park Repair and Renovation FY25	\$4,200,000	\$4,704,000	\$5,269,000	\$5,902,000	\$6,611,000	\$26,686,000
P955	Small	General Recreation Facilities Repair and Renovation FY25	\$240,000	\$269,000	\$302,000	\$339,000	\$380,000	\$1,530,000
P805	Large	Karen Marcus Ocean Park Preserve Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
New	Large	Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens Expansion	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$24,500,000
P904	Large	Morikami Museum Roof Replacement	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
P956	Large	North County Aquatic Center Restroom Renovations	\$200,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200,000
P935	Large	Ocean Inlet Park Coastal Resiliency Restoration	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
New	Large	Okeehelgee Nature Center Renovations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000
P527	Large	Okeehelgee Park South Development Phase III	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000
New	Large	Park Building Replacement and Renovations	\$0	\$5,600,000	\$6,272,000	\$7,025,000	\$7,868,000	\$26,765,000
New	Small	Park Fencing Replacement Countywide	\$0	\$544,000	\$610,000	\$684,000	\$767,000	\$2,605,000
P957	Large	Park Natural Areas and Water Bodies Management	\$200,000	\$1,062,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,333,000	\$1,493,000	\$5,278,000
P936	Small	Parking Lot, Pathway and Street Lighting Replacements	\$1,365,000	\$1,529,000	\$1,713,000	\$1,919,000	\$2,150,000	\$8,676,000
New	Large	Parks Infrastructure Resiliency	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,255,000	\$1,406,000	\$4,781,000
New	Large	Pavilion and Shelter Replacement and Renovations	\$0	\$336,000	\$377,000	\$423,000	\$474,000	\$1,610,000
P922	Large	Peanut Island Park Improvements	\$1,550,000	\$1,344,000	\$1,506,000	\$1,687,000	\$1,890,000	\$7,977,000
P958	Small	Pioneer Park Aquatic Center Renovations	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
P959	Small	Playground Replacement and Resurfacing	\$500,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,360,000	\$3,764,000	\$10,624,000
New	Large	Restroom Replacement and Renovations	\$0	\$896,000	\$1,004,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,260,000	\$4,285,000
P937	Small	Roadway, Trail and Pathway Repairs	\$4,500,000	\$5,600,000	\$6,272,000	\$7,025,000	\$7,868,000	\$31,265,000
New	Large	Santalucas Pool Water Play Structure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
New	Large	Septic to Sewer Conversion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$7,000,000
P960	Large	Shade Structure Replacement and Expansion	\$750,000	\$560,000	\$628,000	\$704,000	\$789,000	\$3,431,000

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Unit #	Type	PROJECT TITLE	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL
P961	Small	Sound and Light System Component Replacement	\$400,000	\$540,000	\$605,000	\$678,000	\$760,000	\$2,983,000
P962	Small	Special Recreation Facilities and Museums Repair and Renovation FY25	\$255,000	\$504,000	\$565,000	\$633,000	\$709,000	\$2,666,000
New	Large	Splash Pads Renovations	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$12,000,000
New	Large	Stub Canal Park Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
New	Large	Villages of Windsor Phase II Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
P933	Small	Waterfront Infrastructure Replacement and Renovations	\$3,000,000	\$3,360,000	\$3,764,000	\$4,216,000	\$4,722,000	\$19,062,000
P896	Large	West Delray Regional Park Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
		<b>Total Ad Valorem Requests</b>	<b>\$27,000,000</b>	<b>\$77,347,000</b>	<b>\$86,416,000</b>	<b>\$108,709,000</b>	<b>\$127,774,000</b>	<b>\$427,246,000</b>
		<b>Golf Course Funded Projects</b>						
P941	Small	Golf Course Capital Improvements and Renovations	\$720,000	\$807,000	\$904,000	\$1,013,000	\$1,135,000	\$4,579,000
New	Large	John Prince Golf Learning Center Practice Greens Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$230,000	\$0	\$0	\$230,000
P963	Large	Okeeheelee Golf Course Fairway Renovations	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$330,000
New	Large	Okeeheelee Golf Course Learning Center	\$0	\$250,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$850,000
P942	Large	Osprey Point Golf Course Bunkers Renovation	\$0	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000
New	Large	Osprey Point Golf Course Greens Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
P919	Large	Osprey Point Golf Course Learning Academy	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
P943	Large	Park Ridge Golf Course Maintenance Building Renovations	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
New	Large	Park Ridge Golf Course Pro Shop	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
New	Large	Park Ridge Golf Course Practice Area Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
		<b>Total Golf Course Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$1,330,000</b>	<b>\$3,817,000</b>	<b>\$4,144,000</b>	<b>\$1,013,000</b>	<b>\$4,135,000</b>	<b>\$14,239,000</b>
		<b>Impact Fee Zone 1 Funded Projects</b>						
P874	Large	Carlin Park Improvements	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
P860	Large	Dubois Park Improvements	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
P964	Large	Jupiter Farms Park Expansion	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000
P805	Large	Karen Marcus Ocean Park Preserve Design and Development	\$250,000	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$2,450,000
New	Large	Riverbend Park Development Phase IV	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$700,000
New	Large	Sansbury Way District K Design and Development	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$800,000
		<b>Total Impact Fee Zone 1 Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
		<b>Impact Fee Zone 2 Funded Projects</b>						
P645	Large	Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park Phase III	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$1,100,000
P560	Large	John Prince Park Improvements Phase IV	\$400,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,300,000
New	Large	Lake Lytal Park Redevelopment and Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
New	Large	Lantana District I Design and Development	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,200,000
P897	Large	Milani Park Design and Development	\$950,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000



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Unit #	Type	PROJECT TITLE	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL
P527	Large	Okeeheelee Park South Development Phase III	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
P862	Large	Villages of Windsor Design and Development Phase I	\$400,000	\$1,550,000	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,600,000
P896	Large	West Delray Regional Park Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$700,000	\$600,000	\$1,700,000
		<b>Total Impact Fee Zone 2 Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>	<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>\$9,150,000</b>
		<b>Impact Fee Zone 3 Funded Projects</b>						
P897	Large	Milani Park Design and Development	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
		<b>Total Impact Fee Zone 3 Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>
		<b>Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Funded Projects</b>						
P863	Small	FBIP Improvements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
		<b>Total FBIP Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
		<b>Surtax Funded Projects</b>						
T071	Large	Beach Access Dune Crossover and Dock Repair and Replacement	\$29,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,000
T117	Large	Countywide Fencing Replacement	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$72,000
T111	Large	Dubois Park Various Historic Building Repair and Renovation	\$599,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$599,000
T194	Large	John Prince Park Maintenance Compound Various Building Replacement	\$2,440,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,440,000
T174	Large	John Prince Park Parks Division Office Building Addition	\$2,075,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,075,000
T125	Large	Okeeheelee Park South Expansion	\$1,705,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,705,000
T199	Large	Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center	\$0	\$0	\$6,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,300,000
T196	Large	Sandalford Cove Park Athletic Complex Building Replacement	\$949,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$949,000
		<b>Total Surtax Funded Projects</b>	<b>\$7,869,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,169,000</b>
		<b>Funding Recap</b>						
		Total Ad Valorem Requests	\$27,000,000	\$77,347,000	\$86,416,000	\$108,709,000	\$127,774,000	\$427,246,000
		Total Golf Course Funded Projects	\$1,330,000	\$3,617,000	\$4,144,000	\$1,013,000	\$4,135,000	\$14,239,000
		Total Impact Fee Zone 1 Funded Projects	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
		Total Impact Fee Zone 2 Funded Projects	\$1,750,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$9,150,000
		Total Impact Fee Zone 3 Funded Projects	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
		Total FBIP Funded Projects	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
		Total Surtax Funded Projects	\$7,869,000	\$0	\$6,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,169,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,399,000</b>	<b>\$84,064,000</b>	<b>\$99,960,000</b>	<b>\$112,822,000</b>	<b>\$135,009,000</b>	<b>\$472,254,000</b>

## 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan

The preparation and implementation of the following 20-year park development plan is essential for effective long-range planning as it provides a blueprint for the Department's growth and redevelopment through 2045. Factors such as population growth, changing demographics, physical conditions of facilities, and public input were utilized to develop a plan that not only meets the current needs of residents but also anticipates future needs. This long-range vision is expected to help guide the Department, County administration and the Board of County Commissioners when making informed decisions about future park development, acquisitions, funding as well as potential modifications to policies and procedures. Without this long-term development plan the Department risks distancing itself from the needs of the county's residents and, over the long-term, negatively impact overall quality of life. Implementation of this long-range development plan is essential for executing the County's vision, mission, values, goals and strategic priorities as well as act as a guide that can adapt to changing needs and priorities both now and into the future.

The following matrix lists all potential large-capital park expansion and redevelopment projects to be undertaken over the next 20-year period by proposed year of implementation. The development timeline for each park includes the anticipated time to design, permit and construct the project and assumes that the project is either fully funded by the time design is projected to commence or that funding is sufficient for a phased construction approach. The timeline assumes smaller capital projects under the \$7.5 million continuing contract limit will take up to two years to design and construct, with larger capital projects taking three years or more.

It is important to note that funding availability does not guide the timeline of each project. Timelines were determined by priority need such as level of service deficiencies (Cam D. Milani Park, OHV 20 Mile Bend, Karen Marcus Park Preserve), resiliency concerns (Dubois/Jupiter Beach Park), aging park amenities and infrastructure (Kennedy Estates Park Redevelopment, South Bay Railroad Cottage) and public demand (Jupiter Farms Park Basketball Courts, North County Aquatic Interactive Aquatic Playground). The timelines for each of these projects can and likely will be adjusted over time pending funding, public demand and Board priorities.



**PARKS AND RECREATION 20 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - MAJOR PROJECTS (DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION)**

Park	Project	Category	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045
Affron Park	Complete renovation of playground with shade/basketball court	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
American Homes Park	Fitness Zone	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Aquacrest Pool	Splash Pad Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Arden District Park	Arden District Park Development	New Park Development																					
Belvedere Heights Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bert Winters Park	Bert Winters Park Phase III	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park	South County Regional Park Parcel A	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park	Coconut Cove Waterpark Major Renovation	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park	Daggerwing Nature Center Major Renovation	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park	Osprey Point Golf Course Golf Academy	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Burt Reynolds Park	Boat Storage, South Side Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Buttonwood Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Cabana Colony Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Caloosa Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Cam D. Milani Park	Park Development per Town Approved Site Plan	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Canal Point Community Center	Canal Point Park New LED Lighting	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Canyons District Park	Phase 2 Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Carlin Park	Carlin Park Redevelopment and Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Caroline Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Coral Cove South Property	Coral Cove South Expansion	New Park Development																					
County Pines	Park Expansion to the west (GL dedicated acres)	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Countywide	Countywide Shade Structure Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Countywide	Countywide Land Acquisition for Future Park Development	New Park Development																					
Countywide	Neighborhood Park Development	New Park Development																					
Dubois Park	Dubois Park Pathway Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Dubois/Jupiter Beach Park	Dubois/Jupiter Beach Resiliency Measures	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Duncan Padgett Park Property	Duncan Padgett Park Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Dyer Park	Dyer Park Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Flamango Lake Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fullerton Island Park	Floating Dock Reengineering and Replace	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Glades Pioneer Park	Glades Pioneer Park Field 4 Lighting	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Golfview Heights Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Governor Lawton Chiles Memorial Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Oramercy Park	Neighborhood Center and Linear Park	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Green Cay Nature Center	Phase 2 Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Gulfstream Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Gun Club Estates Property	Gun Club Estates Development	New Park Development																					
Haverhill Park	Haverhill Park Basketball Court Lighting	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Indian Mounds Regional Park	Park Site Development Consultant Assessment	New Park Development																					
Ixora Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Jim Barry Light Harbor Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
John Prince Park	John Prince Park Custard Apple Redevelopment	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
John Prince Park	John Prince Park Mound Circle Phase II	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
John Prince Park	John Prince Park Special Events Area Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
John Prince Park	Miracle League Field - Additional Improvements	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
John Stretch Memorial Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Juno Park	Nature Trail	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Juno Beach Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Jupiter Beach Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Jupiter Farms Park	Basketball Courts	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Karen Marcus Park Preserve	Karen Marcus Park Development	New Park Development																					
Kennedy Estates Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Kenwood Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Lake Belvedere Estates Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Lake Ida Park West	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Lake Ida Park East	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Lake Lytal Park	East Side Redevelopment	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Lantana District I Property	Lantana District I Development	New Park Development																					
Limestone Creek Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					

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Park	Project	Category	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045
Loggerhead Park	Hotel Replacemen/Maintenance Compound Redevelopment	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Loggers Run Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Loxahatchee Groves Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park	Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Melear Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morikami Park and Gardens	Morikami Gardens Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
North County Aquatic Center	Interactive Aquatic Area Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Ocean Cay Park	Ocean Cay Park Parking Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Ocean Inlet Park	Ocean Inlet Park Phase 1B Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Ocean Inlet Park	Ocean Inlet Park Phase 2 Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Ocean Reef Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion																						
Ocean Ridge Hammock Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion																						
OHV/20 Mile Bend Property	OHV/20 Mile Bend Development	New Park Development																					
Okechee Park North	Okechee Nature Center Major Renovation	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Okechee Park North	Okechee Golf Course																						
Okechee Park South	Okechee Park South Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Okechee Park South	Jim Brandon Special Event/Wedding Barn/Pavilion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Okechee Park South	Two Additional Barns	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Okechee Park South	Pinewoods Park Parcel	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Old Trail Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion																						
Park Ridge Golf Course	Park Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Paul Rardin Park	Paul Rardin Park Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Paulette Burdick Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peanut Island Park	Peanut Island Historic Area Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Phil Foster Memorial Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Pinewoods Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Rev. Leon Camel Jr. Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
R.G. Kreusler Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Riverbend/Lox Battlefield Park	Riverbend/Lox Battlefield Park-Phase 4	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Riverbend/Lox, Battlefield Park	Education Center	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
San Castle Community Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
San Castle Neighborhood Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Sandalfoot Cove Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Sanders Drive Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Sansbury Way Property	Sansbury Way District K Development	New Park Development																					
Santaluces Athletic Complex	Santaluces Athletic Complex Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Seminole Palms Park	Seminole Palms Park Field 12 Lighting	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
South Bay R.V. Park	South Bay R.V. Railroad Cottage	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
South County Civic Center	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
South Inlet Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Southwinds Golf Course	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Stacy Street Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Stub Canal Park	Stub Canal Park Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Triangle Park	Dog Park Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Veterans Memorial Park	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Villages of Windsor Park	Villages of Windsor Phase II Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Watergate Estates Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterway Park	No Planned Major Capital Improvements	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Boynton Park & Recreation Center	Existing Park Redevelopment/Expansion																						
West Delray Regional Park	West Delray Regional Development	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
West Jupiter Park & Recreation Recreation Center	Major Interior Renovation of Recreation Center	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					
Westgate Park & Recreation Center	Westgate Park Corner Parcel Expansion	Existing Park Redevelopment and Expansion																					



# CHAPTER 8



## ***Funding Options***

The Parks and Recreation Department has historically utilized the following funding sources to operate, program and construct new park facilities:

- **Ad Valorem Taxes (General Fund)** - Ad valorem property taxes are levied on real or personal property by the County's Tax Collector and typically utilized by the Department to fund operational, programmatic and renovation expenses.

- **Park Impact Fees** – Fees assessed to new residential development to help fund new or repurposed recreational facilities.

- **Sales Tax (Surtax)** – Consumption tax imposed by the government on the sale of goods and services. The County currently collects a one cent tax that is distributed to the county's municipalities, School District and County government for the renovation, replacement and construction of new government managed facilities. This tax is scheduled to expire in December, 2025.

- **Revenue Bonds** – A municipal bond that is typically supported by the revenue from a specific project and secured by a specified revenue source.

- **General Obligation (GO) Bonds** – GO Bonds are a form of long-term borrowing in which the County issues municipal securities and pledges its full faith and credit to their repayment. These bonds are repaid over a period of years through semi-annual debt service payments and typically require approval by the County's voters. The last approved GO Bond utilized by the Department was issued in 2006.

- **Federal, State and Local Grants** – The Department has historically been successful in applying for grant assistance to support capital development projects. Grant programs such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), Florida Boater Improvement Program (FBIP) and the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterway

Assistance Program have provided millions of dollars to the Department over the past 30-years to help fund park expansion projects.

- **User Fees** – Users fees at the Department's golf course facilities are directly used to fund Golf operations, including renovation and Capital expansion projects. The Department's Golf Operations currently has a 100% cost recovery goal.

## Potential Future Funding Sources

The Department's current funding approach is not expected to be sustainable for long-term operations, programming and development. The Department is heavily reliant on Ad Valorem funding which can fluctuate depending on property values, political mandates and overall economic conditions. Park Impact Fees, which once total over \$20 million annually, are now averaging around \$3 million annually as the county nears build-out. General Obligation (GO) Bonds, which were historically used in tandem with Park Impact Fee funding, allowed for the construction of a variety of high-cost District, Beach and Regional parks. The last of the GO Bonds was approved in 2006 and all residual funding from these bonds have been expended.

Approval of the 2016 Infrastructure Sales Tax has provided needed funding to the Department to assist in a variety of deferred renovation and replacement projects as well as a few expansion projects throughout the County park system, particularly for those parks that were constructed during or prior to the 1980's. This surtax, however, will expire in December, 2025 and there is presently no plan to address the next wave of renovation/replacement and expansion work needed for those older facilities not identified in the 2016 plan.

Grant funding, which the Department has successfully utilized to supplement capital development projects, has become more difficult to secure over the past 5-years as competition has increased and funding levels have fluctuated due to political mandates. Those grants that are



approved have expenditure deadlines that are also becoming more difficult to achieve due to increased construction costs, government bureaucracy, and challenges with securing capable consultants and contractors.

Given these recent challenges, additional funding opportunities should be explored that better balance the revenue received by the Department by expanding the number of revenue sources. The following is a list of potential funding sources that other Parks and Recreation agencies across the country utilize to help cover expenditures:

**Use of Bed Tax Revenue** - Utilization of a Hospitality Tax – also known as a Tourist Development tax or bed tax would allow the Department to fund projects that would generate additional sports tourism and/or have a regional recreational benefit. These facilities, such as an indoor fieldhouse, would also double as a revenue-producing facility to assist in cost recovery. The County has historically utilized a Hospitality Tax to fund Major League baseball operations within the county as well to assist in funding beach re-nourishment projects. An argument can be made that the Department's existing facilities presently attract a considerable amount of sports tourism tax revenue that is utilized to help fund other non-recreation based projects.

**Issuance of Future Bonds** – The Department has received \$181.3 million in funding from five GO or Revenue Bonds since the 1980's:

- 1987 \$30 million Park Bond
- 1996 \$26.3 million Parks and Rec FAC Revenue Bond
- 1999 \$25 million Recreational and Cultural Facilities General Obligation Bond
- 2002 \$50 million Recreational and Cultural Facilities General Obligation Bond
- 2005 \$50 million Waterfront Access and Preservation Bond

Bonds, unlike grants or Park Impact Fee funding, have the ability to be utilized for both new expansion as well as renovation and replacement projects. This funding could be used in tandem with other funding sources towards major renovation projects such as waterparks and recreation centers.

**Issuance of Future Sales Tax** – The Infrastructure Surtax that was approved by Palm Beach County's voters in 2016 has been a successful method to source revenue for the renovation, replacement and expansion of park amenities and infrastructure. 200 specific park projects originally totaling \$131 million were identified that were on the Department priority list for repair or replacement. The Department is in the process of compiling a new list of priority projects as the prior list is nearly a decade old and the surtax expires in December, 2025.

Sales Tax proceeds serve as the most equitable tax model for the community for the purposes of providing park and recreation services.

**Secure Additional Grant Funding** – The Department has historically focused its attention on Capital development grants from five programs:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
- Florida Boater Improvement Program (FBIP)
- Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterway Assistance Program

These grants have provided a reliable source for funding since the 1980's. The Department was previously limited in the number of grants it could apply for given a lack of staffing resources. A dedicated grants coordinator was recently hired by the Department which will allow for additional investigation and management of potential new grant funding. The following is a snapshot of additional grant opportunities that the Department could utilize in the future to assist with land acquisition, programming and the funding of new park projects:

Figure 8.1 - Future County Grant Opportunities

Funding Program	Match Requirement	Eligible Project Elements	Grant Amount
AARP Community Challenge Grant	0%	Pedestrian facilities, signage, decorative features, traffic calming, landscaping, innovative community outreach	\$50,000
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	25%	Stormwater including integrations with open space and trails	\$1,000,000
Coastal Resiliency Implementation Grant	50%	Nature Based Stormwater Management, Elevation of Public Facilities	\$500,000
Cultural Facilities Grant Program	0%	Educational, Amphitheater, Nature, Art Elements	\$500,000
Florida Communities Trust	25%	Land Acquisition of Passive Park Facilities	\$5,000,000
OGT Land Acquisition Program	20%	Acquisition of Trails/ Greenways	\$1,000,000
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program	100%	Land Acquisition for Outdoor Recreation Facilities	\$5,000,000
Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program	0%	Waterfront Infrastructure, Resiliency Improvements (Seawalls, LID, Flood Prevention)	\$5,000,000
Recreation Trails Program (RTP)	20%	Construction of Trails and Support Facilities	\$200,000
SFWMD Cooperative Water Program	50%	Irrigation, Plumbing Fixtures	\$100,000
Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)	20%	Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails and Greenways	\$1,000,000
U.S. Soccer Foundation Grant	0%	Field Turf, Lighting, Irrigation, Program Equipment	\$50,000

**Creation of a Special Taxing District** – Park Taxing Districts are a form of local special-purpose district (similar to the County’s Fire Rescue and Library districts) that operate public parks and recreation facilities. They are typically managed by a governing board with specific policy-making powers. This is a popular method of operating park systems, particularly in the Midwest as it significantly reduces the amount of ad-valorem funding needed to fund the Department.

**Increased or Expanded User Fees** – User fees are fees paid by a user of recreational facilities or programs to offset the costs of services provided by the County. In value-added or niche areas such as golf courses the County relies on user fees to sustain operations and/or improve facilities. Two beach parks (R.G. Kresuler and South Inlet) currently require parking fees at the request of the municipality in which each park resides. This fee could be expanded to all beach parks managed by the Department which would generate over \$2 million annually.



The determination of user fees needs to be made as to what activities are community-wide oriented and what activities are clearly for an individual purpose. This framework would reduce the burden on the tax-payers for programs that do not benefit the community as a whole, while also supporting the programs that are most beneficial to the community as a whole. Cost controls through Activity Based Costing (ABC) could be utilized to set fees for Department managed programs.

**Increased Land Lease/Concession Fees** - Land leases and concessions are public/private partnerships in which the County provides land or space for private commercial operations that enhance the park and recreational experience in exchange for payments to help reduce operating costs. The Department has a variety of existing leases and concessionaire contracts ranging from vending machines, food operations at golf courses to the canoe/kayak concession at Riverbend Park. Increased fees would provide additional revenue to oversee these partnerships and to assist Park Operations in maintaining these areas.

**Additional Strategic Partnerships** - Strategic partnerships can be a valuable resource to create additional recreational opportunities within the park system. These strategies have been implemented previously with organizations such as the School District of Palm Beach County, Special Olympics, and the YMCA. Partnerships are an excellent resource when funding is unavailable or for beneficial facilities/programs that are not identified as a priority for funding. The Department should seek to expand its partnership with the School District given the number of existing recreational amenities that currently exist on School District property.

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** – TIF funding is a geographically targeted economic development tool that captures the increase in property taxes, and sometimes other taxes resulting from new development and diverts that revenue to subsidize that development within that specific geographic area. This revenue source is typically utilized by CRA's in Florida for infrastructure development but can also be utilized to

develop parks and recreation facilities. The only current CRA located in unincorporated Palm Beach County is the Westgate CRA.

**Vehicle Registration Tax** - Vehicle Registration Tax is a method of taxation commonly used to generate revenue. The tax is charged to motorists based upon the vehicle's weight, often collected at the time of vehicle registration or tag renewals. Vehicle Registration Taxes can be used to fund management and maintenance of park roads and parking lots.

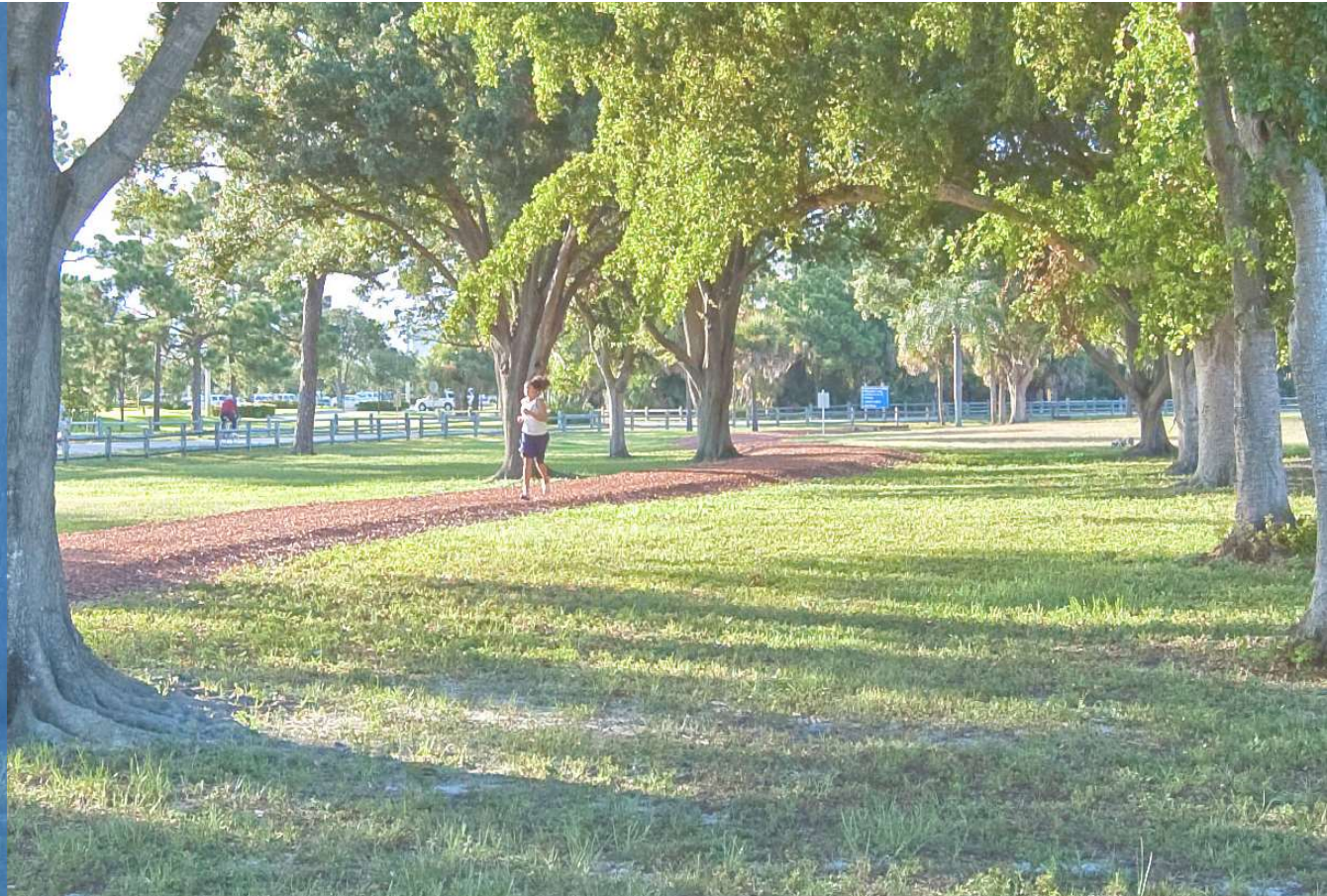
**Utility Round-Up** – A number of parks and recreation agencies across the county partner with utilities companies to enact a voluntary round up their utility bills to the next dollar or make set monthly contributions to assist in funding recreation programs, scholarships or special projects.

**Advertising or Corporate Naming Rights** – The Department currently has a limited program in place to sell advertising at dog parks and other facilities with scoreboards or other display areas. This program could be expanded to allow for advertising in additional locations or through promotional partnerships. A corporate naming rights program would allow corporations invest in the right to name an event, facility, or product within a parks system in exchange for an annual fee, typically over a multi-year period. The value of the naming rights could be determined by the market value of the ongoing promotion of the facility or program and should additionally include funding to maintain the facility.



# CHAPTER

# 9



## *Priority Strategies and Recommendations*



## Priority Strategies and Recommendations

The preceding chapters provided a variety of data points and analysis to assess existing and expected future supply and demand conditions that will directly impact the County's park system over the next 10-year period. Examination of demographic data and forecasts provide the demand side projections of the County's population that will directly influence how the Department serves a growing and increasingly diverse community. The inventory and level-of-service analysis provides supply side data that benchmarks current conditions and expected deficiencies. The leisure trends analysis provided a comparative examination of local recreational trends against state and national recreational demands.

Through the statistically valid needs assessment survey, online survey, and in-person meetings and discussions, residents expressed their ideas, concerns, and hopes for the County's parks and programs. The 20-year development plan incorporates the needs and demands reflected in the preceding chapters into site specific conceptual master plans that will guide future park development.

This chapter summarizes the priority facility and program needs and provides short, medium and long-term recommendations for the implementation.



## Short-Term and Ongoing Strategies (1-3 Years)

- Finalize design standards and construct additional shade bearing structures and landscaping within the park system.
- Provide new amenity offerings and programmatic activities to account for the growing cultural diversity of the County's residents.
- Secure additional grant funding by leveraging dedicated funding sources targeted for capital improvements from State and Federal funding sources.
- Identify remaining priority areas for neighborhood park development within CCRT areas.
- Ensure the Department's existing parks and facilities are ADA compliant.
- Continue to explore public-private partnerships to provide diverse recreational offerings that meet the needs of the County's residents while reducing the financial impact to the Department and County.
- Increase the use of technology such as an online reservation system to expedite services while reducing staffing needs.
- Update the Park Design Guidelines and Standards to ensure future park development is delivered in a consistent and high quality manner. Ensure universal and multi-generational design of parks and recreation facilities to foster inclusion.
- Continue to work with other County Departments to ensure that countywide connectivity, sustainability and resiliency initiatives have a parks and recreation component.
- Ensure public Wi-Fi access is available at a majority of the Department's parks and facilities.

- Consider expanding the operating hours of some park facilities to account for increased demand and climate impacts.

### Mid-Term Strategies (Completion within 5 Years)

- Prioritize a funding strategy to meet expected level-of-service deficiencies within Beach and District parks.
- Develop a replacement schedule for all amenities and other necessary park infrastructure within all park facilities.
- Enhance sense of security and comfort in Department managed park facilities by implementing a variety of security enhancements. Follow Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to address access control, surveillance and lighting to improve security. Consider the re-establishment of a PBSO Park unit.
- Consider adding splash pads to neighborhood parks or other parks in locations without adequate aquatic facility coverage.
- Actively seek to acquire additional park acres for neighborhood and community park development in areas with level of service access gaps.
- Work with private developers and other public agencies to identify and develop greenway and trail corridors throughout the county.
- Ensure the inclusion of flexible, innovative park spaces such as parklets, plazas, linear parks and temporary activations that meet the needs of urban communities and other areas of active urban infill development.

### Long-Term Strategies (Completion within 10 Years)

- Construction of regional recreational attractions for sports tourism purposes. A large, centrally located fieldhouse and outdoor tournament facilities are needed in Palm Beach County to attract regional and national tournaments.
- Replacement of outdated recreational facilities constructed in the 1980's and 1990's with new modern facilities to host new recreational trends and meet community needs.
- Partner with the Palm Beach County School District to open public school recreation areas to the public on nights and weekends.
- Strive to increase internal coordination with other major County infrastructure projects for opportunities to incorporate park /open space components.





