



**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 November Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DRAFT 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN**
 - 6.1 Review of Section 5: Implementation Plan
 - 6.2 Review of Section 6: Recommend Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN**
 - 7.1 Cover Page, Index, Introduction
 - 7.2 Sections 1 and 2: Historical Changes, New Influences, Demographics
 - 7.3 Needs and Priorities Assessment, Survey
 - 7.4 Long Range Vision, Implementation Plan
 - 7.5 Goals, Objectives, and Policies

7.6 Appendix

8. STAFF REPORT

8.1 November Staff Report

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at 904-310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired).

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the City of Fernandina Beach Florida, met on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Present were Member Kegler, Member Chapman, Member Bartelt, Member Grant, Chair Ross, Vice Chair Pugh

Absent: Member Norris

1. Call to Order: Faith Ross called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
Member Bartelt made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Member Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passes being all ayes.
5. Public Comment Not on the Agenda
6. Draft 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan

6.1 Review Section 4: Long Rang Parks and Recreation Vision
The Committee reviewed the document and made suggested changes.

6.2 Review Section 5: Implementation Plan/Action Plan
Committee reviewed the document, there was a discussion about suggested changes. Member Chapman stated that acquiring the property across from Central Park should be added to the action plan, that there are activities included in the action plan that were not discussed by the committee, acknowledged that the Skate Park was not included in the survey, and that park maintenance issues should be addressed. Member Chapman suggested changing the name because this is not a true action plan. Vice-Chair Pugh suggested calling it an Assessment and Proposal. Member Kegler gave a history of how the PRAC became responsible for creating this assessment. Member Bartelt stated that there are no concrete projects listed for PRAC to advise or recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 5 years included in the plan. Member Bartelt states that as an advisory board, we should not be directing the Parks and Recreation department what to do. Chair Ross will address all concerns.

6.3 Review Section 6: Recommended Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies

The Committee reviewed the document and made recommendations. Vice Chair Pugh recommended addressing the verbiage, shalls/wills. Member Chapman questioned the removal of the section that reads: the City shall conduct an assessment of boat ramps and kayak launch (607). Chair Ross stated that the assessment should have been done in 2017, but was not. Scott stated the City will continue to inspect the launches as part of their routine maintenance. Member Chapman made a motion to leave 6.0701, 6.0702, 6.0703 in the document. The motion died as it was not seconded by any member.

7. Staff Report
Member Pugh stated that she was concerned about the amount of vandalism. Scott stated that he will begin presenting pictures of the vandalism and the amount of man hours spend addressing the issues.
8. Other Business
Member Grant suggested inviting the Youth Advisory Committee to a meeting to discuss what they would like to see, outdoors or other activities for kids. Chair Ross stated that PRAC should attend one of their meetings, being that PRAC Members have a more flexible schedule. Member Grant suggested hanging sea animals, painted by the youth, on the boardwalk at Main Beach, as a revenue source. Scott suggested that they meet to discuss. Member Grant suggested a meeting with the residents in the Peck Center area to discuss how they would like the open space to be used. Member Kegler stated that there was a proposal to replicate the Egans Creek Park location in that area with a walking trail and equipment.
9. Notice of Communication
Member Kegler acknowledged the quick response from the Parks Department with the tree issue in the cemetery.
10. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned by Chair Ross at 6:22pm

Section 5: Implementation Plan

Solely in an advisory capacity, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) offers the following recommendations to further “reflect community commitments to implement the plan and its elements”, F.S. 263.3177(1).

5.01 Guidelines Utilized

1. Florida Statute 263.3177 (1) The comprehensive plan shall provide the principals, guidelines, standards and strategies for the orderly and balanced **future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development** of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements. These principles and strategies shall guide future decisions in a consistent manner and **shall contain programs and activities to ensure comprehensive plans are implemented.**

2. The City of Fernandina Beach Comprehensive Plan: Goals, Objectives, Policies

3. 2015 Master Plan, page 66: The City develop a process to “prioritize proposed improvements to the Parks and Recreation programs and facilities derived from a list of criteria which may include:



- a. The top priority needs of City residents.
- b. Projects that generate economic, social, and environmental benefit for the City.
- c. Projects that will encourage or strengthen partnerships with other public/private agencies.
- d. The utilization of leveraged public funds.
- e. Projects that create high quality, long-lasting facilities that represent the City’s values.
- f. Programs and facilities that will help the City achieve its ultimate parks and recreation vision.”

5.01 Action Plan

Note: All Comprehensive Plan references for Goals, Objectives, or Policies noted below are related to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City’s adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Goal 1: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the City’s **future economic development** and **fiscal development** the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

1.01 Prior to April 30 of 2022, the City Manager hire a Parks and Recreation staff member to provide the services necessary to create for-profit revenue streams as recommended by the consultant, PROS Consulting in 2019. “Other communities that have a business development person on staff or contract have experienced a 7:1 return on investment - \$7 in outside revenue for every \$1 spent on salary.” <https://fernandinaobserver.com/city-news/whither-parks-and-rec-consultant-suggests-changes/> (Policies 6.02.04, 6.06.06, 6.06.08)

- a. The City Manager, upon Commission approval, set reasonable goals and expectations for the position of a business development person in a contract or salary, based on production.
- b. Prior to September 30 of 2023, the business development person (BDP) offers at least one for-profit digital, educational, historical, or ecological video/tour which targets the tourist or seasonal population. (Policies 06.10.08, 6.06.07)
- c. Within one year and 6 months of the date of hiring, the BDP increase the for-profit revenue streams of the Parks and Recreation Department to a minimum of 100% excess over compensation as determined by the City Manager and reported at a regular meeting of the City Commission.

