

# **PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT- DATA AND ANALYSIS**

## **I. Introduction**

The purpose of this element is to describe the efforts of the City of Fort Lauderdale toward assuring the provision of urban open space, recreation facilities and programs and other leisure-oriented services. The element presents data and information as follows:

1. Regarding the supply of leisure-oriented facilities and services as they currently exist and are made available to the public;
2. Regarding current levels of need or demands for these facilities and services and those levels or types projected for the future;
3. Specific goals and objectives relating to the City's ongoing policies, priorities and planning activities relating to the administration of public open spaces and recreational services.

This element describes active and passive recreation for all of the City's facilities. Active recreation is generally thought of as requiring some level of physical exertion like team sports, racket sports, swimming, cycling, jogging and other similar activities. Passive recreation, by contrast, requires little or no physical exertion and typically requires little to nothing in the way of support structures and facilities. Examples of passive recreation might include walking, sightseeing, picnicking, participation in a special interest/instructional class.

For the purpose of this element, open space will be addressed both in terms of its association with recreation and its aesthetic value within the urban environment. Recreation will be dealt with not just in terms of physical sites or structures but also in terms of support services and other issues relating to urban quality of life.

The Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department has responsibility for the management, programming and maintenance of over one hundred different facilities and parks. This charge totals nearly 1,000 acres of public land ranging from the smallest areas of open space and greenery to large multi- or special-purpose facilities. The scope of this responsibility is apparent in noting that the Department oversees some 17 urban open spaces, 37 neighborhood, 18 school parks, 10 community parks, 3 large urban parks, and 14 Special Use Parks/Facilities. In addition the Department maintains other areas of municipal property including office buildings, streetscapes, public utilities, fire stations, and parking lots.

Fort Lauderdale is a regional focal point and one of the older cities in Broward County. As the county's urban core, the City is concerned about preserving, upgrading and retrofitting its park facilities to keep pace with the redevelopment. The current trend is for young professionals and families to return to the downtown

and its surrounding neighborhoods to live, work and play. Successful mitigation of the impacts of redevelopment on the park system will require careful consideration of the following:

1. There are likely to be very limited opportunities for the acquisition of new parklands and innovative methods will have to be utilized toward expanding the park system.
2. Concerns will be for the ongoing modernization and enhancement of existing facilities.
3. New opportunities for the cooperative development of facilities and conduct of programs will need to be identified and pursued.
4. Attention will need to be given to the interest of historical preservation within the park system.
5. The opportunities for incorporating public art into the park system need to be explored and pursued.
6. Attention will need to be directed toward responding to evolving recreational demands and determining how specialized or even "fad" recreational activities can be accommodated within the park system.
7. Aesthetic enhancement and continuity will need to command a greater priority in both private and public development efforts.

## II. Existing Conditions

### Overview and Introduction

The City has been, and remains in compliance with all applicable County and National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) requirements and standards regarding the provision of adequate and accessible public open space and recreation.

The recognized national authority for the parks and recreation profession is the NPRA. In their 1995 publication, *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*, the NPRA emphasized the importance of using that document strictly as a guide stressing that each individual community must ultimately be responsible for examining and establishing its specific and unique open space needs. The Broward County Land Use Plan requires that three acres of parkland is provided via the County owned/operated regional park facilities and three acres per thousand population be provided by each unit of municipal government. The City of Fort Lauderdale is in the process of conducting a Park and Open Space Long Range Strategic Plan to determine future park needs. Table 1 describes the City's long range population projections.

**Table 1  
Population Projections**

2005	2007	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
177,635	181,095	186,287	198,983	212,571	227,225	237,920

Source: City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County

### **III. Park Land and Open Space Inventory**

This section of the element serves to present current data regarding the City's inventory of open space and recreational facilities. This data is provided in several different formats to allow both for easy reference and for the purpose of providing related support documentation and detail.

#### **Park Classification**

A key component of the park inventory is the City's scheme for classifying parks and recreation facilities. The City's classifications are comparable to both the County and State classifications/definitions for open space and recreation, but also provide for the necessary modifications to tailor them to the unique features of the community.

The City's six classifications for open space and recreation were determined based on the following considerations:

- Inherent aesthetic or leisure-oriented value;
- Size and natural features;
- Type and variety of developed recreational amenities;
- Service population and character;
- Support services associated with maintenance and operation;
- Usage patterns; and
- Demonstrable and apparent potential for further future development, programming and usage.

The City's classifications are: 1) Urban Open Space 2) Neighborhood Parks, 3) Community Parks, 4) School-Park, 5) Large Urban Park, 6) Special Facilities. Table 2 demonstrates City park classifications in terms of selected service characteristics and consistent with similar tabulations included in both Broward County and State of Florida planning documents for outdoor recreation.

**Table 2  
Open Space Size, Service Radius and Population**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Radius</b>	<b>Service Population</b>
Urban Open Space	min. of .1 acre	Up to .25 mi.	Up to 2,500
Neighborhood Parks	1- 10	Up to .50 mi.	Up to 5,000
Community Parks	10 - 50	Up to 2.0 mi.	Up to 25,000
School-Park	Varies	.50 mi. to 2.0 mi.	Up to 25,000
Large Urban Park	50 and up	Up to ½ hr. travel	One park per 50,000
Special Use Park/Facilities	Varies	Up to ½ hr. travel	Over 100,000

**Urban Open Space**

*Description:* Areas of developed City property of a minimum of 0.1 acre. These areas have varied uses and purposes. They could be enhancements of the immediate surrounding streetscapes or neighborhoods, entranceway dedicated by the developer for parkland, water tower or other utility sites, oversized rights-of-way or medians. Typical development may include turf, trees, shrubs, irrigation, benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, vehicular barriers, paved parking or walkways, signage and lighting. A 1/4-mile service radius is typical. Table 3 describes the City’s urban open space parks. Map 1 illustrates the location and service radii for urban open space parks.

**Table 3  
Urban Open Space Parks**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>
BAYVIEW DR. CANAL ENDS	0.53	Bayview Dr. at NE 15,16,17,18th
EARL LIFSHEY PARK(OCEAN ACCESS)	0.4	3054 N. Ocean Blvd.
HECTOR PARK	1.96	100 Ponce de Leon Blvd
HIMMARSHEE CANALS	0.75	SE 2nd St/ 8 <sup>th</sup> Av. & 10th Terr.
IDLEWYLD PARK	0.7	East Las Olas & Idlewyld Dr
IMPERIAL POINT ENTRANCEWAY	1	5900 N. Fed. Hwy.
JACK KAYE PARK (LITTLE GEORGE)	1.5	1200 Bayview Dr
LANDINGS ENTRANCEWAY	1	5400 N Fed Hwy
LAUDERDALE VILLAS ENTRANCEWAY	0.4	1400 NW 9th Av
PURPLE PICKLE PARK	0.25	638 Middle River Drive
SWEETING PARK	0.3	480 NW 23rd Av
TARPON COVE PARK	0.25	1100 SW 8th Tr
TARPON RIVER PARK	0.5	50 SW 11th Ct
TOWNSEND PARK	1.8	200 SW 14th Av
WELCOME PARK	1.77	2402 S. Federal Hwy.
WESTWOOD HEIGHTS TRIANGLE PARK	1	800 SW 28th Av
WILLINGHAM PARK (N. BEACH TRIANGLE)	1	2100 N Atlantic Blvd
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>15.11</b>	

