



CHAPTER 4 PUBLIC RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

SUMMARY

The development of the City's Public Recreation and Open Space Element requires that it be based on sound data and analysis to support the vision created for the City's system of parks, recreation and open space. The following is a summary of information and data used in the development of the Goals, Objectives and Policies (GOPs) contained in the Public Recreation and Open Space Element.

The City's existing system of parks consists of a variety of developed and undeveloped park sites. There also are a variety of entities within the City that provide recreation facilities and opportunities or own and manage open spaces within the City's boundaries. There are also several undeveloped sites that serve as a land 'bank' for future park development. The City's Recreation and Parks Department has a Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) that is appointed by the City Council. The LSAC is comprised of seven residents and meets monthly. The purpose of the LSAC is to advise the Department staff regarding the Department's mission, policies, activities, and programs. The mission statement of the Recreation and Parks Department is as follows:

In partnership with our citizens, the Recreation and Parks Department provides comprehensive parks and recreation programs, facilities and services which respond to changing needs within our community. We strive to preserve, enhance, and protect our open space to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations in a safe secure environment.

Developed parks include Palm Coast Community Center, Belle Terre Park, James F. Holland Memorial Park, and the St. Joe Walkway. Since 2004, the City has developed additional park facilities, including: Bird of Paradise Nature Preserve, Heroes Memorial Park, Indian Trails Sports Complex, Palm Coast Tennis Center, the reconstruction of Palm Harbor Golf Course, Ralph Carter Park, Seminole Woods Neighborhood Park, and Central Park at Town Center.

The undeveloped parkland consists of parcels set aside for future parks when Palm Coast was originally master planned, parcels acquired through public agency funding such as the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) program, or through developer set-asides such as the JX properties DRI or Palm Coast Park DRI. Many of these parcels are strategically located within the many neighborhoods that make up Palm Coast. As these parcels are developed, they will serve as neighborhood activity centers where residents can relax, play a pick-up game, picnic, and convene for meetings, special events and other activities. Since these parcels are located within neighborhoods, residents can easily access them on foot or by bicycle.





Open space is another key component of a community’s recreation system. Greenways are used to connect open spaces, conservation areas, and parks. In recent years, greenways and trails have gained in popularity across the nation and in Florida. Greenways provide multiple benefits to the community in terms of recreation, connectivity, and protecting the environment. Linking larger conservation areas, parks, and open spaces effectively increases the benefits and effectiveness of the lands already protected. According to the State of Florida’s Office of Greenways and Trails, benefits include increased property values for properties adjacent to greenways, protection of ecological corridors to help support wildlife and protect watersheds, enhanced quality of life through increased alternative transportation opportunities, increased access to cultural and historical resources, and increased public health benefits through recreational use. The City has a unique advantage over other areas since it has an existing bicycle/pedestrian pathway system via the newly created Palm Coast Greenway/St. Joe Walkway, the Lehigh Trail, and other trails along its major arteries. Additionally, the Palm Coast Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan and the Recreation and Parks Facilities Master Plan serve as a guide for the development of additional linkages in the City’s bicycle/pedestrian system.

By linking the City’s system of parks and natural resources, the effectiveness of the park system is increased along with the City’s quality of life. Children can safely travel from their homes to various activities via ‘linear parks’ that connect neighborhoods to a variety of community amenities. Community amenities include not just recreation facilities, but public spaces, libraries, cultural facilities, schools, and any number of destinations. Residents can reduce their reliance on the automobile to get around and improve overall fitness and health.





GOAL 4.1: PROVISION OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC RECREATION AND PARKS FACILITIES

Provide a system of public parks, open space, trails, greenways and recreational facilities that contribute to a pleasing quality of life and healthy lifestyle for residents and visitors.

FINDING: The City is fortunate that it has a significant inventory of existing undeveloped parkland in public ownership. However, based upon current recreation demand both in terms of population and public consensus, the City is behind in providing developed parkland. The City has set forth on an aggressive capital improvement plan to develop new parks as well as adding facilities to existing parks. As growth continues, additional facilities will be needed and safeguards put in place to ensure adequate facilities are in place to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Objective 4.1.1 - Recreation and Park Level of Service

Establish a Recreation and Park Level of Service Standard (LOS) for resource-based (i.e., environmentally sensitive lands, conservation areas and open space) and activity-based parks (i.e., district, community and neighborhood) to ensure that adopted LOS are kept concurrent with new development.