- d. Annually in the month of November, the BDP present the Income Statement (profit/loss statement) for an evaluation of for-profit services to the City Manager and the City Commission.

1.02 Prior to June 1, 2022, the Parks and Recreation department initiate the process of certification with the National Recreation and Parks Association which assists with cost controls and provides grant funding opportunities. (Objective 6.01, Policies 6.01.02, 6.01.03, 6.01.03)

1.03 Annually, in the month of June, the Parks and Recreation department notify the City Manager of any under-utilized recreational facility space that may be offered for lease to an outside agency or private entity for recreational use. (Policy 6.01.03)

- a. In July of each year, available lease space is publicly noticed for recreation use.
- b. At year-end of 2023, all under-utilized facility space be leased or utilized.

1.04 The Parks and Recreation department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee further promote less costly construction and maintenance costs. (Policies 6.01.02, 6.0.04, Objective 6.03)

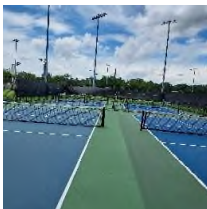
- a. The PRAC and the department further promote the less costly use of passive recreational programming within existing and future parkland while maintaining existing sites and facilities for active use when required by the City Commission.
- b. The Parks and Recreation department and PRAC will encourage outside agencies and private entities to invest in the Parks and Recreation facilities and programs of the City of Fernandina Beach. (Policy 6.06.06)



(1) Prior to January, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department provide usage numbers for all recreational services by residency in utilizing a variety of methods of data collection at each usage center. These methods may include, but are not limited to (depending on the site);

- (a) Further utilization of card scanners.
- (b) Installation of counting devices such as noninvasive beacons or geofencing.
- (c) Other electronic or manual devices that may also provide sources of revenue.

(2) Prior to June 1, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department provide “cost center” data for all recreational parks, services and facilities which includes:



- (a) Maintenance costs
- (b) Utility costs
- (c) Personnel costs
- (d) And other general costs associated with the generally accepted accounting of costs.

(3) Include in the Monthly Staff Report usage numbers for all recreational services by residency.

(4) With a minimum of 75% compliance, the department and the PRAC request a proportional share of funding, based on usage, or need of residents and non-residents, from the Nassau County Parks and Recreation department, other agencies or private entities prior to the approval of the construction or replacement of new or existing recreation facilities in the City of Fernandina Beach. (Objective 6.11, Policies 6.02.04, 6.06.06)

(a) In the form of a request letter, the department, with the approval of the City Manager, solicit funding from outside and private entities for new projects, replacements, or renovations utilizing usage data.

(b) The PRAC notify the City Manager and the City Commission of recommendation for requests for outside agency funding in a Notice of Communication.



(5) Annually, in the month of July, at the recommendation of staff, the PRAC incrementally suggest to the City Manager and the City Commission reasonable deadlines for the discontinuation of services for non-resident usage of specific programs or facilities to meet the service needs of City residents and to encourage future county investment in City or County facilities. (Objective 6.02)

(6) The PRAC and the department encourage the Amelia Island Conference Center and Tourism Bureau to participate in the construction and the development of for-profit recreation programming and facilities for the seasonal population. (Policy 6.06.06)



(a) Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC request the most recent seasonal population numbers and for-profit program recommendations from the Amelia Island Conference Center and Tourism Bureau.

(b) Annually, in the month of April, the Parks and Recreation department recommends seasonal population programming to the PRAC.

(c) Annually, in the month of May, the PRAC notify the City Manager and the City Commission by Notice of Communication of recommended seasonal population programming.

(6) Annually in the month of March, the department shall recommend parkland, facility, field, court, and sports fees to assist with the maintenance and capital costs of City recreational offerings based on cost recovery data. (Policy 6.06.06)

Goal 2: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the **future social development** of the City's residents the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

2.01 The department incrementally develop recreational programming which further promotes inclusion and social cohesion utilizing data from the most recent Parks and Recreation Survey, usage data, and census data. (Policies 6.01.01, 6.01.02, 6.01.03)

a. The department encourage a growing older population and the City's new and diverse populations of all abilities within the community to socially interact with the introduction of games or activities such as, but not limited to:

(1) chess, checkers, or backgammon in the park.

(2) lawn game tournaments such as corn hole, horse shoes, lawn darts, Petanque, or other social lawn games.

(3) "Meet and Greet" opportunities.

(4) weekly planned invitational "theme walks".

(5) introduce a "City Newcomers Club" to acquaint newcomers to the City's many recreational activities, parks and amenities.

b. Annually, in the month of February, the PRAC evaluate the department's programming to ensure community-wide needs of Goal 2.01 are met.

c. Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC notify the City Manager through a Notice of Communication of the progress of attaining Goal 2.01.

2.02 The department further develop recreational programs and support the construction of recreation facilities based on future requests for services from the City Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

2.03 The PRAC, annually, in the month of August, maintain and update the City's Parkland Acreage Level of Service which reflects the quality of life desired by the community. (Objective 6.02, Policy 6.02.06)

a. Utilizing a Notice of Communication, the PRAC, annually, in the month of September, notify the City Manager of the City's updated Parkland Acreage Level of Service.