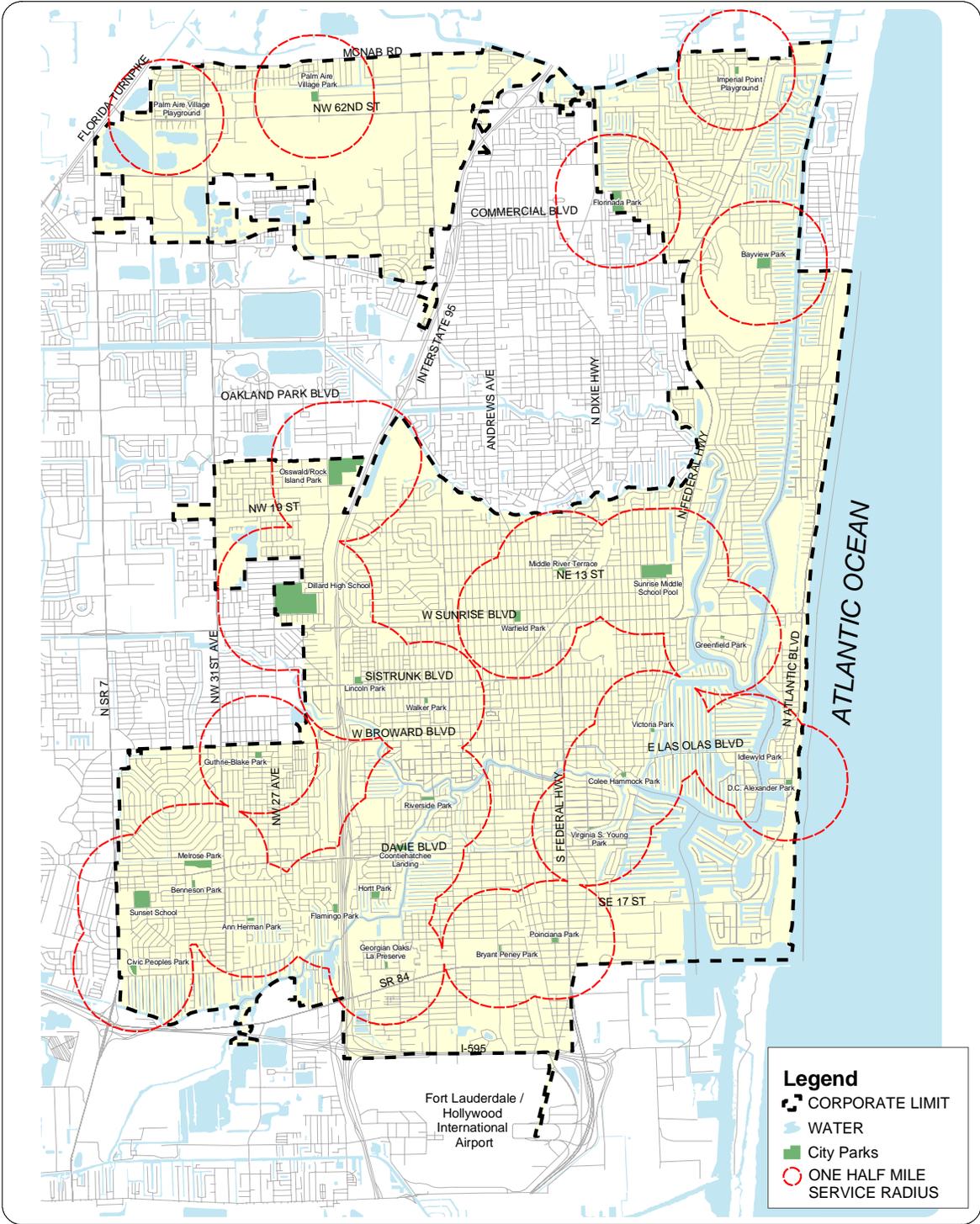


## Neighborhood Parks

*Description:* Medium size areas of developed City property typically of 5 to 10 acres (its actual size should be based on the land area needed to accommodate desired usages). These areas have varied uses and purposes. These parks were developed for passive and active recreational/athletic activities and serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Typical development may include turf, trees, shrubs, irrigation, benches, trash receptacles, play apparatus, picnic tables, vehicular barriers, paved parking or walkways, youth athletic fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, fitness trails, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, signage and lighting. A ½ mile service radius is typical. Table 4 describes the City's neighborhood parks. Map 2 illustrates the location and service radii for neighborhood parks.

**Table 4  
Neighborhood Parks**

Park	Acres	Location
ANN HERMAN PARK	.96	1750 SW 29 <sup>th</sup> Av
ANNIE BECK PARK	1.6	100 NE Victoria Park Rd
BAYVIEW PARK	7.01	4400 Bayview Dr
BENENSON PARK	1.15	1400 SW 33rd Tr
BILL KEITH PRESERVE	3.4	1720 SW 17 <sup>th</sup> St
BRYANT PENEY PARK (LAUDERDALE PARK)	1	2200 SW 4th Av
CIVIC PEOPLES PARK	3.5	3781 SW Riverland Rd
CLIFF LAKE PARK	3.54	1400 SE 12th Wy
COLEE HAMMOCK PARK	4.38	1500 Brickell Dr
DC ALEXANDER PARK (5TH ST. PARK)	1.8	500 Seabreeze Blvd
DOLPHIN ISLES PARK	.21	2125 NE 33 <sup>rd</sup> Av
ESTERE DAVIS WRIGHT PARK	1.0	1624 SW 23 <sup>rd</sup> St
FLAGLER HEIGHTS PARK	1.0	310 NE 6 <sup>th</sup> St
FLAMINGO PARK	7.82	1600 SW 21st Way
FRANCIS L. ABREAU PLACE (RIO VISTA )	1.4	901 N Rio Vista Blvd
GREENFIELD PARK (8TH ST. PARK)	1.8	2400 NE 8th St
GUTHRIE BLAKE PARK	1	204 SW 28th Way
HARBORDALE PARK	1	1817 Miami Rd
IMPERIAL POINT PARK	1	6400 NE 22 <sup>nd</sup> Av
LINCOLN PARK	2.61	600 NW 19th St
MAJ.WM. LAUDERDALE PARK	1.8	400 SW 11th Av
MELROSE PARK	9	3400 Davie Blvd
MERLE FOGG PARK	3	East Las Olas & Idlewylid Dr
MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE PARK	3.27	1330 NE 5th Ter
PALM AIRE PARK	1	3350 NW 63rd St
PALM AIRE VILLAGE PARK	5	6401 NW 21st Av
POINCIANA PARK	2	400 SE 21st St
PROVIDENT PARK	2	1400 NW 6th St
RIVERLAND WOODS PARK	4.92	3950 Riverland Rd
RIVERSIDE PARK	2.1	500 SW 11th Av
SAILBOAT BEND PARK	1	1401 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ct
SISTRUNK PARK	2	200 NW 6th St
STRANAHAN PARK	2.81	100 E Broward Blvd
VICTORIA PARK	3.51	2 N Victoria Park Rd
VIRGINIA YOUNG PARK (10TH ST. )	2	1000 SE 9th St
VISTA PARK	2	2800 N Atlantic Blvd
WARFIELD PARK	3.7	1000 N Andrews Av
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>98.29</b>	



# NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

# MAP 2

DATA SOURCE: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - JULY, 2006  
 MAP SOURCE: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT- JULY, 2006

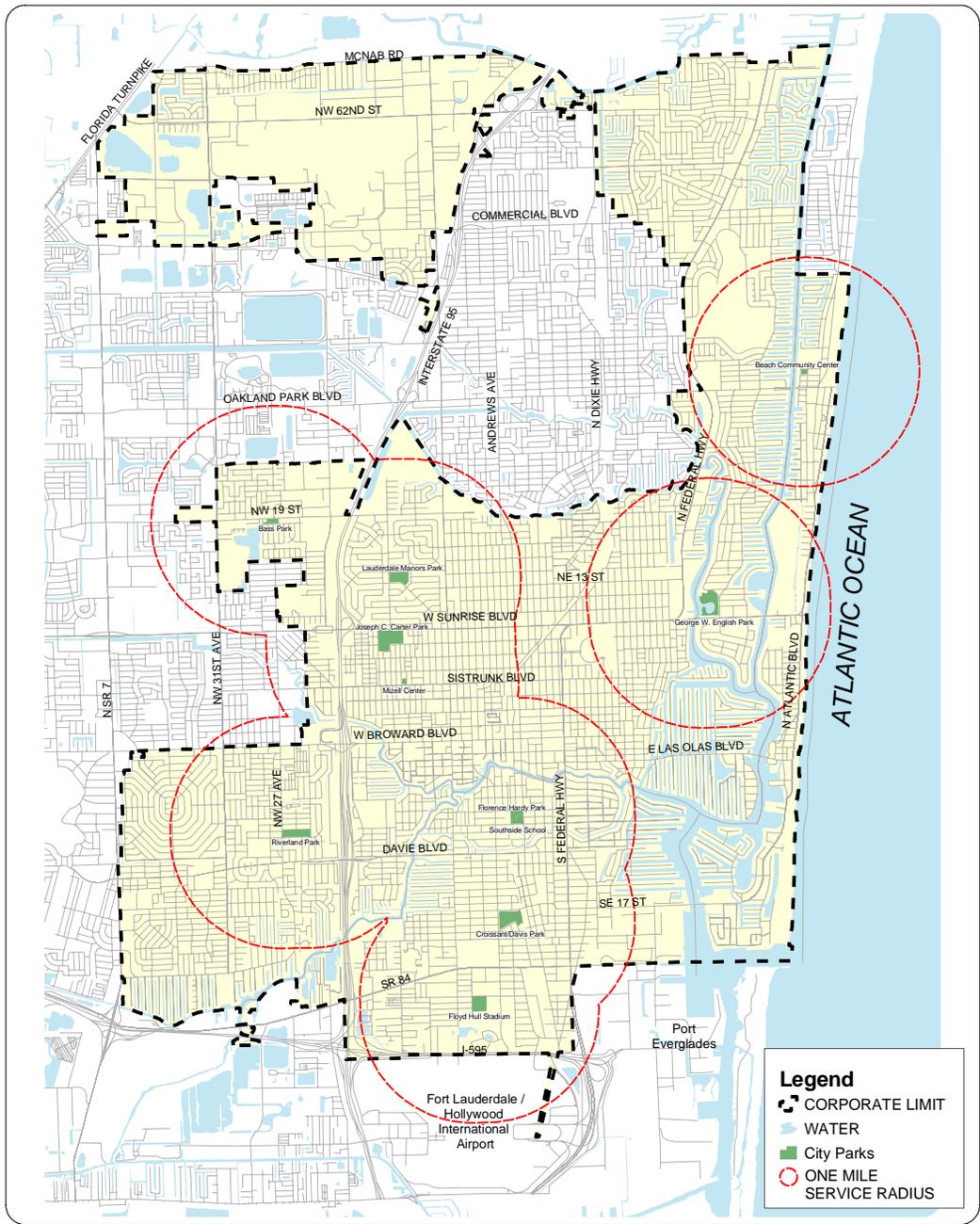


## Community Parks

*Description:* Medium size areas of developed City property typically of 10 to 40 acres (its actual size should be based on the land area needed to accommodate desired usages). These areas have varied uses and purposes. These parks have been developed for passive and active recreational/athletic activities. Their focus is on meeting the needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Typical development may include turf, trees, shrubs, irrigation, benches, trash receptacles, play apparatus, picnic tables, vehicular barriers, paved parking or walkways, youth athletic fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, fitness trails, pools, recreation centers or facilities, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, signage and lighting. A one-mile service radius is typical. Table 5 describes the City's community parks. Map 3 illustrates the location and service radii for community parks.

**Table 5  
Community Parks**

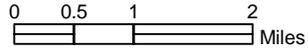
<b>Park</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>
BASS PARK	8.5	2750 NW 19th St
BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER	0.75	3351 NE 33rd Av.
CROISSANT / DAVIS PARK (E. SCHOOL)	13.9	245 West Park Drive
FLORENCE HARDY PARK AND SOUTHSIDE CULTURAL CENTER	8.6	25 SW 9th St
FLOYD HULL STADIUM	9.7	2800 Sw 8th Av
GEORGE ENGLISH PARK	19.7	1101 Bayview Dr
J.C. CARTER PARK (SUNLAND)	19	1450 West Sunrise Blvd
MIZELL CENTER	1.3	1409 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St
OSSWALD PARK	30.87	2220 NW 21 <sup>st</sup> Av
RIVERLAND PARK	9.8	950 SW 27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>122.12</b>	