Policy 4.1.1.1 - The City shall establish a Recreation and Park LOS standard of eight (8) acres per 1,000 persons with the following guidelines:

- A. Park acreage shall consist of three (3) acres of resource-based and five (5) acres of activity-based parkland.
- B. Activity-based parks shall have a minimum of 25% of the total park site dedicated to resource-based facilities, open space or natural areas.
- C. Activity-based recreation and park facilities shall be planned and developed to ensure the availability of active facilities within three (3) miles of most residents.

Policy 4.1.1.2 – The City shall use the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as a guideline to determine the size requirements for development of activity-based recreation, such as ball fields and tennis courts, based on the population of the area served.

Policy 4.1.1.3 - Recreation and Park Impact Fees shall be used to help fund the acquisition and development of recreation and park facilities needed as a result of new residential development.





Policy 4.1.1.4 - The City shall assess and update Recreation and Park LOS standards at intervals consistent with the Evaluation and Appraisal Reporting process or more frequently as necessary to reflect changing conditions.

Objective 4.1.2 - Park Maintenance and Repair

Operate a system of well-maintained parks and recreational facilities through the establishment of minimum standards for park design, maintenance and equipment repair.

Policy 4.1.2.1 - Within five (5) years of Plan adoption, the City shall develop a *Best Practices Manual* for the maintenance of City parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 4.1.2.2 - The City shall provide adequate annual funding for park maintenance and repair, and develop a priority list of projects and facilities needing improvements and renovations needed to maintain the standards called for in Policy 4.1.2.1.







GOAL 4.2: LONG RANGE PLANNING AND FUNDING

Through a public planning process, develop a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and annual funding determinations that guide development of a Public Recreation and Open Space System and ensures adequate recreational opportunities.

FINDING: *The amount and quality of recreation facilities is considered a key indicator of the quality of life for citizens. The City is generally land rich and contains enough parkland to satisfy recreation demand through the year 2020 based on population projections and an LOS of 8 acres per 1,000 persons. However, much of the existing parkland is not developed. The City's completion of a citywide Recreation and Parks Facilities Master Plan as well as the implementation of policies in the comprehensive plan will ensure that parks are developed in a manner commensurate with growth, in the public's interest and with adequate funding to achieve the desired goal of the City.*

Objective 4.2.1 - 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Adopt a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that provides for the expansion and renovation of existing parks and park sites, new parks, land acquisition, greenways and trails to ensure the LOS approach outlined in Objective 4.1.1 is achieved.

Policy 4.2.1.1 – Within five (5) years of Plan adoption, the City shall develop a Citywide Public Recreation and Parks Master Plan to serve as a guide to the overall development, character and operation of the City's parks system. In addition, the City shall maintain, and incorporate as part of the public recreation and open space system, the existing and proposed facilities shown on **Map 4.1**, Recreation and Open Space Lands, in the *Data and Analysis* along with **Map 4.2**, Distribution of Recreation and Open Space Lands, indicating service areas for recreation and park facilities. **Table 4.1**, Inventory of Existing Park Land, a part of this Element, also shall be incorporated as part of this public recreation and open space system. The maps and table along with their respective supporting data will be updated at intervals consistent with the Evaluation and Appraisal Reporting process or more frequently as necessary to reflect changing conditions.

Policy 4.2.1.2 - The general location of the City's desired greenways, trails and open spaces are depicted on Map 2.10 in the Transportation Map Series. The City's identified sites are:

- A. Old Kings North Greenway & Trail
- B. Old Kings South Greenway & Trail
- C. Lehigh Rail Greenway & Trail





- D. Seminole Woods Greenway & Trail
- E. Town Center Greenway
- F. Linear Park Greenway & Trail (Existing)
- G. Palm Harbor Parkway Multi-Purpose Path
- H. Greenway Link from US-1 to Belle Terre Elementary School
- I. US-1 Multi-Purpose Path
- J. Graham Swamp Trail
- K. Easthampton Trail
- L. Pine Lakes Trail
- M. South Belle Terre Greenway & Trail
- N. Sesame Blvd. Trail
- O. Mulberry Branch Trail
- P. Waterfront Park Greenway & Trail
- Q. Northeast Corridor Greenway Area
- R. Bulow Creek

Policy 4.2.1.3 – The City shall attempt to acquire the following lands to add to its public open space.