2.04 Prior to January of 2023, the department conduct outreach to the community with a quarterly newsletter through the survey-suggested methods of email subscriptions, print, and other forms of social media. (Policy 6.01.02(d), 6.08.05)

Goal 3: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the most efficient **physical development** of recreational facilities the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

3.01 Prior to June 1, 2022 the City Manager and City Commission approve funding for a City-wide bicycle, golf cart, or an alternative mode of transportation study to provide citizen-requested safe bike lanes, more walkability, and easier mobility access within the city limits (Objective 6.04, Policies 6.04.01, 6.04.03).

3.02. Prior to August 31 of 2022, the PRAC construct a written criteria to prioritize approval for the construction or replacement of all new Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

a. In September of 2022, the PRAC notify the City Manager and City Commission by Notice of Communication of the criteria's completion.

b. In October of 2022, the City Manager request City Commission approval of the recommended criteria.

3.02 The PRAC annually evaluate capital improvements to be included in the Parks and Recreation 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (Policy 6.03.2).



a. Annually in the month of December, the PRAC request a departmental list of suggested capital improvements to be included in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

b. Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC recommend to the City Manager and City Commission the funding of a reviewed and suggested Parks and Recreation 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

3.03 Prior to August 1, 2023, the department construct a suggested future consolidation of services and facilities management plan. (Objective 6.03)

a. Prior to September 30, 2023, the PRAC recommend to the City Commission a department-approved future consolidation of services and facilities management plan.

b. Prior to December 1, 2023, the City Commission adopt a future consolidation of services and facilities management plan.

3.04 The department promote the construction of multipurpose courts, rather than specific use courts, to meet the future diverse needs of court usage when new sport court construction is warranted. (Objective 6.03)

3.05 The PRAC shall request annually, in the month of March, a list of all Conservation lands acquired by the City in the previous year from the Planning and Conservation Department for possible future passive recreation utilization. (Objective 6.06, Policy 6.06.03)

Goal 4: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities protect and maintain the City's **environmental** assets the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

4.01 The Parks and Recreation department plant shade trees adjacent to existing shade structures to lower future maintenance costs and shade structure replacement costs. (Goal 6.05, Policy 6.01.02(e).

a. Annually, in the month of October the department shall notify the PRAC and the City Manager of trees planted to supplement and replace shade structures.

4.02 The PRAC and the department continue to further prevent the creation of heat islands in the City by maintaining and increasing the City's tree canopy.

b. Annually, in the month of October, the department notify the PRAC and the City Manager of the number of trees planted in recreational spaces.

4.03 The PRAC and the department shall promote and encourage the use of pervious surfaces, rain gardens, or other water containment and stormwater containment devices in the construction or replacement of a recreation facility to protect ground water sources which provide sources of safe drinking water. (Policy 6.03.07)

4.04 The PRAC and the department shall encourage the investment in, and acquisition of, conservation lands for resiliency, heat island prevention, flood protection, water table stabilization, wildlife habitat, and passive recreational use to enhance the quality of the City's environment and the quality of life of the City's citizenry (Objective 6.06, Policy 6.06.03).

Section 6: Recommended Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Strategies

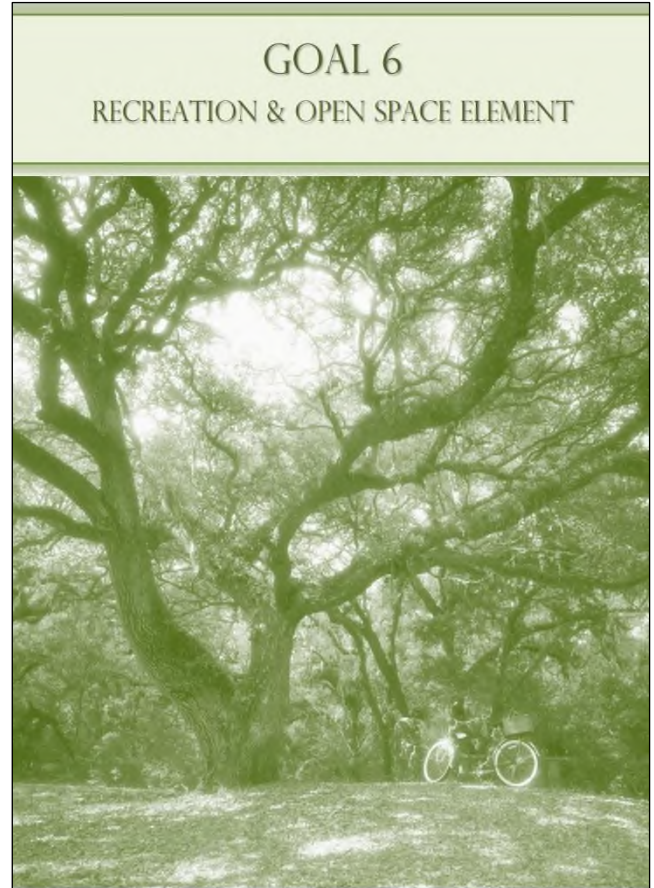
Due to the changing needs and priorities of the citizens of Fernandina Beach and the changing trends in the field of recreation, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the following updated language changes be adopted into the Comprehensive Plan.