# COMMUNITY PARKS

# MAP 3

DATA SOURCE: BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.  
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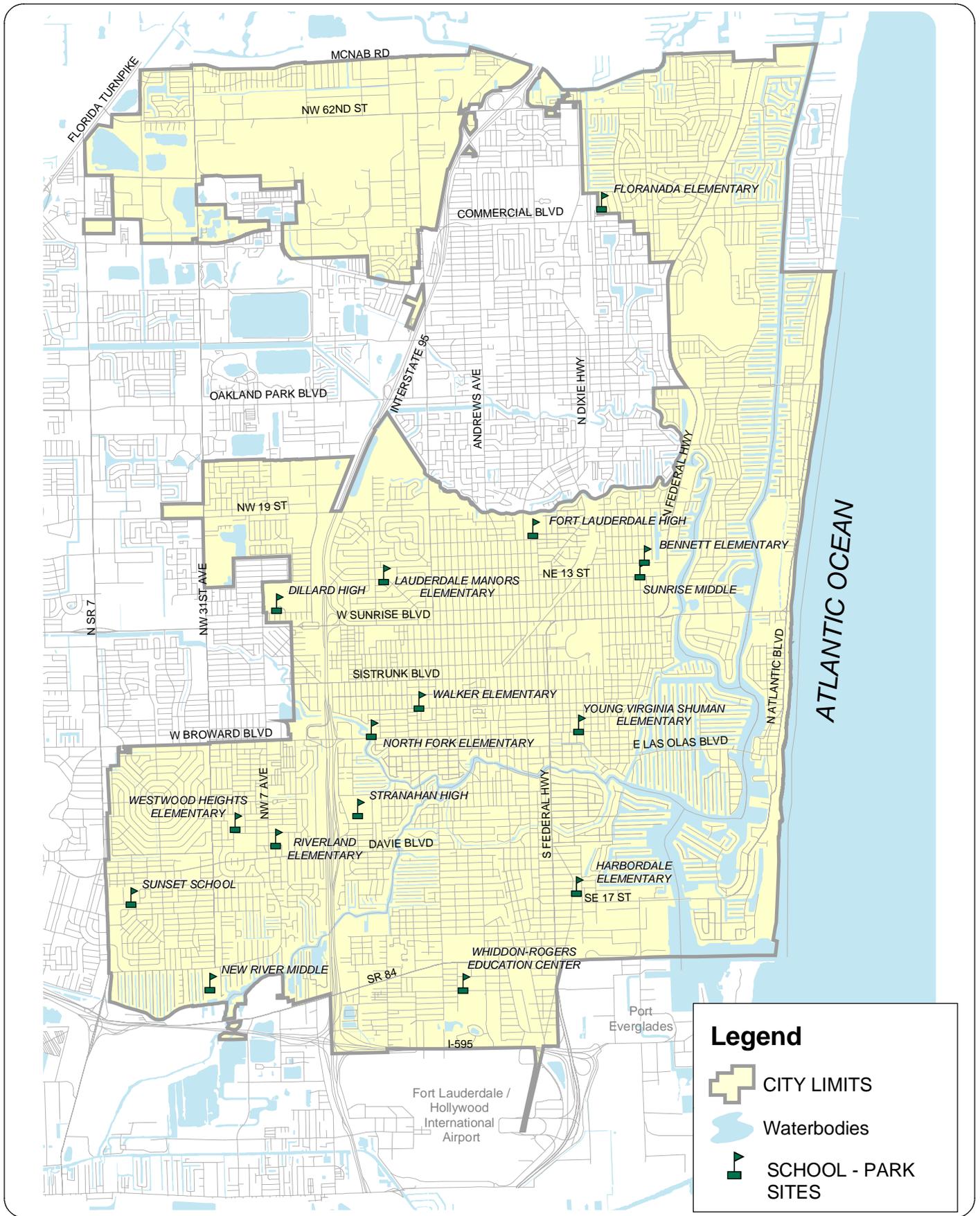


## School-Park

*Description:* By combining the resources of two public agencies, the School-Park classification allows for expanding the recreation, social, and educational opportunities available to the community in an efficient and cost effective manner. Depending on its size, one school-park could serve in a number of capacities, such as neighborhood park, youth athletic fields, and a school. Service areas for school-park sites depend on the type of use. Establishing a clearly defined joint-use agreement between the involved agencies is critical to making school-park relationships workable. Table 6 describes the City’s school-park sites. Map 4 illustrates the location and service radii for school-park sites.

**Table 6  
School-Park Sites**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>
BENNETT (E. SCHOOL)	6.2	1755 NE 14TH St
DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL	20.4	2501 NW 11th St
FLORANADA PARK (E. SCHOOL)	9.2	5251 NE 14th Wy
FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL (POOL ONLY)	1	1600 NE 4th Av
HARBORDALE (E. SCHOOL)	4	900 SE 15th St
HORTT PARK (SCHOOL)	5.3	1700 SW 14th Ct
LAUDERDALE MANORS (E. SCHOOL)	8.6	1340 Chateau Park Dr
NEW RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL	17.21	3400 Riverland Rd
NORTH FORK PARK (E. SCHOOL)	1.59	101 SW 15th Av
RIVERLAND SCHOOL (E. SCHOOL)	2	2601 SW 11TH CT.
RIVERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL	0.5	2600 Middle River Dr
ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL	13.6	700 SW 26th St
STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL	32.7	1800 SW 4th Av
SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL (POOL ONLY)	1	1750 NE 14 <sup>th</sup> St
SUNSET SCHOOL	5.5	3775 SW 16th St
VIRGINIA S. YOUNG (E. SCHOOL )	5	101 NE 11 <sup>th</sup> Av
WALKER PARK (E. SCHOOL)	1	1001 NW 4th St
WESTWOOD HEIGHTS PARK (E. SCHOOL)	0.8	700 SW 28th Av
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>135.6</b>	



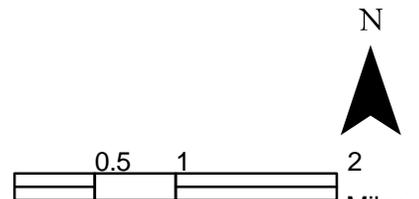
**Legend**

-  CITY LIMITS
-  Waterbodies
-  SCHOOL - PARK SITES

# SCHOOL - PARK SITES

# MAP 4

DATA SOURCE: BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION - SEPT 2006  
 MAP SOURCE: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT- JULY, 2006



## Large Urban Park

*Description:* These parks serve a broader purpose than community parks. The focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Large urban parks usually consist of a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal. Table 7 describes the City's large urban parks. Map 5 illustrates the location and service radii for large urban parks.

**Table 7  
Large Urban Parks**

Park	Acres	Location
HOLIDAY PARK	92	1300 East Sunrise Blvd
MILLS POND PARK	133.04	2201 NW 9th Av
SNYDER PARK	92.3	3299 SW 4th Av
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>317.34</b>	