- A. Reserve Parcels throughout City
- B. Parcels identified as a priority for acquisition by the City, Flagler County, SJRWMD or the State for conservation and/or preservation purposes.

Policy 4.2.1.4 - The City shall develop a list of recreation and parks development projects and additional parkland and open space to be added to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the annual update to maintain the City’s adopted LOS standard.

Policy 4.2.1.5 - The City’s park planning process shall encourage public participation, and comment through public hearings, meetings, and user surveys, that help assess the recreational needs of its residents.

Policy 4.2.1.6 - The City shall consider the recommendations of the City’s Leisure Services Advisory Committee at appropriate stages of the recreation and open space planning processes.

Policy 4.2.1.7 - The City shall employ the best available methods and sources of funding for the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of recreation and park facilities in order to lessen the need for ad valorem taxes with potential methods and sources of funding including, but not being limited to, the following:

- A. State and Federal grants
 - 1. Florida Forever Funds





2. Land and Water Conservation Fund
 3. CARL – Conservation And Recreation Lands Funds (through SJRWMD)
 4. Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
 5. Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Coastal Management Program
 6. Boater Improvement Fund
 7. Florida Greenways and Trails Funds
 8. TEA-21 – Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Funds (NEXTEA)
 9. Park impact fees on new residential development
 10. Acquisition or lease of other government lands
- B. Interlocal and mutual use agreements with other agencies
 C. Private/public partnerships
 D. User fees (e.g., public recreation reservation and rental fees)
 E. Private property donations, site dedications and/or cash outs
 F. Bonds and other long range financing techniques
 G. Special assessments
 H. Other sources

Policy 4.2.1.8 –The City shall evaluate the City’s Parks & Recreation Impact Fee Ordinance and consider amending the Ordinance to address any deficiencies or other necessary modifications.

Table 4.1 Inventory of Existing and Future City of Palm Coast Parks and Recreational Facilities				
Facility Name	Acres	Type	Classification	Status
Belle Terre Park/Frieda Zamba Pool	10.09	Community	Active	Developed
Big Mulberry Creek	58.1	Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL)	Resource	Undeveloped
Bird of Paradise Park	2.92	Neighborhood	Resource	Developed
Cobblestone Canoe Launch	1.52	Neighborhood	Resource	Undeveloped
Cypress Knoll/East Hampton	14.59	Neighborhood	Active	Undeveloped
Heroes Memorial Park	1	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Hidden Lakes Park	9.1	Neighborhood	Resource	Developed
Holland Park-James F. Holland Memorial Park	26.75	Community	Active	Developed
Indian Trails Park	32.71	Community	Active	Undeveloped
Indian Trails Sports Complex	164.11	Community (50.37 acres upland)	Active	Developed



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Long Creek Nature Preserve	225.36	Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL)	Resource	Developed
Matanzas Woods	12.4	Neighborhood	Active	Undeveloped
Palm Coast Community Center Park	4.79	Community	Active	Developed
Palm Coast Linear Park/St. Joe Walkway	56.77	Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL)	Resource	Developed
Palm Coast Park DRI	65.16	Community	Active	Undeveloped
Palm Coast Tennis Center	47.98	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Palm Harbor Golf Course	143.59	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Pine Lakes Parkway Multi-Purpose Trail	7.56	Neighborhood	Active	Developed
Ralph Carter Park	13.12	Neighborhood	Active	Developed
Seminole Woods Neighborhood Park	12.4	Neighborhood	Active	Developed
Town Center Central Park	10	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Town Center-Community Center	3.5	Community	Active	Undeveloped
Town Center-Cultural Arts Center	8.5	Special Facility	Active	Undeveloped
Town Center-Pocket Park	0.63	Neighborhood	Passive	Developed
Waterfront Park	21.1	Special Facility	Resource	Developed
Wild Oaks Park	1.3	Neighborhood	Resource	Undeveloped
Sub Total	955.05			