The recommended changes to the presently adopted Goal 6: Recreation & Open Space Element (below) are noted with strike-throughs and underlined additions.

Goal 6: Recreation & Open Space Element

Recreation & Open Space Element Highlights

1. Engage in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Planning;
2. Maintain an inventory of parks, recreation and open space ~~based on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP);~~
3. Establish equitable distribution of parks to ensure equal access to recreational facilities;
4. Utilize green building standards/sustainable practices for new construction/renovation;
5. Utilize sustainable materials and low-impact development practices in park construction;
6. Plant native landscaping and employ xeriscaping in parks to reduce irrigation, fertilizer and pesticide use;
7. Coordinate to ensure that fleet of vehicles and maintenance equipment is sustainable and energy efficient;
8. Emphasize pedestrian and bicycle access to parks and recreation areas;
9. Identify how open spaces are to be utilized;
10. Identify and map lands for potential acquisition as recreation or conservation land;
11. ~~Develop recreational boating needs assessment and assessment of waterways networks;~~ Implement recreational programming which meets the needs and priorities of City residents.
12. ~~Identify shoreline and waterway accesses as part of the overall park and recreational facilities;~~ Continue to develop cost saving and revenue producing strategies to enhance the quality of recreation services in the City.
13. Continue to provide a variety of community services available to the public ~~and continue with~~ community outreach and involvement to promote social cohesion; and



14. Address specific resources such as Egan's Creek Greenway and Bosque Bello Cemetery.

OBJECTIVE 6.01.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLANNING

The City shall plan for a coordinated parks and recreation system that takes into account access to and availability of parks and recreation facilities and open space areas, the impact of parks and recreation facilities on ecological systems, community education opportunities, and community health.

Policy 6.01.01.

Utilize the City's most currently amended Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, as a guide for decision-making and planning. ~~The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, The 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, prepared by the City of Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, dated December 2021,~~ as may be amended from time to time, is incorporated by reference into the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 6.01.02.

The City shall implement the five key elements of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- a. First class parks, recreation and open space facilities and venues,
- b. Improved multi-modal connectivity among facilities and venues,
- c. Equitable access to facilities and venues,
- d. Improved communication regarding parks and recreation offerings, and
- e. Improved design standards and maintenance.

Policy 6.01.03.

Implement the ~~Master Plan~~ City's 2021 Assessment and Action Plan, as may be amended from time to time, for existing and future City facilities, which seeks to transform the City's major parks and recreation facilities into first class venues that serve the needs and priorities of the entire community.

Policy 6.01.04.

~~Implement the Master Plan's neighborhood-serving park concept, which seeks to improve access to commonly utilized recreation elements. When feasible, the City shall provide parkland the following for residents within a ½ mile radius from their home to further improve accessibility: shaded playground, multi-purpose open space, sport court, trails, and optional small pavilions and restrooms.~~

Policy 6.01.05.

Update the Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan every five years to track progress ~~to~~ of the five key elements as referenced in Policy 6.02.02 ~~to and make sure~~ ensure that the parks, recreation, and open space system is responsive to community needs.

OBJECTIVE 6.02.

AVAILABILITY OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND OPEN SPACE

The City shall ensure the availability of parks and recreation facilities and open space.

Policy 6.02.01.

The City shall maintain an inventory of parks and recreation facilities and open space, the identification of recreational facilities available in each park, the size of the facility, and the primary agency responsible for the facility.

Policy 6.02.02.

The City shall encourage applicants for development approvals, including but not limited to PUD development, to provide recreational facilities and/or open space beyond the minimum standards. ~~by providing for incentives to be included in the Land Development Code.~~ Such minimum standards may include level of service standards, ~~or open space~~ or pervious surface percentages, or acreage requirements.

Policy 6.02.03.

The City shall add proposed parks, recreation and open space projects, based on the ~~Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ 2021 Assessment and Action Plan to the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

Policy 6.02.04.

The City shall pursue available grant or other funding sources on an annual basis for the acquisition and development of park and recreational areas, including but not limited to, private, federal, ~~and state~~, and county funding sources.

Policy 6.02.05.

The City shall on an annual basis, develop, evaluate and maintain existing parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of the area served, considering the functional capacity of the parks and recreation facilities and the specific requirements of the population served, using the ~~Parks and Recreation Master Plan~~ 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan as a basis for evaluation.

Policy 6.02.06.

The City shall maintain a level of service of ~~12~~ 26 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, which includes its seasonal population, as noted in the 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan.

Policy 6.02.07.

Access level of service of a ½ mile radius per citizen shall be used for neighborhood-serving parks when feasible.

Policy 6.02.08.

The National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines shall be utilized ~~used as a benchmark as and guidance~~ for evaluating existing and future facilities and venues, but shall not be interpreted as level of service standards.

OBJECTIVE 6.03.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY MANAGEMENT

The City shall continue to improve and maintain the existing park and recreation facilities inventory.

Policy 6.03.01.

The City shall maintain and support a Parks and Recreation Department for City recreation planning and management.

Policy 6.03.02.

The City shall, on an annual basis, review existing parks, recreation facilities and open space and establish a schedule and procedure for improving any deficiencies, including but not limited to undergoing renovations of existing facilities or constructing new facilities.

Policy 6.03.03.

The City shall have a no net loss policy for recreation ~~facilities~~ lands.

Policy 6.03.04.