# APPENDIX





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2045 PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN

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2024 COUNTY PARK AMENITY INVENTORY	Parking				Path Bicycle (in Miles)	Path Mountain Bike (in Miles)	Path Walking (in Miles)	Path Exercise (in Miles)	Path Equestrian (in Miles)	Path Wheelchair Exercise Course	Bench	Picnic Area	Picnic Pavilion	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Pier Fishing	Playground Sites	Playground Ages 2-5	Playground Ages 5-12	Pool 25 yard	Pool 50 Meter	Range Archery	Recreation Building	Restroom Facilities	Skate Park	Dog Park	Special Events Area	Memorial	Track BMX	Track RC Car	RC Boat Lake	RC Aircraft Field	Spasipark	Water Park
	Parking Boat/Trailer	Parking Paved Bus	Parking Paved Car	Parking Shell/Overflow																														
TOTALS:	702	16	14,672	190	40.6	10.6	44.5	10.0	21	1	588	77	51	260	292	7	92	64	81	4	3	1	7	109	1	4	4	10	1	1	1	2	4	3
20 Mile Bend/OHV			0																															
Affron			0				0.2							1	2			1	1	1														
American Homes			18				0.1				7			2	1			1	1	1														
Aqua Crest Pool			55								20	1									1			1										
Arden (fka Highland Dunes)																																		
Belvedere Heights (fka Bridgeman)			0								4						1	1	1															
Bert Winters	69		80																					2										
Burt Aaronson South County Regional	14	6	1,460		4.8		4.8				28	3	2	22			2	2	2	1				1		1	1						1	
Burt Reynolds	175		269								2		1	7	2		1	1					2											
Buttonwood			271								8	1	2		15		1	1	1				1											
Cabana Colony			0								7			1	6		1	1	1									1						
Caloosa			444		1		1	1.1			24	1	1		8		1		1				1											
Cam D. Milani			0																															
Canal Point Community Center			23								2						1	1	1				1											
Canyon Amphitheater											14				4								1										1	
Canyon District			251					1			14	1		2									1											
Carlin			482					1.25			42	2	2	26	26		3	1	2				3				1							
Caroline			0								1	1		1			1	1	1															
Coral Cove			115								4	2		1	5		1	1	1				2											
Coral Cove South			0	46																														
County Pines (Samuel Friedland)			370								13						1		1				1	1										
Dubois			165								16	2	1		34		1	1	1				1											
Duncan Padgett			82								2												1											
Dyer			256		4.91	7.1	4.91		3.4		21	2	1		9		2	1	1				3										1	
Flamango Lake			6																															
Fullerton Island			0								1	1		1																				
Glades Pioneer			313		1.25		1.25	1				5	1	17			2	2	2	1			1	2									1	
Golfview Heights			0				0.1				2	1		1			1	1																
Governor Lawton Chiles Memorial			75					0.28				2	2	1	2								1						1					
Gramercy			12				0.1				4						1	1	1															
Green Cay Nature Center		10	140				1.5																											
Gulfstream			92								10	2			18		2	1	1				1											
Gun Club Estates			0																															
Haverhill			67		0.4		0.4	1			8		1		5		1	1	1				1											
Indian Mounds			0																															
Ixora			0								3						1		1															
Jim Barry Light Harbor Marina	72		20																															
John Prince	59		1,370		4.5		4.5	1.1		1		6	6	9			10	5	8	1			10			1							1	
John Stretch			86								14	3	1	18	19		1	1	1				2											
Juno	15		92									1			4		2	1	2				2											
Juno Beach			299								0			10	1	1							1											
Jupiter Beach			163								3		1										3											
Jupiter Farms			143								5	1			1		1	1	1									1						
Karen Marcus Ocean Preserve			0	144																														
Kennedy Estates			0								2				3		1	1	1															
Kenwood			0								3						1	1	1															
Lake Belvedere Estates			0								2						1	1	1															
Lake Charleston			82								1	1			2		1	1	1				1	1										
Lake Ida East			90								4	1	1		9		1	1	1															
Lake Ida West	37		290		2		2				48	1	2	16	16	1	2	2	2				3			1								

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Lake Lytal				770							23	1	1		6		1	1	1		1			2	3										1	
Lake Worth West				0							4			1			2	1	2																	
Lantana District "I"				0							0																									
Limestone Creek				0							2	1		1	2		2	1	1									1								
Loggerhead				218							6	2		6	6		1	1	1					1				1								
Loggers Run				320				0.56			15	1	1				2	1	2					1												
Loxahatchee Groves				30				0.47			1	1	1				1		1					1												
Loxahatchee River Battlefield				164	0.26		1.2					4		14										8				1								
Melear				0							2				2																					
Morikami				309							8	1	1	2	8		1	1	2					1				1	2							
North County Aquatic				119																	1		1	1												
Ocean Cay				220							10	2	2	4			1	1	1					1												
Ocean Inlet				218							11	1	1	7			2	1	1	1				2												
Ocean Reef				228							10	2	1		9		1	1	1					2												
Ocean Ridge Hammock				29							0																									
Okeehelée	23		1,311		8			1			83	7	4	40			1	5	2	3				1	16		1	1		1						
Okeehelée South	21		534			1	8		8.1															2												
Old Trail				0							2			1	1		1	1	1																	
Park Ridge Golf Course				180																																
Paul Rardin	6		24								2	1	1	14	1		1	1	1																	
Peanut Island			0				1				0	4		7	26									4												
Phil Foster	126		221								7	1		4	8		1	1	1					3												
Pinewoods			96								5				3		1	1	1					1												
R.G. Kreusler			146								18													1												
Reverend Leon Camel Jr.			0								0				2		2	1	2									1								
Riverbend			164		13		13		8		2	3	6	9																						
San Castle Community			10											1			1		1																	
San Castle Neighborhood			0								0			1	2		2	1	2																	
Sandalfood Cove			100								5						1	1	1					1												
Sanders Drive			0											1			1		2																	
Sansbury Way District "K"			0																																	
Santalucas Athletic/Aquatic Complex			26		0.45		0.45	0.26									1	1	1	1				1												
Seminole Palms			412										2		6		2	1	1	1	1														1	
South Bay RV	21		44								10		1				2	1	1					2												
South County Civic Center			176																																	
South Inlet			74								2	1	1	3	12		2	1	1																	
Southwinds Golf Course			149																																	
Stacy Street			0								5	1		1	1		1	1	1																	
Stub Canal	9		0																																	
Triangle			7										1		3	2								1												
Veterans			72								0						1	1	1					2												
Villages of Windsor Property			0																																	
Watergate			0								3						1	1	1																	
Waterway	55		26																					1												
West Boynton Park and Recreation Center			451					1			4	1	1	3	3		1	2	2					3	1											
West Delray Regional			0		2.5				1.3								1					1								1	1	1				
West Jupiter Recreation Center			52															1	1	1																
Westgate Park and Recreation Center			91								9	1	1				3	1	2																1	

## 2024 MUNICIPAL PARK AMENITY INVENTORY

2024 MUNICIPAL PARK AMENITY INVENTORY		Municipality																														
	TOTALS	11	1	1/9	16	4	2	1	1/3	6/	6	64	320	1	60	1	113	108	10	15/	68	3/	1/	49	15	1/4	7	4/	38,170	24,620	26,899	189
City Park	Atlantis												2		1																	
Kintz Park	Atlantis				1				4				1								1											
Airport Park	Belle Glade				1								4					1		2	2											
Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course	Belle Glade																															18
Hands Park	Belle Glade				1																											
Lakeshore Civic Center	Belle Glade				4													1		1	1	1										
Lyons Park	Belle Glade												2							1												
Mace Park	Belle Glade				2												2			1												
Neighborhood Park #1	Belle Glade					1														1												
Neighborhood Park #2	Belle Glade																															
Torry Island	Belle Glade	1	1																													
Blazing Star Preserve	Boca Raton																															
Boca Isles Park	Boca Raton																				1											
Boca Raton Blvd Pocket Park	Boca Raton																				1											
Boca Raton Golf and Racquet	Boca Raton																															18
Boca Raton Racquet Club	Boca Raton												26																			
Boca Tierra Park	Boca Raton				1					2		2																				
Camino Villas Park	Boca Raton																									5						
Countess De Hoernle Park	Boca Raton																							2							3,500	
El Rio Trail	Boca Raton																	4	4													
George Snow	Boca Raton				1								1																			
Golden Fig Park	Boca Raton																				1											
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center	Boca Raton	1																										1	1,600			
Hidden Lakes Park	Boca Raton									2		2																				
Hillsboro El Rio	Boca Raton									4																						
Hughes Park	Boca Raton				2																											
Lake Wyman Park	Boca Raton				1								1		1		1	1				1					19					
Martin Luther King Memorial	Boca Raton																															
Meadows Park	Boca Raton												2		1					1	1											
Memorial Park	Boca Raton				1							12	10				1			1	1	1										
Mizner Amphitheatre	Boca Raton	1																														
Mizner Park	Boca Raton																								1							
Nw 11Th Avenue Park	Boca Raton																															
Ocean Strand Park	Boca Raton																															
Palmetto Dune Park	Boca Raton																															
Palmetto Park Road Pocket Parks	Boca Raton																															
Patch Reef Park	Boca Raton				3					12			19				1		3		1	2	1		2		15					
Patch Reef Trail	Boca Raton																															
Pine Breeze Park	Boca Raton				1	1																										
Por la Mar Circle Park	Boca Raton																															
Red Reef Golf Course	Boca Raton																															9
Red Reef Park	Boca Raton																											1			2,625	
Rutherford Park	Boca Raton																											1	5,300			
Sanborn Square	Boca Raton																															
Sand Pine Park	Boca Raton				1					4		2					1	2														
Serenoa Glade Preserve / George Snow Park	Boca Raton				1							1																				
Silver Palm Park	Boca Raton																											1				
South Beach Park	Boca Raton															1												1			2,680	
Spanish River Park	Boca Raton															1												1	3,520		3,145	
Sugar Sand Park	Boca Raton	1								6	1						4				1	2	1	1	2							
University Woodlands Park	Boca Raton				3								2					2				1										
Yale Newman Park	Boca Raton																															
Barrier Free Park	Boynton Beach																															
Barton Memorial Park	Boynton Beach																															
Betty Thomas Park	Boynton Beach				2																											
Boynton Beach Tennis And Pickleball Center	Boynton Beach									6			19																	1,140		
Boynton Lakes Park	Boynton Beach																															
Centennial Park	Boynton Beach	1																								12						
Dewey Park	Boynton Beach																															
Eco Park (Future)	Boynton Beach																															

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Sandhill Crane Golf Club	Palm Beach Gardens																					1										18
Burns Road Community Center	Palm Beach Gardens										5																					
Gardens Park	Palm Beach Gardens																9	1					2									
Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center	Palm Beach Gardens								10				20							1												
Joseph R. Russo Athletic Complex	Palm Beach Gardens		2						12	6			4					2														
Lake Catherine Lakeside Park	Palm Beach Gardens																													1,320		
Lake Catherine Sportsplex	Palm Beach Gardens																				4			1								
Lilac Park	Palm Beach Gardens								24								1								1							
Mirasol Park	Palm Beach Gardens		4												2			2			1											
Oaks Park	Palm Beach Gardens												2																			
PGA National Park	Palm Beach Gardens			2	2								2					5				2										
Plant Drive Park	Palm Beach Gardens			4					6		1						1															
Riverside Youth Enrichment Center	Palm Beach Gardens																					1										
Sandhill Crane Access Park	Palm Beach Gardens																															
South Ilex Circle Neighborhood Park	Palm Beach Gardens																			1												
The Gardens North County District Park	Palm Beach Gardens																	8		1				1								
Thompson River Linear Park	Palm Beach Gardens																										1					
Twins Park	Palm Beach Gardens																															
Inlet Park	Palm Beach Shores																											1	2,700			
P.B. Shores Municipal Beach	Palm Beach Shores																					1	1					1			340	
Palm Beach Shores Pedestrian Walkway	Palm Beach Shores																															
Christmas Palm Park	Palm Springs																															
Foxtail Palm Park	Palm Springs																															
Frost Lake Park	Palm Springs																													1,600		
Greenbrier Park	Palm Springs																															
Lakewood Gardens Park	Palm Springs		1												1																	
Royal Palm Park	Palm Springs																															
Sabal Palm Park	Palm Springs																				1											
Sago Palm Park	Palm Springs																															
Village Center Complex	Palm Springs		2						4				2		1		3	1		1		1		1								
Barracuda Bay Aquatic Complex	Riviera Beach																															
Ben Flint Park	Riviera Beach		2																													
Bicentennial Park - Riviera Beach	Riviera Beach																															

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Todd Robiner Park		Royal Palm Beach			2											4					1												
Veterans Park		Royal Palm Beach	2				1																		1								
Vivian A Ferrin Park		Royal Palm Beach			2														1			3			1								
Wetlands Park		Royal Palm Beach																															
Cox Park Center		South Bay			2																												
Nature Park		South Bay																			1												
Tanner Park Center		South Bay			2						2			1							1		1										
Palm Beach Country Estates Park		South Indian River WCD				1					1																						
Constitution Park		Tequesta			1					1											1												
Tequesta Park		Tequesta			2					6				2				1	1			2	1			1							
Tequesta Recreation Center		Tequesta																															
Aero Club Park		Wellington																															
Amesbury Park		Wellington																															
Aquatics Complex - Wellington		Wellington																							1								
Azure Park		Wellington			1																												
Berkshire Park		Wellington																															
Block Island Park		Wellington																															
Brampton Cove Park		Wellington																													150		
Community Park - Wellington		Wellington			2													6							1								
Dorchester Park		Wellington																															
Essex Park		Wellington																															
Farmington Park		Wellington			1																												
Field Of Dreams Park		Wellington				1																											
Forest Hill Boat Ramp		Wellington																															
Foresteria Park		Wellington			1																1												
Goldenrod Park		Wellington			1																												
Greenbriar Park		Wellington																															
Greenview Shores Park		Wellington			3					4			8					1		5	1	1			1								
Hawthorne Park		Wellington				1																											
Little Ranches Park		Wellington																															
Margate Park		Wellington			1																												
Mystic Park		Wellington																															
Niel S Hirsch Boys And Girls Club		Wellington			1																												



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Dreher Park	West Palm Beach														3					2					1	16						
Echo Lake Park	West Palm Beach																			1										300		
Flagler Park	West Palm Beach																															
Flamingo Park	West Palm Beach																															
Fogleman Park	West Palm Beach			1																1												
Gaines Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach			2						4			6				3	2		1	1	1		1								
Gateway Park	West Palm Beach																															
George Petty Park	West Palm Beach																			1								1	110			
Gettler Park	West Palm Beach																											1	85			
Greenwood Greenway Park	West Palm Beach																			1								1				
Heart and Soul Park	West Palm Beach																															
Howard Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach			2			2					16	9							1	1	1	1		1	12						
Joel T. Daves Park	West Palm Beach																															
Jose Marti Park	West Palm Beach																															
Lake Mangonia Park	West Palm Beach																													250		
Lincoln Park	West Palm Beach			4														1		1												
Manning Butterfly Park	West Palm Beach																															
Mary Brandon Park	West Palm Beach			1																1	1				1							
Melanie Jenkins Park	West Palm Beach																															
Meyer Amphitheatre	West Palm Beach	1																														
Monceaux Park	West Palm Beach																			1								1	360			
Nathaniel Adams Park	West Palm Beach			1																												
Norton Gallery Park	West Palm Beach																			1												
Osprey Park	West Palm Beach														1									1			1	360				
Palmetto Park	West Palm Beach																		2													
Phipps Park and Skate Park	West Palm Beach								6	1		4					4	1		1	1			1	11							
Pinewood Community Park	West Palm Beach			2																1		1										
Pleasant City Park and Youth Empowerment Center	West Palm Beach			1																		1	1									
Prospect Park	West Palm Beach																															
Providencia Park	West Palm Beach																			1												
South Olive Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach			1						4			9				1	1		1		1	1									
Storm of 1928 Memorial Park	West Palm Beach																															
Sullivan Park	West Palm Beach			1																1												
Summa Beach Park	West Palm Beach																											1	340			
Sunset Park	West Palm Beach																													505		
Tamarind Avenue Butterfly Garden	West Palm Beach																															
The Palm Beach Post Centennial Park	West Palm Beach																			1												
Trinity Park	West Palm Beach																															
Vedado Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach			1									1				1															
Village Paws Dog Park	West Palm Beach																															

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Municipality																														
TOTALS		8	28	25	4	451	12	22,385	8.3	0	120.93	14.85	0	77	155	210	22	202	231	7	12	4	0	20	245	10	6	0	1	7
City Park	Atlantis							10			0.23	0.23													1					
Kintz Park	Atlantis							9			0.04			1	1			1	2	1					1					
Airport Park	Belle Glade							156			0.17								1						1					
Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course	Belle Glade																													
Hands Park	Belle Glade							38			0.5				2	2		2	2						1					
Lakeshore Civic Center	Belle Glade							28			0.1					1		2	1		1			1	1					
Lyons Park	Belle Glade							15			0.3							2	1											
Mace Park	Belle Glade							117			0.05								1						1					
Neighborhood Park #1	Belle Glade																	1	1											
Neighborhood Park #2	Belle Glade																	1	1											
Torry Island	Belle Glade	2													3	7	7								4					
Blazing Star Preserve	Boca Raton							6			2																			
Boca Isles Park	Boca Raton							4			0.2							1	1											
Boca Raton Blvd Pocket Park	Boca Raton										0.1																			
Boca Raton Golf and Racquet	Boca Raton																													
Boca Raton Racquet Club	Boca Raton							122			0.2										1				2					
Boca Tierra Park	Boca Raton							10			0.55			1	2	1		1	1						1					
Camino Villas Park	Boca Raton																													
Countess De Hoernle Park	Boca Raton					7		395	1		2.3														2					
El Rio Trail	Boca Raton								3.8		3.8																			
George Snow	Boca Raton							29			0.5				2			1							1					
Golden Fig Park	Boca Raton										0.15							1	1											
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center	Boca Raton				1						0.45														1					
Hidden Lakes Park	Boca Raton							8			0.1							1	1											
Hillsboro El Rio	Boca Raton							80			0.1														1					
Hughes Park	Boca Raton						2	29			0.22				1															
Lake Wyman Park	Boca Raton							45			0.25	0.5						1	1						1					
Martin Luther King Memorial	Boca Raton																													
Meadows Park	Boca Raton							130			0.15							1	1		1				2					
Memorial Park	Boca Raton							274			0.2							1	1						2	1				
Mizner Amphitheatre	Boca Raton																													
Mizner Park	Boca Raton							27			0.5					9														
Nw 11Th Avenue Park	Boca Raton										0.03																			
Ocean Strand Park	Boca Raton																													
Palmetto Dune Park	Boca Raton										0.5			2																
Palmetto Park Road Pocket Parks	Boca Raton										0.07																			
Patch Reef Park	Boca Raton							463			2	1.5				8		1	2						6					
Patch Reef Trail	Boca Raton								3.5		3.5	3.5																		
Pine Breeze Park	Boca Raton							6			0.21				1			1	1											
Por la Mar Circle Park	Boca Raton																													
Red Reef Golf Course	Boca Raton																													
Red Reef Park	Boca Raton							276			0.75				3	4		1	1						1					
Rutherford Park	Boca Raton							70			1.5				4			1	1						1					
Sanborn Square	Boca Raton										0.15																1			
Sand Pine Park	Boca Raton							65			0.6							1	1						1					
Serenoa Glade Preserve / George Snow Park	Boca Raton										0.65									1										
Silver Palm Park	Boca Raton		2				20	14			0.07														1					
South Beach Park	Boca Raton							215			0.5																			
Spanish River Park	Boca Raton							849			0.75				8										6					
Sugar Sand Park	Boca Raton				1		2	473			0.2				3			1	1						4					
University Woodlands Park	Boca Raton							62			0.1				1			1	1						1					
Yale Newman Park	Boca Raton							2			0.2			1				1	1											
Barrier Free Park	Boynton Beach																													
Barton Memorial Park	Boynton Beach										2.5														1					
Betty Thomas Park	Boynton Beach							5						1		1		1	1											
Boynton Beach Tennis And Pickleball Center	Boynton Beach							126			5.5				1			2	2						1					
Boynton Lakes Park	Boynton Beach							4			0.5	0.5				1		1	1											
Centennial Park	Boynton Beach																													
Dewey Park	Boynton Beach																													
Eco Park (Future)	Boynton Beach																													

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Ezell Hester Park	Boynton Beach							208			0.35					1		1	1						3					
Forest Hill Park	Boynton Beach							7						1				1	1											
Fpl Park	Boynton Beach																													
Galaxy Park	Boynton Beach							41			0.25							1	1						1					
Girl Scout Park	Boynton Beach																													
Harmoning Arbor Park	Boynton Beach							7			0.05																			
Harvey E Oyer Jr Park	Boynton Beach	6	1			135	23				0.25			2			2		1						1					
Heritage Park	Boynton Beach										0.02																			
Hibiscus Park	Boynton Beach							2										1	1											
Intracoastal Park	Boynton Beach			1				82			0.5	0.5			3			1	1					1	1					
Jaycee Park	Boynton Beach			1				18			0.3			3	3		1	1	1						1					
Kapok Park	Boynton Beach							19										1	1											
Kiwanis-Sierra Park	Boynton Beach																													
Knollwood Park	Boynton Beach							8			0.25					1														
Laurel Hills Park	Boynton Beach							4										1	1											
Leisureville Park	Boynton Beach																													
Links at Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach																													
Little League Park	Boynton Beach							115							1										1					
Mangrove Park	Boynton Beach										0.4						1													
Meadows Park	Boynton Beach							25			0.5	0.35			2			1	1						1					
Oceanfront Park	Boynton Beach							245			0.43			3	3			1	1						1					
Officer Joseph Crowder Park	Boynton Beach							37								4	1													
Palmetto Greens Line	Boynton Beach										0.4				1			1	1						1					
Pence Park	Boynton Beach																	1	1						1					
Pioneer Canal Park	Boynton Beach			2		4									1			1	1						1					
Sara Sims Park	Boynton Beach							68			0.4				3	1		1	1						1					
Veterans Park	Boynton Beach										0.03				1															
Wilson Park	Boynton Beach							110			0.2				1		2	1	1		1				2					1
13Th Street Playground	Delray Beach																	1												
505 Teen Center And Hobbit Skate Park	Delray Beach						1	31																	1	1				
Anchor Park	Delray Beach							53			0.1				1			1	1						1					
Atlantic Dunes Park	Delray Beach							92			0.35				1										1					
Barwick Park	Delray Beach							20			0.82				1			2							1					
Bexley Trail Community Park	Delray Beach							16			0.05				3			1	1											
Carver Square Park	Delray Beach																	1	1											
Catherine Strong Splash Park	Delray Beach							84			0.2				1			2	2						1					1
City Marina Delray Beach	Delray Beach							8			0.15																			
Community Center Delray Beach	Delray Beach							41																	1					
Cornell Park	Delray Beach										0.25																			
Currie Commons Park	Delray Beach							42			0.1							1							1					
Del Ida Park	Delray Beach										0.85																			
Delray Beach Golf Club	Delray Beach																													
Delray Beach Tennis Center	Delray Beach					1	96																		1					
Delray Municipal Beach	Delray Beach							211																						
Delray Swim And Tennis Club	Delray Beach							61													1				1					
Eagle Park	Delray Beach										0.4					1			1											
Elizabeth Jackson Wesley Plaza	Delray Beach										0.1																	1		
Family Recreation And Fitness Playground	Delray Beach																	1	1											
Knowles Park	Delray Beach	2	1			17	8												1						1					
Lahacienda Gardens	Delray Beach													1				1	1											
Lake View Park	Delray Beach	1	1			9	26				0.3					3		1	1					1						
Lakeview Golf Course	Delray Beach																													
Leon M. Weeks Preserve	Delray Beach							16			0.55							1	1											
Mangrove Park	Delray Beach	1				18	10										1								1					
Merritt Park	Delray Beach																													
Mike Machek Boy Scout Park	Delray Beach							21							1			1	1						1					
Oakmont Park	Delray Beach							9																						
Old School Square	Delray Beach							121			0.4							1	2						1		1			
Orchard View Park	Delray Beach							29			0.5				1	5			1						1					

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Pine Grove Park	Delray Beach						12				0.15			1					1											
Plumosa Park	Delray Beach						19				0.25																			
Pompey Park	Delray Beach						201				0.15					1			1		1			1	2					
Rev. J.W.H. Thomas Jr. Park	Delray Beach						40											1												
Robert P. Miller Park	Delray Beach						217												1						2					
Rosemont Park	Delray Beach										0.05							1	1											
Sandoway House	Delray Beach			1			164				0.1			1											1					
Sarah Gleason Park	Delray Beach										0.02														1					
Seacrest Soccer Complex/Hilltopper Stadium	Delray Beach						56														1	1			1					
Sunshine Park	Delray Beach										0.05																			
Veterans Park	Delray Beach						74				0.25					2		2	2						1					
Worthing Park	Delray Beach										0.05			1																
Flurry Park	Glen Ridge																		1	1										
Arbor Park	Greenacres																			1										
Bowman Park	Greenacres						11				0.35				1				1	1										
Burrowing Owl Park	Greenacres										0.05				1				1	1										
Empire Way Park	Greenacres						10								1					1										
Freedom Park - Greenacres	Greenacres						184				1.1							1	1						2					
Friend Park	Greenacres																													
Gladiator Park	Greenacres						9				0.05								1	1										
Heather Estates Park	Greenacres													1						1										
Ira Van Bullock Park	Greenacres						233								1				1	1				1	3					
Ramblewood Circle Park	Greenacres													1					1	1										
Rambo Park	Greenacres						14				0.25								1	1										
Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park	Greenacres						24				1.3			1	1	3		1	1											
Veterans Park	Greenacres						38																		1					
Tommy Plyler Field	Haverhill						23								1										1					
Garnett Park	Hypoluxo																													
Hypoluxo Hammock Park	Hypoluxo																													
Acreage Community Park	Indian Trail ID						264				0.25								1	1					1					
Bob Hoeffl	Indian Trail ID						30				0.31				1				1	1										
Citrus Grove Blvd Park	Indian Trail ID						50				0.32				1	1			1	1					1					
Coconut Park	Indian Trail ID						9				0.35	0.34					1													
Downers Park	Indian Trail ID						68				0.21	0.21		1	1				1	1					1					
Hamlin House Multi-Use Facility	Indian Trail ID																								1					
Kidscape Park	Indian Trail ID						19				0.1				1				1	1					1					
Nicole Hornstein Equestrian Park	Indian Trail ID					30	50							1	1	2									1					
Sycamore Lane Park	Indian Trail ID						35				0.21	0.21								1					1					
Temple Blvd Park	Indian Trail ID						35												1	1					1					
Kagan Park	Juno Beach						20							1					1	1										
Pelican Lake Park	Juno Beach										0.75				3															
Town Hall Park	Juno Beach																													
Abacoa Community Park	Jupiter						377				0.36				2				1	1					2	1				
Cinquez Park	Jupiter						67				0.8					3									1					
Civic Center	Jupiter						22								1										1					
Daily Park	Jupiter															1			1	1										
Eastview Manor Park	Jupiter															1														
FIND Park	Jupiter		1			2	19				0.73			1					1	1										
Frazier Park	Jupiter		1								0.1			1																
Indian Creek Park	Jupiter						52				0.6			2	3				1	1										
Jupiter Community Center	Jupiter						263																		1					
Jupiter Community Park	Jupiter						832				1				2				2	2					3					
Jupiter River Estates	Jupiter										0.07			1																
Jupiter Village Park	Jupiter						50									1			1	1					1					
Lighthouse Park	Jupiter						281				0.65								1						2					
Maplewood Park	Jupiter						100				0.05								1	1					1					
Miracal Moments Playground	Jupiter						8				0.42								1	1										
Officer Bruce St. Laurent Park	Jupiter																		2	2										
Old Town Hall Park	Jupiter						7												1	2										
Sawfish Bay Park	Jupiter						29				0.3			2		3									1					



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Sylvia Park	Jupiter										0.1																			
The Heights Of Jupiter Park	Jupiter						13				0.37					4		1	1											
Boat Ramp Park	Lake Clarke Shores	1	1		2																									
Community Park	Lake Clarke Shores					9					0.23				1	1		1	2											
Memorial Park	Lake Clarke Shores										0.2			1	1	1		1	1						1					
Pine Tree Park	Lake Clarke Shores										0.15																			
Town Hall Park	Lake Clarke Shores					20					0.25			1				1	2						1					
Bert Bostrom Park	Lake Park										0.1			1		1		1	1						2					
Ilex Park	Lake Park										0.04				1	1		1	1											
Kelsey/Lake Shore Park	Lake Park						96				1.65	0.4		2	3	3		1	1						2					
Lake Park Marina	Lake Park						61							1											1					
Lottie Mae Miller Park	Lake Park										0.12																			
S.J. Blakley Park	Lake Park										0.12			1																
Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course	Lake Worth Beach																													
13th Avenue North Park	Lake Worth Beach																													
Bryant Park	Lake Worth Beach	2	1		51	78					0.6			2	1	2	1	2	2						2					
Constitution Walk	Lake Worth Beach										0.01																			
Harold Grimes Memorial Park	Lake Worth Beach					2	57																			1				
Howard Park and Osborne Community Center	Lake Worth Beach						51									2		1	2							1				
Lake Worth Beach Casino/Beach Complex	Lake Worth Beach						660				1				1	2	1		1			1		1	2					
Lake Worth Beach Municipal Gymnasium	Lake Worth Beach						43																		1					
Lend A Hand Park	Lake Worth Beach																	1	1											
Northwest Park	Lake Worth Beach																								2					
Royal Poinciana Park	Lake Worth Beach															1		1												
South Palm Park	Lake Worth Beach		1											1					1											
Spillway Park	Lake Worth Beach					38					0.11			1											1					
Sunset Ridge Park	Lake Worth Beach					65					0.1							1	1						1					
Triangle Park	Lake Worth Beach										0.31																			
Tropical Ridge Fitness Park	Lake Worth Beach																	1	1											
Bicentennial Park - Lantana	Lantana					30								1				1	1						1					
Lyman Kayak Park	Lantana		1			29											1													
Maddock Park	Lantana					24					0.2					1		1	1						1	1				
Mckinley Park	Lantana										0.27							1	1											
Municipal Beach - Lantana	Lantana					282								1	1	2		1	1						1					
Sports Park	Lantana					268																			2					
Sportsmans Park	Lantana	2	1		26	36																								
Town of Lantana Recreation Center	Lantana					31												1	1											
Addie Greene Park	Mangonia Park					30					0.25			1	1			1	1						1					
Mangonia Park Community Center	Mangonia Park																													
North Palm Beach Country Club	North Palm Beach																													
Alamanda Park	North Palm Beach					269												1	1						1					
Anchorage Park	North Palm Beach	1	1		20	203					0.8			2	1	5		1	1						2					
Lakeside Park	North Palm Beach					22					0.4				1			1	1											
NPB Community Center	North Palm Beach					175					0.75	0.5						1	1						1					
Osborne Park	North Palm Beach					94									1			1	1					1	1					
Veterans Park - North Palm Beach	North Palm Beach																													
Commissioners Park	Pahokee					22									1			1	1											
Pahokee City Marina	Pahokee	2		1		92															1					2				
Pahokee Recreation Center	Pahokee					52					0.25							1	1							1				
Pelican River (MLK) Park	Pahokee					69					0.47				1			1	1							1				
Bradley Park	Palm Beach																													
Clarke Avenue Beach	Palm Beach																													
Morton and Barbara Mandel Recreation Center	Palm Beach																								1					
Municipal Beach	Palm Beach					137																								
Palm Beach Par 3	Palm Beach																													
Phipps Ocean Park	Palm Beach					281					0.25				1										1	2				
Phipps Park Plaza	Palm Beach					42																								
Seaview Avenue Park	Palm Beach					68												1	1					1	1					
Southern Blvd. Causeway	Palm Beach			1		34																								
Tangier/Miraflores Park	Palm Beach										0.1																			
Town of Palm Beach Marina	Palm Beach					140					0.6															2				

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Sandhill Crane Golf Club	Palm Beach Gardens							178							2			1	1		2				2					1
Burns Road Community Center	Palm Beach Gardens							306						1				1	2						3					
Gardens Park	Palm Beach Gardens							60			0.1					2									1		1			
Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center	Palm Beach Gardens							109								1		1	1						2					
Joseph R. Russo Athletic Complex	Palm Beach Gardens							20			0.6	0.4																		
Lake Catherine Lakeside Park	Palm Beach Gardens							102										1	1						1					
Lake Catherine Sportsplex	Palm Beach Gardens							97			0.75				1	1			2	2					1					
Lilac Park	Palm Beach Gardens							117			0.32					2		1	1						1					
Mirasol Park	Palm Beach Gardens							28			0.66	0.66			1										1					
Oaks Park	Palm Beach Gardens							159			0.6			1	1				1											
PGA National Park	Palm Beach Gardens							101							2										1	1				
Plant Drive Park	Palm Beach Gardens							25																						
Riverside Youth Enrichment Center	Palm Beach Gardens							13																						
Sandhill Crane Access Park	Palm Beach Gardens	1		1		10																								
South Ilex Circle Neighborhood Park	Palm Beach Gardens										0.04																			
The Gardens North County District Park	Palm Beach Gardens					4	382				1.5			1	1	6		1	2	1					2					
Thompson River Linear Park	Palm Beach Gardens			1																										
Twins Park	Palm Beach Gardens																													
Inlet Park	Palm Beach Shores										0.5					2														
P.B. Shores Municipal Beach	Palm Beach Shores						60				0.1							1	1						1					
Palm Beach Shores Pedestrian Walkway	Palm Beach Shores						28				0.5																			
Christmas Palm Park	Palm Springs										0.04																			
Foxtail Palm Park	Palm Springs						5				0.14							1	1											
Frost Lake Park	Palm Springs										0.35			1																
Greenbrier Park	Palm Springs										0.1																			
Lakewood Gardens Park	Palm Springs										0.15							2	2											
Royal Palm Park	Palm Springs						8				0.03			1				1	1											
Sabal Palm Park	Palm Springs						42																							
Sago Palm Park	Palm Springs						11				0.1				1	3	1	1	1						1					
Village Center Complex	Palm Springs						169				0.2				1			1	1	1					2					1
Barracuda Bay Aquatic Complex	Riviera Beach						168														1				1					1
Ben Flint Park	Riviera Beach						12																							
Bicentennial Park - Riviera Beach	Riviera Beach										0.3																			
Congress Lakes Park	Riviera Beach										0.03			1		1														
Cunningham Park	Riviera Beach										0.32	0.32			1	1									1					
Dan Calloway Rec Complex	Riviera Beach						372				1	0.33		2	3			1	2						2					
Goodmark Park	Riviera Beach										0.11				1			1	1											
Jerry Schultz Park	Riviera Beach										0.05							1	1											
Lindsey Davis Sr. Community Center	Riviera Beach						9																							
Lone Pine Park	Riviera Beach																		1											
Monroe Heights Park	Riviera Beach										0.05				1			1	1											
Riviera Beach Marina	Riviera Beach										0.75															1				
Riviera Beach Municipal Beach Park	Riviera Beach						463				1.25			3	3	3		1	1						2					
Sadie McCray Park	Riviera Beach										0.1				1			1	1											
Timber Pine Park	Riviera Beach										0.02								1											
Wells Recreation Complex	Riviera Beach						57				0.9	0.9		1		2		1	1					1	1					
Bob Marcello Baseball Complex	Royal Palm Beach						228				0.75					3		1	1						3					
Bobbie Jo Lauter Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.35			2		2			1											
Camellia Park	Royal Palm Beach						57				0.43					2		1	1						1					
Earth Day Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.13				1															
Grandview Linear Park	Royal Palm Beach						15				0.28					1		1	1											
HL Johnson Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.4																			
Homeplace Park	Royal Palm Beach						31				0.41				1	1	1		1											
Lakeside Challenger Park	Royal Palm Beach						6				0.45				1	1									1					
Lindsay Ewing Park	Royal Palm Beach						60																		1					
Moonlight Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.1					1		1	1											
Penzance Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.1					1	1	1	1											
Pine Road Park	Royal Palm Beach						17				0.3				2															
Pippin Park	Royal Palm Beach						10				0.15				1			1	1											
Preservation Park	Royal Palm Beach						468				3.4					1		1	1											
Royal Palm Beach Commons	Royal Palm Beach			1			273				5.14				5	18								1	3		1			1