Lands Committed from Developments of Regional Impact (Lands Not under City Ownership)				
JX Properties-DRI	56.48	Community	Active	Undeveloped
JX Properties-DRI	33.87	Community	Resource	Undeveloped
Neoga Lakes DRI	29	Community	Active	Undeveloped
Neoga Lakes DRI	16	Neighborhood	Active	Undeveloped
Neoga Lakes DRI	75	Community	Resource	Undeveloped
Old Brick Township DRI	25	Community	Active	Undeveloped





Old Brick Township DRI	30	Neighborhood	Active	Undeveloped
Old Brick Township DRI	45	Community	Passive	Undeveloped
Palm Coast Park DRI	10	Neighborhood	Active	Undeveloped
Sub Total	235.35			

TOTAL ACRES 1190.40

Other Providers				
Lehigh Greenway Rail Trail	194.95	ESL/Open Space	Active	Developed
Graham Swamp	3,790	ESL/Open Space	Resource	Developed
Belle Terre Swim & Racquet Club	N/A	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Cypress Knolls Golf Course	125	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Matanzas Woods Golf Course	125	Special Facility	Active	Developed
Pine Lakes Golf Course	125	Special Facility	Active	Developed
TOTAL ACRES (OTHER OWNERSHIP)	4359.95			

Source: City of Palm Coast Comprehensive Plan
Update provided by the City of Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Department and Community Development Department (Updated September 1, 2014)

FINDING: *The rapid growth in the City during the 9 years has created a need to prioritize the establishment and development of park and recreation facilities, and open space to meet the needs of new growth and underserved existing residential areas. While trying to provide funding for facility renovation, new park development will be focused on the City's most rapidly growing areas.*

Objective 4.2.2 - Future Recreation and Park and Open Space Facilities

Establish a list of priority recreation and park projects needed to meet population growth through the year 2035 with projects including acquisition of additional parkland, and the development of existing and future park sites. The priority list below will be updated based on the findings of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process, as well as the Recreation and Parks Facilities Master Plan.

Policy 4.2.2.1 - The following prioritized projects shall be considered short-range priorities planned for completion within the next five (5) years:

- A. Complete renovation to Holland Park





- B. Complete renovation and addition to the Community Center.
- C. Complete the development of Long Creek Nature Preserve.
- D. Complete development of the Lehigh Trail Trailhead@ Palm Coast Tennis Center.

Policy 4.2.2.2 - The following prioritized projects shall be considered mid-range priorities planned for completion within five to ten (5-10) years:

- A. Land acquisition (if necessary) and construction of a neighborhood park in one of the following neighborhoods: Matanzas Woods, Pine Lakes, or Quail Hollow
Construction of Indian Trails Park
- B. Complete design and construction of Graham Swamp Trail Phase 2 (from Old Kings Rd. trailhead to Lehigh Trail).

Policy 4.2.2.3 - The following prioritized projects shall be considered long-range priorities planned for completion within 10 to 20 years of Plan adoption:

- A. Design and construction of a community park as dictated by growth patterns and needs within the City.
- B. Identify potential location and complete design and construction for a Citywide special recreational facility (sports complex, aquatic center, or Frieda Zamba Pool renovation).
- C. Land acquisition (if necessary) and construction of a neighborhood park in one of the following neighborhoods: Matanzas Woods, Pine Lakes, or Quail Hollow.





GOAL 4.3: RECREATION AND PARK SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Develop and protect a comprehensive recreation and parks system that provides active and passive recreational facilities, services and programs that are diverse, accessible and adequate in number to meet the growing recreational needs of the City.

FINDING: *City citizens have expressed a desire to have a variety of recreational activities to choose from. Such activities include, by way of example:*

- *Local parks where they can relax and enjoy a family picnic*
- *Larger community parks where they can enjoy participation in organized sports*
- *A greenway and trail system that links, as well as preserves, environmentally sensitive lands and open space.*

Objective 4.3.1 - Neighborhood Parks

Plan for the adequate provision of neighborhood parks by establishing minimum requirements for on-site acreage and the provision of open space in new residential developments.