The City shall not convert, abandon, trade, or sell any park or open space, or portion of park or open space in addition to the limitations established in the City Charter for transfer, sale, or lease of recreation facilities. Open space may be converted to a park, in accordance with Policy 6.05.02, and if the open space levels level of service as established in the ~~Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment Plan is being met or exceeded.

Policy 6.03.05.

New parks and recreation facilities, and major renovations of existing facilities, shall be constructed in accordance with Florida statutory requirements that municipal buildings are constructed to meet the minimum requirements of a green rating system.

Policy 6.03.06.

The City shall utilize native plants and xeriscaping techniques when landscaping is added or updated in parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces.

Policy 6.03.07.

The City shall utilize low-impact development strategies to reduce stormwater runoff from parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 6.03.08.

Where feasible, the City shall seek to reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizer in maintaining parks, recreation and open space landscapes.

Policy 6.03.09.

The City shall ensure that the parks and recreation fleet utilizes energy efficient vehicles when possible.

OBJECTIVE 6.04.

ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL AREAS

The City shall ensure the availability of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access to public recreational areas.

Policy 6.04.01.

The City will provide vehicle parking, ADA-compliant parking, bicycle racks, sidewalks, bike paths, and barrier-free access at City-owned parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 6.04.02.

Sidewalks, bicycle paths, multipurpose trails, and/or dedication of lands per such shall be required in redevelopment and new developments to provide safe access to parks, recreation facilities, open space, waterways and shorelines.

Policy 6.04.03.

The City shall ensure sidewalk, crosswalks, bicycle path and/or multipurpose trail access throughout the City to the most-utilized and venue based recreational facilities.

Policy 6.04.04.

All future City owned parks and recreational facilities, including beaches and waterways, shall have direct access on a public street, right of way, or easement.

Policy 6.04.05.

The City shall not vacate necessary existing rights-of-way, easements, walkways, and other properties available for public access to parks and recreation facilities or open space.

Policy 6.04.06.

The City shall seek assistance from volunteers in the City in efforts to promote and maintain City recreation facilities.

Policy 6.04.07.

The City shall ensure that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and ADA recreation opportunities are available at City parks and recreation facilities and venues.

Policy 6.04.08.

~~Neighborhood-serving Parks~~ shall be prioritized for placement in areas underserved by recreation facilities and shall be prioritized in capital improvement planning when matching funding from other entities may be obtained. Adding additional ~~neighborhood-serving~~ park components to existing facilities ~~shall~~ may be secondary after underserved recreational areas are addressed.

OBJECTIVE 6.05. OPEN SPACE

Open spaces shall be protected within urbanized areas for their aesthetic, health, environmental, and economic benefits. The City shall continue to maintain standards in its land development regulations for

the provision and maintenance of open space in the community, including in private developments and publicly owned lands.

Policy 6.05.01.

The City shall continue to include conservation areas on the FLUM.

Policy 6.05.02

The City shall determine uses for publicly-owned open space areas, and shall evaluate the presence of environmentally sensitive lands within an open space. If it is determined that open space has environmentally sensitive lands, the City shall limit activities to passive recreation where it is determined that such activities will not endanger the public health, safety, welfare or environment.

Policy 6.05.03.

Privately-owned open space, such as those within subdivisions or PUD developments, which consists of a conservation future land use or contains environmentally sensitive lands, shall be protected through the acquisition of conservation easements.

Policy 6.05.04.

In order to protect environmentally sensitive coastal dunes and promote public safety, no additional areas, or expansion of existing areas, allocated to parking or driving on the public beach shall be permitted.

OBJECTIVE 6.06.

LAND ACQUISITION

The City shall maintain a program to continually evaluate the potential purchase of land for parks, recreation, conservation, and open space needs, and shall identify and map potential land for acquisition as recreation or open space.

Policy 6.06.01.

The City shall use City-owned floodplains, conservation lands or environmentally sensitive lands, and other similar areas for passive recreational land, provided that the City determines that passive recreational use of these sites would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare, or environment.

Policy 6.06.02.

The City will give high priority to acquisition of lands in the CHHA and in or adjacent to jurisdictional wetlands for passive recreational purposes, provided that that the City determines that recreational use of these sites would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare or environment.

Policy 6.06.03.

The City will give priority to acquisition of lands that provide access to parks, recreation or open space areas.

Policy 6.06.04.

Whenever possible, new recreational sites should be established with ~~active and~~ passive uses to ~~provide both recreational facilities and to~~ ensure preservation or conservation of environmentally sensitive lands. The City shall identify those recreational sites containing environmentally sensitive lands and limit those

portions to passive use recreation only; where it is determined that passive recreational use of these lands would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare, or environment.

Policy 6.06.05.

The City shall add proposed land acquisition projects, based on ~~the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ the Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, to the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

Policy 6.06.06.

The City shall seek public and private support for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of parks, recreational facilities and open space areas.

Policy 6.06.07.

The City shall continue to use ad valorem taxes and impact fees to fund the acquisition of parks and recreation facilities. ~~Impact fees shall be reevaluated based on implementation of the Master Plan and any subsequent updates to the Master Plan.~~ Use of other funding mechanisms, shall also be utilized, if feasible.

Policy 6.06.08.

When Impact Fees are not available, acquisition of additional parkland, construction of new facilities, and/or the improvement of access to parks, recreation, and open space areas directly serving new developments shall be funded by new developments in order to maintain level of service standards.