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Todd Robiner Park	Royal Palm Beach							38			0.67				1	1		1	1						1					
Veterans Park	Royal Palm Beach							77			0.74				2	13		1	1						2					
Vivian A Ferrin Park	Royal Palm Beach										0.22														1					
Wetlands Park	Royal Palm Beach							10			0.29					1														
Cox Park Center	South Bay							10							1			1	1						1					
Nature Park	South Bay							3							1															
Tanner Park Center	South Bay							16			0.32					2		1							1					
Palm Beach Country Estates Park	South Indian River WCD							10							1	2		1	1											
Constitution Park	Tequesta										0.4			1	2	1		1	2						1	1				
Tequesta Park	Tequesta							110			1														1					
Tequesta Recreation Center	Tequesta																							1						
Aero Club Park	Wellington																													
Amesbury Park	Wellington										0.07					1		1	1		1									
Aquatics Complex - Wellington	Wellington																			1		1		1						
Azure Park	Wellington						7				0.15					1		1	1											
Berkshire Park	Wellington										0.02							1	1											
Block Island Park	Wellington						3				0.08			1		1		1	1											
Brampton Cove Park	Wellington										0.25					1			1											
Community Park - Wellington	Wellington						182				0.2					1		1	1						1					
Dorchester Park	Wellington										0.05							1	1											
Essex Park	Wellington										0.05					1		1	1											
Farmington Park	Wellington										0.13							1	1											
Field Of Dreams Park	Wellington										0.12							1	1											
Forest Hill Boat Ramp	Wellington	1		1		3																								
Foresteria Park	Wellington						9				0.06					1		1	1											
Goldenrod Park	Wellington										0.05					1		1	1											
Greenbrier Park	Wellington						113											1	1											
Greenview Shores Park	Wellington																								1					
Hawthorne Park	Wellington															1		1	1											
Little Ranches Park	Wellington																													
Margate Park	Wellington										0.15					1			1											
Mystic Park	Wellington										0.02							1	1											
Niel S Hirsch Boys And Girls Club	Wellington						33																	1		1				
Olympia Park	Wellington						69				0.74														2					
Peaceful Waters Sanctuary	Wellington										0.3																			
Pine Valley Preserve	Wellington										0.07																			
Primrose Park	Wellington										0.25					1			1											
Rotary Peace	Wellington										0.35					1														
Scott's Place Barrier Free Playground	Wellington															2		2	1						1					
Stairford Park	Wellington										0.05					1		1	1											
Summerwood Circle Park	Wellington										0.23				1			1	1											
Tennis Center - Wellington	Wellington					2	73				0.2													1	1					
Tiger Shark Cove	Wellington						110				0.25				1	2		1	1						2					
Veterans Memorial - Wellington	Wellington										0.1																			
Village Park - Wellington	Wellington						1400				2.47	1.7												1	7	1				
Wellington Amphitheater	Wellington						290																		1					
Wellington Community Center	Wellington			1			251				0.75					1		1	1			1		1	3					1
Wellington Dog Park	Wellington										0.48				2	1														
Wellington Environmental Preserve (Section 24)	Wellington						54				3.3																			
Wellington Green Park	Wellington						107				0.01																			
Yarmouth Park	Wellington						9				0.05																			
The Park Golf Course	West Palm Beach																		1											
Alice Mickens Park	West Palm Beach																													
Apoxee Park	West Palm Beach			1			21				4																			
Bill Moss Hillcrest Paseo	West Palm Beach						73											1	1						1					
Blum Park	West Palm Beach										0.1			1	1				1						1					
Brian Chappell Park	West Palm Beach										0.14			1		1	1	1	1											
Centennial Square	West Palm Beach										0.6				3									1			1			1
Chillingworth Park	West Palm Beach										0.45				1	1		1	1											
Coleman Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach						10				0.24			1				1	1					1						
Currie Park	West Palm Beach		10	1		85	120				0.83						1	1	1					1						

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Dreher Park	West Palm Beach				1		201				1.42				8	3		3	3						4						
Echo Lake Park	West Palm Beach						11				0.25							1	2												
Flagler Park	West Palm Beach																														
Flamingo Park	West Palm Beach										0.06							1	1												
Fogleman Park	West Palm Beach										0.9								1												
Gaines Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach						250				1.54				1	7		2	2	1	1			3							
Gateway Park	West Palm Beach										0.21																				
George Petty Park	West Palm Beach													1				1	1												
Gettler Park	West Palm Beach										0.08																				
Greenwood Greenway Park	West Palm Beach																	1	1												
Heart and Soul Park	West Palm Beach										0.06							1	1												
Howard Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach						195				1.67	0.64			2			2	1					3							
Joel T. Daves Park	West Palm Beach																														
Jose Marti Park	West Palm Beach										0.15							1	1												
Lake Mangonia Park	West Palm Beach	2		1		8	16																		1						
Lincoln Park	West Palm Beach						100				0.5							1	1	1					1						
Manning Butterfly Park	West Palm Beach																														
Mary Brandon Park	West Palm Beach						28				0.54	0.42		1		1		1	1					1							
Melanie Jenkins Park	West Palm Beach													1																	
Meyer Amphitheatre	West Palm Beach										0.16														1						
Monceaux Park	West Palm Beach																														
Nathaniel Adams Park	West Palm Beach																														
Norton Gallery Park	West Palm Beach										0.04			1				1	1												
Osprey Park	West Palm Beach						6				0.4	0.29		1		1		1	1												
Palmetto Park	West Palm Beach						8				0.28								1												
Phipps Park and Skate Park	West Palm Beach						141				1.25	0.45			1			1	1						2	1					
Pinewood Community Park	West Palm Beach						39								1	1		1	1					1	1						
Pleasant City Park and Youth Empowerment Center	West Palm Beach																														
Prospect Park	West Palm Beach										0.03																				
Providencia Park	West Palm Beach																														
South Olive Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach						101				0.63							2	2					1	2						
Storm of 1928 Memorial Park	West Palm Beach																														
Sullivan Park	West Palm Beach										0.2			1		1		1	1												
Summa Beach Park	West Palm Beach										0.07																				
Sunset Park	West Palm Beach										0.35							1	1												
Tamarind Avenue Butterfly Garden	West Palm Beach																														
The Palm Beach Post Centennial Park	West Palm Beach																														
Trinity Park	West Palm Beach										0.25																				
Vedado Park and Community Center	West Palm Beach																	1	1						1						
Village Paws Dog Park	West Palm Beach																														
Waterfront Commons	West Palm Beach																								1						
Westminster Park	West Palm Beach																														
Westward Park	West Palm Beach										0.6																				
Oswego Oaks Park	Westgate CRA																														
Westgate Dog Park	Westgate CRA																														



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		TOTALS	263	374	27	38	66	97	54	43	62	10,413	77	60	305
Acreage Pines Elementary	Elementary	Loxahatchee	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Addison Mizner School	Elementary	Boca Raton	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts	High	West Palm Beach	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Allamanda Elementary	Elementary	Palm Beach Gardens	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Atlantic Community High	High	Delray Beach	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bak Middle School of the Arts	Middle	West Palm Beach	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Banyan Creek Elementary	Elementary	Delray Beach	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Barton Elementary	Elementary	Lake Worth	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Beacon Cove Intermediate	Elementary	Jupiter	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	942	1	0	1
Bear Lakes Middle	Middle	West Palm Beach	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Belle Glade Elementary	Elementary	Belle Glade	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Belvedere Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Benoist Farms Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Berkshire Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Binks Forest Elementary	Elementary	Wellington	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Blue Lake Elementary	Elementary	Boca Raton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Boca Raton Community High	High	Boca Raton	8	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Boca Raton Community Middle	Middle	Boca Raton	2	8	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Boca Raton Elementary	Elementary	Boca Raton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Boynton Beach Community High	High	Boynton Beach	8	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Calusa Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Carver Community Middle	Middle	Delray Beach	0	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cholee Lake Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Christa McAuliffe Middle	Middle	Unincorporated	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Citrus Cove Elementary	Elementary	Boynton Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	642	1	0	4
Clifford O. Taylor/Kirklane Elementary	Elementary	Palm Springs	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Congress Middle	Middle	Boynton Beach	5	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Conniston Community Middle	Middle	West Palm Beach	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Coral Reef Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Coral Sunset Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Crestwood Middle	Middle	Royal Palm Beach	2	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crosspointe Elementary	Elementary	Boynton Beach	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1,065	0	0	2
Crossroads Academy	Alternative	Belle Glade	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Lakes Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Cypress Trails Elementary	Elementary	Royal Palm Beach	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Del Prado Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Delray Full Service Center	Adult	Delray Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Diamond View Elementary	Elementary	Greenacres	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Discovery Key Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Don Estridge High Tech Middle	Middle	Boca Raton	6	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dr. Joaquin Garcia High	High	Unincorporated	4	3	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary	Elementary	Riviera Beach	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary	K-8	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Eagles Landing Middle	Middle	Unincorporated	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Egret Lake Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
Elbridge Gale Elementary	Elementary	Wellington	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Emerald Cove Middle	Middle	Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Equestrian Trails Elementary	Elementary	Wellington	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Everglades Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Forest Hill Community High	High	West Palm Beach	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forest Hill Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Forest Park Elementary	Elementary	Boynton Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Freedom Shores Elementary	Elementary	Boynton Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Frontier Elementary	Elementary	Loxahatchee	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Galaxy Elementary	Elementary	Boynton Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Glade View Elementary	Elementary	Belle Glade	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,215	0	0	2
Glades Central Community High	High	Belle Glade	6	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Golden Grove Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1,417			2

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Gove Elementary	Elementary	Belle Glade	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Grassy Waters Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	677	1	0	4
Greenacres Elementary	Elementary	Greenacres	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Grove Park Elementary (Under Construction)	Elementary	Palm Beach Gardens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.L. Johnson Elementary	Elementary	Royal Palm Beach	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Hagen Road Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Hammock Pointe Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Heritage Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Hidden Oaks K-8 School	K-8	Lake Worth	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Highland Elementary	Elementary	Lake Worth	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
Highridge	Alternative	West Palm Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hope-Centennial Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Howell L. Watkins Middle	Middle	Palm Beach Gardens	6	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Independence Middle	Middle	Jupiter	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Indian Pines Elementary	Elementary	Lake Worth	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Indian Ridge School	K-12	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Intensive Transition South	Alternative	Boynton Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.C. Mitchell Elementary	Elementary	Boca Raton	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Jeaga Middle	Middle	West Palm Beach	6	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jerry Thomas Elementary	Elementary	Jupiter	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
John F. Kennedy Middle	Middle	Riviera Beach	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
John I. Leonard High	High	Greenacres	8	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jupiter Community High	High	Jupiter	8	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jupiter Elementary	Elementary	Jupiter	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,140	1	1	2
Jupiter Farms Elementary	Elementary	Jupiter	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jupiter Middle	Middle	Jupiter	2	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
K.E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Kelly Center	Alternative	West Palm Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.C. Swain Middle	Middle	Greenacres	5	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake Park Elementary	Elementary	Lake Park	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lake Shore Middle	Middle	Belle Glade	3	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake Worth Community High	High	Lake Worth	8	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake Worth Middle	Middle	Lake Worth	4	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lantana Community Middle	Middle	Lantana	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lantana Elementary	Elementary	Lantana	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Liberty Park Elementary	Elementary	Greenacres	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Lighthouse Elementary	Elementary	Jupiter	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	1	0	2
Limestone Creek Elementary	Elementary	Jupiter	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Lincoln Elementary	Elementary	Riviera Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Loggers Run Community Middle	Middle	Unincorporated	4	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Loxahatchee Groves Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Manatee Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Marsh Pointe Elementary	Elementary	Palm Beach Gardens	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Meadow Park Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Melaleuca Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Morikami Park Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	390	1	0	2
New Horizons Elementary	Elementary	Wellington	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
North Grade K-8	K-8	Lake Worth	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Northboro Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Northmore Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Okeetee Middle	Middle	Greenacres	6	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Olympic Heights Community High	High	Unincorporated	6	4	0	1	1	2	1	0	8	0	0	1	0
Omni Middle	Middle	Boca Raton	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Orchard View Elementary	Elementary	Delray Beach	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Osceola Creek Middle	Middle	Loxahatchee	6	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pace Center for Girls	Alternative	Palm Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pahokee Elementary	Elementary	Pahokee	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Pahokee Middle-Senior High	6-12	Pahokee	2	6	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Palm Beach Central High	High	Wellington	8	4	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Palm Beach Gardens Community High	High	Palm Beach Gardens	7	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Palm Beach Gardens Elementary	Elementary	Riviera Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Palm Beach Lakes Community High	High	West Palm Beach	6	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	8	0	0	1	0
Palm Beach Public	Elementary	Palm Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Palm Springs Elementary	Elementary	Palm Springs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Palmetto Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Panther Run Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Park Vista Community High	High	Lake Worth	8	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pierce Hammock Elementary	Elementary	Loxahatchee	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Pine Grove Elementary	Elementary	Delray Beach	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Pine Jog Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Pioneer Park Elementary	Elementary	Belle Glade	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Royal Palm Beach Elementary	Elementary	Royal Palm Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Royal Palm School	K-12	Unincorporated	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,630	1	0	6
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Santaluces Community High	High	Lantana	8	4	0	0	2	2	1	0	8	0	0	1	0
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South Olive Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
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The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach	K-8	North Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	615	1	1	1
Timber Trace Elementary	Elementary	Palm Beach Gardens	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
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U.B. Kinsley/Palmview Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Verde K-8	K-8	Unincorporated	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
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West Technical Education Center	Alternative	Belle Glade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Westward Elementary	Elementary	West Palm Beach	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Whispering Pines Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
William T. Dwyer High	High	Palm Beach Gardens	6	4	0	1	1	2	1	0	8	0	0	1	1
Woodlands Middle	Middle	Unincorporated	1	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0

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Wynnebrook Elementary	Elementary	Unincorporated	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2

<sup>1</sup> Defined as court with net and proper line layout.

<sup>2</sup> Defined as a full court with two goals and hard surface. Does not need to be properly lined.

<sup>3</sup> Defined as a field that includes clay on basepaths and/or infield and backstop

<sup>4</sup> Defined as grass or turf field with dimension at or greater than 160' x 360'

<sup>5</sup> Defined as outdoor court with proper line layout.

<sup>6</sup> Defined as designated mulch, clay/sand or hard surface.

<sup>7</sup> Defined as indoor multipurpose facility.

<sup>8</sup> Defined as one or cluster of play structures within single contained area.





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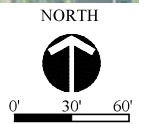
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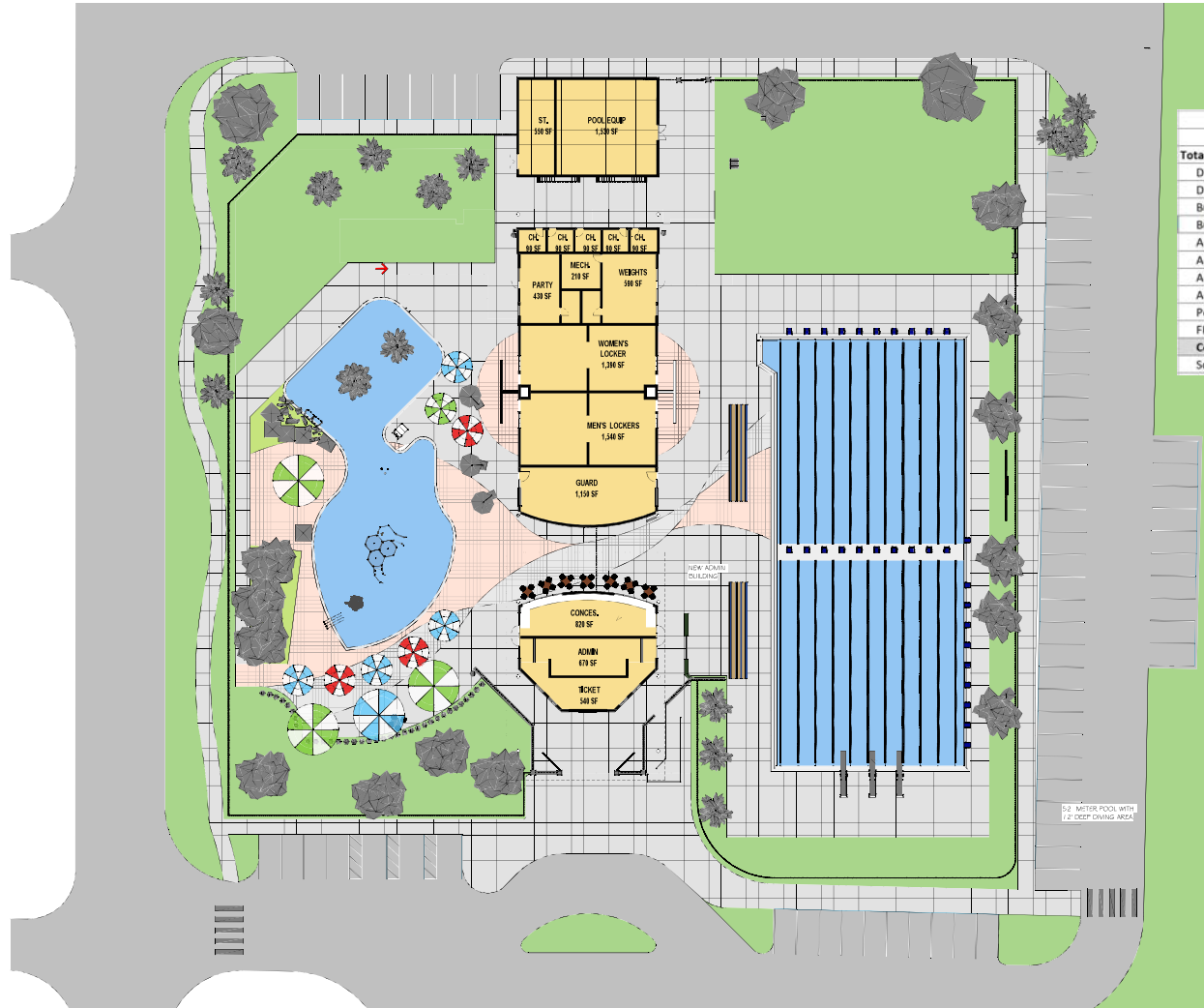
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# OPTION 3

Construction budget			
	Low	Mid point	High
<b>Total Option 3 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 9,884,439.98</b>	<b>\$ 11,179,377.98</b>	<b>\$ 12,474,315.97</b>
Demo existing pool mechanical room and pool stor	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
Demo existing building	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 125,000.00
Build new complex entry admin and life guards	\$ 900,000.00		\$ 1,100,000.00
Build New lockers/ party rooms	\$ 1,500,000.00		\$ 1,800,000.00
Add new pool equipment room	\$ 420,000.00		\$ 460,000.00
Add new 50 meter pool	\$ 3,805,165.20		\$ 5,087,231.28
Add smaller rec pool that includes an area for learn	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$ 1,200,000.00
Add play structure	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
Pool deck and Site amenities	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 600,000.00
FF&E cost	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 150,000.00
<b>Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$ 8,595,165.20</b>	<b>\$ 9,721,198.24</b>	<b>\$ 10,847,231.28</b>
Soft Cost 15%	\$ 1,289,274.78	\$ 1,458,179.74	\$ 1,627,084.69



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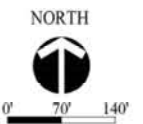
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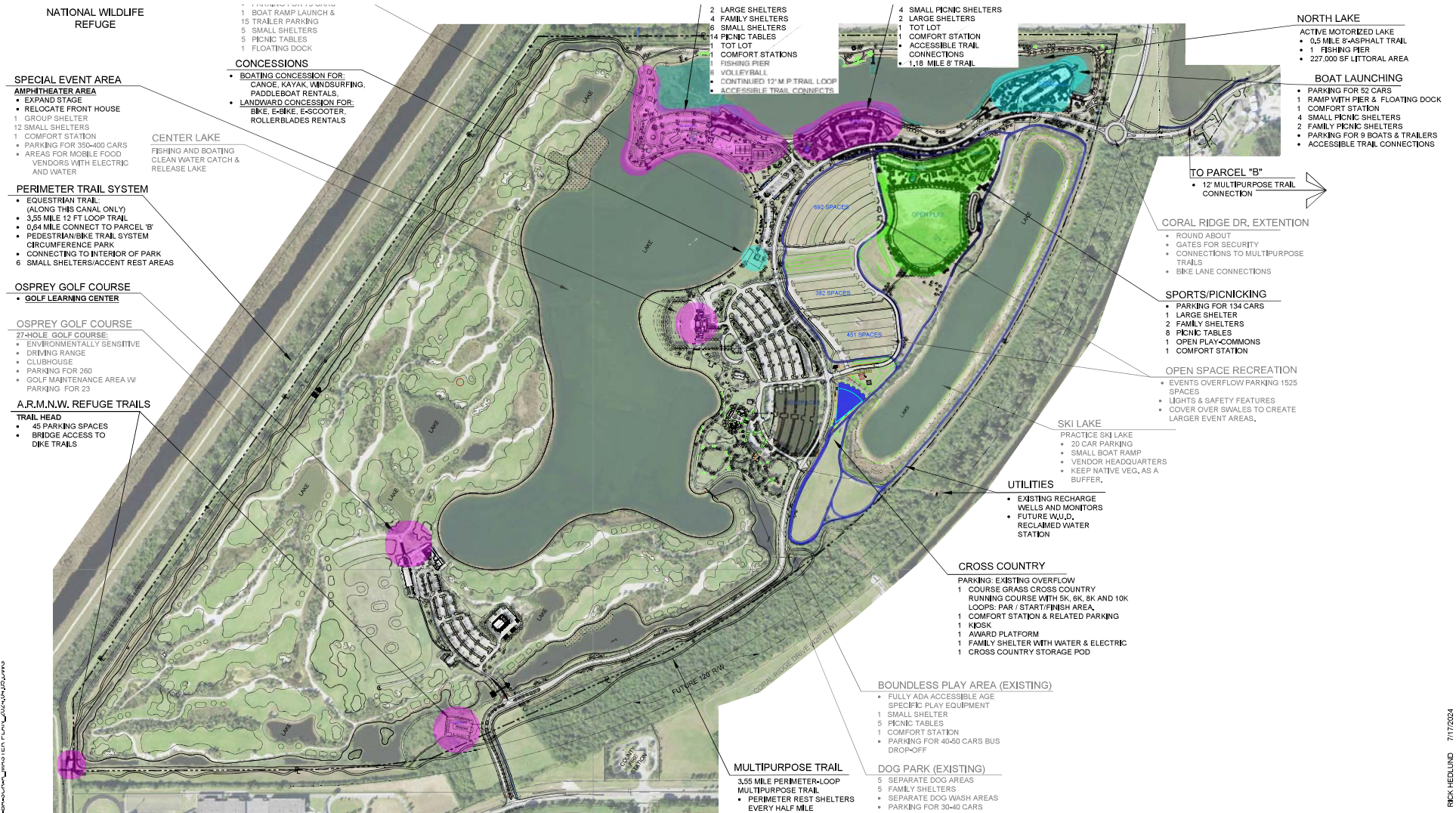


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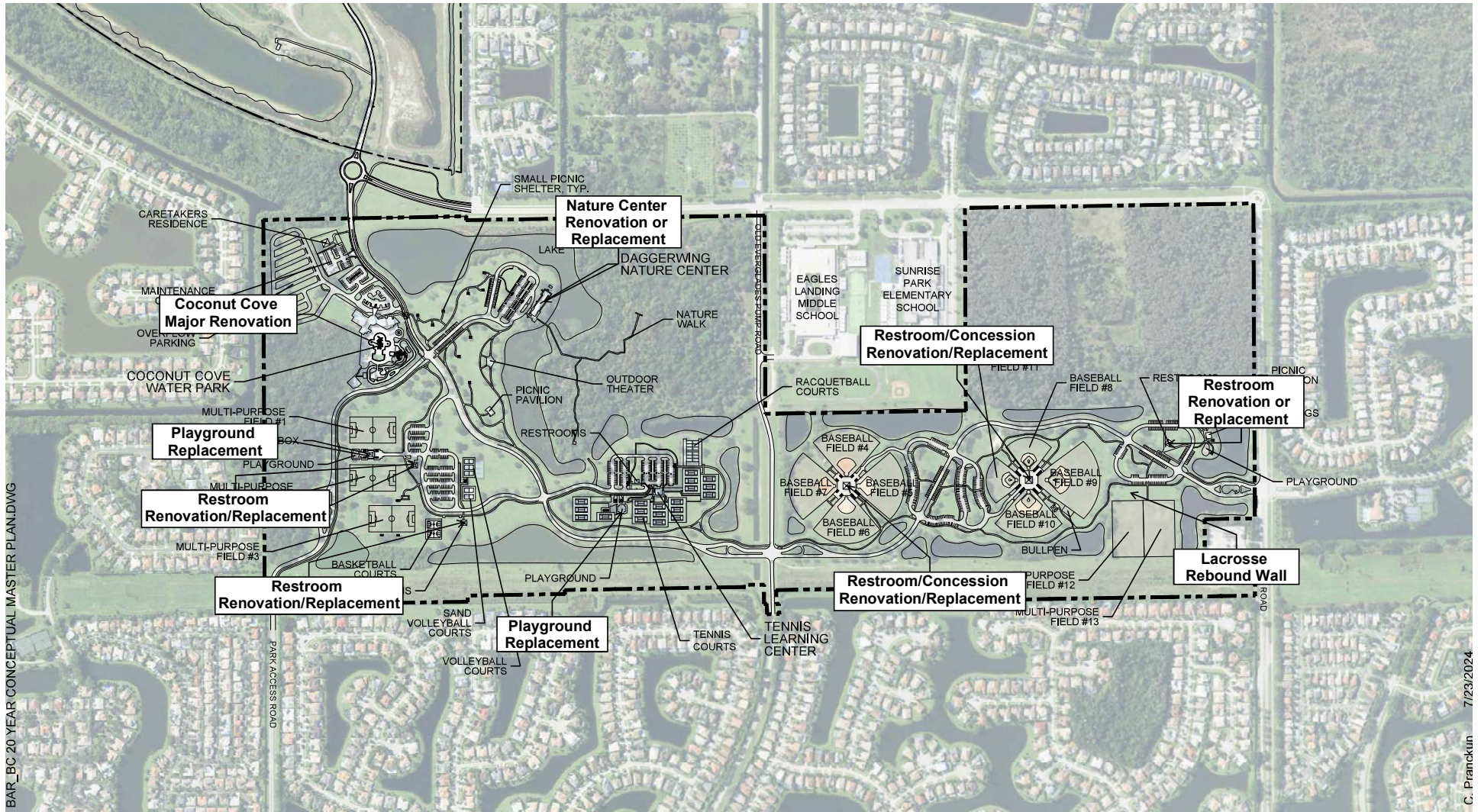




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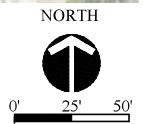






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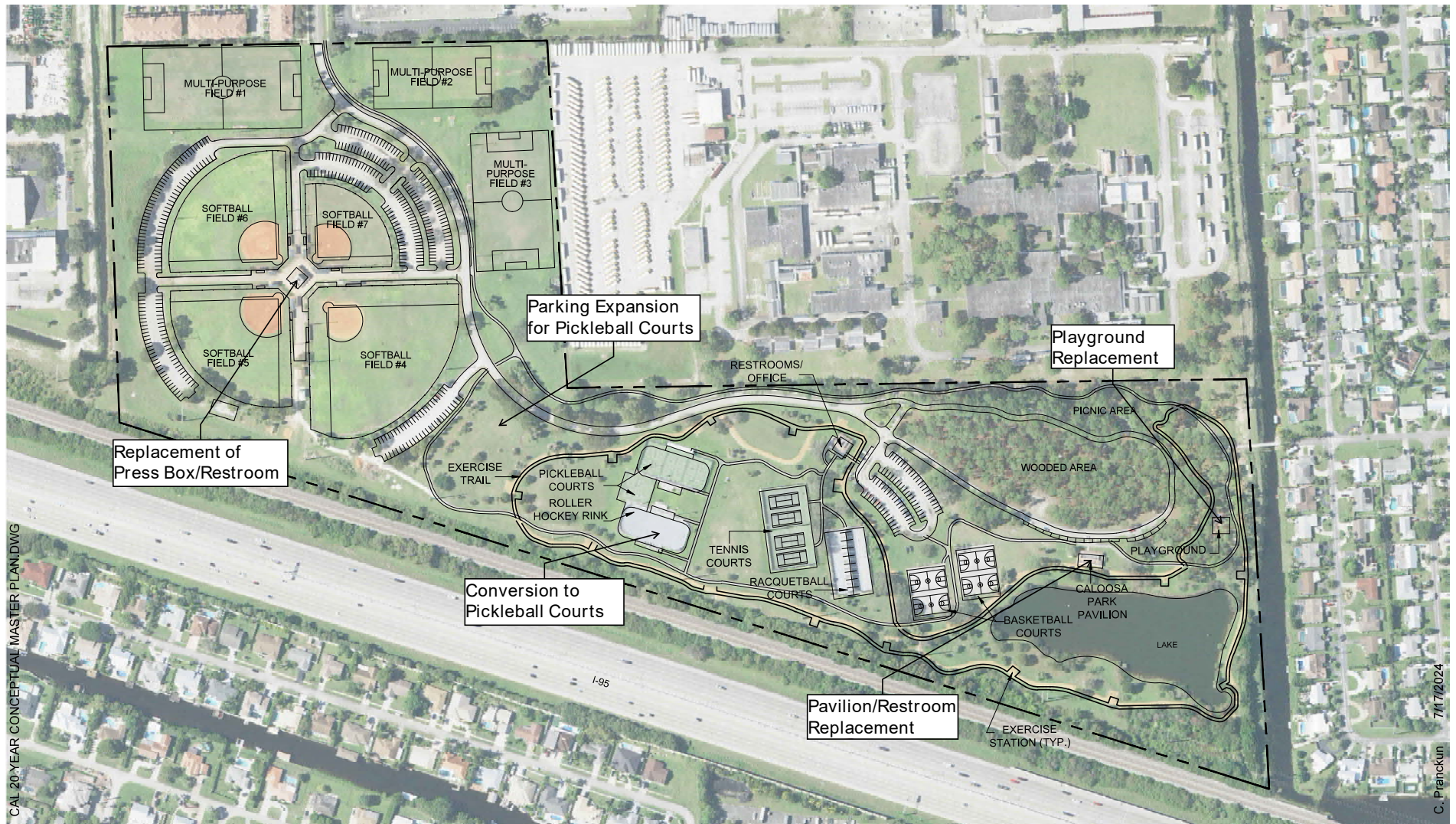




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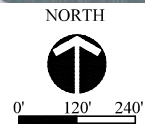
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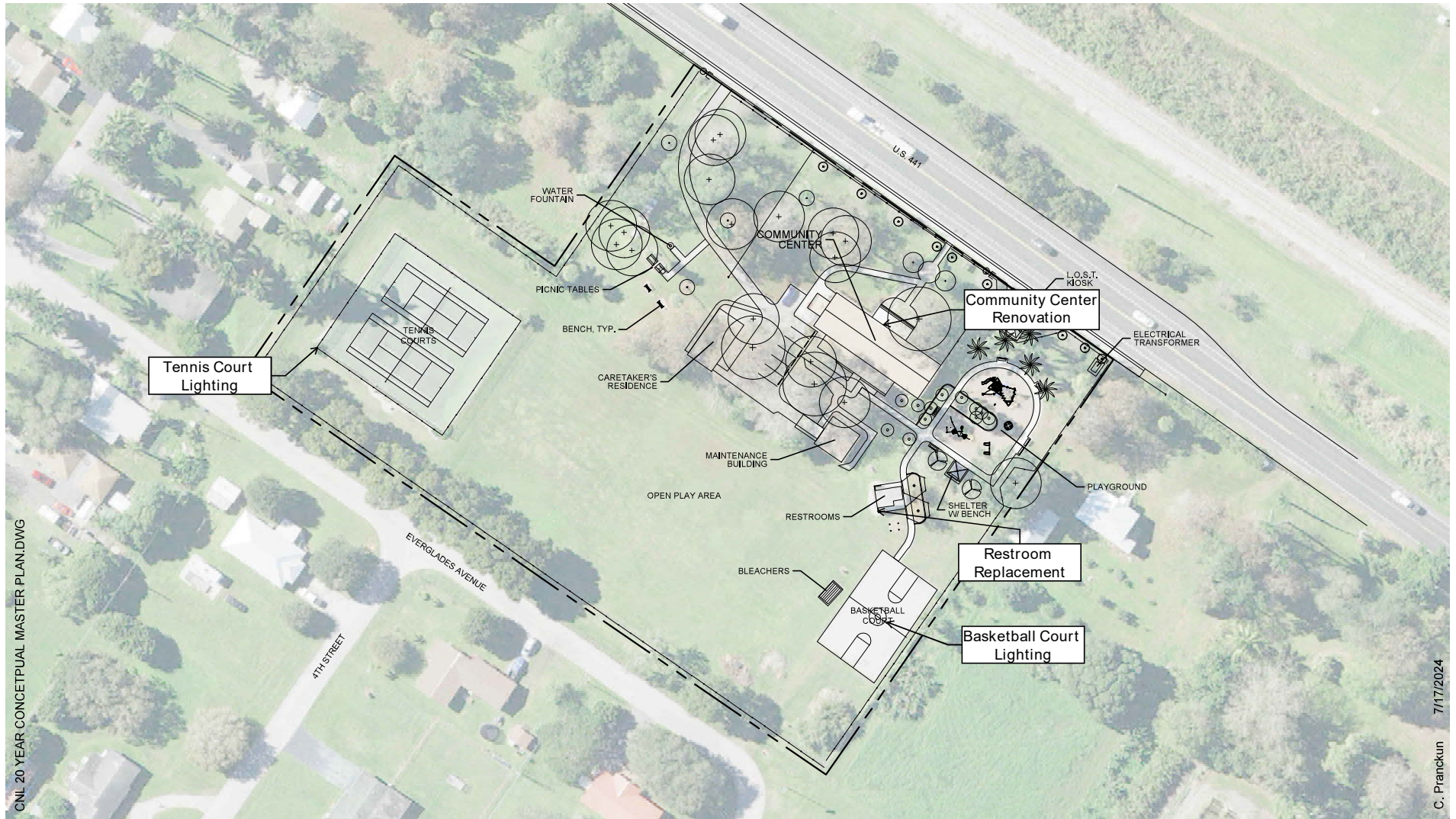