Policy 4.3.1.1 - The City shall establish design standards for park and recreational facilities that address maintenance and operations of park facilities along with land development regulations requiring community recreation areas to be developed in conjunction with new residential developments.

Policy 4.3.1.2 - The City shall encourage the development and operation of neighborhood parks and recreation facilities by non-profit groups and private interest groups to help meet local recreational needs.

Policy 4.3.1.3 - The City shall maintain a plan for addressing Neighborhood Park needs for those areas that are not adequately served by developed recreation and park facilities. Project acquisition and development for these areas will be included in annual updates of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the City Council for such purposes.

Objective 4.3.2 - Open Space

Manage, preserve, and protect the natural resources within the City in order to maintain a natural and healthy balance between the environment and development; ensuring that lands are set aside in new developments for open space and that environmentally sensitive lands are protected for inclusion in the City's system of resource-based parks, greenways, and trails.





Policy 4.3.2.1 – Within one (1) year of Plan adoption, the City shall amend the LDC to include specific open space definitions and standards that address protection of open space, native ecosystem and the use of native landscape buffers.

Policy 4.3.2.2 - The City shall use reclaimed water and/or stormwater where available for irrigation of City-owned and operated parks and recreational facilities. The City also shall use native plants, xeriscape, and other techniques to reduce the need for potable water for irrigation purposes.

Policy 4.3.2.3 – The City shall ensure that recreational facility development within resource-based parks, conservation areas, environmentally sensitive lands and open space shall not exceed the recognized activity carrying capacity or the use guidelines for such properties and shall provide for reasonable means of public access, through dedicated conservation easements, to cultural and/or natural resources found on site.

Objective 4.3.3 - Interconnectivity

Develop a linked open space plan that incorporates existing park sites, conservation areas, and natural resources into a network of greenways and trails.

Policy 4.3.3.1 – Within five (5) years of Plan adoption, the City shall develop a linked open space plan that incorporates existing park sites, conservation areas, and natural resources into a network of greenways and trails.

Policy 4.3.3.2 – The City shall facilitate public access to parks, environmentally sensitive lands, conservation areas and other open space resources by incorporating linkages and alternative means of access through the establishment of a connected system of open space, greenways and trails that, include but are not limited to, consideration of the following components.

- A. Conservation Areas and Preserves
- B. Environmentally Sensitive Lands
- C. Parks and Recreation Facilities
- D. Commercial Recreation Areas
- E. Lakes, Intracoastal Waterway and Canal Systems
- F. Sidewalks, Bikeways, and Trails
- G. Wildlife Corridors
- H. Flagler County Coastal Greenway
- I. Blueways





Policy 4.3.3.3 - The City shall incorporate design practices that allow for adequate and safe public enjoyment and access to facilities while remaining sensitive to the carrying capacity of recreation facilities and natural resources wherever located.

Policy 4.3.3.4 - The City shall collaborate with Flagler County and other agencies to connect its system of greenways and trails with parks, conservation areas and other open space resources located outside of the City.

Policy 4.3.3.5 - The City shall coordinate with FPL and property owners in securing easements or access for the purposes of establishing greenway and trail corridors along utility easements that connect existing and planned trails, parks, and open spaces.





GOAL 4.4: PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Recognizing the link between a high quality of life and the presence of outstanding recreation opportunities, it is the goal of the City to promote economic growth through increased recreation and park development.

FINDING: The development of a high quality system of public recreation and parks will not only add to the City's quality of life, it will also promote economic development, protect property values, and provide opportunities to enjoy the natural areas of "Old Florida" that are rapidly disappearing.

Objective 4.4.1 - Economic Growth and Recreation

Work towards establishing a system of recreation and parks facilities that encourage eco-tourism and heritage tourism, as well as preserving the City's tax base.

Policy 4.4.1.1 - Within one (1) year of Plan adoption, the City shall amend the LDC to include standards that provide for the protection of natural resources and open space.

Policy 4.4.1.2 - Within one (1) year of Plan adoption, the City shall amend the LDC to include standards for the designation of linkages to the City's system of greenways and trails during the site plan review process, where appropriate.

Policy 4.4.1.3 - The City shall encourage the development of eco-tourism and heritage tourism recreation programs within the City.