OBJECTIVE 6.07.

BOATING AND WATERWAYS

~~The City shall include boating and waterways in parks and recreation planning efforts by 2017, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.~~

The City shall include recreational boating in parks and recreation planning in consultation with the Marina Advisory Board and the Federal Inland Navigation District.

~~Policy 6.07.01. The City shall conduct an assessment of waterways networks, including boating, kayak and canoe trail ways, and other water transportation~~

~~options.~~ The City shall have a no net loss policy for public access to waterways and shorelines, whereby one type of access point is not removed without providing for replacement of that type of access point.

~~Policy 6.07.02.~~

~~The City shall conduct an assessment of existing boating and fishing facilities, including boat ramps, boat repair, fishing piers, and kayak and canoe launches.~~

~~Policy 6.07.03.~~

~~The City shall conduct a boating needs assessment including motorized and non-motorized boating needs, including access points, parking, and~~

~~other related facilities.~~

~~Policy 6.07.04.~~

~~The City shall adopt level of service standards for boating and fishing facilities, such as boat ramps, kayak and canoe launches, fishing piers, and public access points.~~

~~Policy 6.07.05.~~

~~The City shall have a no net loss policy for public access to waterways and shorelines, whereby one type of access point is not removed without providing for replacement of that type of access point.~~

OBJECTIVE 6.08.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City shall continue to provide community services through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Policy 6.08.01.

The City shall continue to offer youth recreational opportunities throughout the school year and during the summer when City residents require this service.

Policy 6.08.02.

The City shall continue to offer adult recreational opportunities including classes, leagues, activities, and tournaments.

Policy 6.08.03.

The City shall continue to offer senior services including recreational opportunities and outings.

Policy 6.08.04.

The City shall continue to offer community events and provide educational programming that highlights the importance of health and fitness.

Policy 6.08.05

The City shall continue to provide a variety of community services available to the public which promote inclusion and social cohesion utilizing a multi-media community outreach to increase involvement.

OBJECTIVE 6.09.

BOSQUE BELLO CEMETERY

The City shall protect Bosque Bello Cemetery as a reminder of the community's heritage, and shall maintain the cemetery in a dignified manner while ensuring community safety.

Policy 6.09.01.

The City shall have a cemetery master plan created providing for the long-term viability and care of Bosque Bello, assigning priority to areas in most need of preservation or care. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. evaluation of condition and typologies of existing markers, monuments, enclosures and walls;
- b. provisions for the maintenance and treatment of historic markers and walls;
- c. evaluation of existing vegetation, tree canopy, and landscaping;
- d. maintenance, preservation and enhancement of landscaping and the tree canopy in the cemetery;
- e. evaluation of cemetery infrastructure, including structures, site furnishings, irrigation and water, circulation and access, and security; and
- f. provision of recommendations for future maintenance and use of the cemetery.

Policy 6.09.02.

The City shall protect the historic integrity of Bosque Bello cemetery through preservation of the historic section of the cemetery and through protection and maintenance of the vegetation and tree canopy.

Policy 6.09.03.

The City shall make all efforts to provide proper documentation of all markers and maintain records regarding markers and their condition.

Policy 6.09.04.

The City shall incorporate planning for the cemetery into any disaster planning efforts and post-disaster redevelopment strategies.

Policy 6.09.05.

The City shall seek specialized cemetery maintenance training, particularly training related to maintenance of historic cemeteries, for all City staff involved in cemetery operations.

Policy 6.09.06.

The City shall utilize appropriate and proper maintenance techniques for historic cemeteries.

Policy 6.09.07.

The City shall monitor the edges of the cemetery which are adjacent to wetlands for any erosion or damage and take appropriate action should such erosion pose a threat to burial sites.

Policy 6.09.08.

The City shall partner with local and regional organizations to provide volunteer assistance in care and maintenance of the cemetery, including but not limited to, documentation efforts, preservation efforts, and fundraising opportunities.

Policy 6.09.09.

The City shall coordinate with the adjacent mill operator to ensure that industrial uses and operations do not encroach or interfere with the long-term protection of the cemetery.

Policy 6.09.10.

The City shall continue operation of the Cemetery Fund, which dedicates plot sale funds to a Perpetual Fund and to ongoing cemetery operations.

OBJECTIVE 6.10.

EGANS CREEK GREENWAY

The City shall protect Egan's Creek Greenway for its value as a recreational asset, for its significance as an outstanding natural resource, and for its role in providing wildlife habitat.

Policy 6.10.01.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall ensure a management plan is created and updated for the Egan's Creek Greenway including at a minimum ensuring that it is addressed separately in the parks and recreation master planning process.

Policy 6.10.02.

The City shall continue to designate the Greenway as conservation land in the zoning and FLUM series maps.

Policy 6.10.03.

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the plan for the restoration of the marshland between Atlantic Avenue and Jasmine Street, Area I. The City shall coordinate with FDOT regarding any impacts of this project on the hydrology south of Jasmine St., Area II, and evaluate the necessity of any restoration plan needs in that area.

Policy 6.10.04.

The City shall continue to encourage the use of the Greenway for walking, biking, and bird watching.

Policy 6.10.05.

The City shall continue to encourage the use of the Greenway as part of the Great Florida Birding Trail and seek inclusion in the Greenway and Trails Network.