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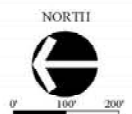


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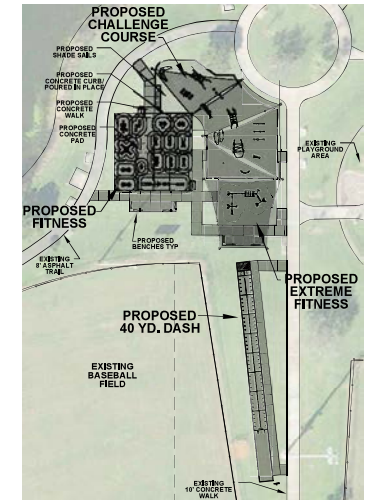
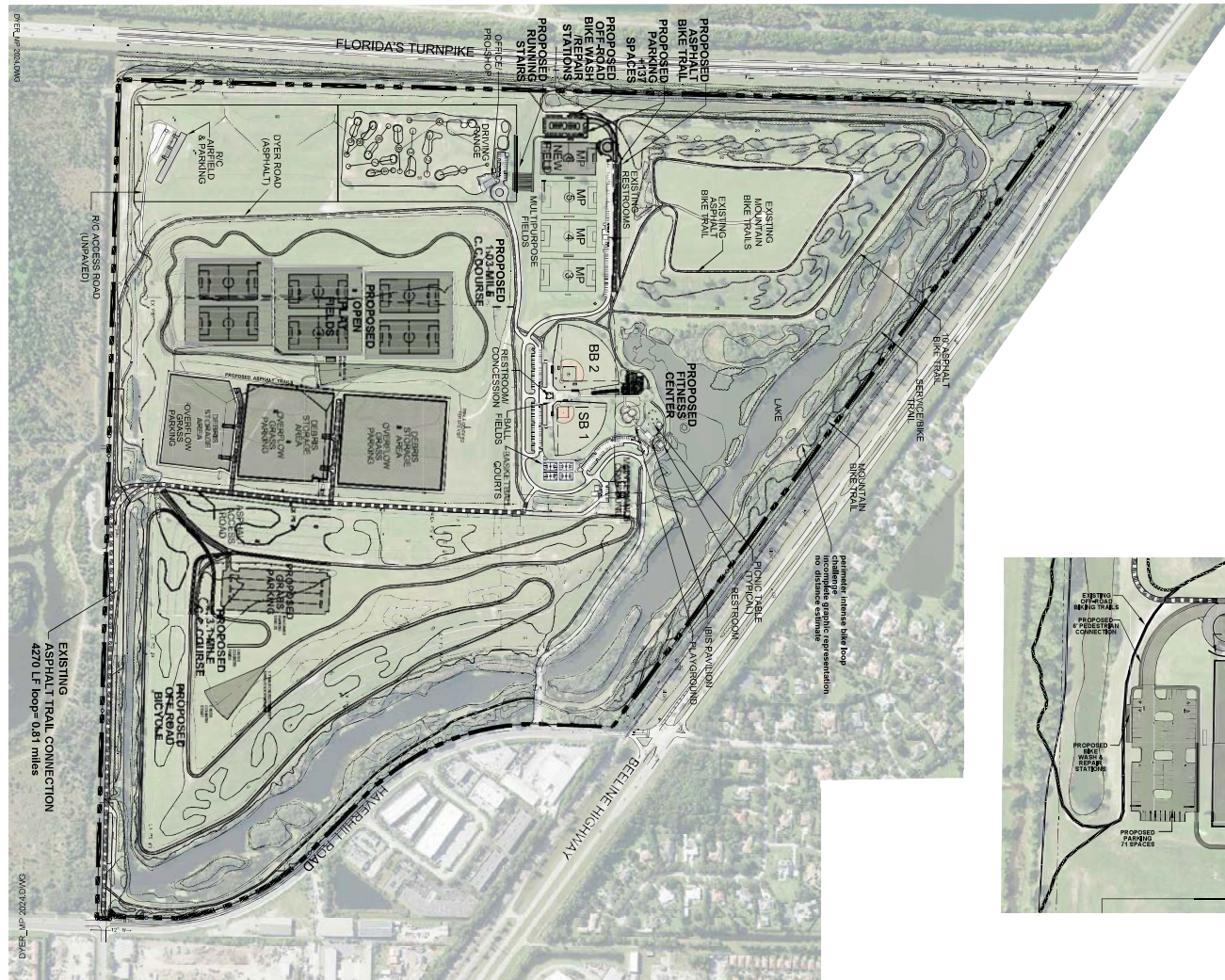
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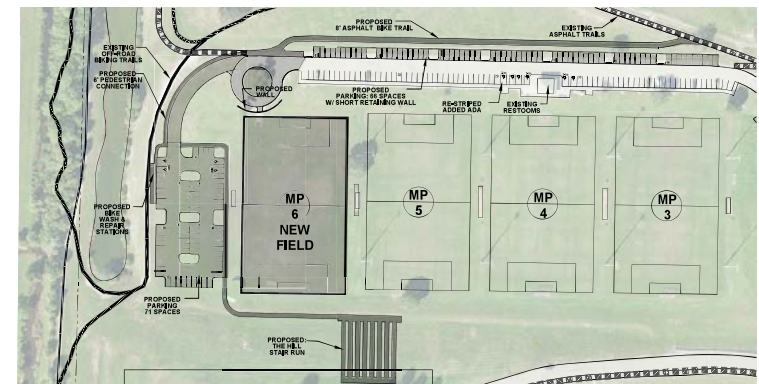








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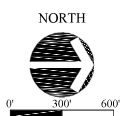
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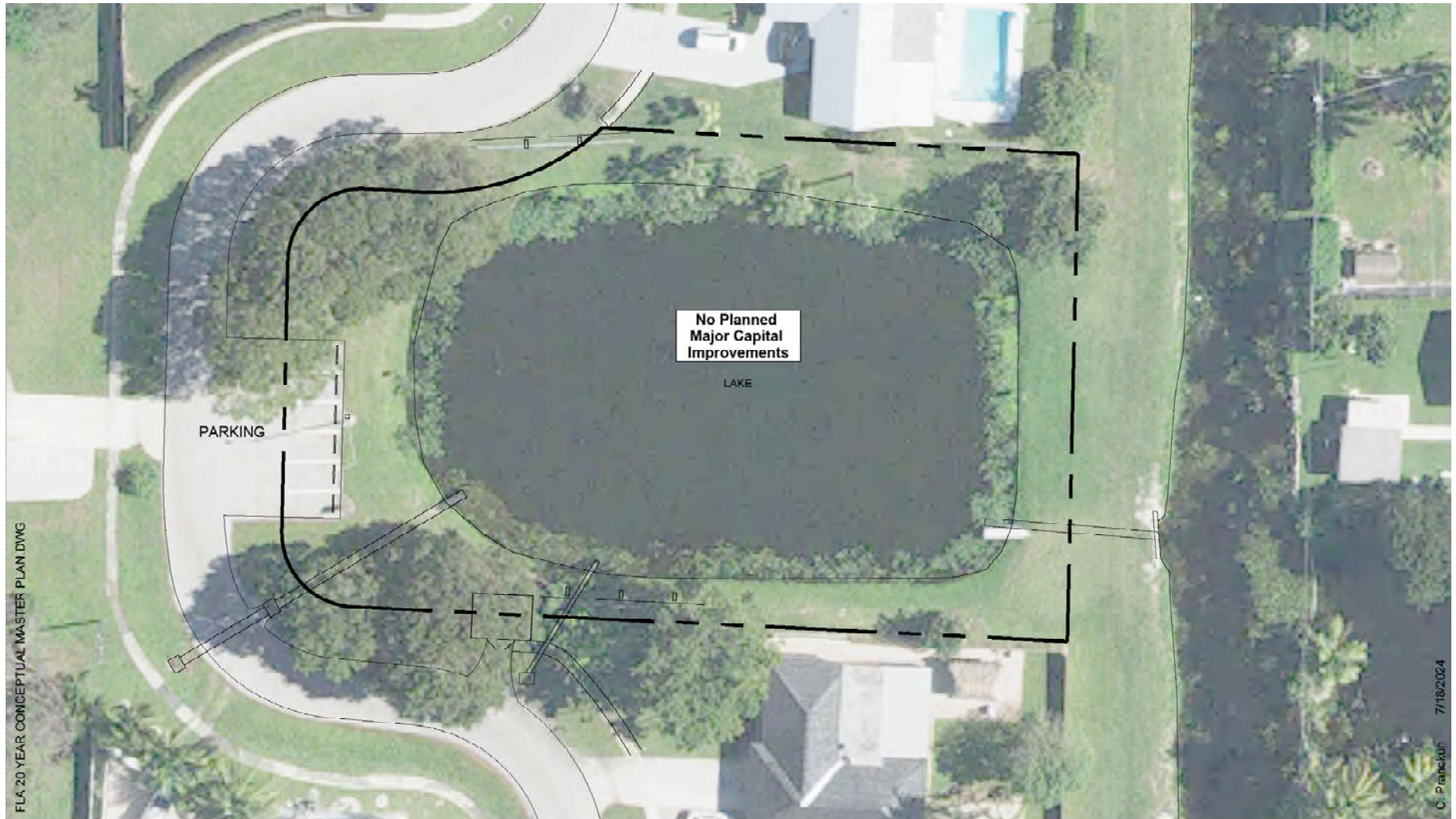
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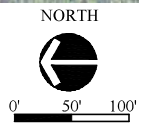
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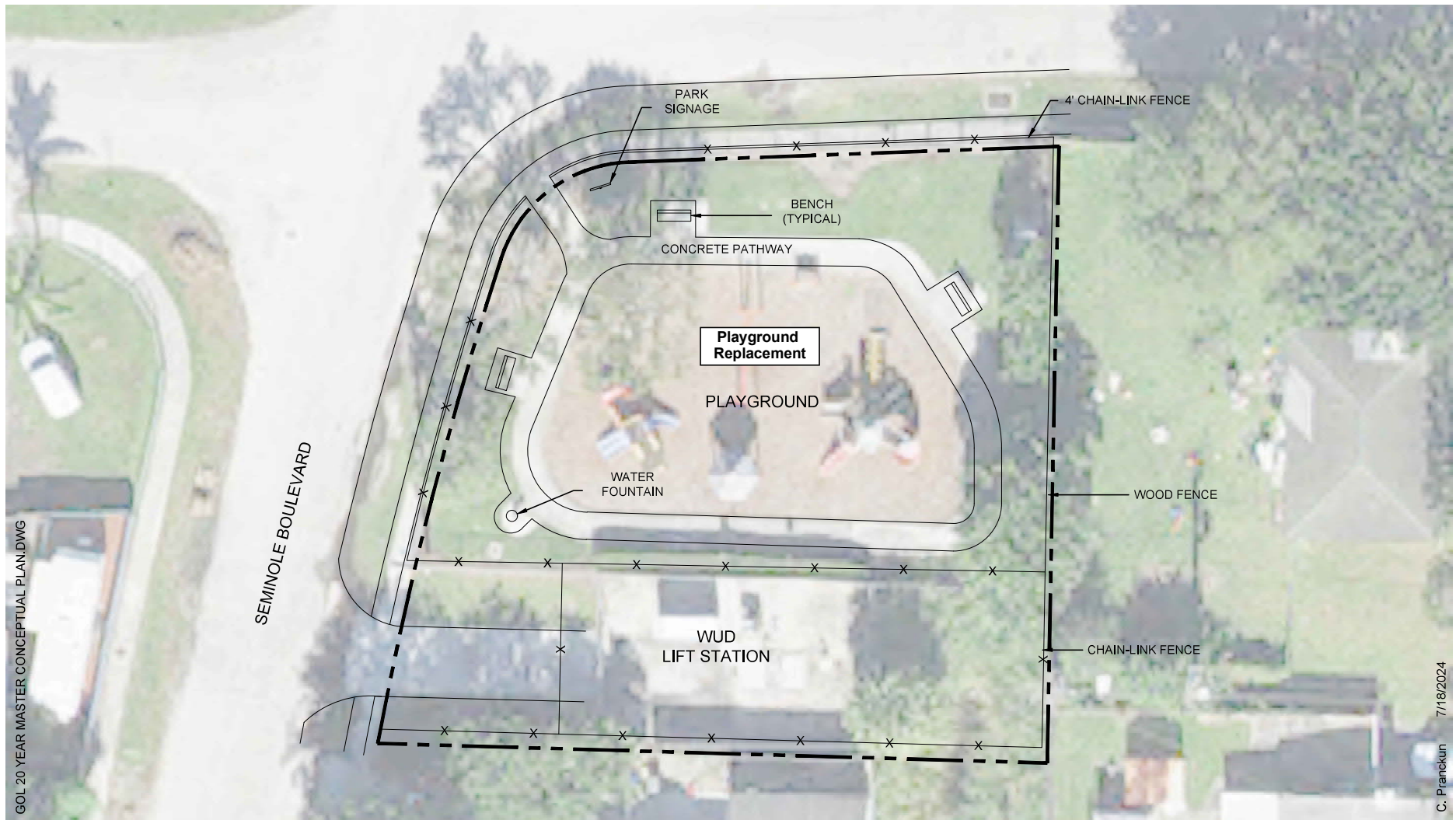
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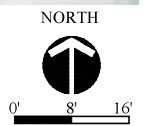
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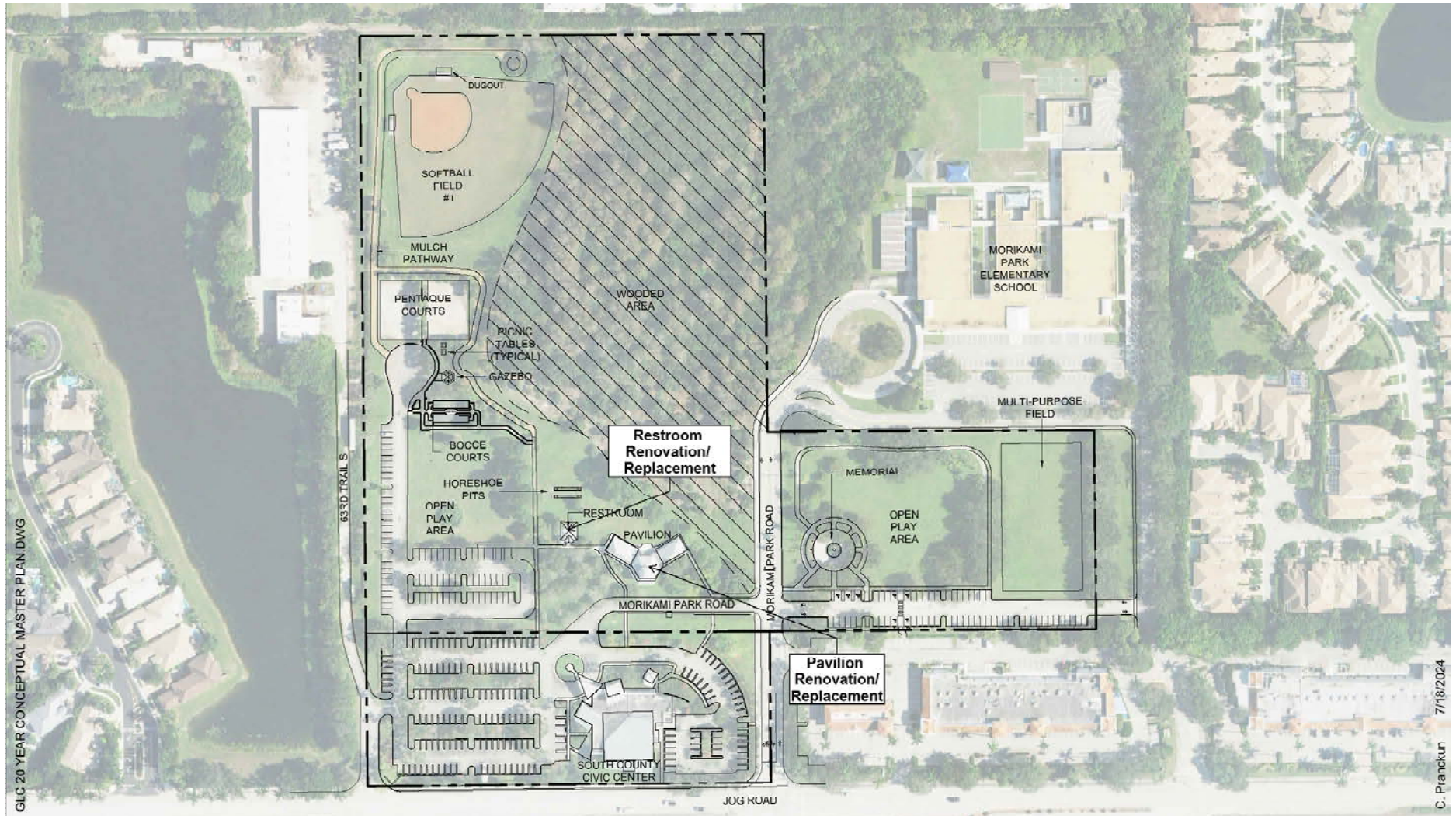


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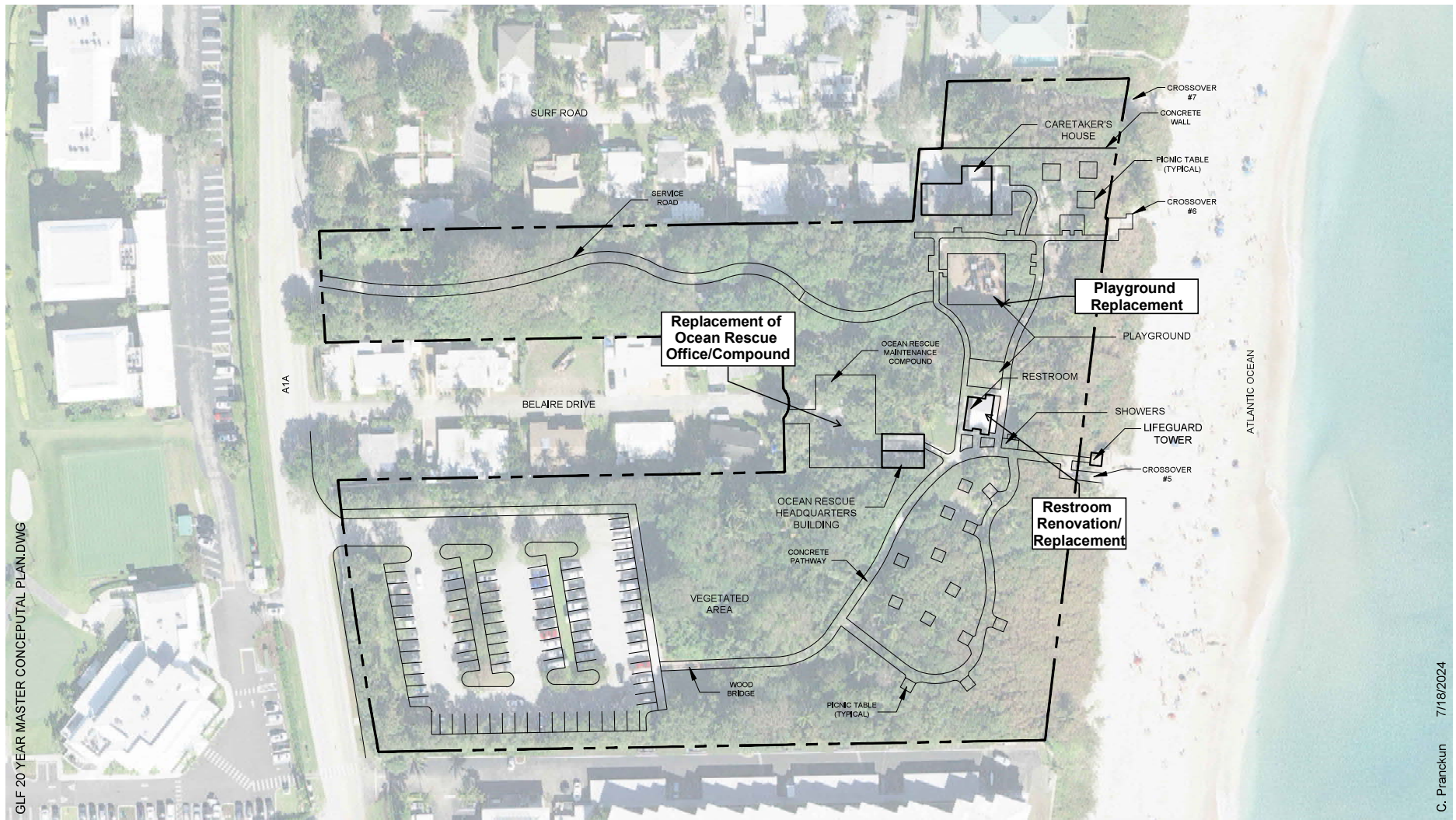
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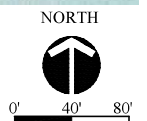
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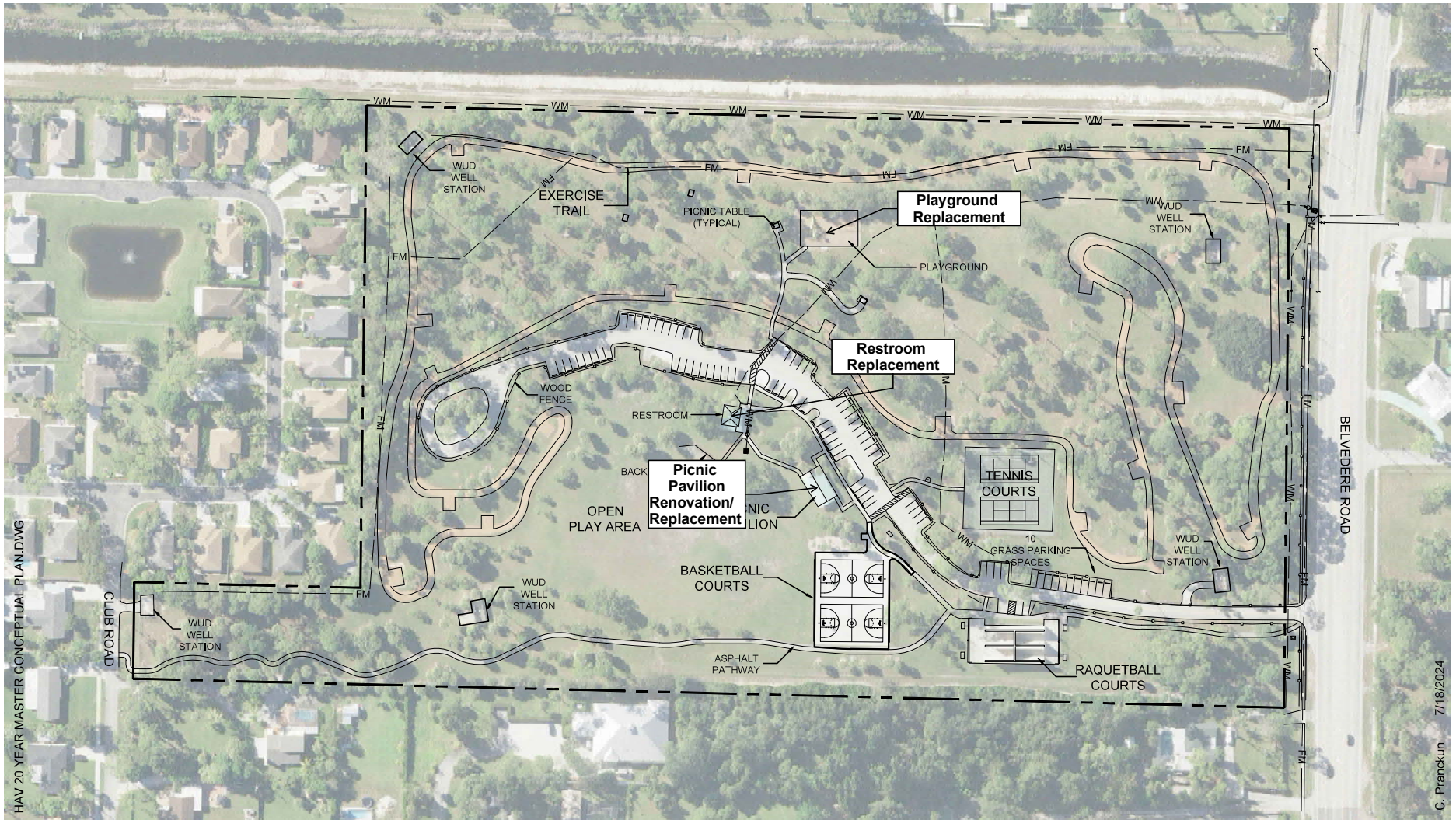




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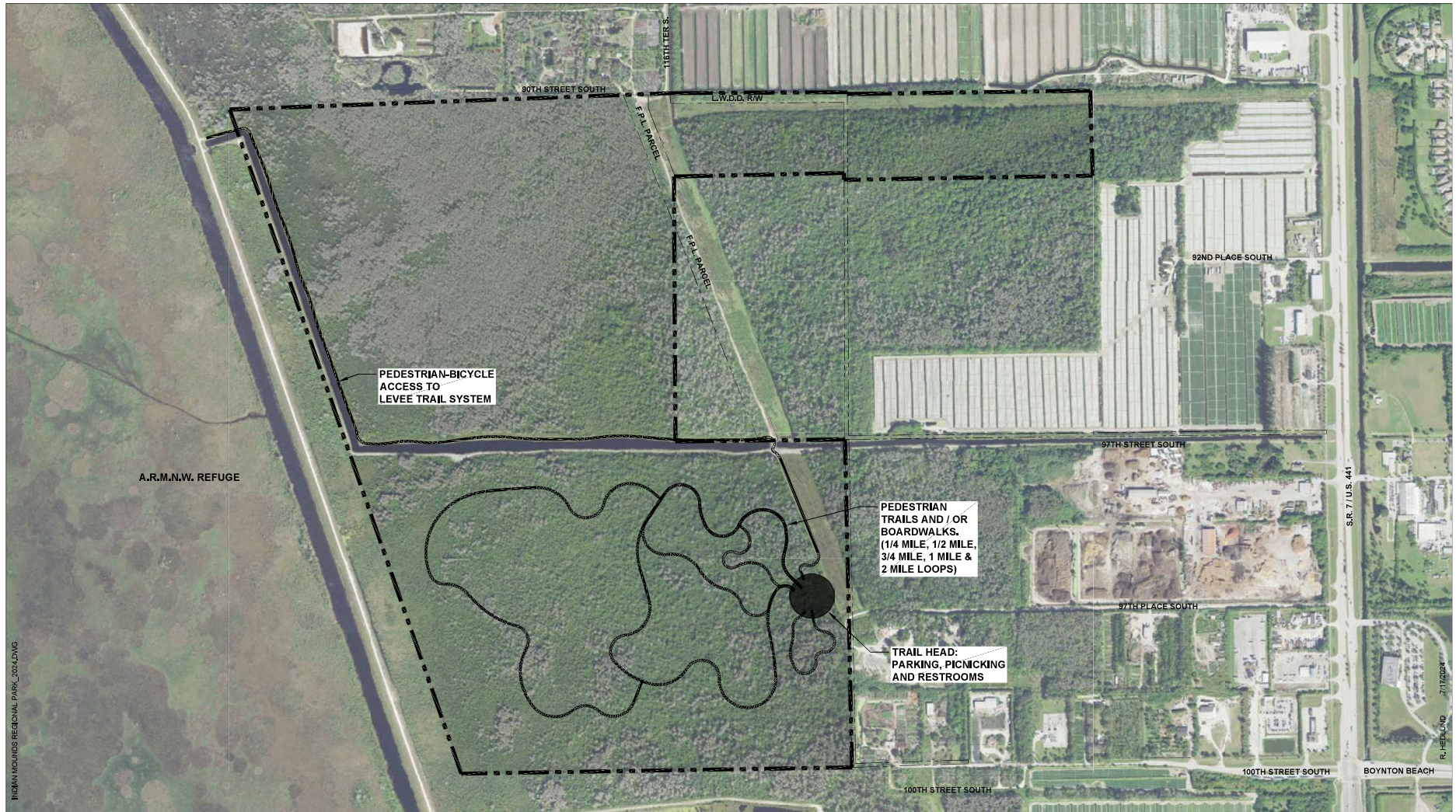


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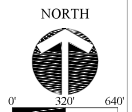