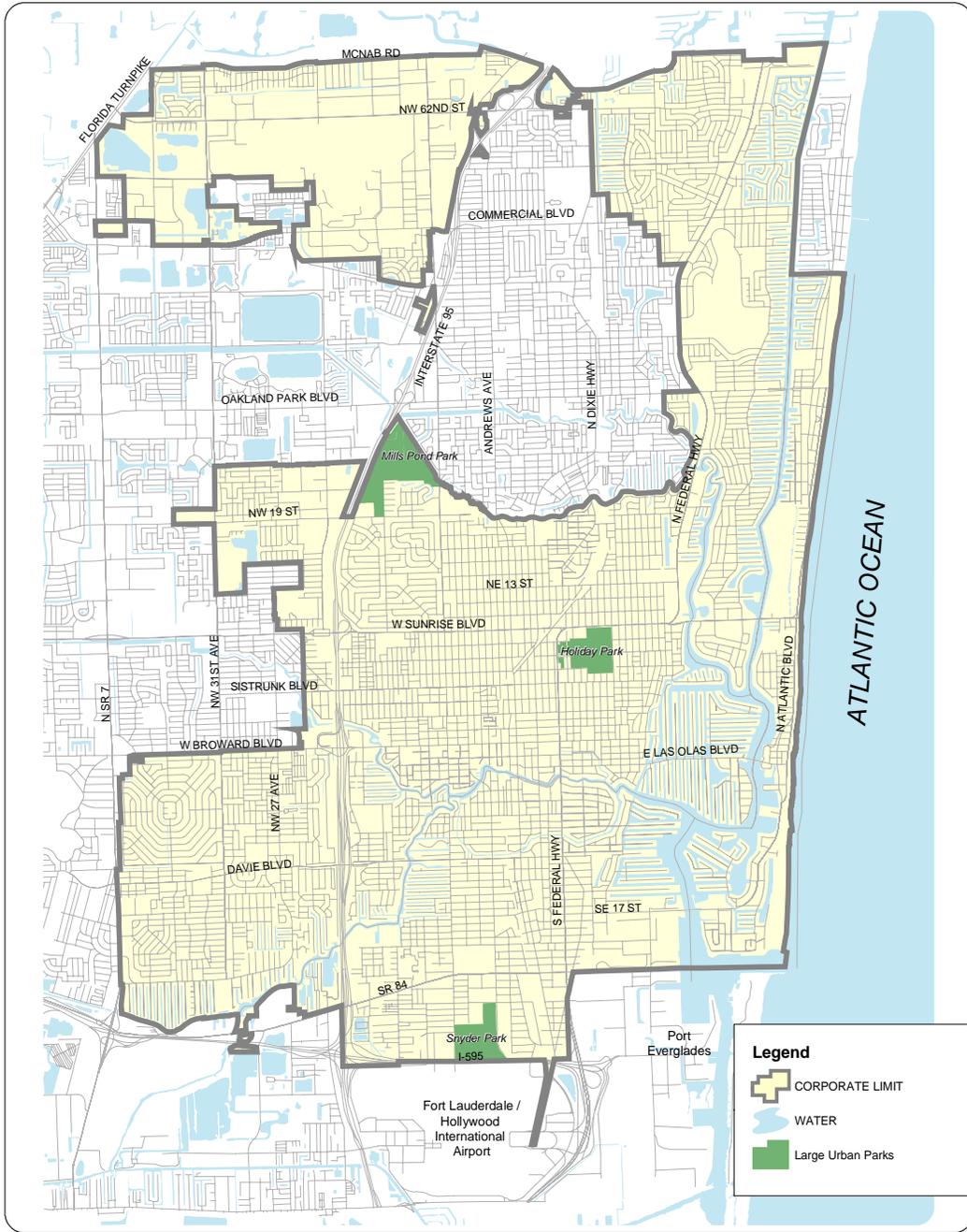
## Special Use Parks/Facilities

*Description:* The Special Use classification covers a broad range of parks and facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. Special uses generally fall into three categories: historic/cultural/social sites; recreation facilities; and outdoor recreation facilities.

Special use facilities are viewed as strategically located community-wide facilities rather than as well-defined neighborhoods or areas. Facility space requirements are the primary determinants of site size. A 30/40-minute drive service radius is typical of these sites. Table 8 describes special use facilities. Map 6 illustrates the location and service radii for special use parks/facilities.

**Table 8  
Special Use Facilities**

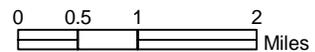
Special Use Facility	Acres	Location
BEACH, PUBLIC	166.5	South Beach Park to Oakland Park
BIRCH LAS OLAS ANCHORAGE	5.4	East Las Olas & S. Birch Rd.
BOAT BASIN (15TH ST.)	0.25	1784 SE 15th St.
BOAT RAMPS (GEORGE ENGLISH PARK)	1.5	1101 Bayview Dr
BUBIER PARK	0.5	32 East Las Olas
COOLEY'S LANDING (7TH AV. BOAT BASIN)	3	420 SW 7th Av
DOCKAGE- BIRCH LAS OLAS	2	Las Olas Circle and Birch
DOCKAGE - NEW RIVER	0.5	14 S. New River Dr. East
ESPLANADE PARK	1.6	400 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St
FORT LAUDERDALE STADIUM	25.5	1301 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> St
FORT LAUDERDALE AQUATIC COMPLEX	5	500 Seabreeze Blvd
LOCKHART STADIUM	45.6	5301 NW 12 <sup>th</sup> Av
RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK	14.33	20 N New River Dr
SOUTH BEACH PARK	27.5	600 South A1A
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>299.18</b>	

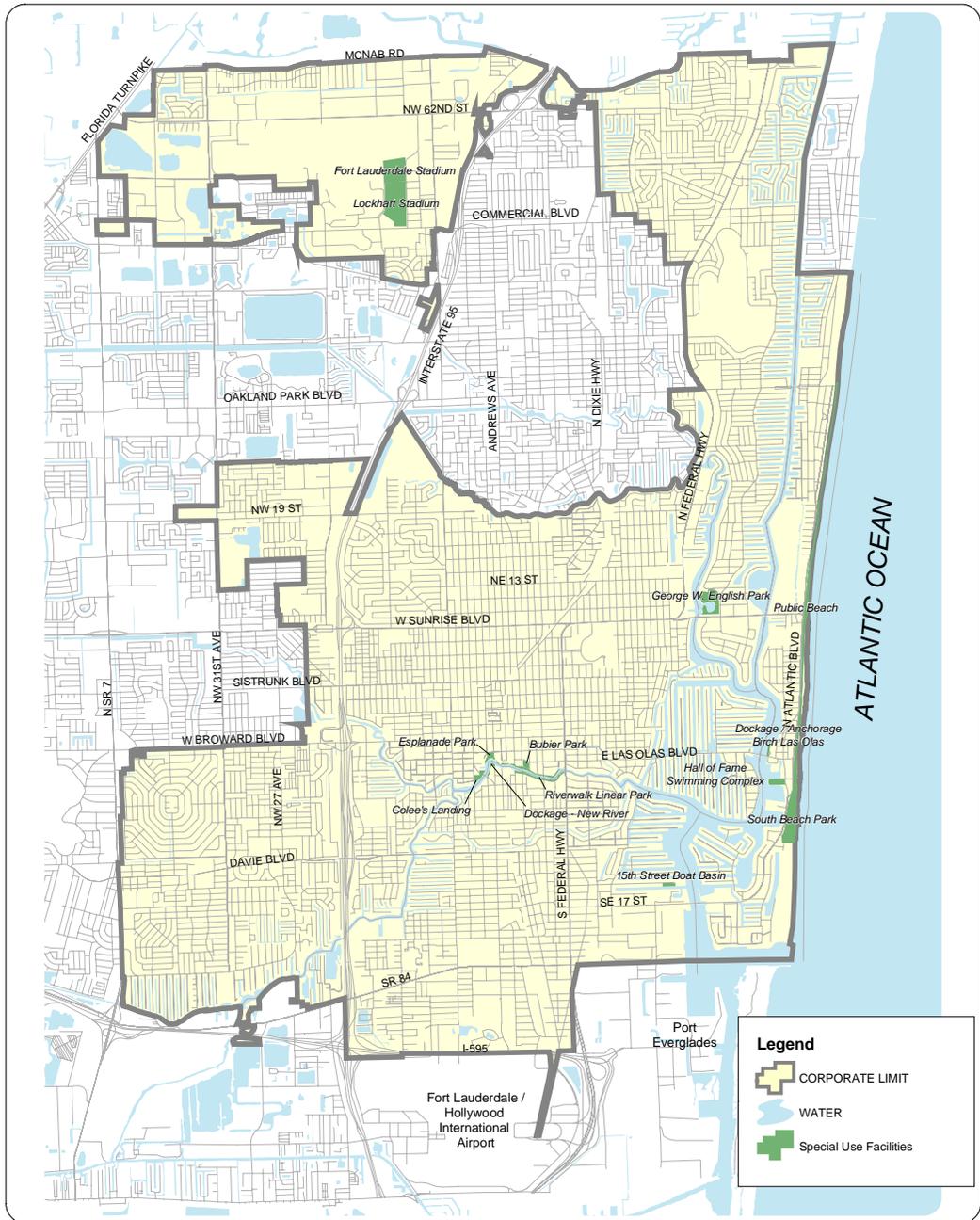


# LARGE URBAN PARKS

# MAP 5

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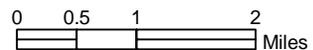




# SPECIAL USE FACILITIES

# MAP 6

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#### IV. Fort Lauderdale Inventory

The City's recreational inventory includes all open space falling within one of six classifications (Urban Open Space, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, School-Park, Large Urban Park, and Special Purpose Facilities). This inventory totals 987.64 acres as shown in Table 9. Table 10 describes the facilities available at each park.