Policy 6.10.06.

The City shall continue to conduct ongoing annual plant and animal surveys in order to ascertain any changes in the plant and animal communities of the Greenway.

Policy 6.10.07.

The City shall monitor and control invasive exotic flora and fauna within the Greenway.

Policy 6.10.08.

The City shall continue to provide community-based education about the values of natural spaces, wetlands, endangered and threatened species, invasive species, and human impacts on ecosystems through the use of graphics, tours, online information distribution, and at the Nature Center.

OBJECTIVE 6.11.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

The City shall seek to increase intergovernmental coordination regarding parks, recreation, and open space.

Policy 6.11.01.

The City will establish and maintain formal and informal agreements to share facility and program resources with Nassau County, the Nassau County School Board, the state and federal governments, private nonprofit organizations, and others.

Policy 6.11.02.

The City will continue to work with the Nassau County School Board to ensure that new public-school buildings located within the City limits, whenever possible, are co-located adjacent to existing or proposed parks, recreation facilities, open space, and any trail or path system that will connect such facilities to other services such as the library or other community centers.

Policy 6.11.03.

The City will maximize the potential for the collocation and joint uses of public facilities, including the use of public school facilities and the Nassau Council on Aging for recreational, cultural and civic purposes in accordance with the policies in this element.

A photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, a paved path leads towards a gazebo. To the left of the path is a large palm tree and a black metal bench with grey slats. To the right of the path is a wooden fence overlooking a body of water. The sky is blue with scattered clouds.

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Introduction

The 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan addressed the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Element in six sections: (1) an overview of existing conditions, (2) the existing parks and recreation system, (3) a needs and priorities assessment, (4) the long-range Parks and Recreation vision, (5) implementation of the plan, (6) and the Comprehensive Plan goals, objectives and policies as they relate to the Recreation and Open Space Element. The following plan attempts to update these elements to further meet the recreation and open space needs of our community.

Executive Summary

Overview of Existing Conditions

Included in the following assessment and plan are more current statements of existing conditions in the City of Fernandina Beach as they relate to recreation and open space. Historical information in the 2015 Master Plan has been updated to include how the City's parkland was historically created and how its historic platting continues to impact the City's ability or inability to provide parkland for recreation in the future. Major industries were also updated to reflect current conditions, and how tourism and the growth



of Nassau County has affected the usage of recreational offerings within the community over the last five years. Population growth estimates changed, visitor and non-City populations impacting Parks and Recreation offerings were identified, the seasonal population was included as required by state statute. Surprising demographic, economic, and age profiles for Fernandina Beach from the recent 2020 U.S. Census have been included. All of these

elements will likely heavily impact the future services and offerings of the Parks and Recreation department in the next five to ten years.

The Existing Parks and Recreation System

An assessment of the City's parks and facilities was conducted by members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee utilizing online forms which assessed parks and recreation facilities for the key elements of access, comfort, and ADA compliance, as suggested by the National Recreation and Parks Association. The assessment form also included questions concerning maintenance and safety. A photo inventory of park amenities and facilities was also created to document future changes in the City's parks and recreation system and provide documentation for insurance purposes. A current listing of the programs of the Parks and Recreation department has also been provided.

Needs and Priorities Assessment

Utilizing the citizen survey questions of the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and its additional focus questions, an updated online survey was conducted to encourage the community to participate in a needs and priority assessment. The committee received responses from 1,200 respondents in the community. 935 were verified to be City residents, 243 were non-resident respondents, and 22 had no

address for residency verification. Outreach included the use of websites, social media, video, business cards, utility bill inserts, signage, and readily available paper surveys.

Survey Summary of Responses

Of all of the City's parks, open spaces, and facilities residents visited the most, *in order of importance*, survey respondents relayed that they utilized the beaches (821), Egan's Creek Greenway (643), and the waterfront (610) the most for their recreation. When asked what they liked about their parks, *in order of importance*, they enjoyed their easy access to the City's parks and facilities with convenient, nearby locations (227). Almost as important to them was their ability to enjoy nature and enjoy the natural state of their parks (221). To a lesser extent, they enjoyed their parks' cleanliness, but thought they were well-maintained, and enjoyed the open space that allowed for walking or hiking. However, they emphatically disliked the trash and litter left behind by others (99), and some residents expressed a concern that it was becoming increasingly more difficult to park (60) at their chosen location of recreation. To some, restrooms that were in need of updating, closed, or were not clean were of concern (48). Some City pickleball players requested more prime court time (22), and some found that their access to pool facilities was limited by work schedules or competing aquatic classes. In general, residents seemed to be split on whether they would support additional taxes, fees, or a bond to fund future recreational improvements (yes:464), (no:405). 106 wanted no additional money spent and 35 wanted better money management. The largest capital improvement request was for safe bike and walking trails (45).



The Long-Range Parks and Recreation Vision

From the citizen survey, the City's 2020 U.S. Census demographic profile, a duplication of services assessment, and the need for the department to develop new revenue streams, certain themes emerged. (1) Citizens enjoyed easy access to the natural environment of the park system, the beaches, trails and nature, and waterfront. (2) The purchase of additional equipment, new buildings or facilities requires large amounts of capital investment with continued maintenance costs. (3) The structural facilities often compete with private entities offering the same recreation services.