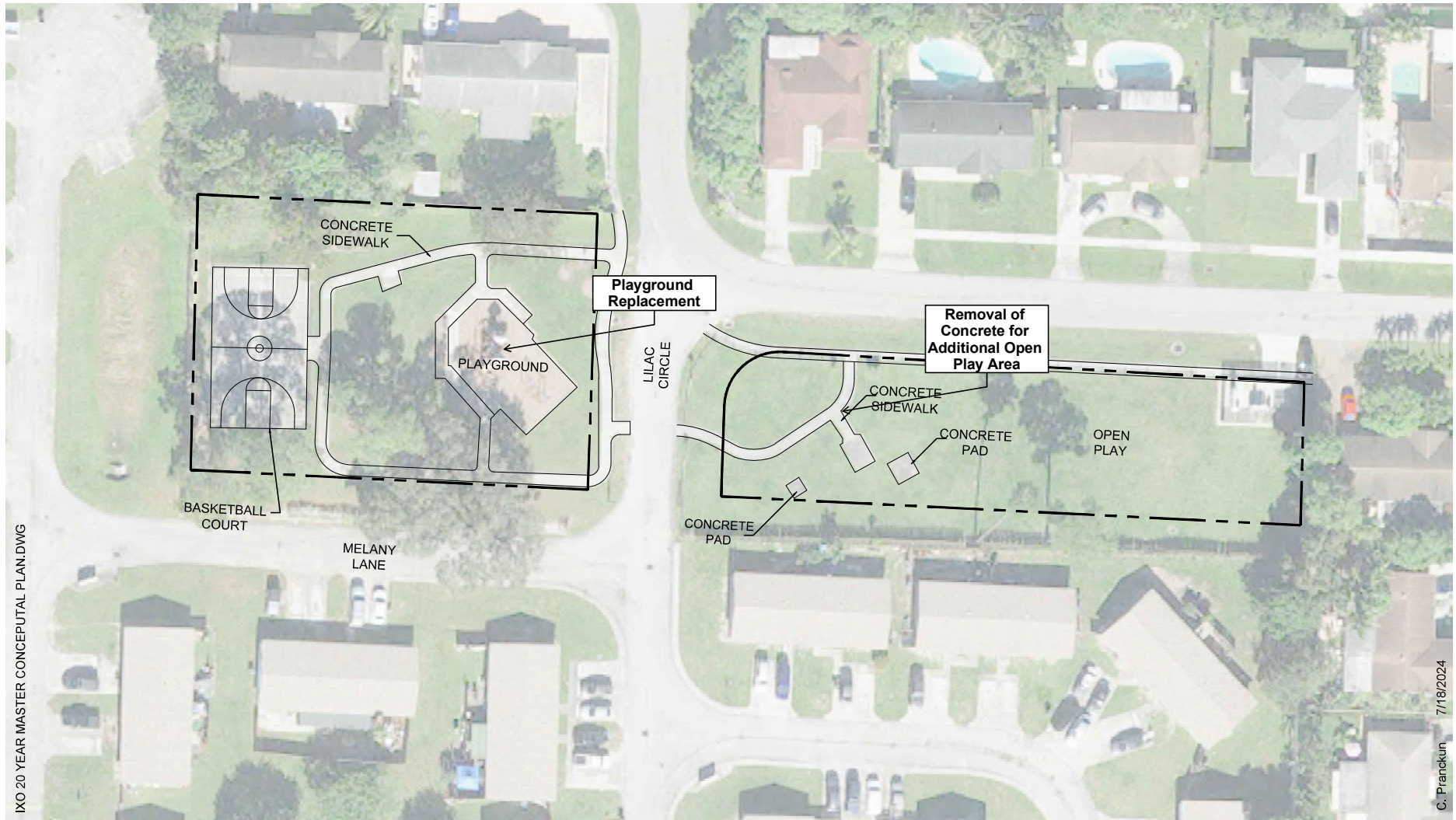


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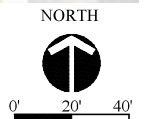
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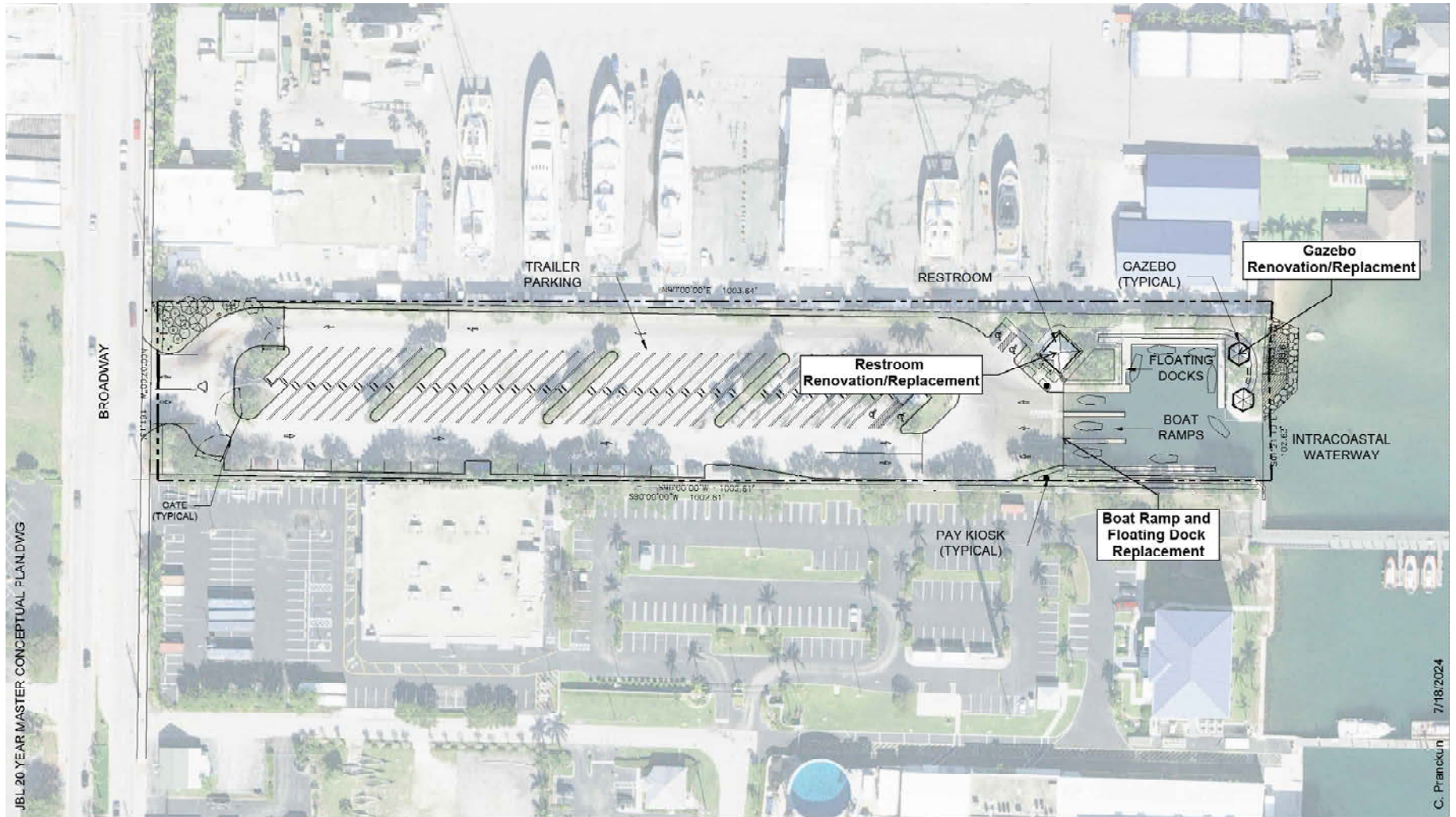


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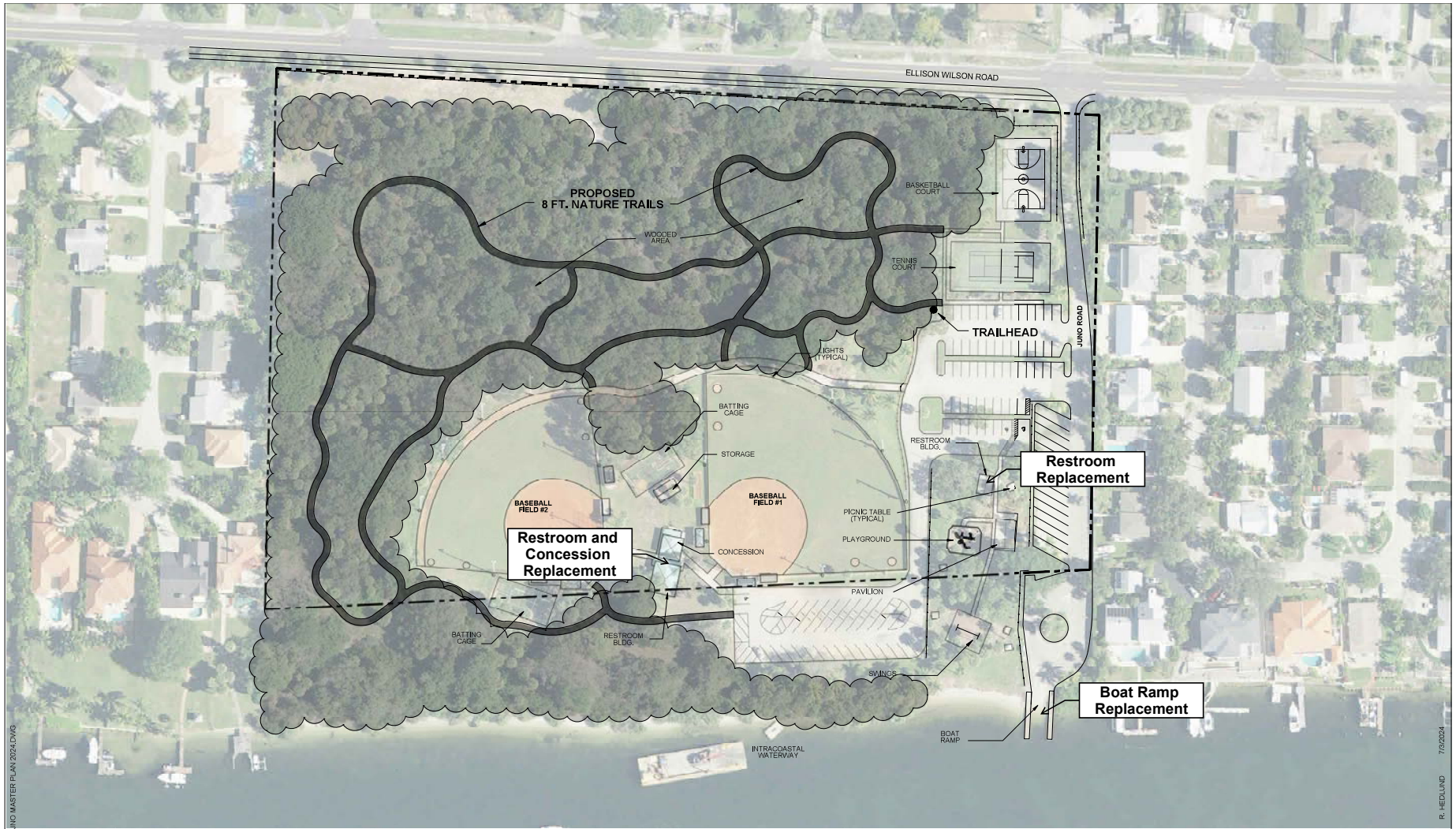




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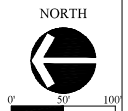
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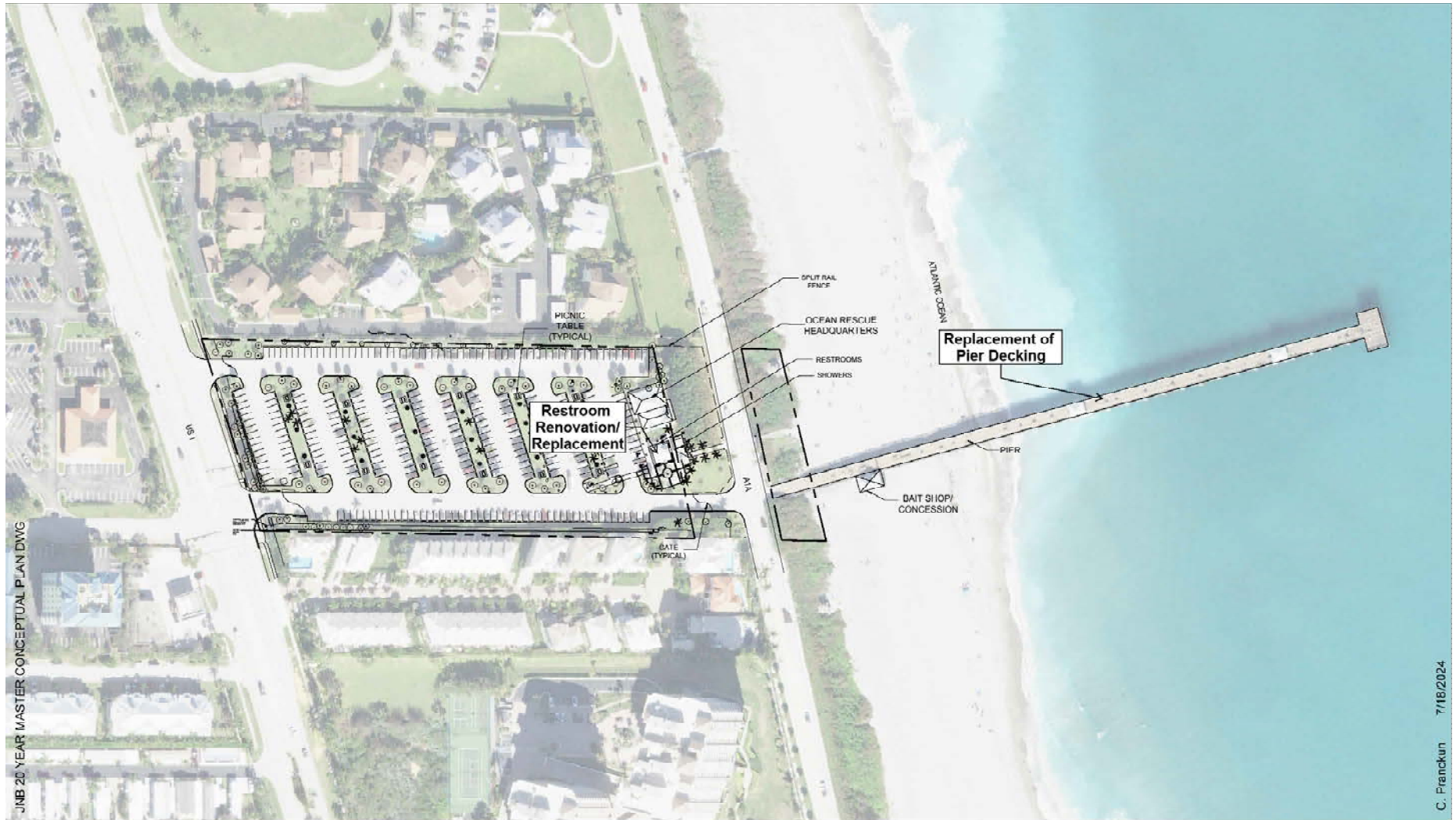


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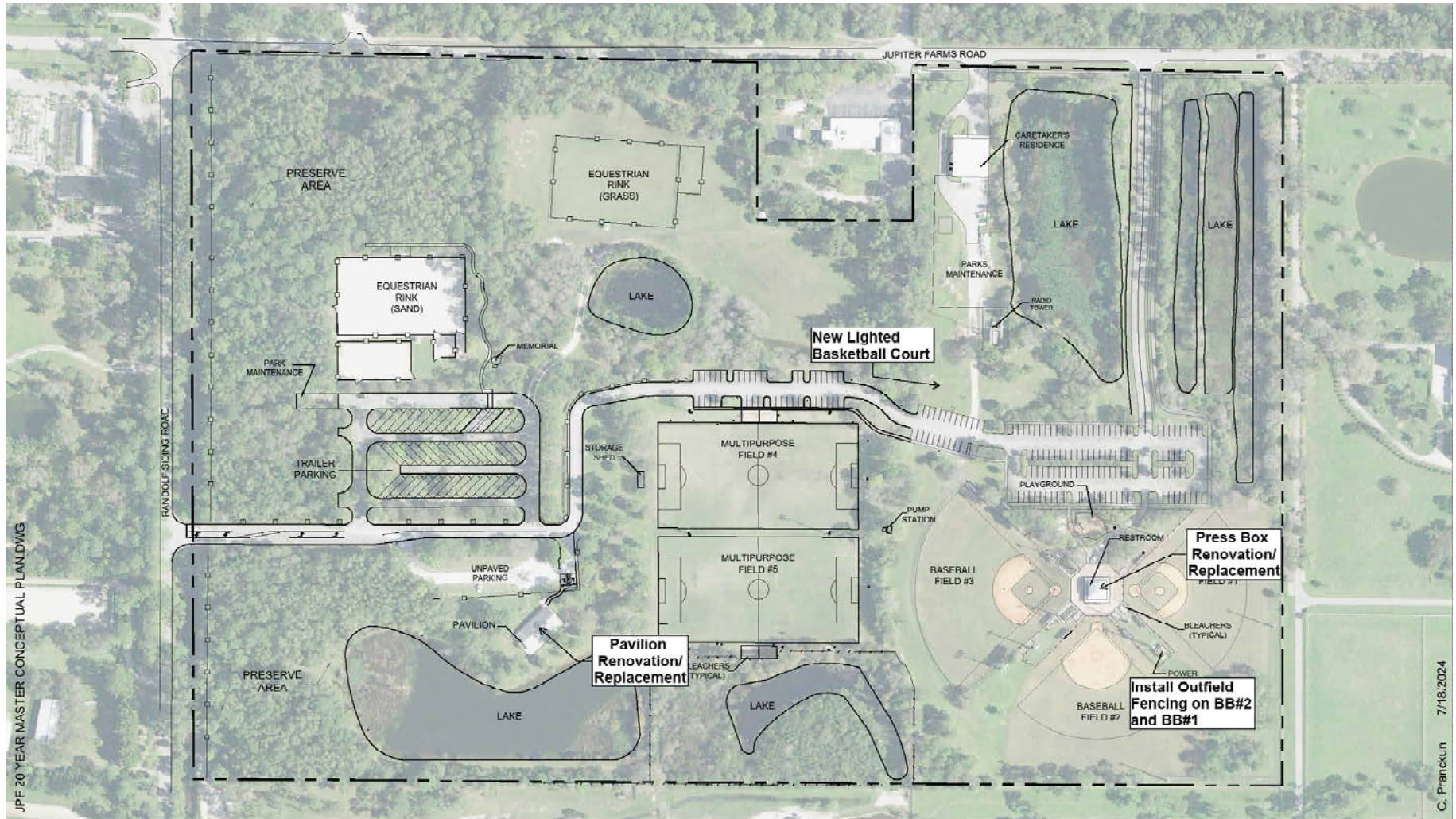
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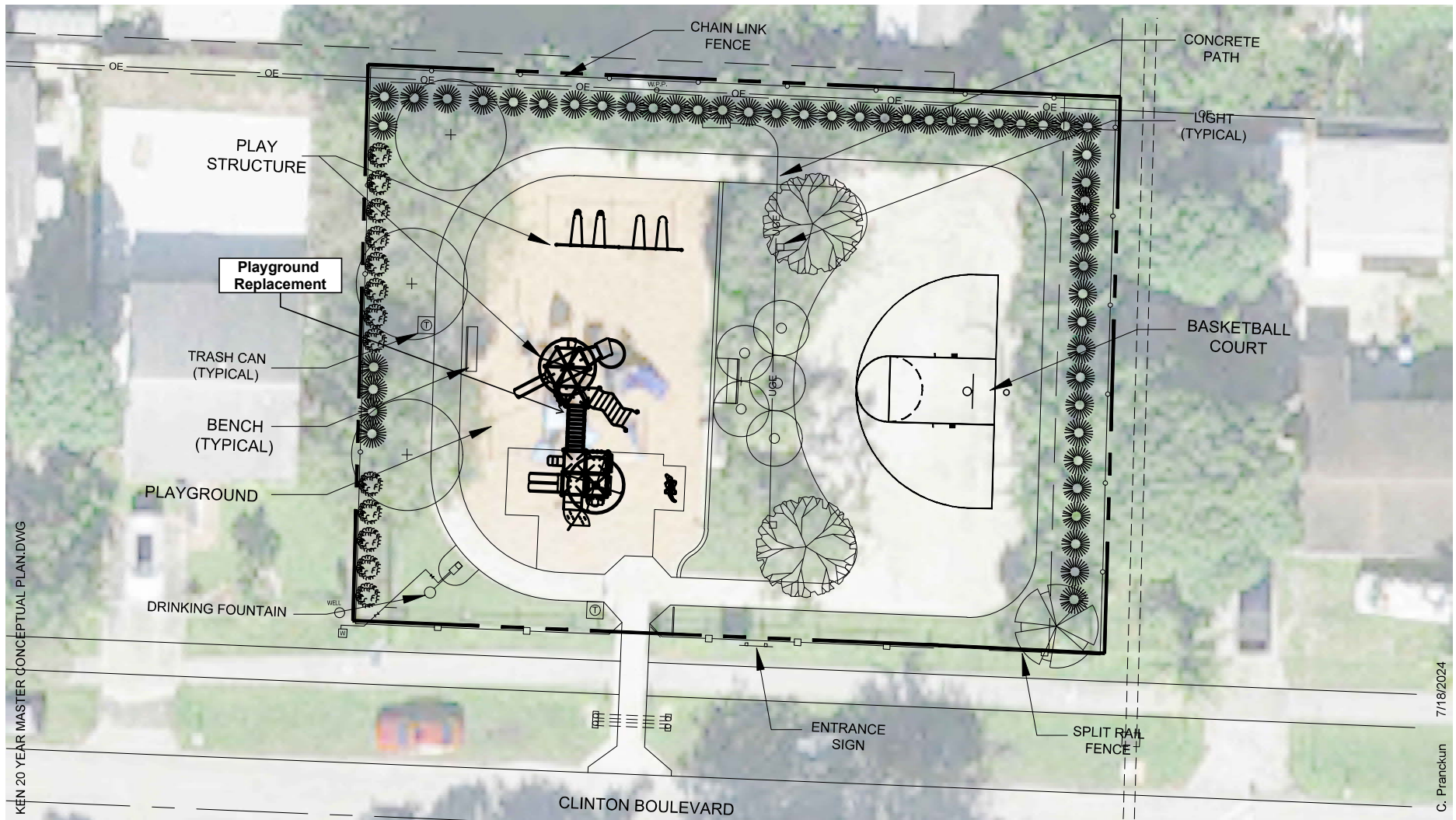






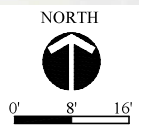
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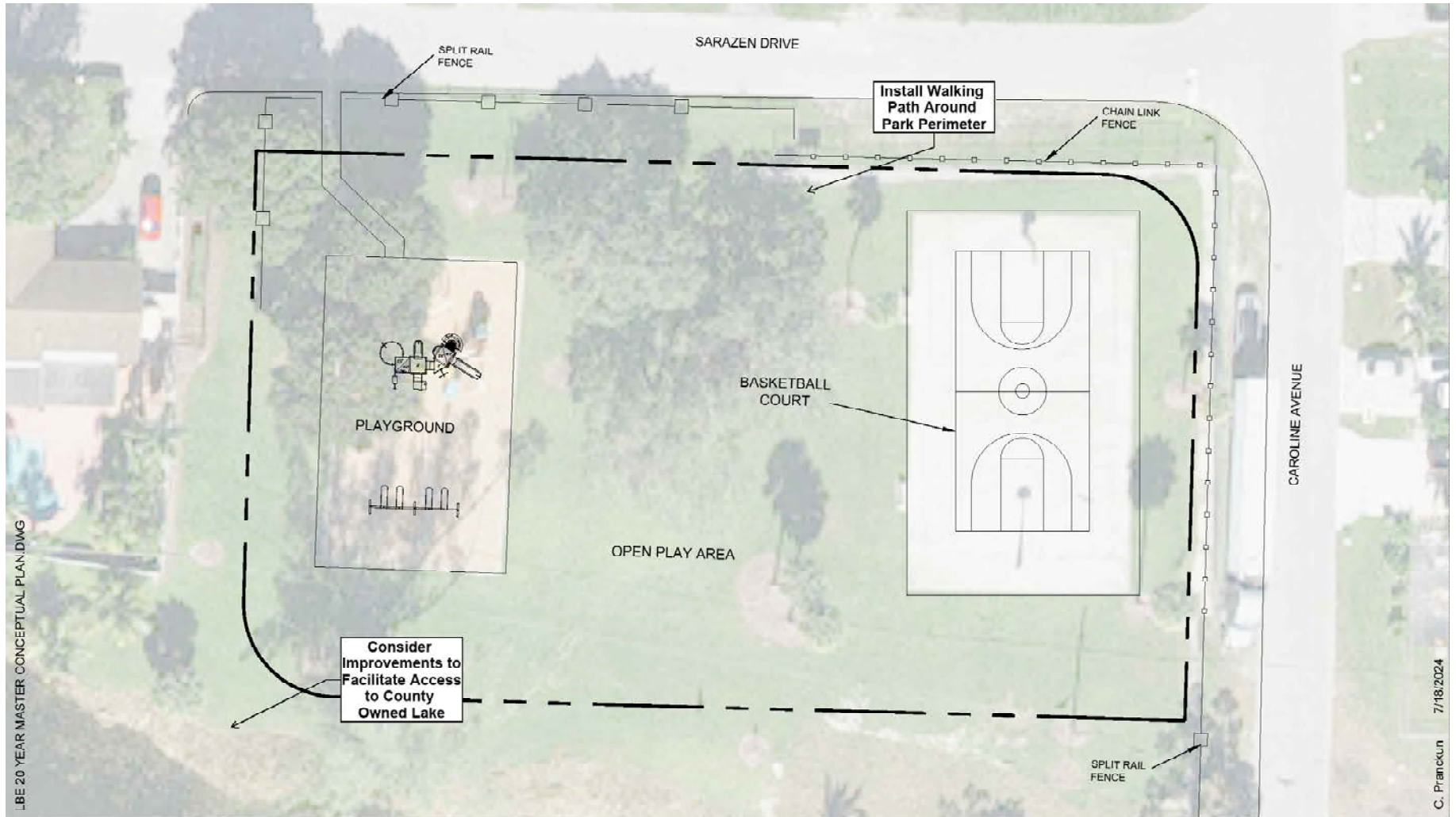


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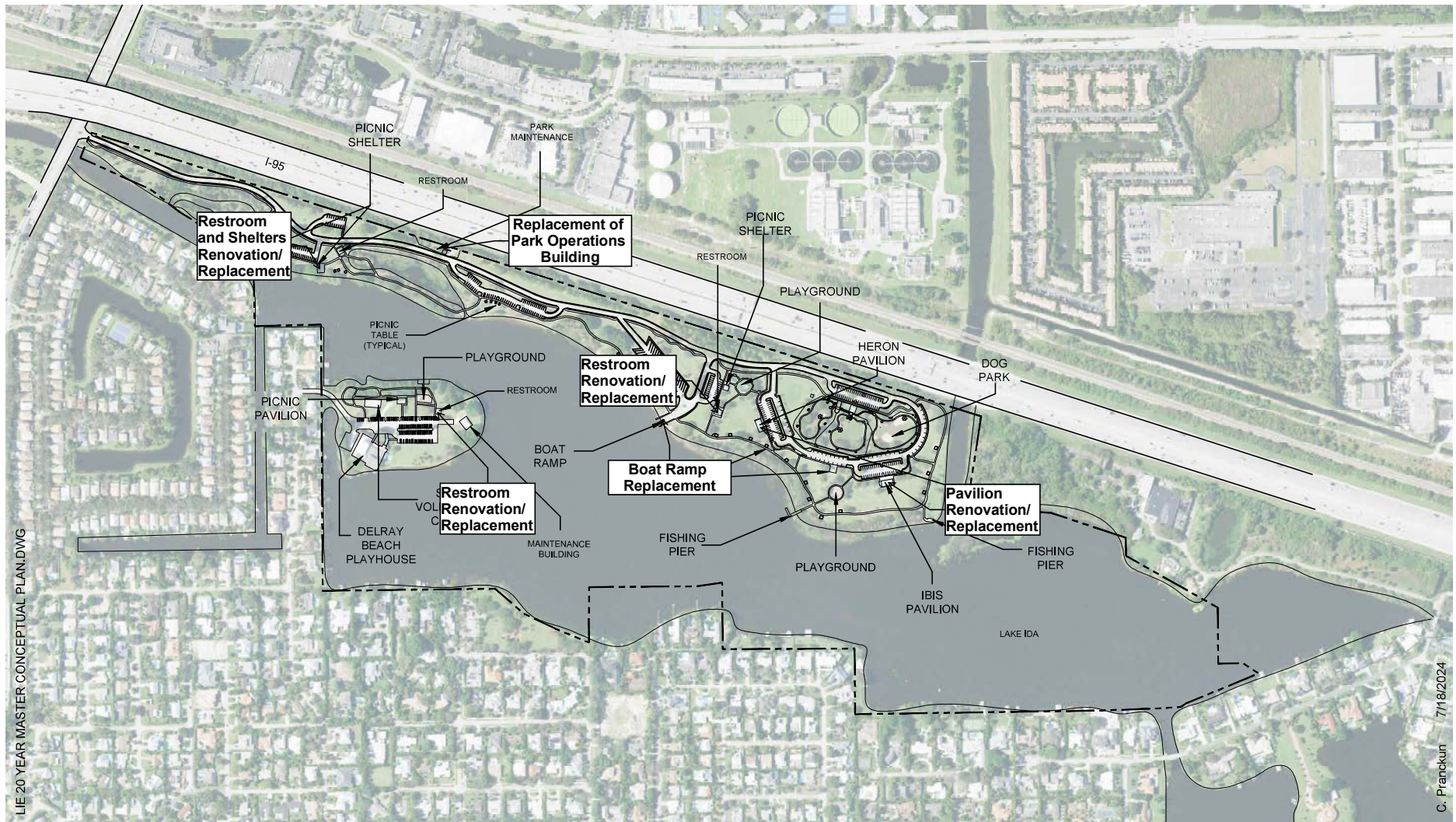






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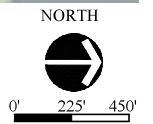
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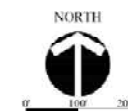






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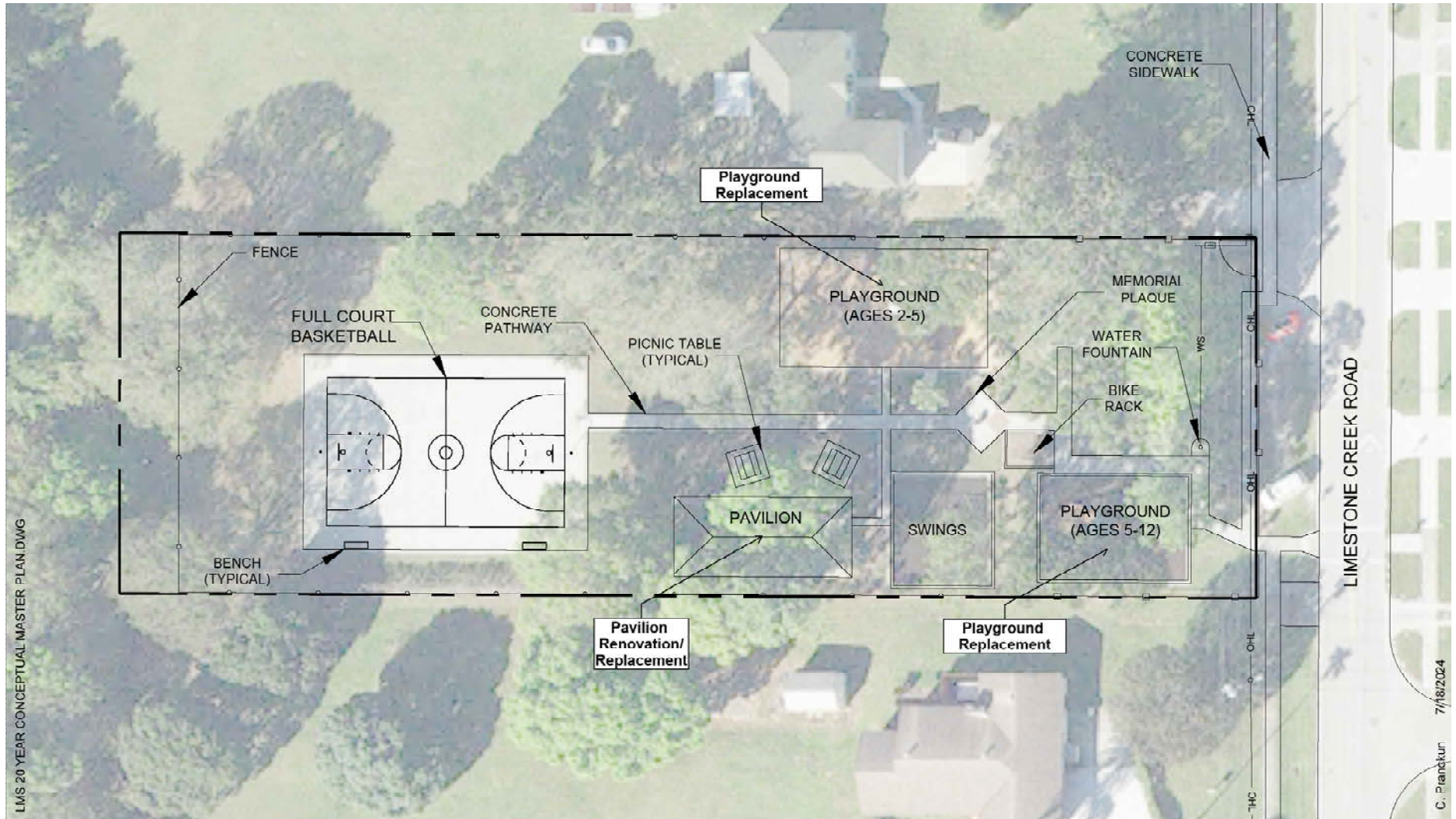
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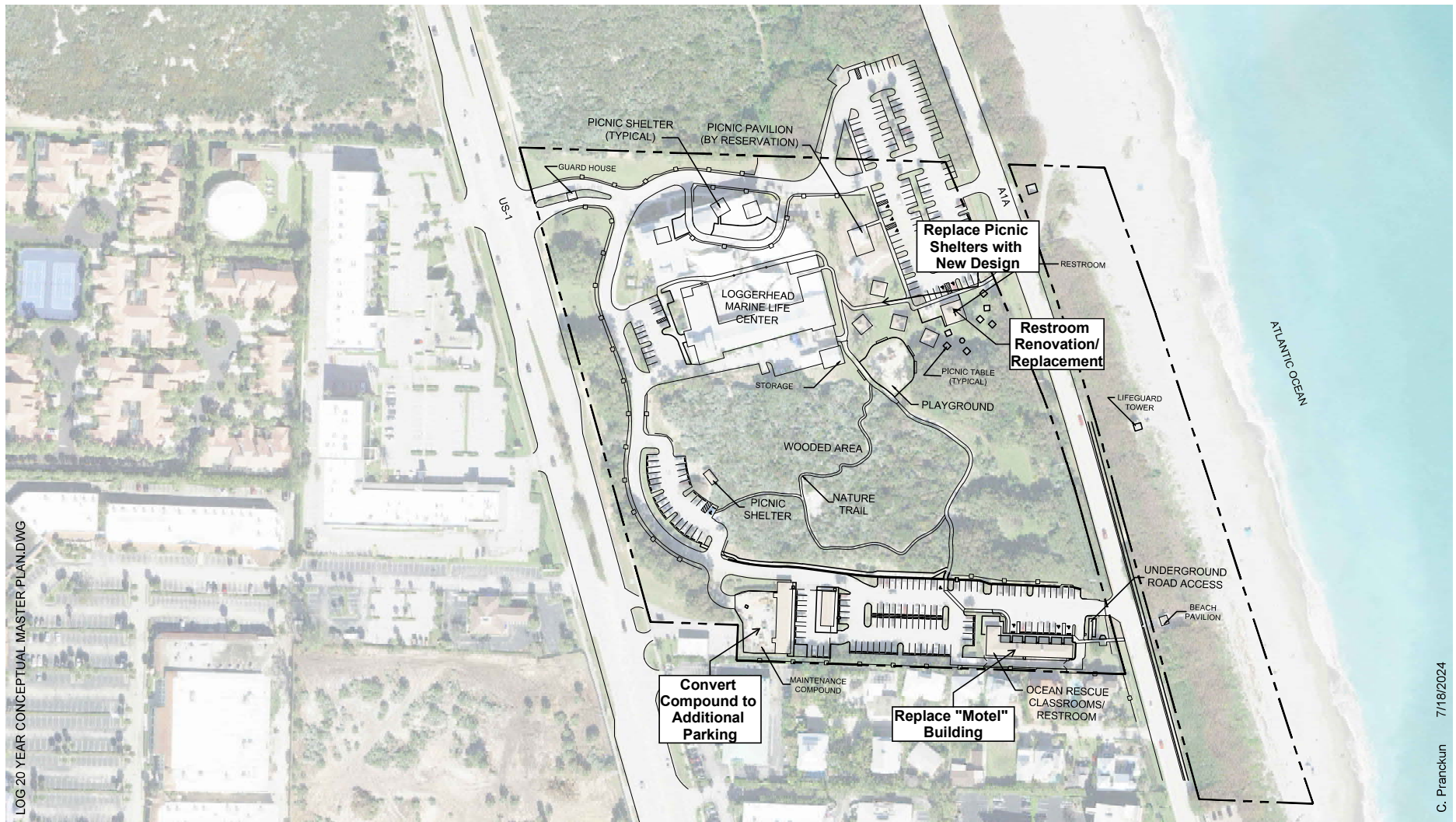