**Table 9  
Total Recreational Space by Park Classification**

<b>Park Classification</b>	<b>Number of Parks</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Urban Open Space	17 Parks	15.11 acres
Neighborhood Parks	37 Parks	98.29 acres
Community Parks	10 Parks	122.12 acres
School/Park	18 Parks	135.6 acres
Large Urban Park	3 Parks	317.34 acres
Special Use Parks/Facilities	14 Parks/Facilities	299.18 acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>99 Parks/Facilities</b>	<b>987.64 acres</b>

**Table 10  
Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreational Facilities**

<b>PARK</b>	<b>Rec Center</b>	<b>Gym</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Soccer/Footb</b>	<b>Baseball/Soft</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Basketball/Fu</b>	<b>Basketball Half</b>	<b>Tennis Court</b>	<b>Racquetball</b>	<b>Shuffleboard</b>	<b>Running Track</b>	<b>Boat Ramp</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>Jogging Trail</b>	<b>Bike Trail</b>	<b>Nature Trail</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Open Play</b>	<b>Picnic Area</b>	<b>Beach Area</b>	<b>Water Frontage</b>
ANNIE BECK PARK																							Y
ANN HERMAN PARK																							Y
BASS PARK	1			1			1	1		2					1				Y	Y			
BAYVIEW DR. CANAL ENDS																							Y
BAYVIEW PARK				1	1	3		1		2										Y	Y		
BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER	1																						
BEACH, PUBLIC			1	1			2							2					Y		Y	Y	Y
BENESON PARK				1					1	2											Y		
BENNETT ELEMENTARY								2												Y			
BILL KEITH PRESERVE																							Y
BIRCH LAS OLAS ANCHORAGE																							Y
BOAT BASIN (15TH ST.)														2							Y		Y
BOAT RAMPS (GEORGE ENGLISH)														5							Y		Y
BRYANT PENEY PARK (LAUDERDALE PARK)				1																	Y		
BUBIER PARK																					Y		Y
CIVIC PEOPLES PARK			1	1																Y	Y		
CLIFF LAKE PARK																							Y
COLEE HAMOCK PARK																						Y	Y
COLEE'S LANDING (7TH AV. BOAT BASIN)														3							Y		Y
COONTIE HATCHEE																				Y			Y
CROISSANT / DAVIS PARK (E. SCHOOL)	1				1	2									1				Y	Y			

PARK	Rec Center	Gym	Pavilion	Playground	Soccer/Footb	Baseball/Soft	Volleyball	Basketball/Fu	Basketball Half	Tennis Court	Racquetball	Shuffleboard	Running Track	Boat Ramp	Pool	Jogging Trail	Bike Trail	Nature Trail	Swimming	Open Play	Picnic Area	Beach Area	Water Frontage
DC ALEXANDER PARK (5TH ST. PARK)																				Y			Y
DENNISON																							
DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL					1	2		3		5	4		1										
DOCKAGE-BIRCH LAS OLAS																							Y
DOCKAGE- NEW RIVER																							
DOLPHIN ISLES PARK																				Y			
ESPLANADE																				Y			Y
EARL LIFSHEY PARK (OCEAN ACCESS)																							Y
ESTERE DAVIS WRIGHT PARK				1												1							
FLAGLER HEIGHTS PARK				1																	Y		
FLAMINGO PARK				1												1				Y	Y		
FLORENCE HARDY PARK						1				3	1	5								Y			
FLORANADA PARK (E. SCHOOL)			1	1	1	2	1	4															
FLOYD HULL STADIUM	1			1	1	4														Y	Y		
FORT LAUDERDALE AQUATIC COMPLEX	1						2								2				Y				Y
FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL (POOL only)															1				Y				
FORT LAUDERDALE STADIUM					1	3																	
FRANCIS L. ABREAU PLACE (RIO VISTA )																					Y		Y
GEORGE ENGLISH PARK	1		1	1		1		2		6	1			2						Y	Y		Y
GREENFIELD PARK (8TH ST. PARK)				1																Y	Y		
GEORGIAN OAKS																							
GUTHRIE BLAKE PARK				1																Y	Y		

PARK	Rec Center	Gym	Pavilion	Playground	Soccer/Footb	Baseball/Soft	Volleyball	Basketball/Fu	Basketball Half	Tennis Court	Racquetball	Shuffleboard	Running Track	Boat Ramp	Pool	Jogging Trail	Bike Trail	Nature Trail	Swimming	Open Play	Picnic Area	Beach Area	Water Frontage
HARBORDALE PARK (E. SCHOOL)				1				1															
HECTOR PARK																				Y	Y		
HIMARSHEE CANALS																							Y
HOLIDAY PARK	5	1	1	1	4	2	4	3		21	4	5				1	Y			Y	Y		
HORTT PARK (SCHOOL)				1		1			1											Y			
IDLEWYLD PARK																							Y
IMPERIAL POINT ENTRANCEWAY																				Y			
IMPERIAL POINT PARK				1					1							1				Y	Y		
JACK KAYE PARK(LITTLE GEORGE)																				Y			
J.C. CARTER PARK (SUNLAND)	3	1	1	1	2	4		3		6	1				1	1			Y	Y	Y		
LANDINGS ENTRANCEWAY																				Y			
LAUDERDALE VILLAS ENTRANCEWAY																				Y			
LAUDERDALE MANORS (E. SCHOOL)	1	1		1	1	1		2			2				1				Y	Y	Y		
LINCOLN PARK			2	1				1												Y	Y		
MAJ.WM. LAUDERDALE PARK																					Y		
MELROSE PARK			1	1				2		1						1				Y	Y		
MERLE FOGG PARK																					Y		Y
MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE PARK			1	1												1				Y	Y		
MILLS POND PARK	1		6	1	4	5	2													Y	Y		
MIZELL CENTER				1																			
NEW RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL																							
NORTH FORK PARK (E. SCHOOL)				1				2															Y
OSSWALD PARK	1		3		1	2	1	1		1	1	1				1					Y		