Policy 4.4.1.4 - The City shall work toward the development of a coordinated communication and marketing program to promote recreation facilities and programs, and develop partnerships with organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Development Council, and others as appropriate. The City shall use marketing tools such as brochures, a newsletter, a website that includes online resources and tools such as registration, list of community groups and associations, program schedules or a place for feedback.





GOAL 4.5: PROMOTE CULTURAL RESOURCES

Promote cultural resources by supporting cultural arts facilities and programs.

FINDING: *Cultural arts activities and programs are a key component of recreation that provides enjoyable opportunities for exposure to art, history, and differing cultures for young and old alike.*

Objective 4.5.1 - Recreational and Cultural Opportunities

Develop and/or expand park facilities that allow for public access and appropriate use of recreational, cultural, natural, historical and archeological resources.

Policy 4.5.1.1 - The City shall promote public access to parks, recreational facilities and waterways through the provision and/or expansion of vehicle and bicycle parking areas, boat ramps, canoe launches, nature trails, bikeways and pedestrian ways. Parks and recreational facilities shall use barrier-free design and be consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and other State and local building codes.

Policy 4.5.1.2 - The City shall develop recreational trails and/or interpretive centers in parks with unique cultural, natural, historical or archeological resources. These facilities will provide learning experiences for residents and be managed to promote eco-tourism.

Policy 4.5.1.3 - The City shall plan for flexible space and/or meeting rooms within activity-based parks and recreational facilities for cultural events, athletic associations, community meetings and non-profit groups.

Policy 4.5.1.4 - The City shall encourage the development of cultural programs and activities for citizens and visitors to Palm Coast.

Policy 4.5.1.5 - The City shall promote social, educational, and recreational opportunities for youth, teens, families, and the elderly at community centers and other public facilities.

Policy 4.5.1.6 – The City shall support opportunities for “lifelong learning” for residents to the extent resources are available in order to enhance the quality of life in the City with lifelong learning including all levels of education, training, and continuing education, whether for job or pleasure, such as courses offered through the City’s Recreation and Parks Department and the Flagler County School District.





Objective 4.5.2 - Developments of Cultural Arts Facilities

Complete an analysis of cultural arts center needs.

Policy 4.5.2.1 - The City shall continue assessing the cost and feasibility of developing a community-based multi-disciplinary cultural performing arts center as a venue for diverse educational and cultural opportunities.

Policy 4.5.2.2 - The City shall maintain and enhance cultural arts and resources by working cooperatively with arts organizations to provide public facilities as venues, where available, and providing technical and other appropriate assistance by means of grant writing and other outreach efforts.





GOAL 4.6: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Promote the best interests of the citizens of Palm Coast by coordinating recreation, parks, greenways and trails, cultural arts programs, land acquisition and facility development with Flagler County, the Flagler County School District, State and Federal government agencies, where appropriate, to help foster and enhance recreational opportunities.

FINDING: *Recognizing that local governments and agencies often have competing interests, it is acknowledged that coordination between agencies will help reduce duplication of effort and resources. Effective intergovernmental coordination can result in pooled resources, more effective programs, and the ability to streamline available services.*

Objective 4.6.1 - Intergovernmental Coordination

Participate in intergovernmental forums and/or mechanisms established to foster communication, coordination and cooperation with local government providers of recreational facilities, parks and open spaces. Agencies may include, but are not limited to Federal, State, regional and local agencies, non-profit groups, and private providers.

Policy 4.6.1.1 - The City shall collaborate with the Flagler County School District (School Board) to identify potential joint school/park sites that best serve educational, cultural, historical, and recreational needs.

Policy 4.6.1.2 - The City shall pursue joint use agreements, interlocal agreements, and/or cooperative agreements with the School Board, Flagler County, other municipalities, non-profit groups, private recreation providers, and other groups in order to increase the recreational opportunities while reducing the duplication of services and facilities.

Policy 4.6.1.3 - The City shall consider participation in land acquisition and management efforts with Federal, State, regional and/or local agencies, specifically including the Flagler County Coastal Greenway Blueways project and other projects of regional scope that are intended to provide resource-based recreational opportunities, the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands and the protection of natural resources.