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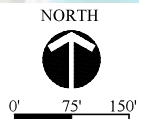
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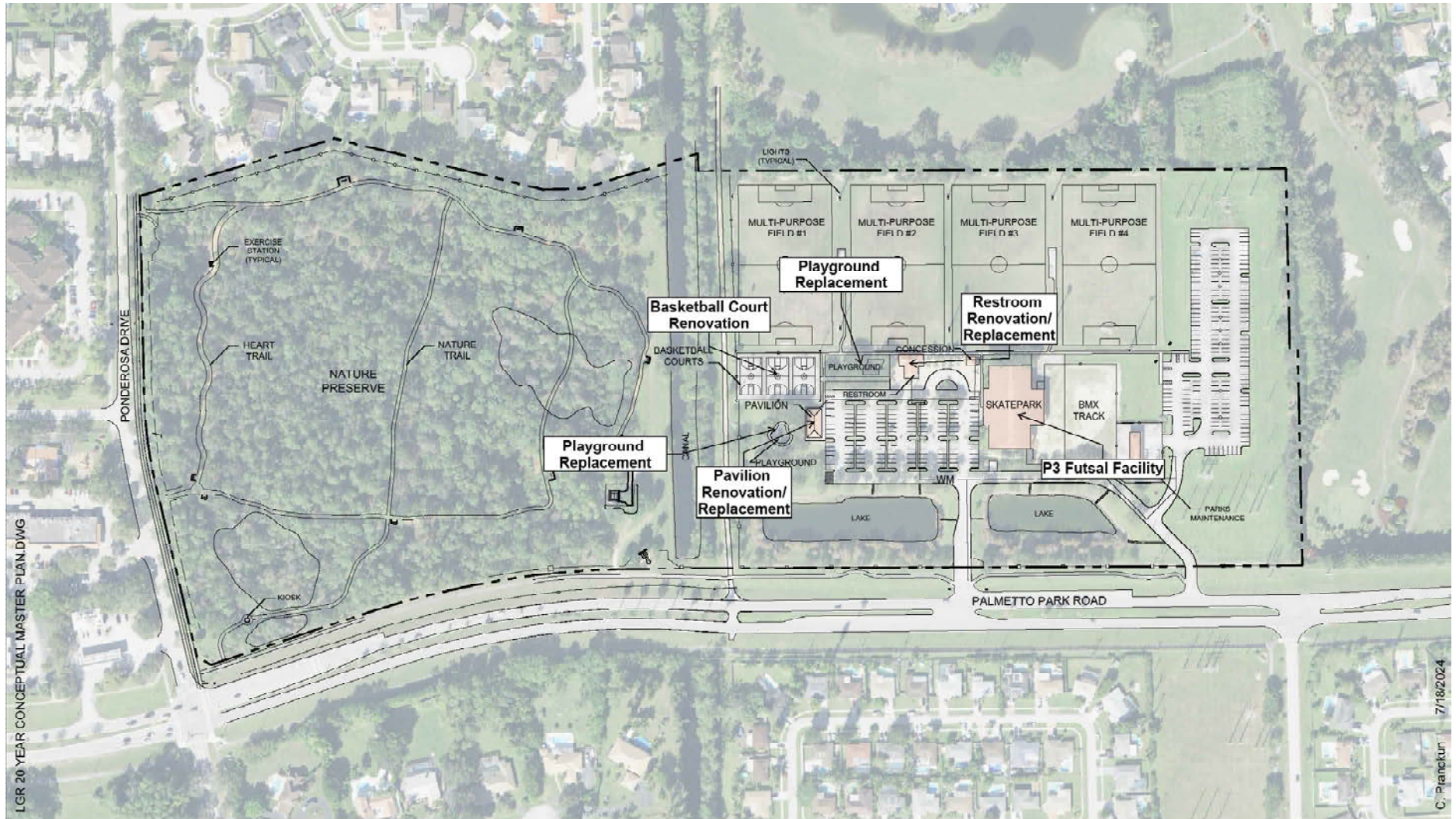


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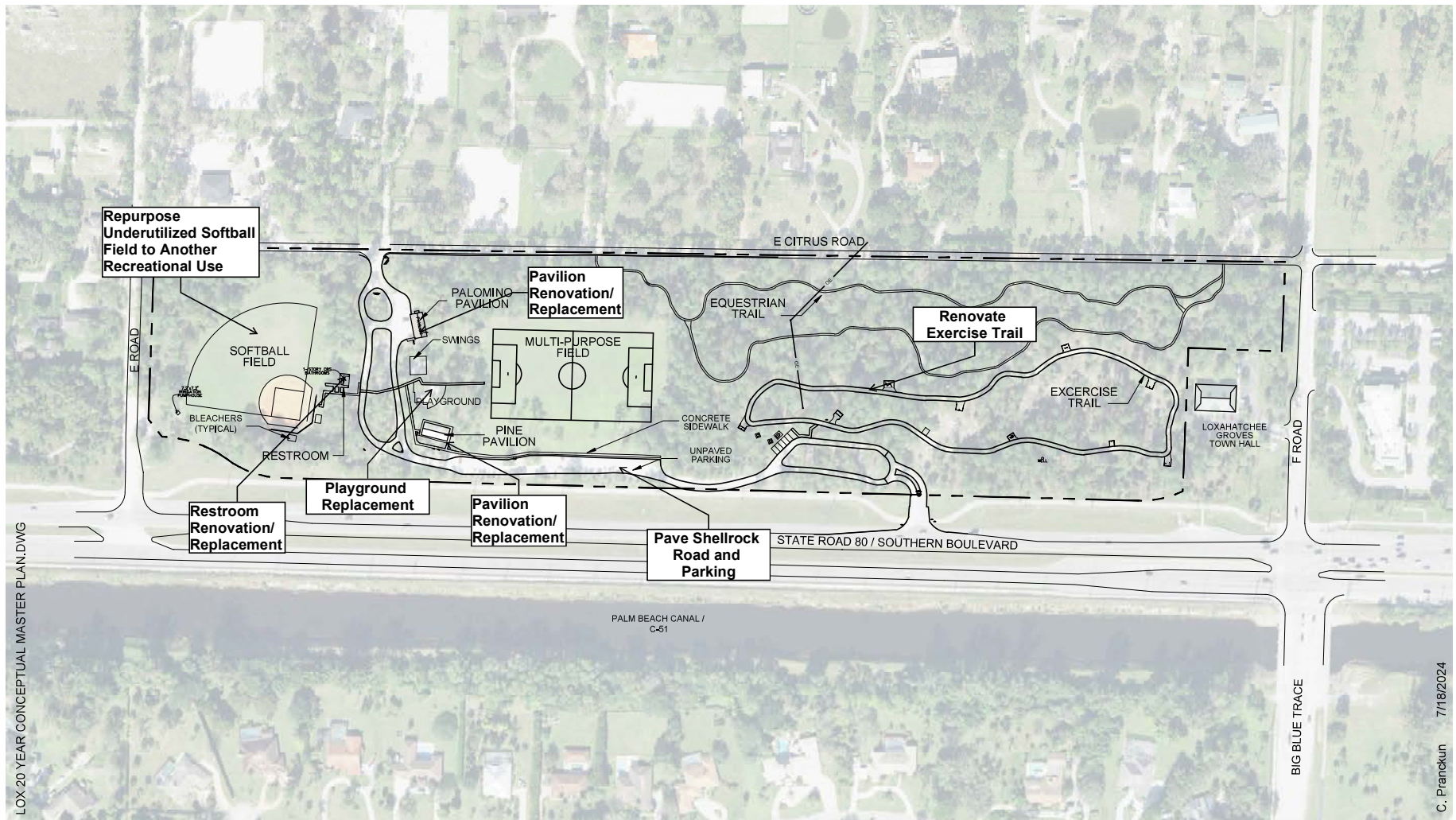




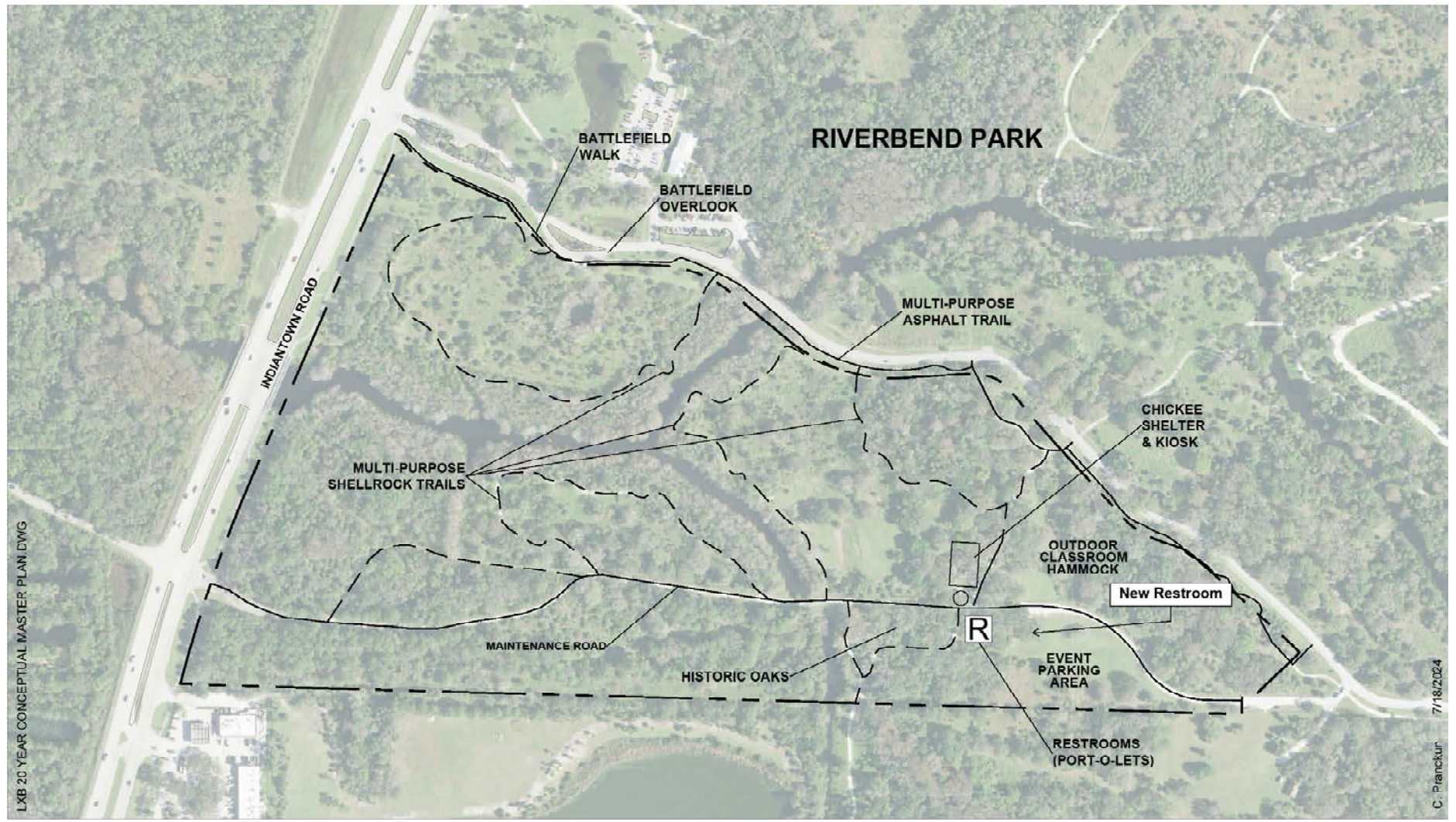
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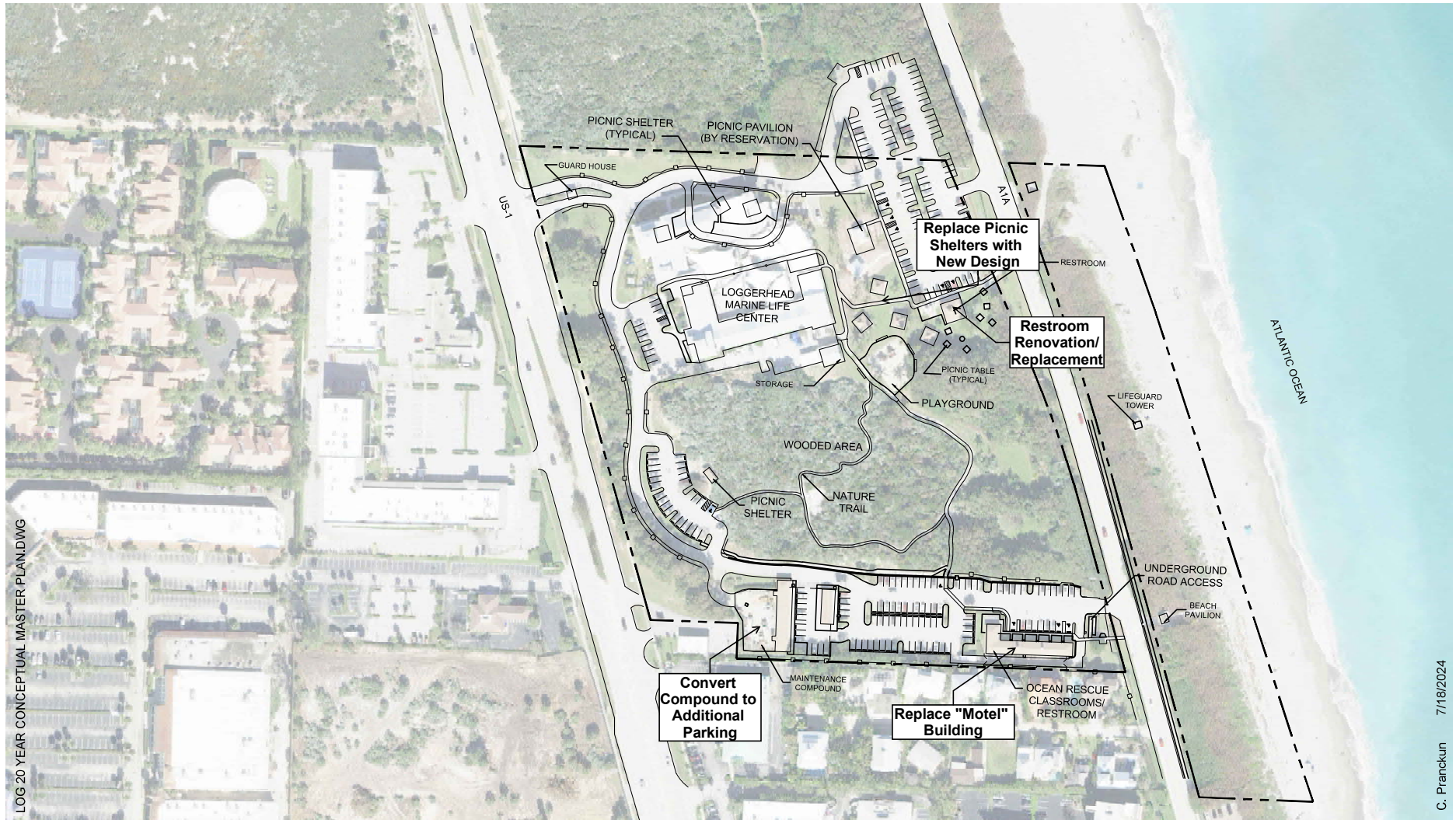












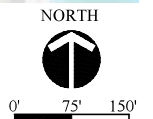
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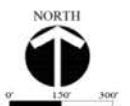
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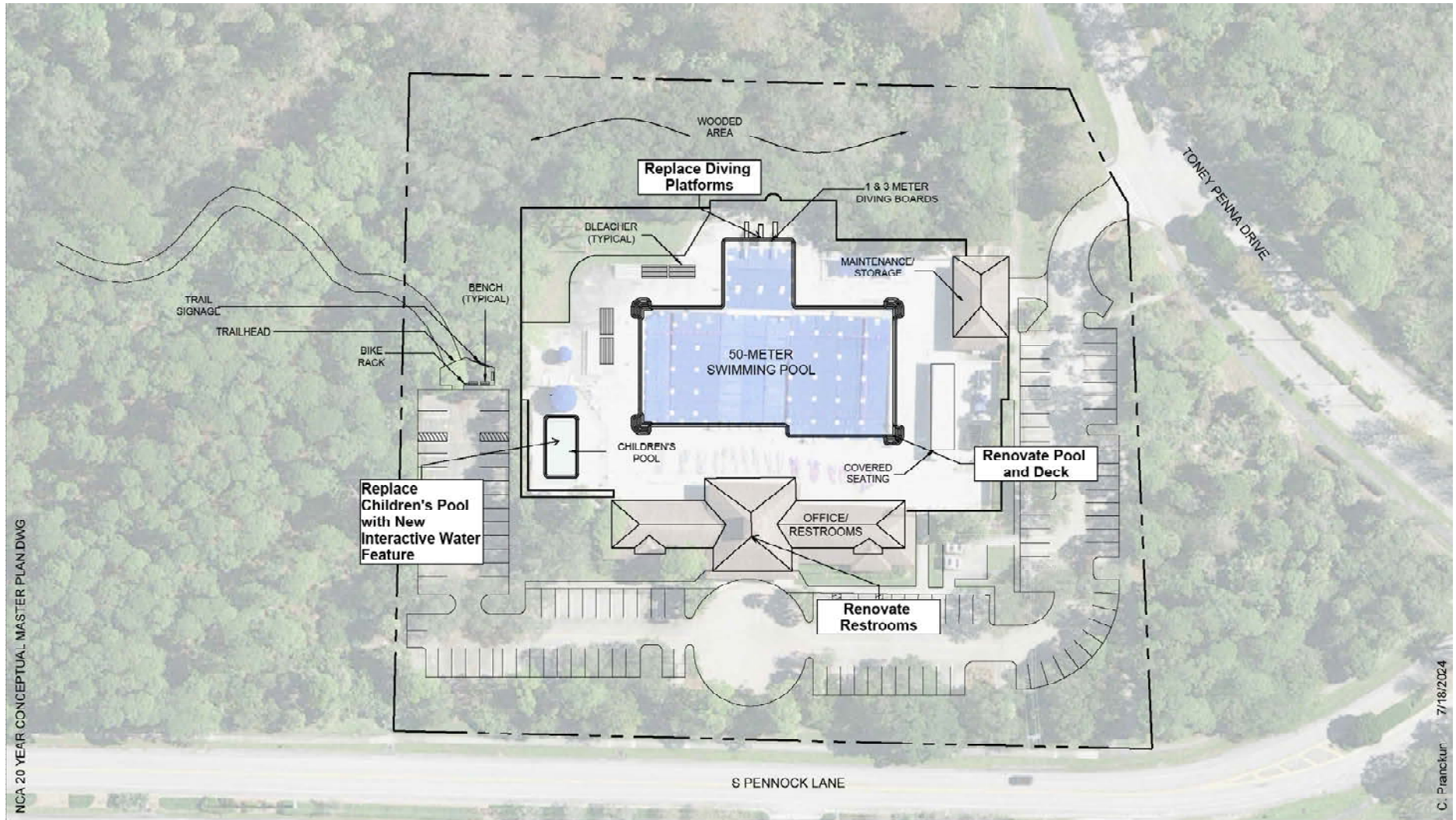


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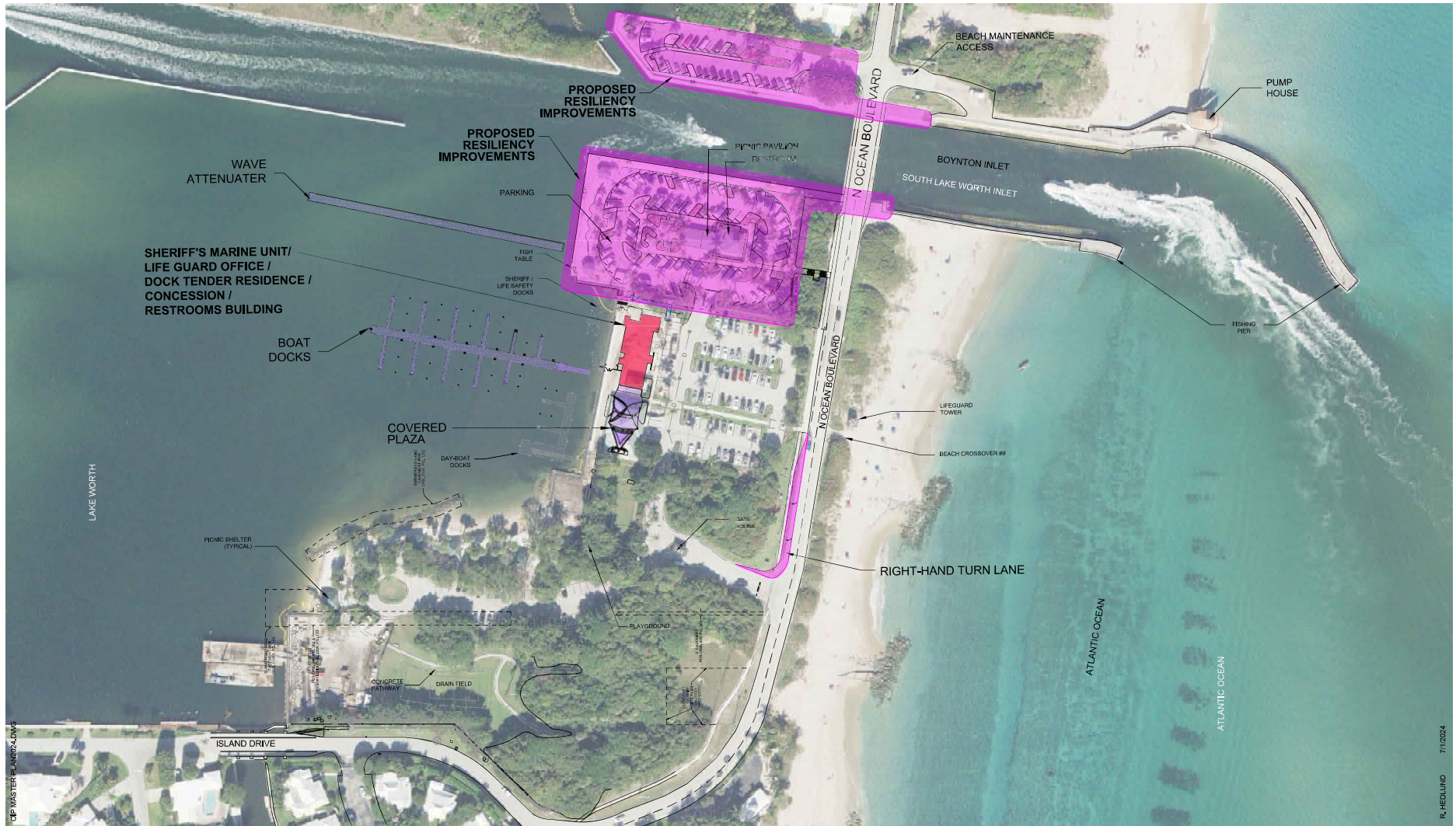
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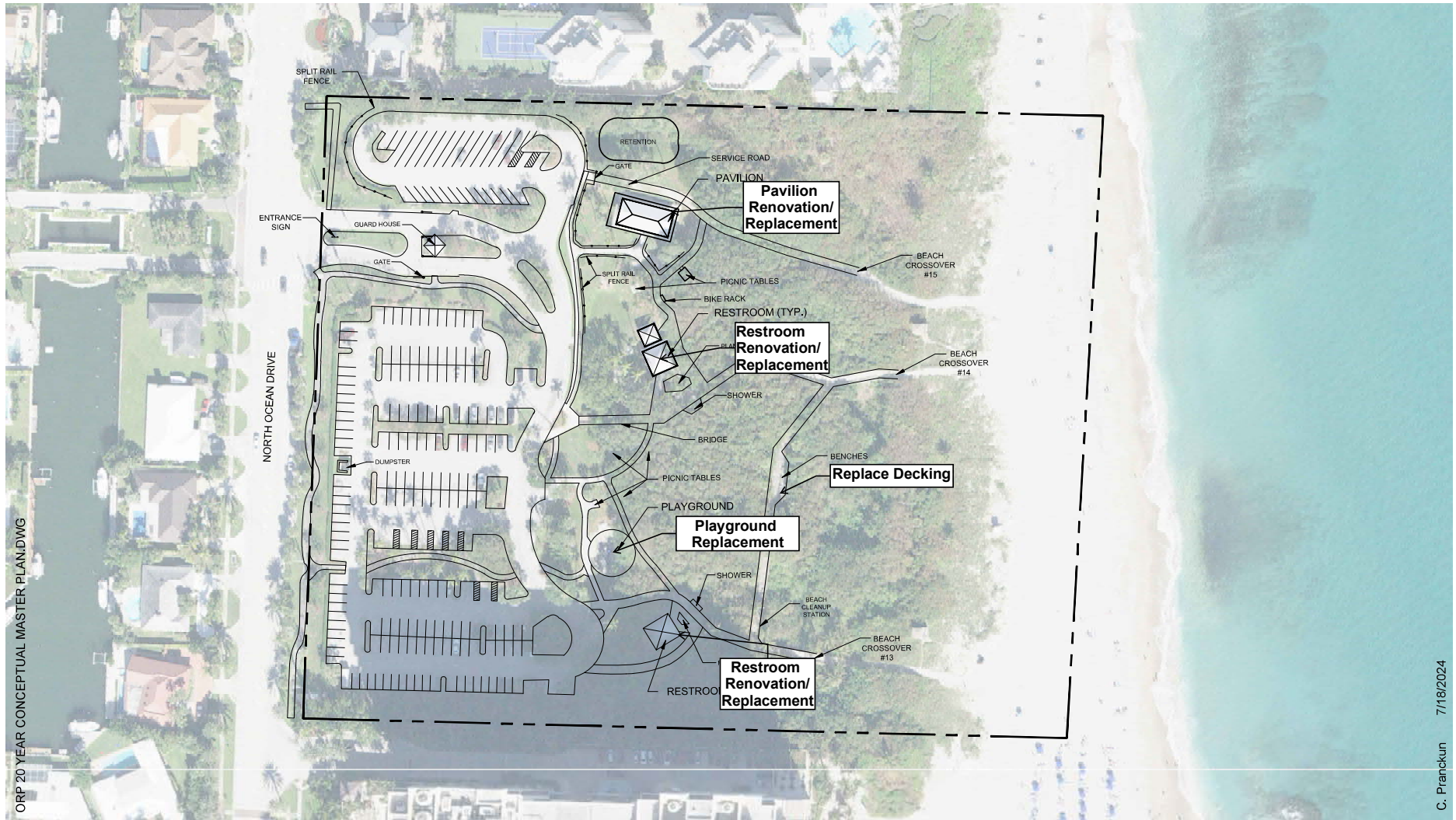




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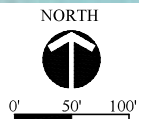
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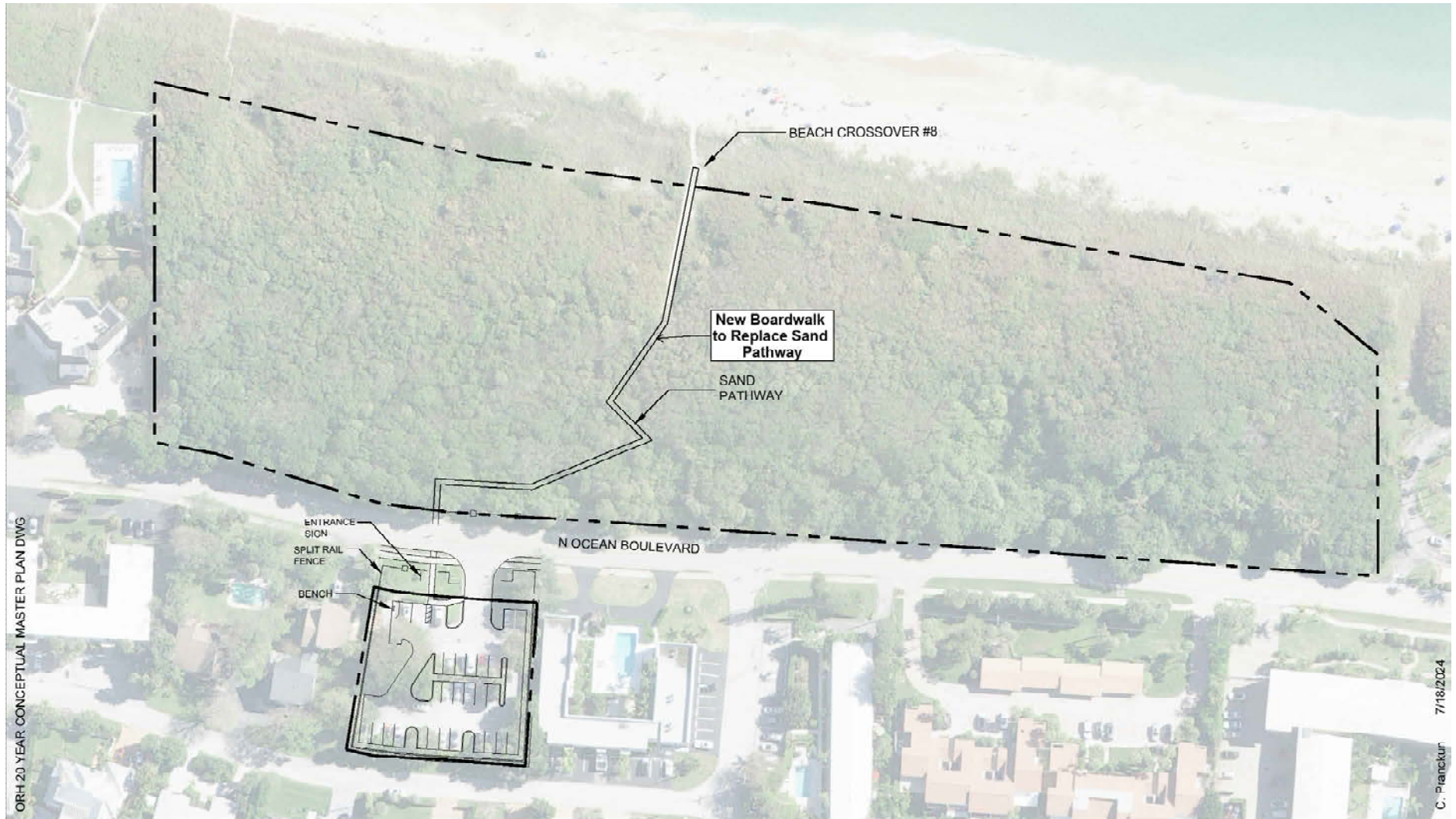
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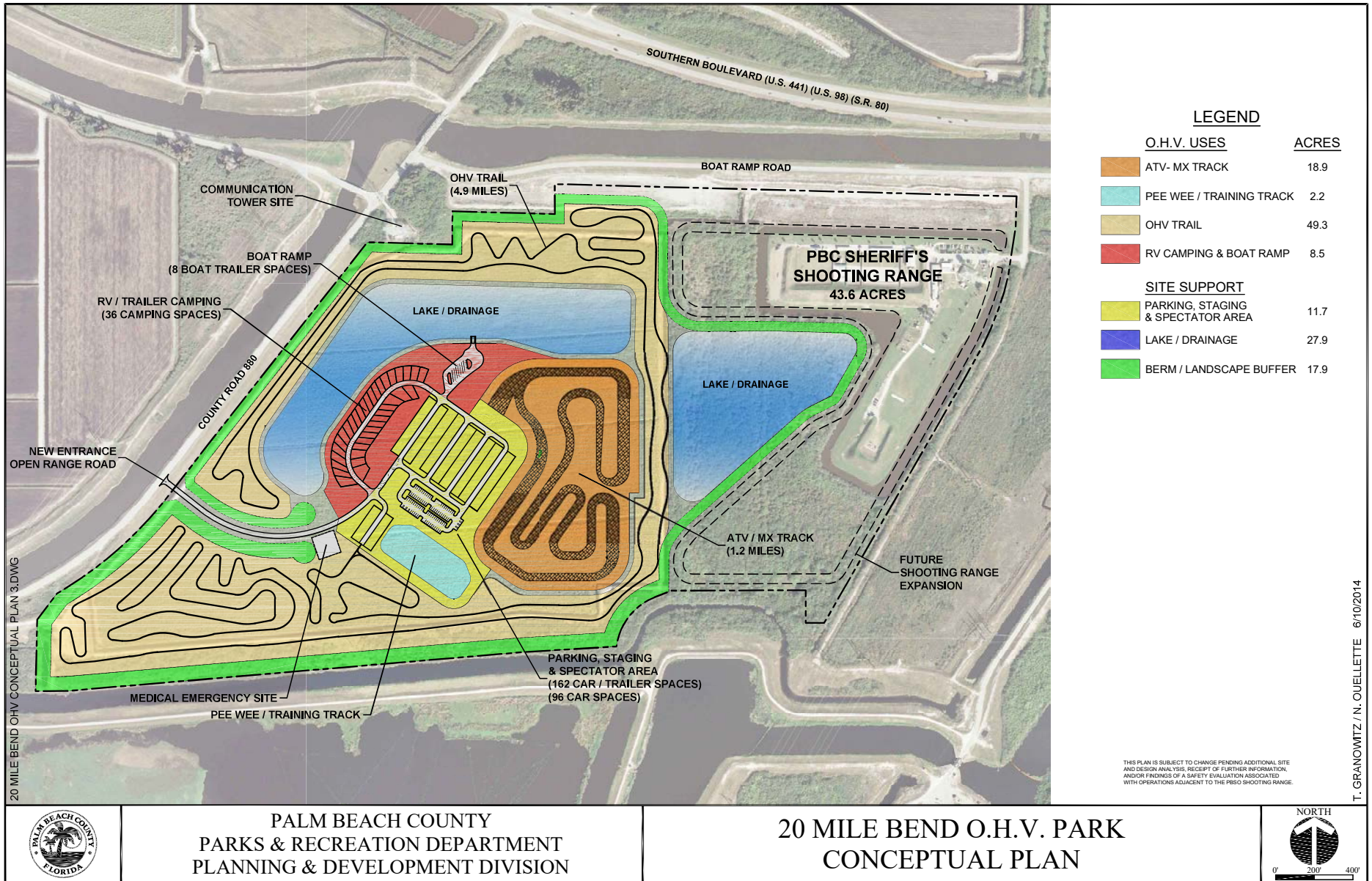