PARK	Rec Center	Gym	Pavilion	Playground	Soccer/Footb	Baseball/Soft	Volleyball	Basketball/Fu	Basketball Half	Tennis Court	Racquetball	Shuffleboard	Running Track	Boat Ramp	Pool	Jogging Trail	Bike Trail	Nature Trail	Swimming	Open Play	Picnic Area	Beach Area	Water Frontage
PALM AIRE PARK				1																			
PALM AIRE VILLAGE PARK			1	1	1		1	2			2					1		Y		Y	Y		
POINCIANA PARK			1	1																Y	Y		
PROVIDENT PARK																				Y	Y		
PURPLE PICKLE PARK																				Y			
RIVERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				1				1												Y			
RIVERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL																							
RIVERLAND PARK	1	1	1	2	1			1	1						1	1			Y	Y	Y		
RIVERLAND WOODS PARK				1										1		1				Y			Y
RIVERSIDE PARK				1					1	2										Y	Y		
RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK																							Y
RODGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL																				Y			
SAILBOAT BEND PARK																		Y					Y
SISTRUNK PARK																				Y			
SNYDER PARK			18	3		1	6		1							1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SOUTH BEACH PARK			1	1			15	2	1							1	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL					1	2	6	6		4	4		1		1				Y				
STRANAHAN PARK																				Y	Y		
SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL (POOL only)															1				Y				
SUNSET SCHOOL				1	1	3		2		1													
SWEETING PARK																							Y
TARPON COVE PARK																							Y

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TARPON RIVER PARK																							Y
TOWNSEND PARK																							Y
VICTORIA PARK			1																				Y
VIRGINIA S. YOUNG PARK (10TH ST.)				1																Y	Y		
VIRGINIA S. YOUNG (E. SCHOOL)																							
VISTA PARK																				Y	Y		Y
WALKER PARK (E. SCHOOL)				1				2	1	1													
WARBLER																							
WARFIELD PARK (E. SCHOOL)	1			1	1			2												Y	Y		
WELCOME PARK																				Y			
WESTWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCH.				1	2			4												Y			
WESTWOOD HEIGHTS TRIANGLE PARK																				Y			
WILLINGHAM PARK (N. BEACH TRIANGLE)																						Y	Y
<b>TOTALS (2007)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>

**V. Recreational/Other**

In addition to the park system, the City provides other areas of open space that contribute to the aesthetic enhancement and overall livability of the community. While many of these properties can be legitimately considered as open space they have been segregated from those areas that are developed and operated specifically as parks. Acreage data for all these properties, where, available at all, includes only the undeveloped, open areas at each site.

**City Conservation Areas (Estimated Acreage: 45.82 ac.)**

Conservation areas provide habitat preservation and wildlife viewing. Conservation areas managed by the City are listed in Table 11.

**Table 11  
Conservation Areas**

Conservation Area	Acres	Location
COONTIE HATCHIE LANDINGS	2.6	1116 SW 15 <sup>th</sup> Av
CYPRESS CREEK SAND PINE PRESERVE	8.3	6200 NW 21 <sup>st</sup> Av
MILLS POND CONSERVATION AREA	22.5	2201 NW 9 <sup>th</sup> Av
NORTH FORK RIVERFRONT PARK	1.6	200 NW 18 <sup>th</sup> Av
SAILBOAT BEND PRESERVE	1.27	1401 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ct
SITE 141A (BEHIND SALVATION ARMY)	1.6	200 NW 18 <sup>th</sup> Av
SMOKER PARK	1.75	500 South New River Dr
WARBLER WETLANDS	6.2	2100 NW 49 <sup>th</sup> St
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>45.82</b>	

**Streetscapes (Estimated Acreage: 124.545 ac.)**

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the landscaping and maintenance of medians and rights- of-way at some 140 different locations. Along the City's 15 major roadways are 346 median islands. These alone constitute a total of 405,040 linear feet of green space that typically range from 3 to 12 feet in width, with at least one road exceeding 50 feet. While these areas of greenery are largely intended to serve as aesthetic enhancements, they are also clearly associated with the City's objectives for traffic management/planning, public safety, community image and tourism and neighborhood revitalization.

**Cemeteries (Acreage: 103.6 ac.)**

The City owns and operates four cemeteries within the community. These properties are neatly landscaped and maintained areas that provide green vistas and aesthetic enhancements to their surrounding communities. They include the following:

Evergreen Cemetery	16.4 ac.
Lauderdale Memorial Park	56.2 ac.
Sunset Memorial Gardens	26.2 ac.

North Woodlawn Cemetery 4.8 ac.

**Public Utilities (Acreage: 304 ac.)**

The City operates four large utility sites that serve Fort Lauderdale and surrounding municipalities. These are:

Wingate Incinerator Site	56.0 ac.
Pump Station's	5.0 ac.
Treatment Plant "C" Site	3.0 ac.
S. Peele-Dixie Well Field	137.0 ac.
Fiveash Wellfield	103.0 ac.

**Public Waterways (Acreage: 1,889 ac.)**

While not falling under the direct or exclusive authority of the City, it should be noted that within the corporate boundaries of Fort Lauderdale a total of 1,889 acres of waterways exist and are available for public recreational usages. Many of the City's parks are located along these waterways as evidenced in the preceding recreational inventory and indications of water frontage.

**Public Buildings (Estimated Acreage: 8 ac.)**

In maintaining its public, administrative offices or operating sites the City is mindful of its own aesthetic objectives. As a result many of these facilities provide areas of open space suited to passive leisure uses. Examples include the following:

City Hall	1.0 Acre	City Hall Annex	1.4 Acres
Fire Stations	5.0 Acres	Police/Public Works	1.0 Acre

**Other City Owned, Publicly Accessible Open Space/Leisure-Oriented Facilities**

The City owns other facilities that have been leased to non-profit or private interests for the provision of leisure-oriented services. These facilities include the following: The Discovery Center, The Stranahan House, Parker Theater which is located in Holiday Park, The Performing Arts Center, the Bahia Mar complex, the Historical Society, Fort Lauderdale Library, the Downtown Development Authority's DDA Park, the Mizell Center and the Bryan Homes Restaurant.

**Public - Other Government**

Within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale open space is provided by several other government agencies. Additionally, the City falls within the service population or radius of other large recreational areas. These two circumstances serve to significantly enhance the public's access to a variety of open space and recreational activities.

**Facilities Located in Fort Lauderdale**

**Federal Government: N/A**

**State Government**

Bonnet House Museum  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

**Broward County**

African-American Research Library and Cultural Center  
Boulevard Gardens Community Center  
Broward County Main Library  
Fort Lauderdale Library Branch  
Franklin Park  
Galt Ocean Mile Library  
Imperial Point Library  
Lafayette Hart Park  
Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park  
Riverland Branch Library  
Sunview Park  
Tyrone Bryant Library  
William T. Kelley Park  
Von D. Mizell Branch Library

**Broward County School Board**

East Side School  
Edgewood Elementary School  
Northside Elementary School  
Southside Center

**Facilities Serving Fort Lauderdale Located Outside of the City**

**Federal Government**

Biscayne National Park  
Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Everglades National Park  
Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge  
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
National Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge

**Florida State Government**

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park  
Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park  
John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
John Pennecamp Coral Reef State Park  
John U. Lloyd State Park  
Oleta River State Park  
The Barnacle Historic State Park

**Broward County Regional Parks**

Easterlin Park

Fern Forest Park  
Secret Woods Nature Center  
West Lake Park/Anne Kolb Nature Center

**Public - Other Non-Profit**

Over an additional 100 acres of publicly accessible open and recreational space is provided to the community by the non-profit sector.

**Private - Commercial**

The private sector leisure industry is a key factor to the local economy and accordingly a significant alternative service provider.