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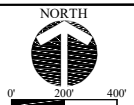
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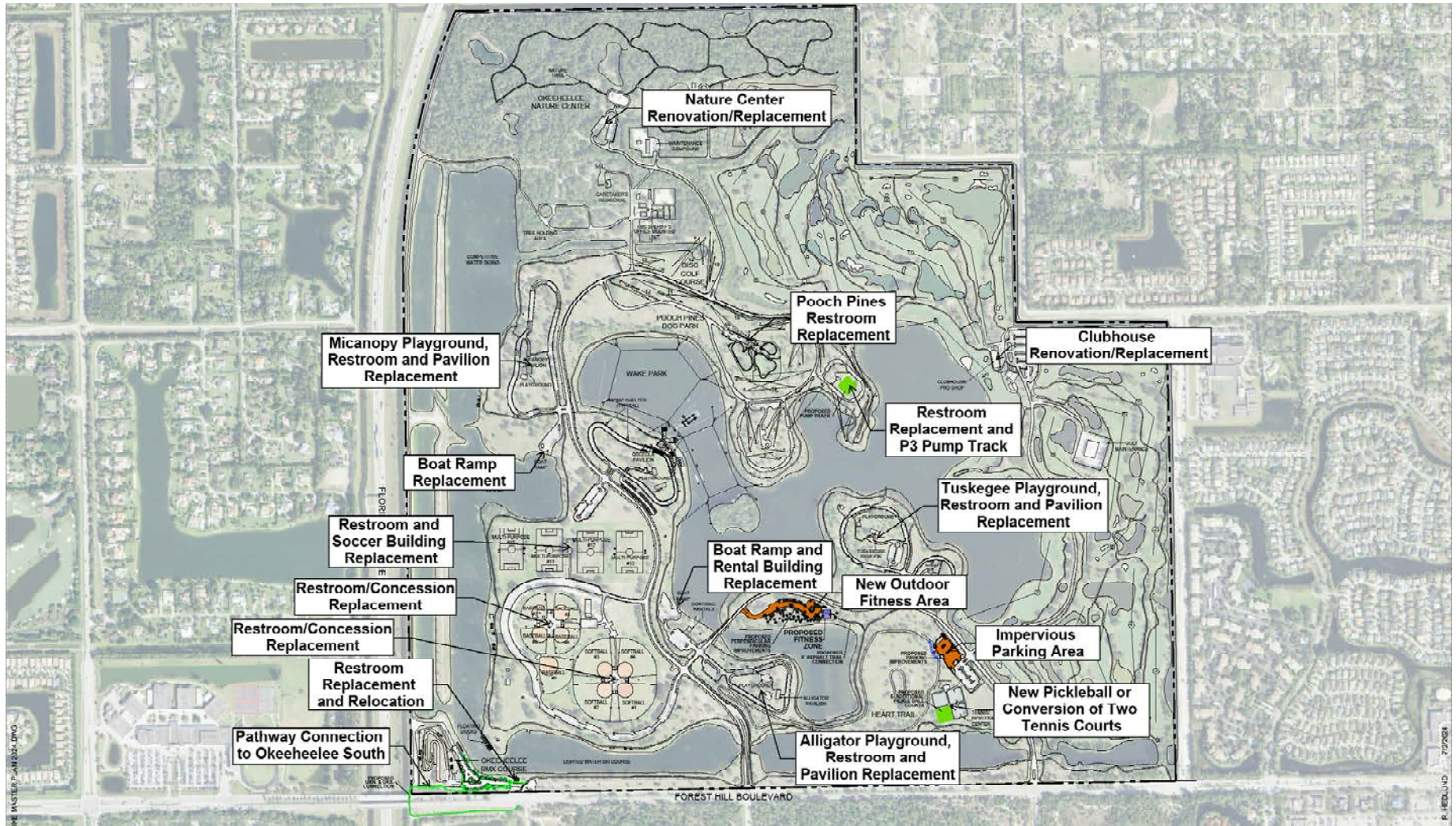


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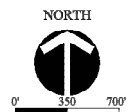






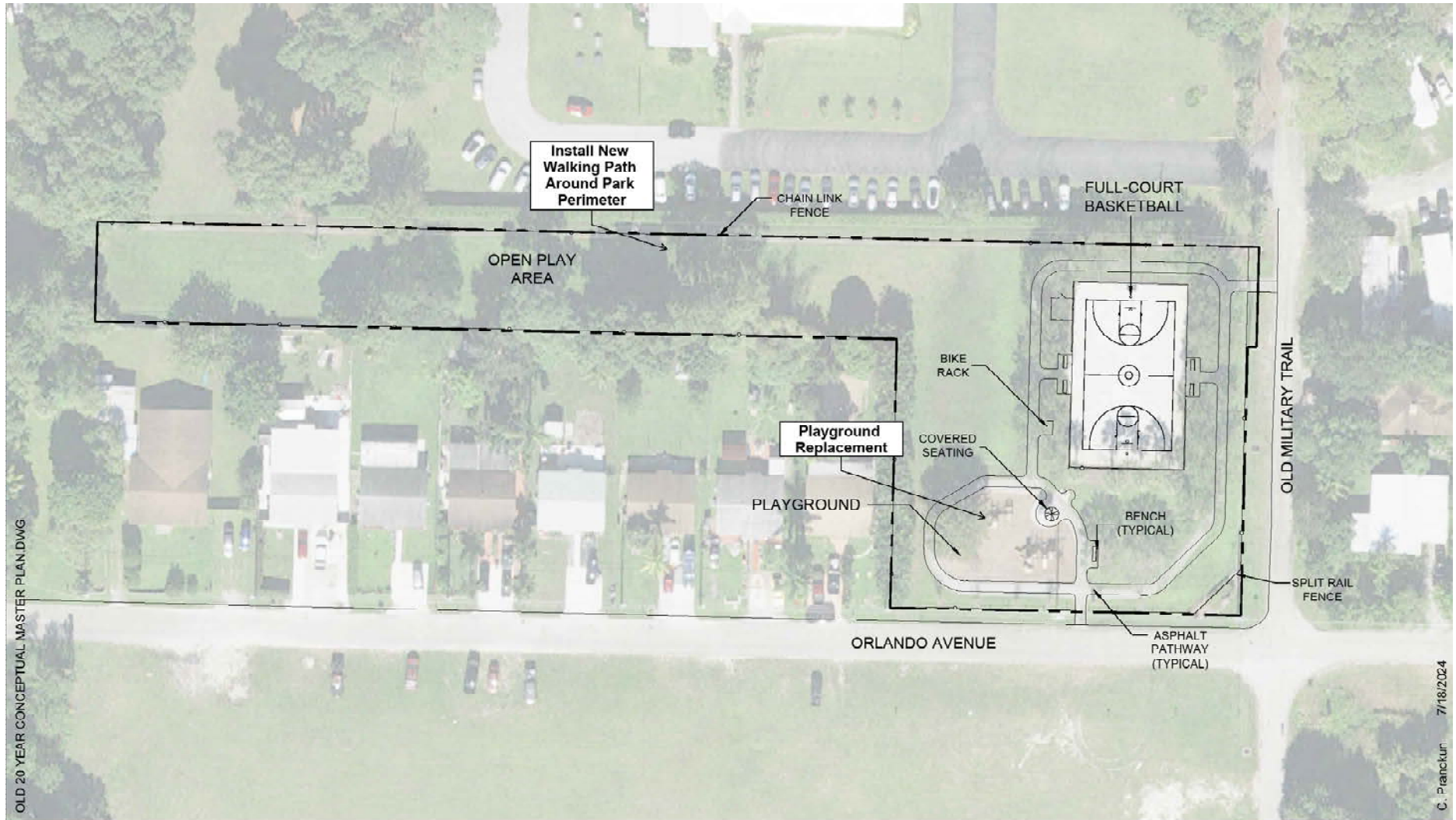
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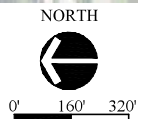
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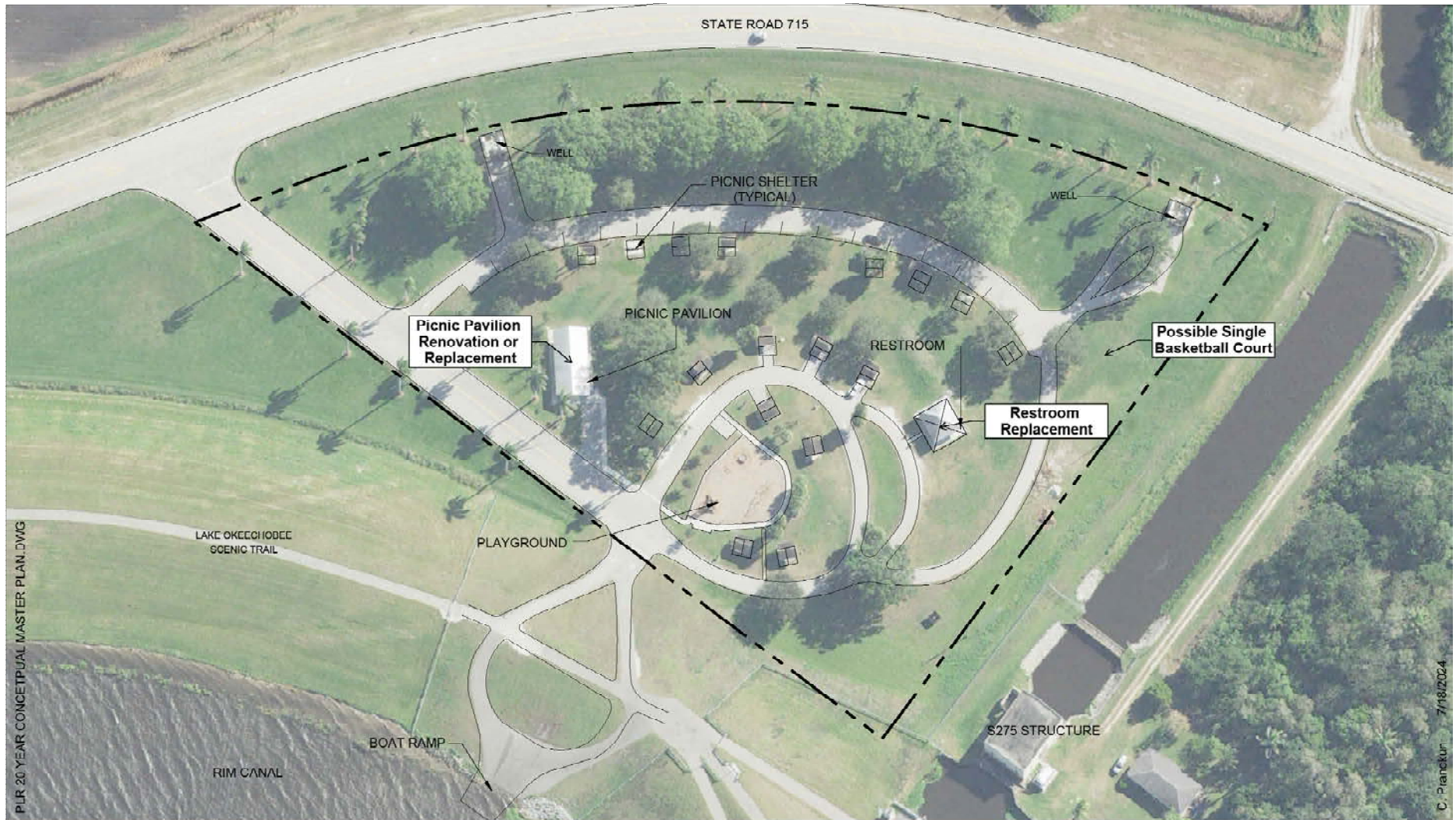


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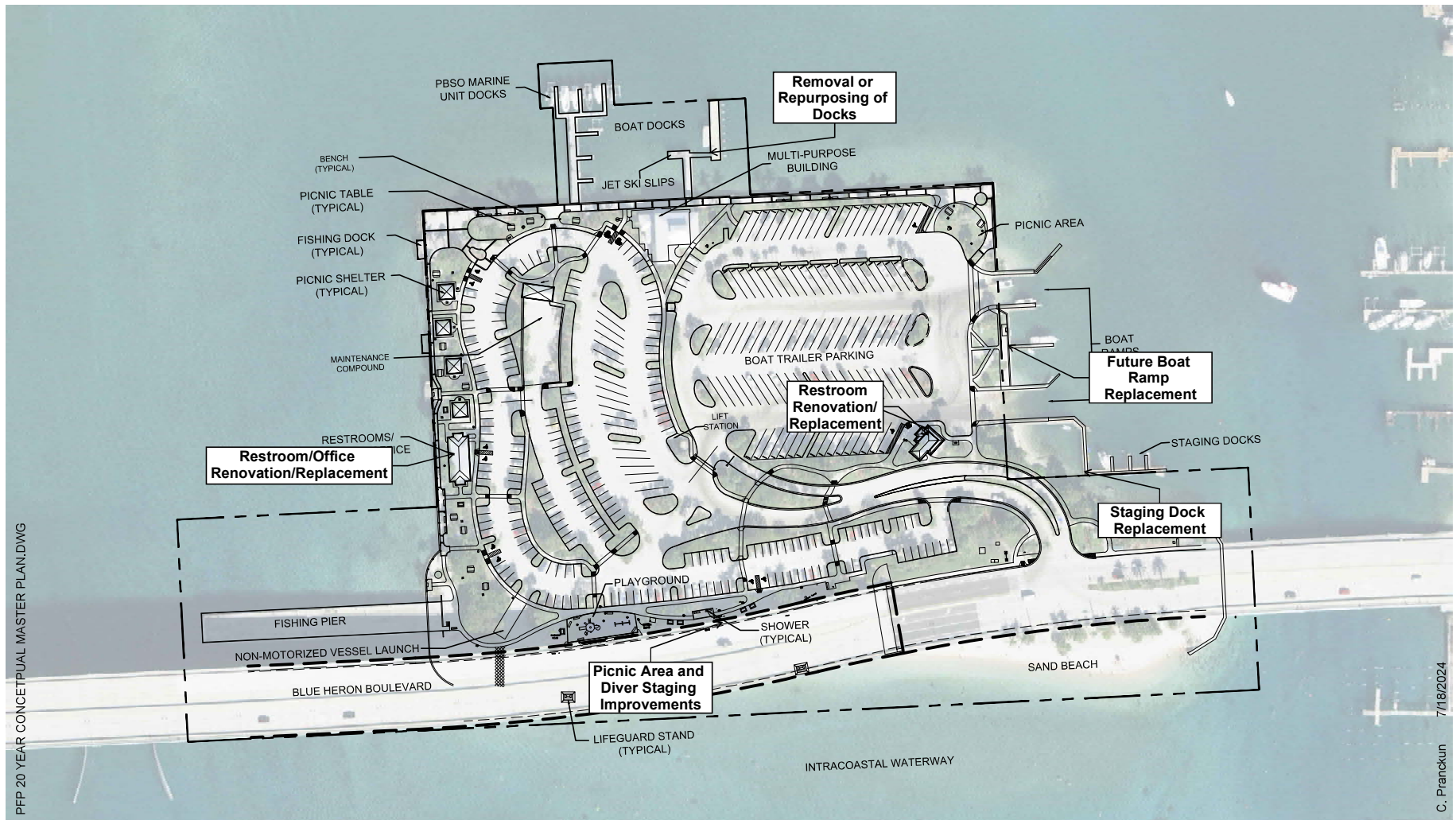




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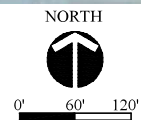
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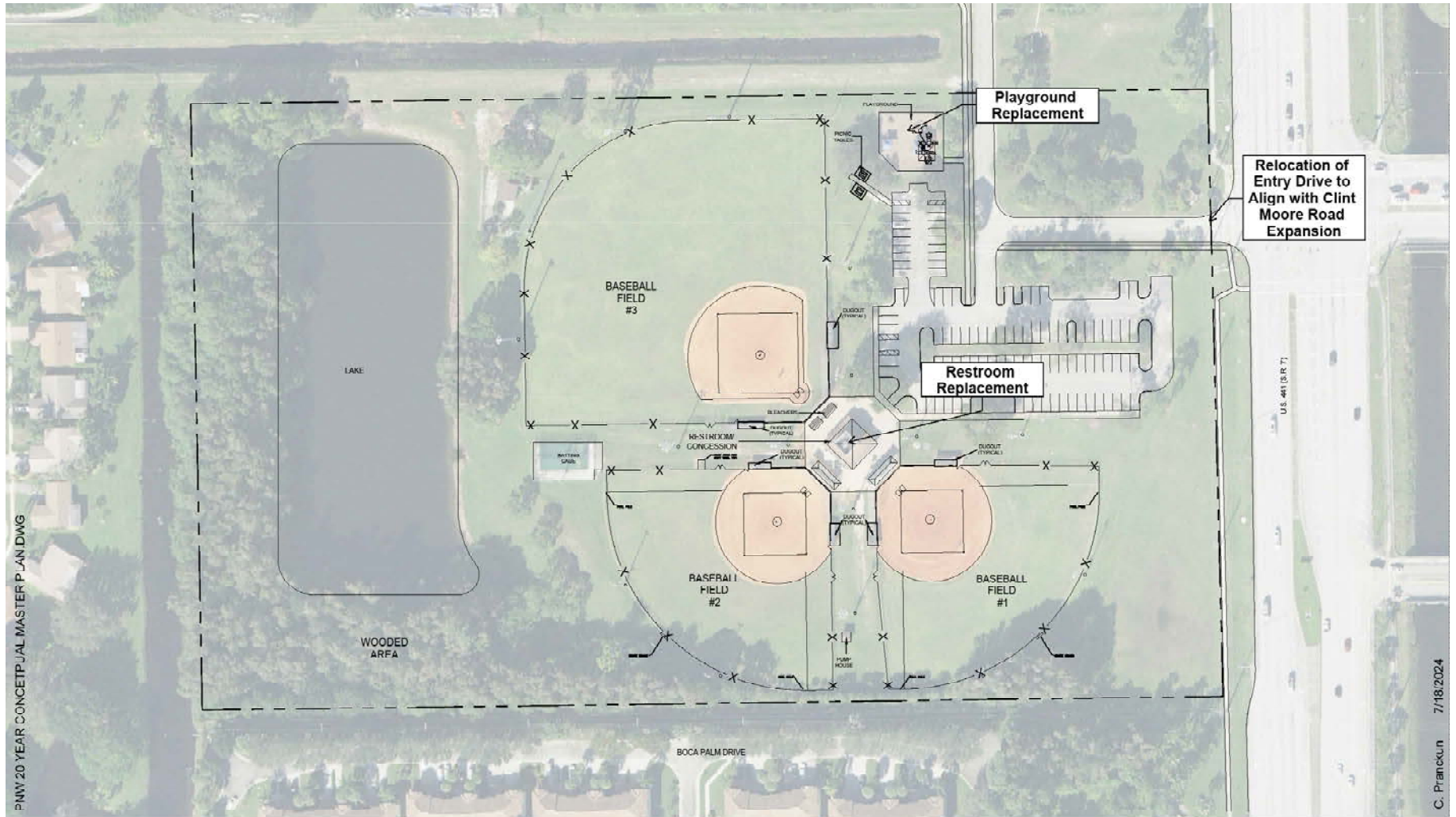


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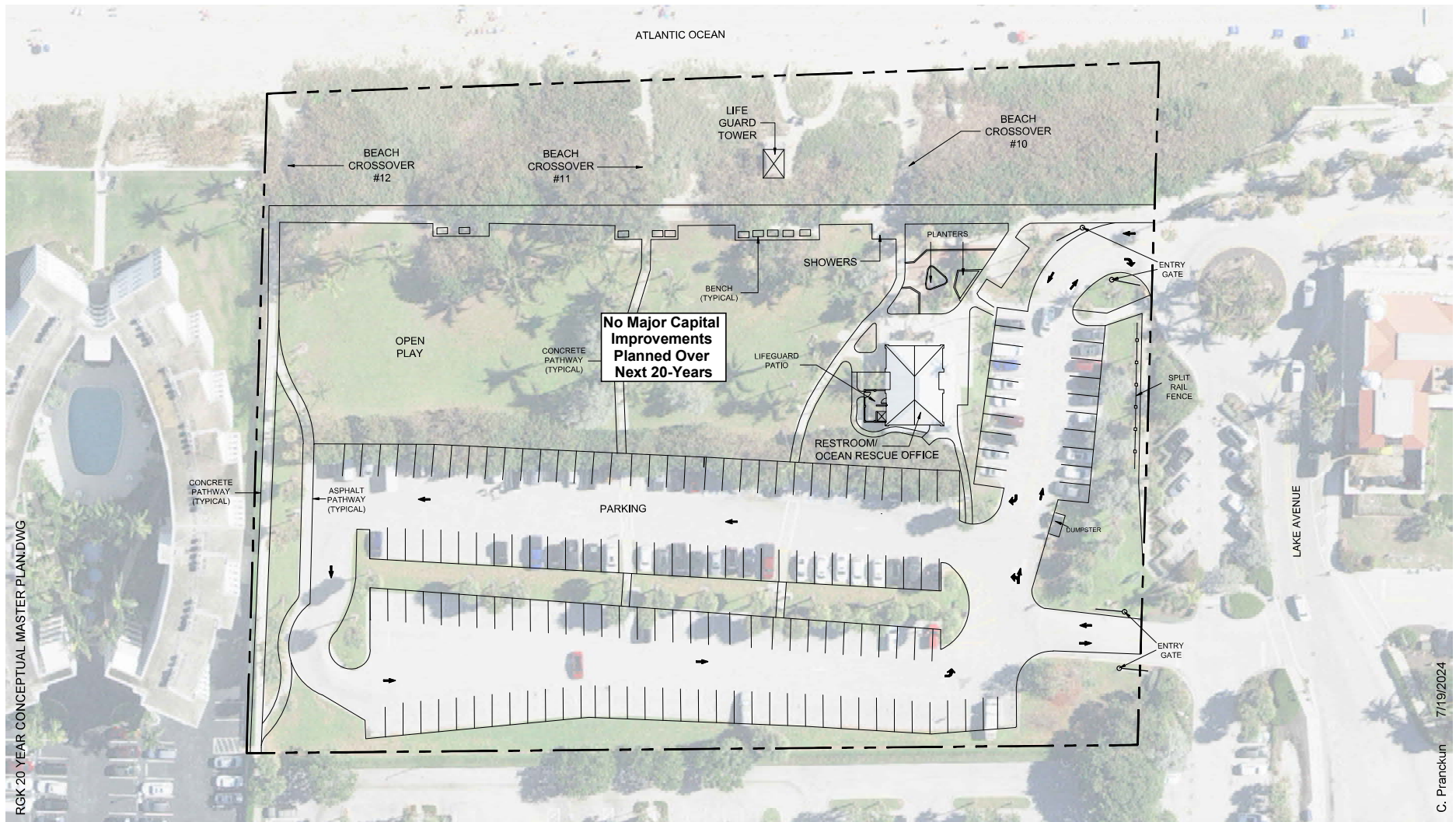
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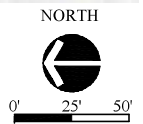
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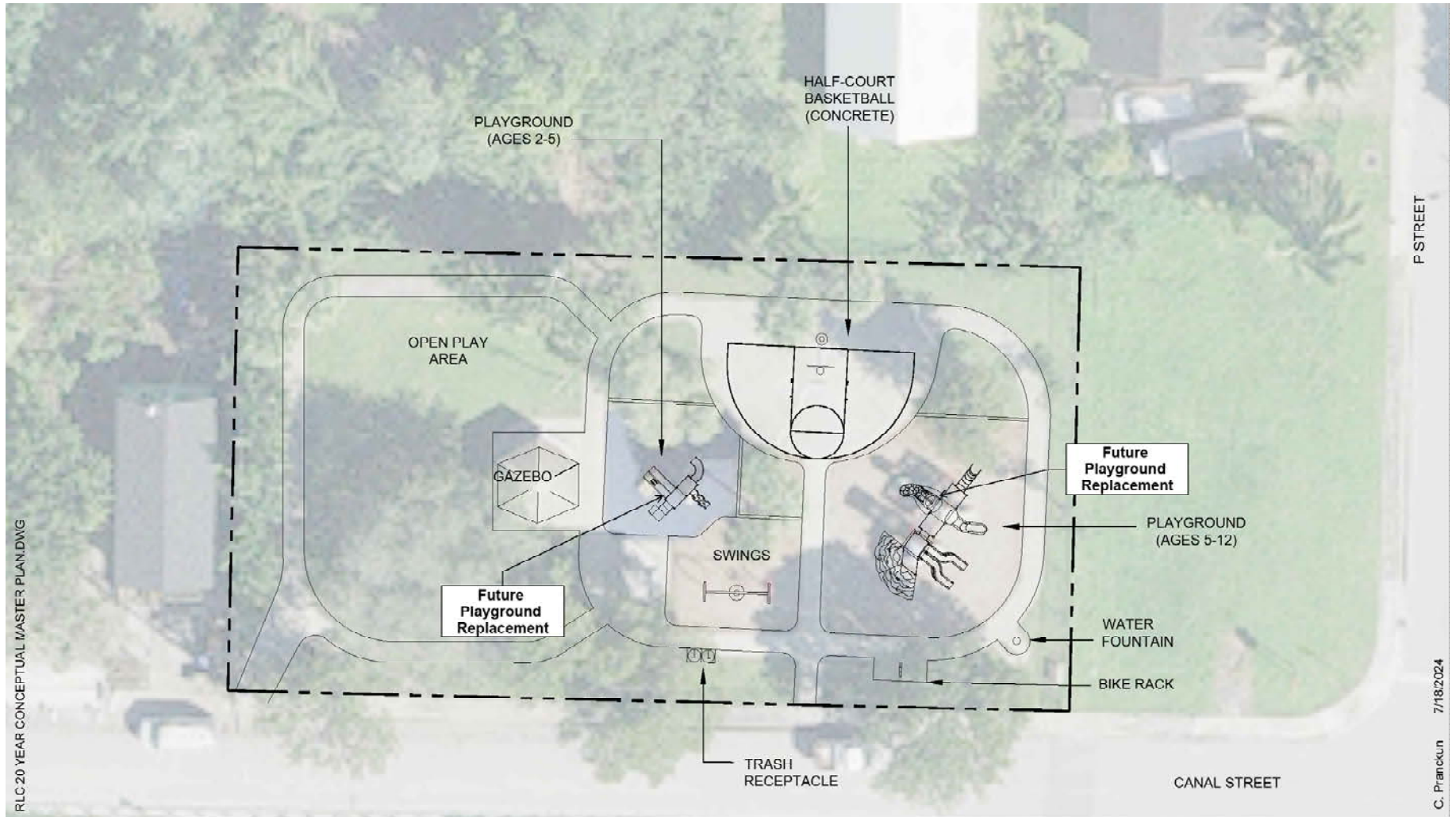
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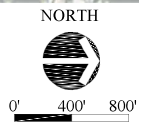






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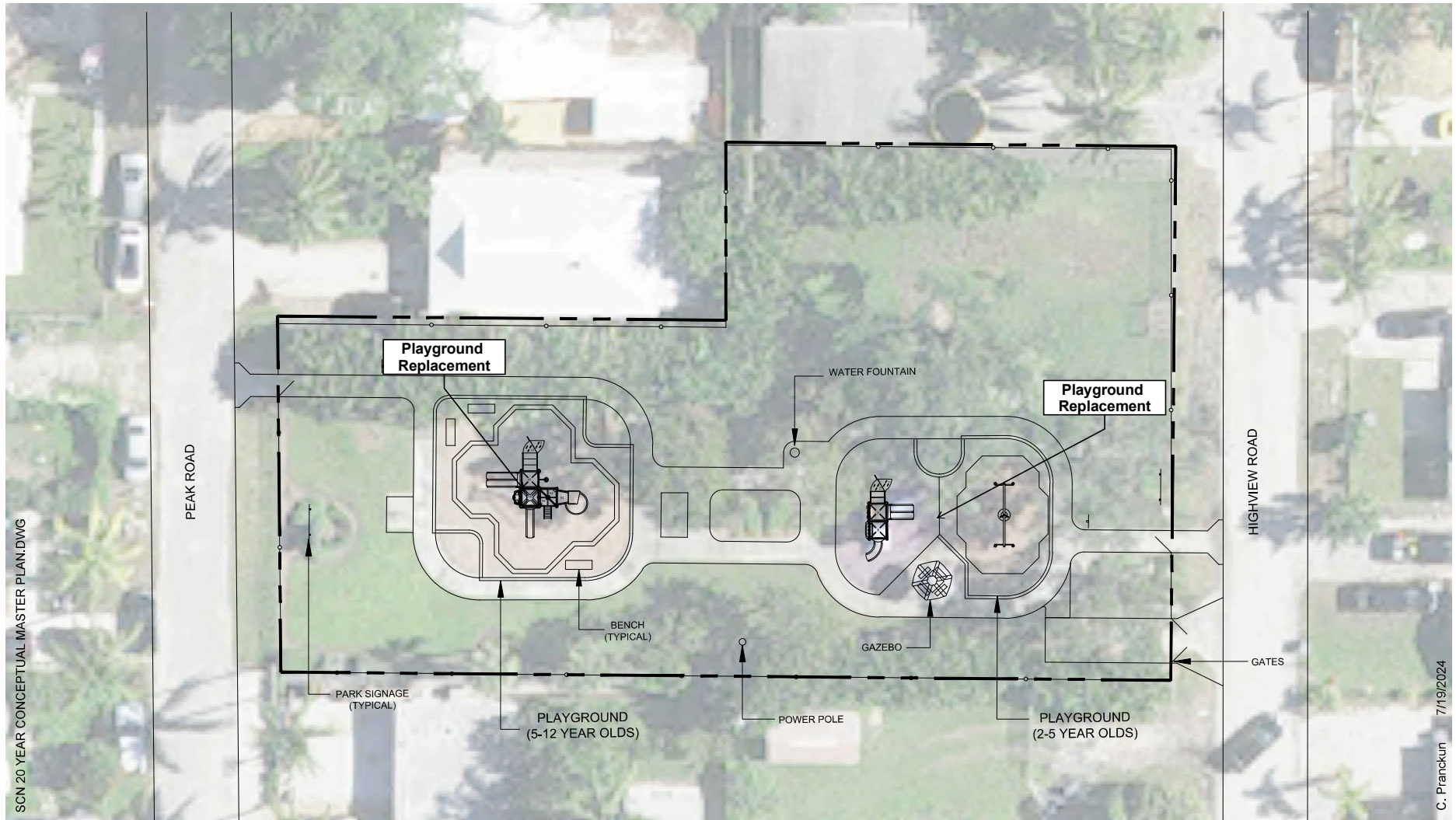






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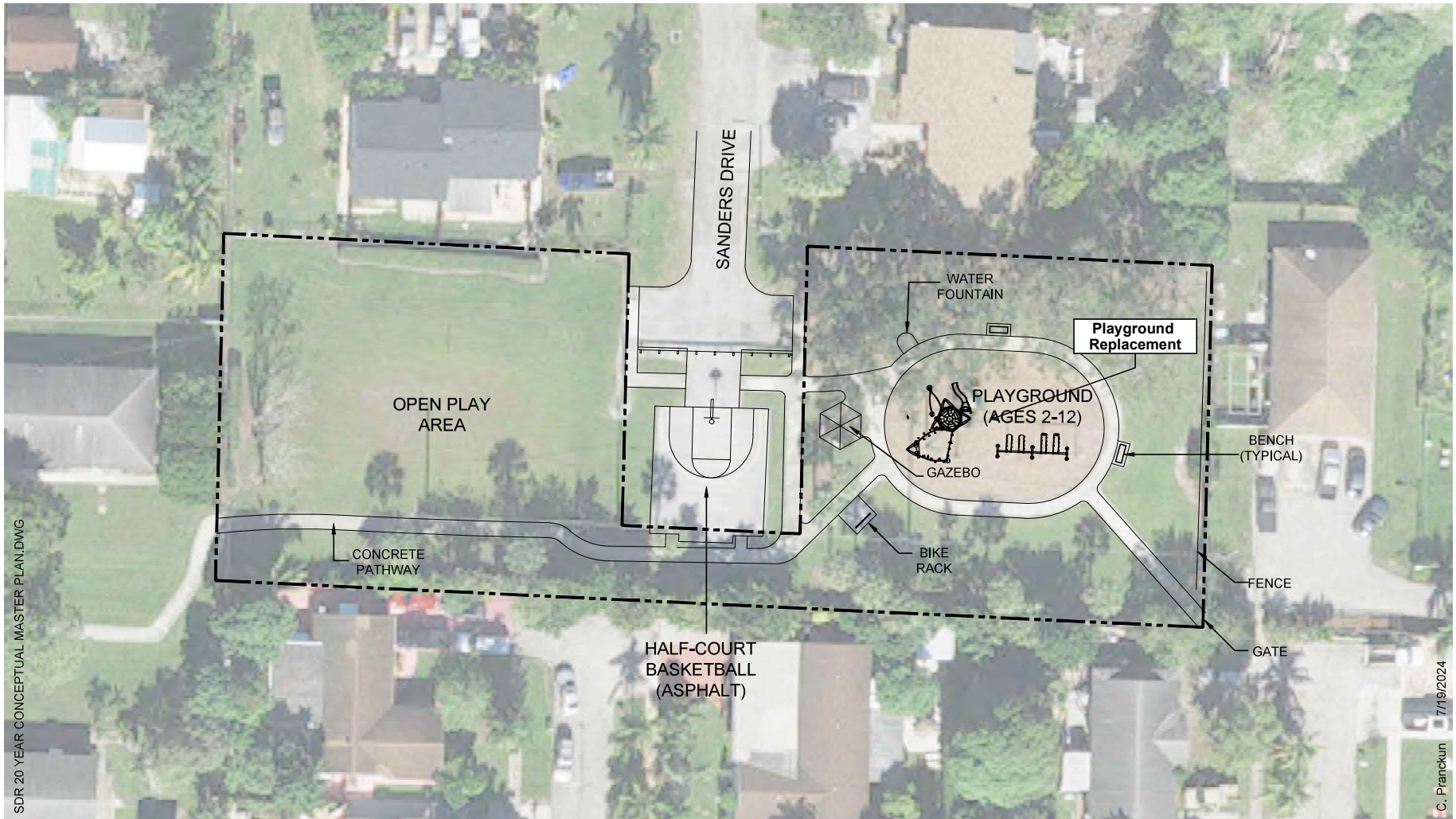




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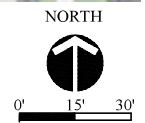
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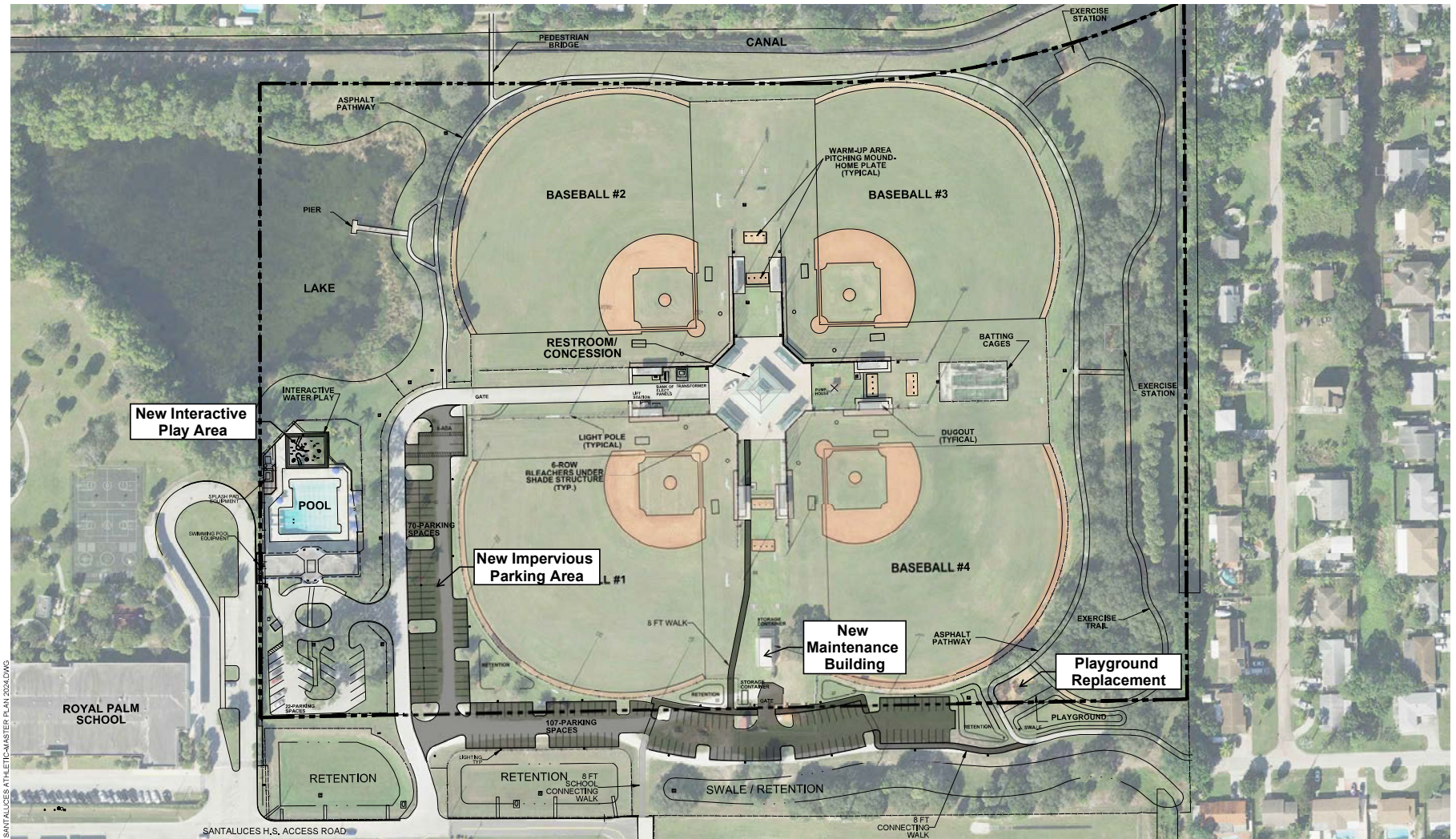




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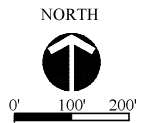
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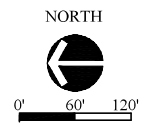






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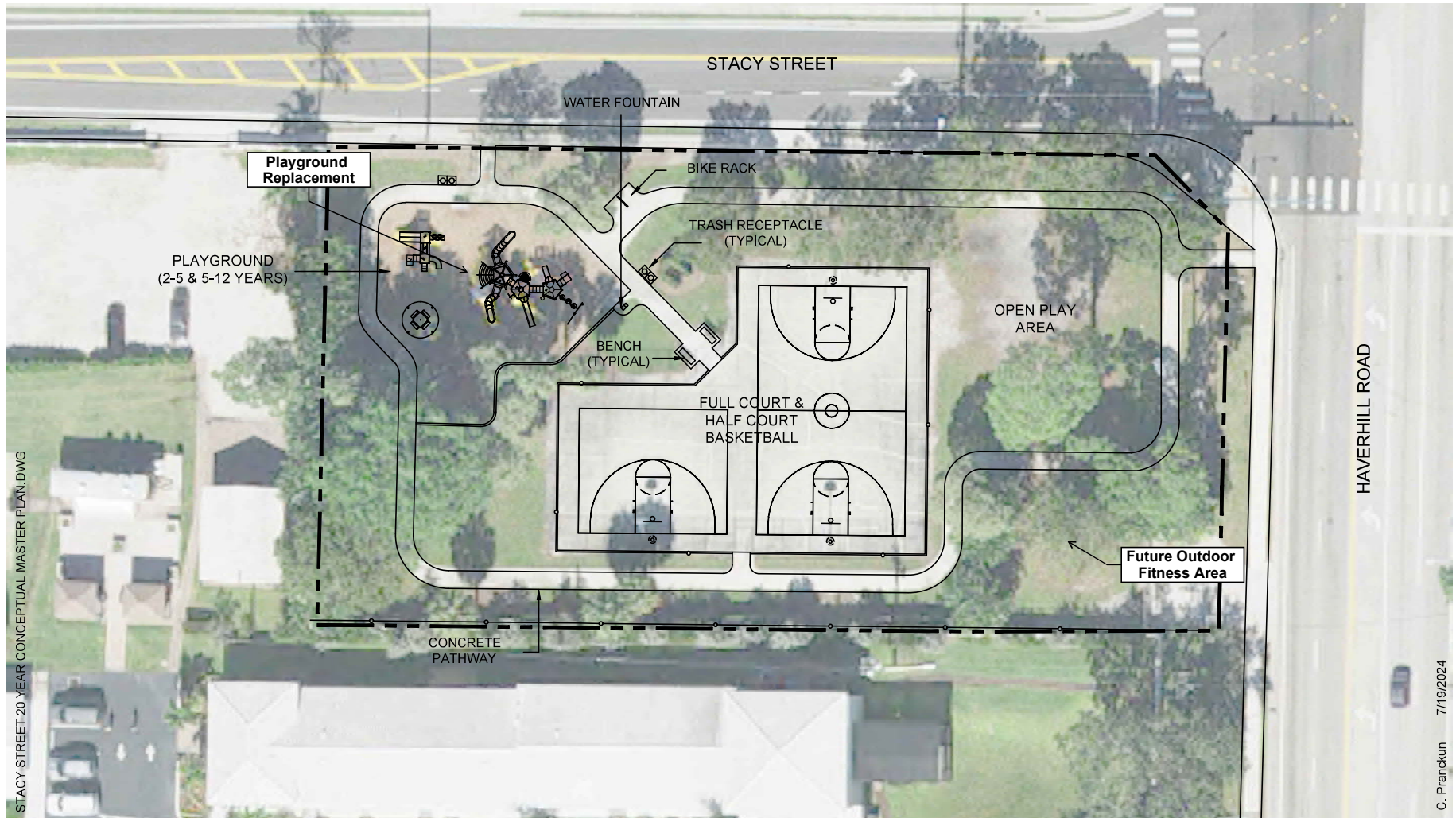




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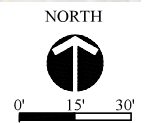
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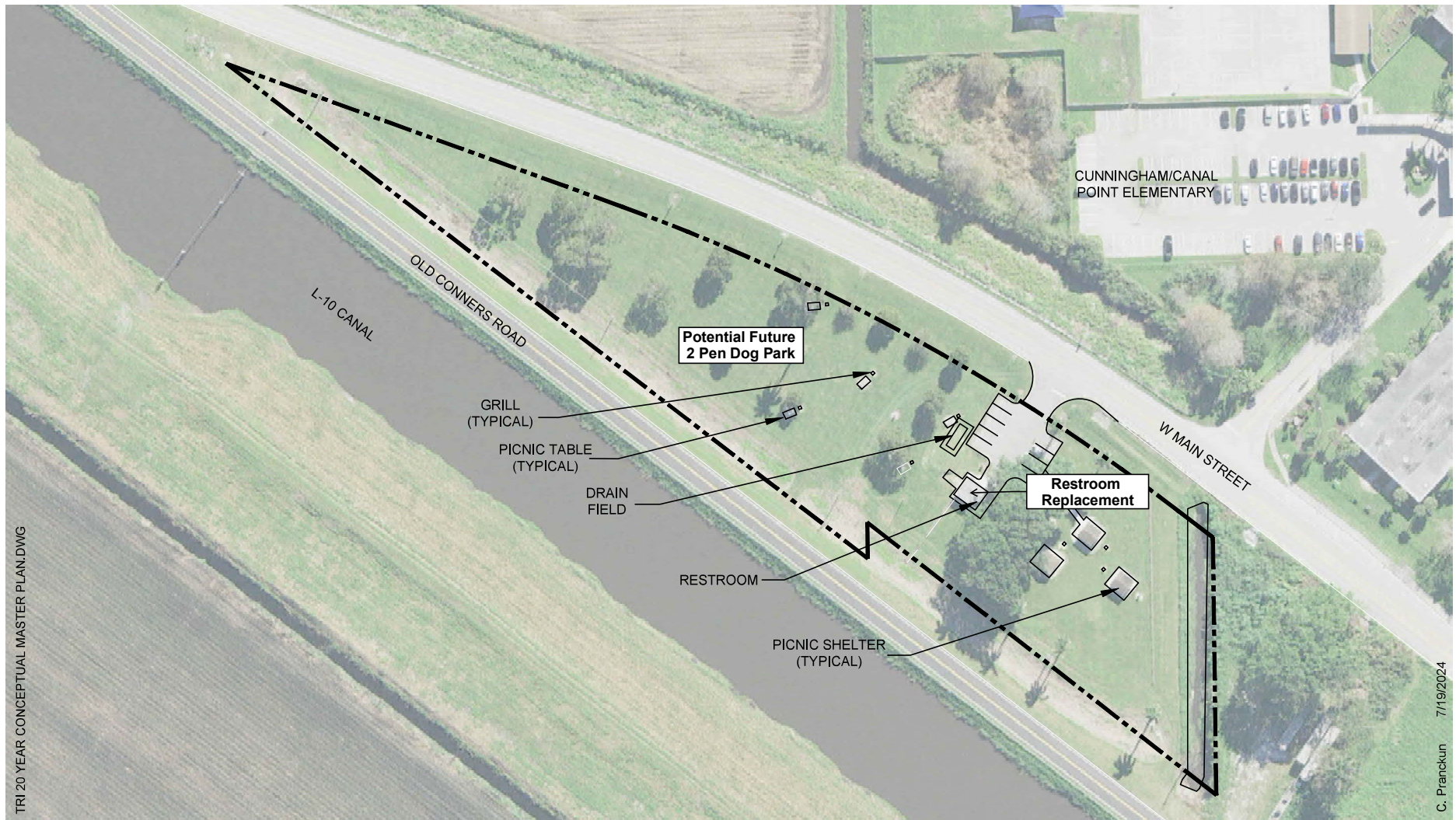




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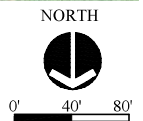
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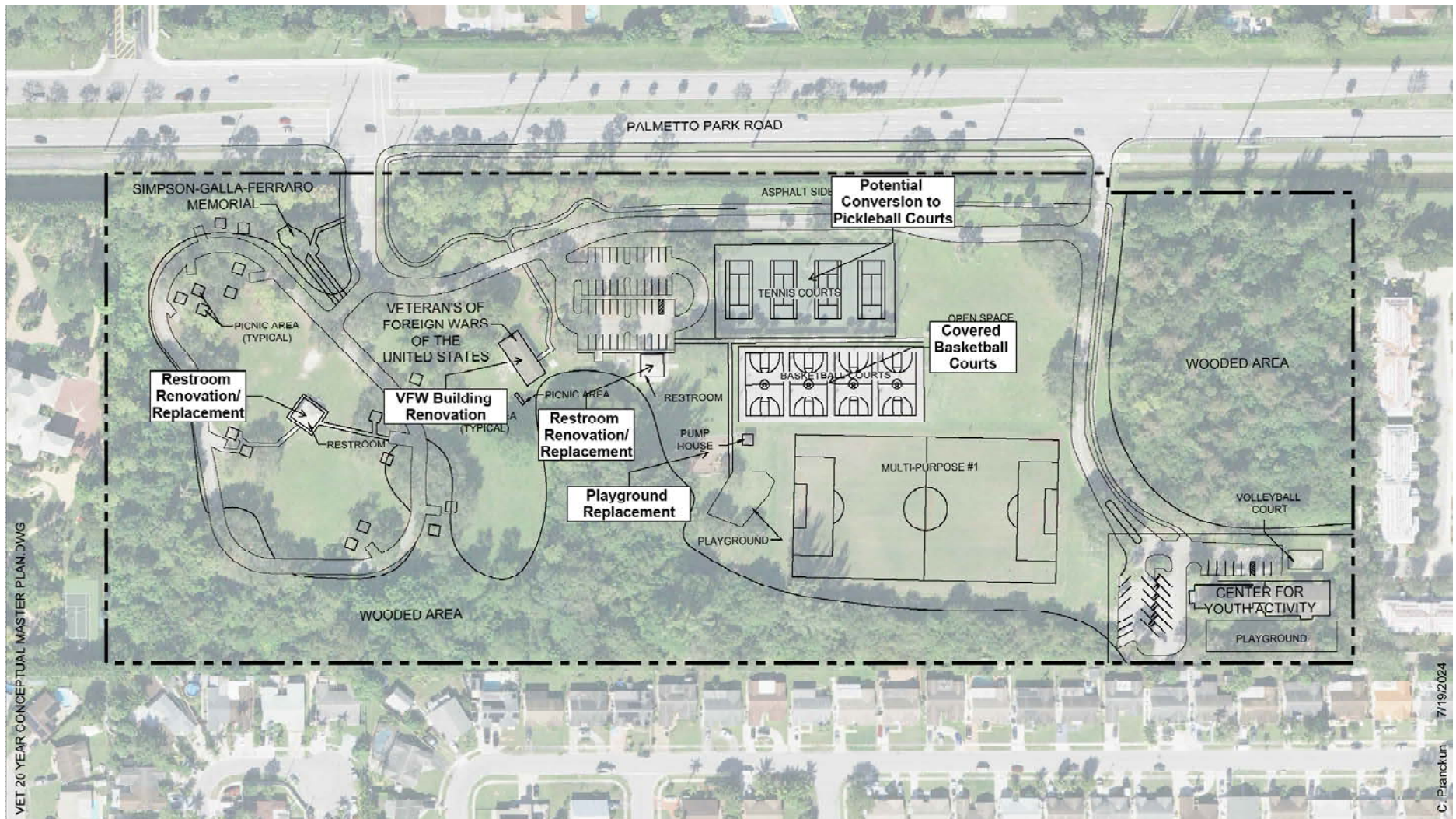


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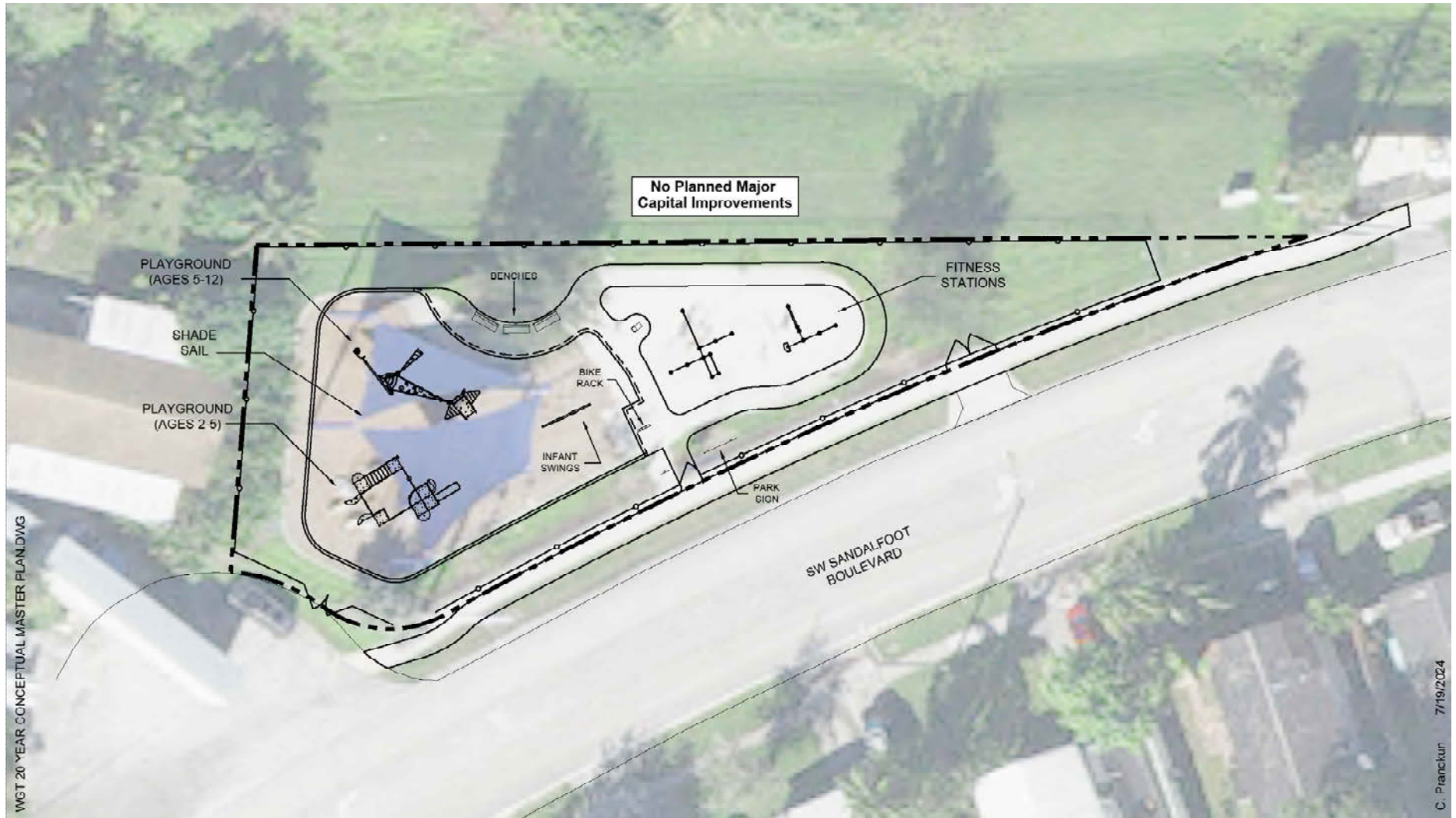
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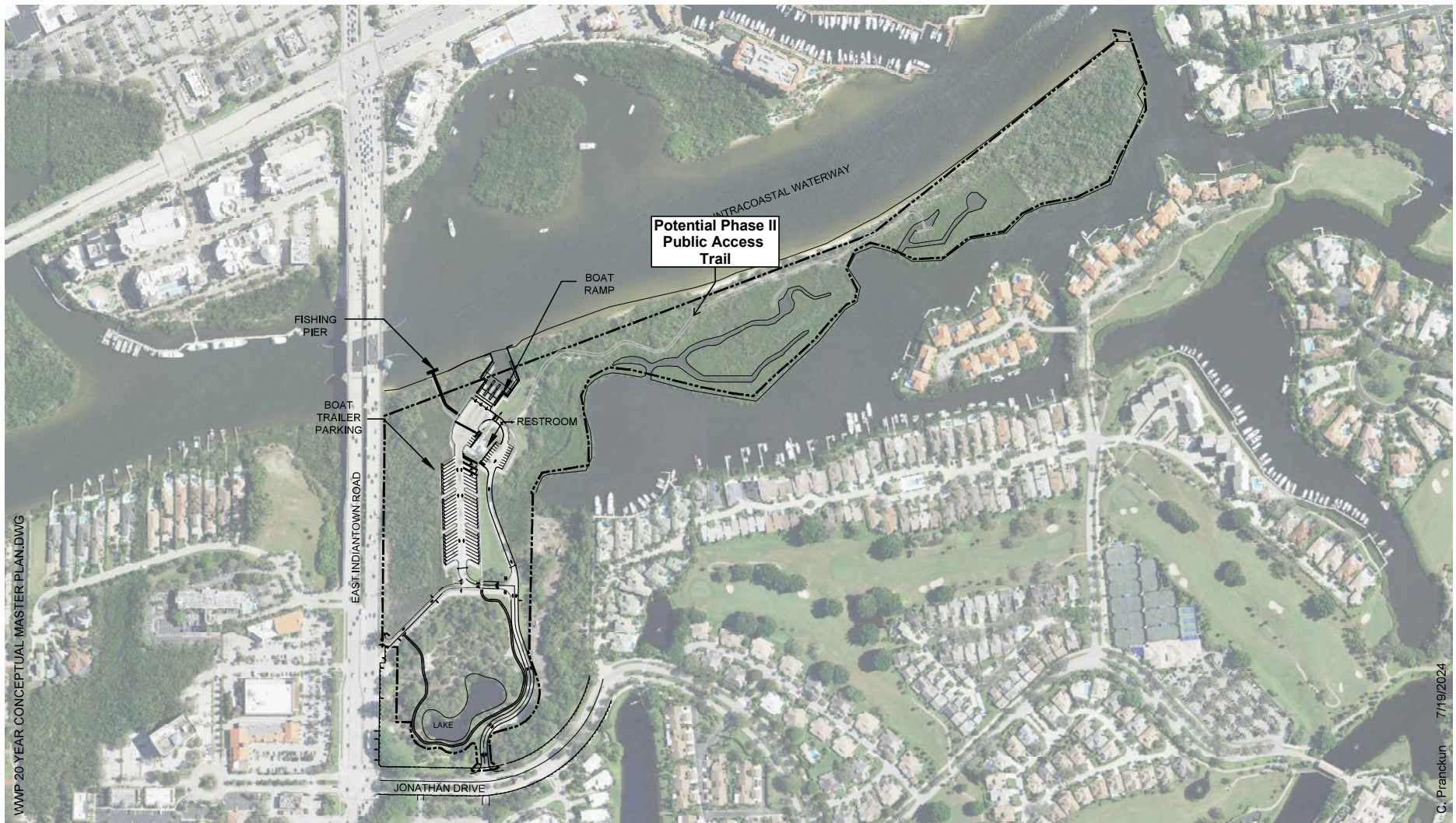
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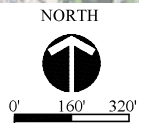
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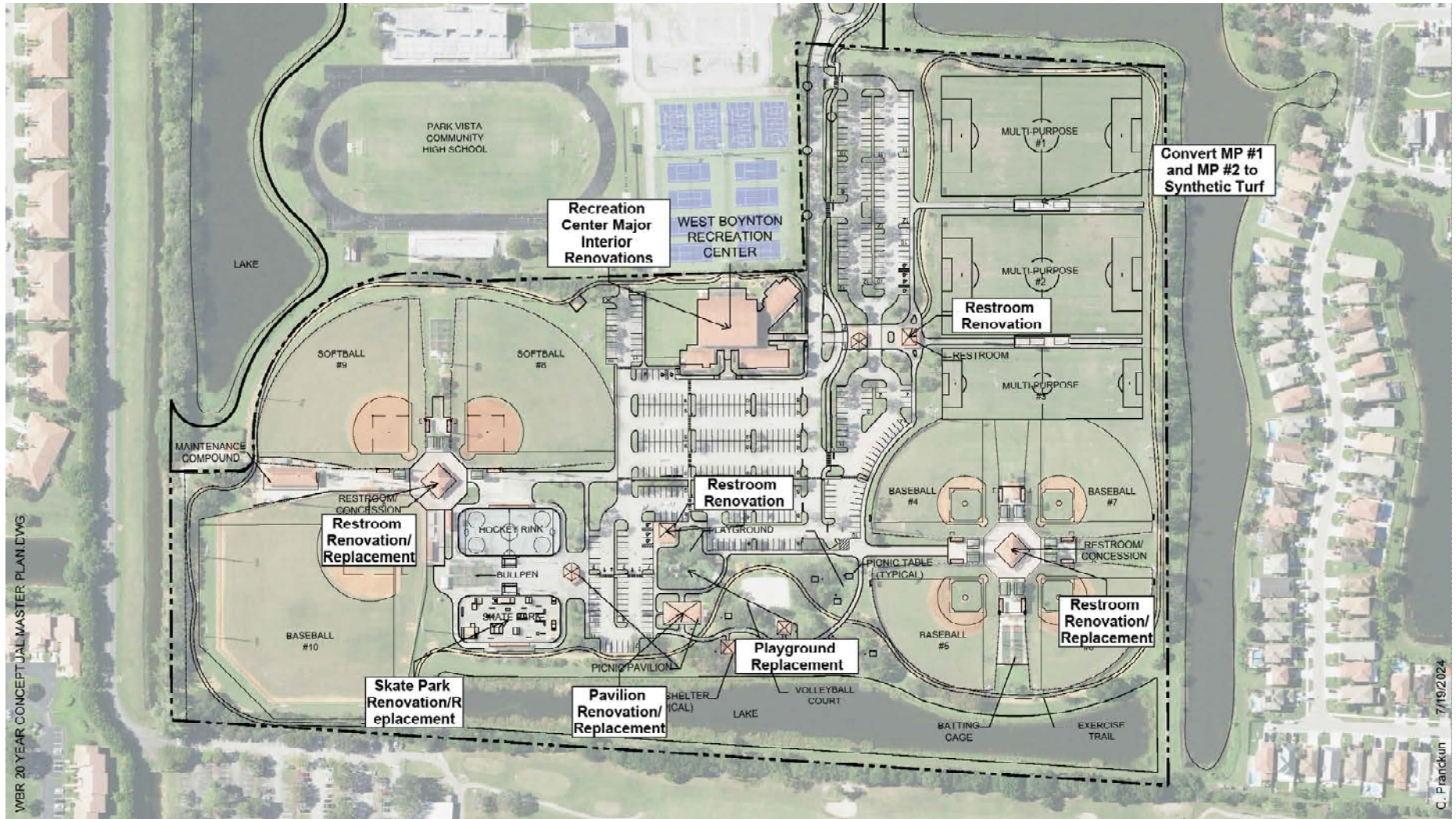


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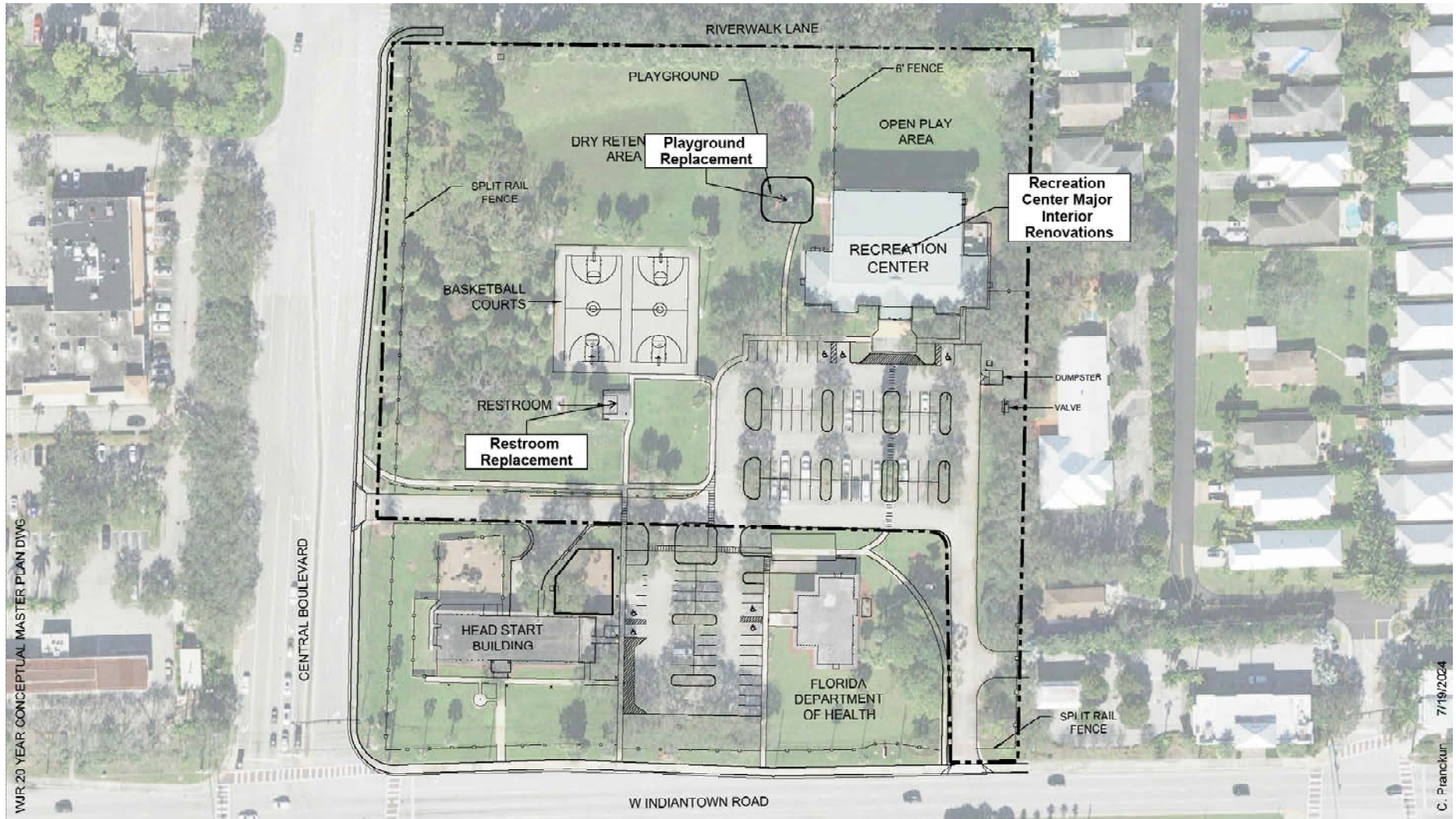


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