**Private - Residential**

No hard data is readily available regarding the scope of recreational facilities associated with private residences. Many Fort Lauderdale citizens are able to provide for their recreational needs in the residential setting, particularly in the areas of boating access/dockage, swimming pools, racquet sports and play apparatus.

**VI. Future Supply of Parks**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is focused on efficient utilization of existing park sites. This strategy arises from the reality that there are very limited opportunities for the City to develop or acquire additional parkland. The City has identified several areas of initiative that might allow for the expansion of the park system and/or improved service levels. These opportunities are noted and briefly discussed as follows.

**Impact Fee Policies/Adequacy Requirements**

The adequacy requirements of the development review committee process require the City to evaluate the demand created on public services and facilities created by a proposed development. The City’s policy for evaluation of park impacts addresses residential and hotel development. As an alternative to the creation of new parkland, the City’s park impact fee program allows for the payment of fees to the City.

**Land Donations**

The City remains open to and continues to pursue opportunities, for expanding its park system through the donation of land. While the benefits of such acquisitions must be evaluated in terms of population served, accessibility, development and maintenance costs, etc., donations remain a desirable alternative for mitigation. This is particularly true as land values within the City continue to escalate while the public's dollar remains in limited supply.

**Redevelopment Activities**

The City, notably within the context of its Community Redevelopment Agency, the Consolidated Downtown Master Plan, and the Community and Economic Development Department through its Community Development Block Grant programs, is involved in broad-based redevelopment activities. Many of these

projects will serve to increase, or enhance, the inventory of open and recreational space.

### **Broward County School Board Property**

The City is committed to assuring the preservation of existing schools to serve the educational needs of young families and in support of neighborhood revitalization generally. Barring the continued use of these facilities as schools, the City is committed to their remaining in the public domain and supports its redevelopment for parks and/or other recreational usages. As stated elsewhere, the City is not satisfied with maintaining only an "adequate" supply of open/recreational space. Furthermore, while minimum supply standards might eventually be met without school sites, guidelines for citizen accessibility to Community and Neighborhood Parks as well as guidelines for specific facilities rely on school sites.

### **Annexation**

It will be important for the City to consider the availability and condition of open and recreational spaces in potential annexation areas to assure that the desired and equitable levels or standards of services can be provided to both existing and possible new City residents.

## **VII. Existing and Future Conditions Analysis**

The purpose of this portion of the element is to analyze current and future needs for recreation sites based on estimated demand, adequacy and availability to the public and to identify intended (or needed) future recreational land uses.

The City operates on the assumption that the public needs and deserves to be provided with recreational facilities and services within the following parameters:

1. They should be clean, safe, accessible and attractive.
2. They should project and promote a positive individual and community self-image, fostering community pride.
3. They should educate the community and promote the physical and mental well being of the citizenry.
4. They should reflect the effective and efficient management of public lands and financial resources.
5. They should be managed, maintained, operated or conducted in a manner consistent with contemporary capabilities and professional standards or practices.
6. They should be responsive to the expressed or apparent desires of the service population.

### **Current Need And Demand Analysis**

Even if the City does not add another acre of parkland to its current total (987.64 acres), it will still maintain a level of service well above its adopted level of service through the year 2015. The City is expected to provide 4.97 acres of parkland for

every 1,000 persons through the year 2015. Table 12 describes current and projected future levels of service for park facilities.

### Open and Recreation Space and Development Guidelines

The City of Fort Lauderdale has established guidelines expressed in numbers of facilities per thousand population, that are based on the NPRA and Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan guidelines but also allow for modifications to account for unique local characteristics or conditions. Table 12 describes both existing and projected ratios, and City guidelines for the provision of selected recreational facilities/activities.

In addition to considering recreational services and facilities as a function of population size, it is useful to consider their distribution geographically throughout the service area. Maps 1 through 6 show service areas consistent with the guidelines established by the NPRA, Broward County and the State for service radius by park classification.

**Table 12**  
**Evaluation of Park Facilities**

Park/Facility	City Standard	Total Number	Age Group Served	2007 Actual	2015 Projected
Neighborhood and School-Parks	1.0 / 1,000	233.89 ac.	All	1.29 / 1,000	1.18 / 1,000
Community and Large Urban Parks	2.0 / 1,000	439.46 ac.	All	2.43 / 1,000	2.21 / 1,000
Boat Ramps	1 / 25,000	15 ramps	All	1 / 12,073	1 / 13,265
Baseball/ Softball	1 / 5,000	42 fields	5 – 34	1 / 1,595	1 / 1,752
Basketball	1 / 4,000	58 courts	10 – 34	1 / 980	1 / 1,077
Football/ Soccer	1 / 5,000	22 fields	5 – 34	1 / 3,046	1 / 3,347
Tennis	1 / 2000	57 courts	10 – 84	1 / 2,942	1 / 3,233
Handball/ Racquetball	1 / 12000	20 courts	10 – 59	1 / 6,302	1 / 6,925
Jogging Trails	1 / 80000	14 trails	All	1 / 12,935	1 / 14,213
Swimming Pools	1 / 40000	10 pools	All	1 / 18,110	1 / 19,898
Playgrounds	1 / 1000	43	5 - 14	1 / 463	1 / 509
Roller Hockey	1 / 25000	3 rinks	5 -34	1 / 22,335	1 / 24,541
Volleyball	1 / 6000	41 courts	5 – 34	1 / 1,634	1 / 1,795

## **VIII. Future Needs and Demands Analysis**

In conjunction with the discussion of current needs and demands, considerable attention has been given to the City's plans for and ability to meet future needs and demands. The future adequacy of existing facilities and service levels has been substantiated based on population guidelines, distribution or accessibility considerations and selected survey, market and performance data. This same analysis did, however, also highlight areas for further improvement.

For the future, it is essential that the City be able to maintain existing service levels and standards while also pursuing and accomplishing these park system expansion and recreational enhancement objectives.

### **Future Park Planning Issues and Considerations**

1. Pursue the expansion of the park system by the following means:
  - Impact fee policies
  - Land donations
  - In conjunction with other redevelopment efforts, such as:
    - Beach Redevelopment and Master Plan;
    - Riverwalk Master Plan;
    - Regional Activity Centers Master Plans;
    - Northwest Area Master Plan;
    - Neighborhood Revitalization;
    - North US1 Corridor Master Plan;
    - Environmentally Sensitive Lands; and
    - Annexation Areas.
2. Cooperate with the Broward County School Board in order to better share resources and responsibilities in the provision of public leisure-oriented services.
3. Cooperate with surrounding communities to better coordinate in the provision of public leisure services and lessen any negative impacts that could be associated with future annexations.
4. Improve per capita performance relating to:
  - Baseball/Softball fields by improving existing or developing new facilities;
  - Bicycle and pedestrian;
  - Develop more playgrounds (tot lots) in our neighborhoods;
  - Football/Soccer Fields by improving existing or developing new facilities; and

- Pools/swimming activities by better assessing demand relative to existing supply.
5. Improve the accessibility and service levels for school/park sites.
  6. Improve recreational planning efforts particularly in areas relating to:
    - Citizen input, civic association participation;
    - Cooperative/joint-venture projects with private sector or civic groups;
    - The identification of alternative funding sources;
    - The development and implementation of facility development and use guidelines; and
    - Geographic equity within the park system.