To satisfy the expressed needs of the community, the department should be encouraged to pursue programs that further promote the enjoyment of nature and the outdoors (which are also less costly to construct and maintain). Further promotion of more outdoor sports and games by age demographic (adult and 65+) such as chess, checkers, and backgammon would encourage more social cohesion in a transient population. The provision of more aquatic and court space, solely for City residents, may be warranted if usage numbers reflect a need. In utilizing the City's newly acquired conservation lands, new opportunities for low cost, passive recreation may meet City residents continued demands for more trails and views of nature.

To fund future improvements, the public's desire for additional fees may be utilized along with moving toward a for-profit, digital, educational, historical or nature-based tour system of the City's parklands which targets the tourist population. Other for-profit streams of revenue could also substantially assist with budgetary shortfalls to maintain affordability for residents living at or below the Poverty Level.

Offering *partial* Impact fee funding to other agencies to construct future shared facilities may be advantageous in leveraging the future declining amount of Impact Fee funds produced from development.

Implementation of the Plan

Many of the strategies recommended in the Action Plan were focused on generating sustainable funding for the existing parks and recreation system and promoting efficiency. Strategies included gaining grant funding through the National Recreation and Parks Association. Strategies for monitoring the usage of visitors and non-resident populations were suggested to provide fee pricing platforms and evidence of need to the Amelia Island Conference Center & Visitors Bureau for future funding. Other topics included building social cohesion, meeting demographic needs, and ways in which the department could continue to support the City's environmental and resiliency efforts. Plan details can be found in Section 5: Implementation Plan.

Section 1: Overview of Existing Conditions

1.01 Updated Historical Changes and Outside Forces

History Affecting Recreation Planning:

The Old Town of Fernandina Beach, a historically significant site, was officially established and platted by the Spanish in 1811. Subsequently occupied and reoccupied by three Old-World European countries, its historical plat remains an integral part of Old Town's planning culture with recreation centered on a historically platted San Carlos Plaza and Bosque Bello Cemetery. In 1857, with the southward expansion of the city necessitated by the construction of a rail line to Cedar Key, the city's bustling waterfront and small residential lot sizes were drawn out by the Florida Railroad with little regard for recreational needs. Historic Fernandina Beach remains largely defined by its historic platting of 1811 and 1857. However, outside of the city's historically platted areas, it has adopted larger lot sizes for housing, included subdivisions, and has set aside areas for commercial and industrial development and recreation. However, with large sections of the city lacking platted recreation land due to historical platting from the 1800's, the city continues to face challenges in the future in meeting an accessibility standard of providing a park within ½ mile of every residence.

Changes in Open Space and Conservation Land:

In an attempt to save environmentally sensitive lands and the need to substantially decrease flood insurance rates, the city has made considerable progress in purchasing land and rezoning residential land to conservation. With almost all of the recreation zoned land in the city dedicated to active use, these lands offer opportunities for passive recreation in the future. Additional open space has also been created to promote resiliency with the enactment of ordinances requiring areas to be set aside for stormwater management. An increased pervious surface requirement for residential and commercial development has also created additional open space through the adoption of recent Land Development Code amendments.

Years 2019-2021 Conservation Land Acquired

Date	Source	Parcel #	Location	Acres
11/12/2019	Dodd	00-00-31-1616-0003-0000	526 Citrona Drive	3.33
11/12/2019	Episcopal Church	00-00-31-1800-0217-0010	N 11th Street	5.92
11/12/2019	Floyd Garrett	00-00-31-1800-0217-0060	N 12th Street	1.58
11/9/2020	JR Holdings of North Florida	00-00-31-1540-0017-0010	1060 Jean Lafitte Avenue	2.47
11/9/2020	JR Holdings of North Florida	00-00-31-1540-0018-0030	1st Avenue	0.52
1/15/2021	Pheasant Run LLC	29-3N-28-0000-002-0020	South Pheasant Lane	5.35
8/6/2021	Surf Home Builders	00-00-31-1651-0116-0000	Lot 116, Ketch Court	0.14

Source: COFB Finance Department, Land Conservation Trust Fund

Other city-owned properties presently utilized for recreation, or those with the potential for recreational uses, were rezoned from Government or Residential use to Recreation zoning.

Year 2020 City-Owned Lands Rezoned to Recreation

Parcel Number	Location	Acres
11-2N-28-0000-0005-0060	Canopy Drive	6.82
11-2N-28-0000-0005-0070	1531 Canopy Drive	2.83
11-3N-29-0000-0005-0000	215.5 Lighthouse Circle	2.38
00-00-31-1800-0302-0000	1129 S 8th Street	1.34
00-00-31-1800-0180-0040	1198 8th Street	0.15

Source: COFB City Clerk's Office, Nassau County Property Appraiser

Changes in Economic Development:

The 2015 Master Plan historically attributed the major economic development of the City of Fernandina Beach to the Port of Fernandina. Today, according to the Nassau County Economic Development Board (NCEDB), many industries in the city far surpass the employment numbers of the Port of Fernandina.

According to the Nassau County Economic Development Board, major employers on Amelia Island include WestRock, Rayonier Advanced Materials, Baptist Medical Center, senior living and care centers, the Omni Plantation, the Ritz Carlton, and various local, governmental agencies. The NCEDB is further attempting to diversify the area's economy in the future with higher paying jobs in the technology sector. (NCEDB: <https://www.nassauflorida.com/business-resources/major-employers/>)

Major Employers

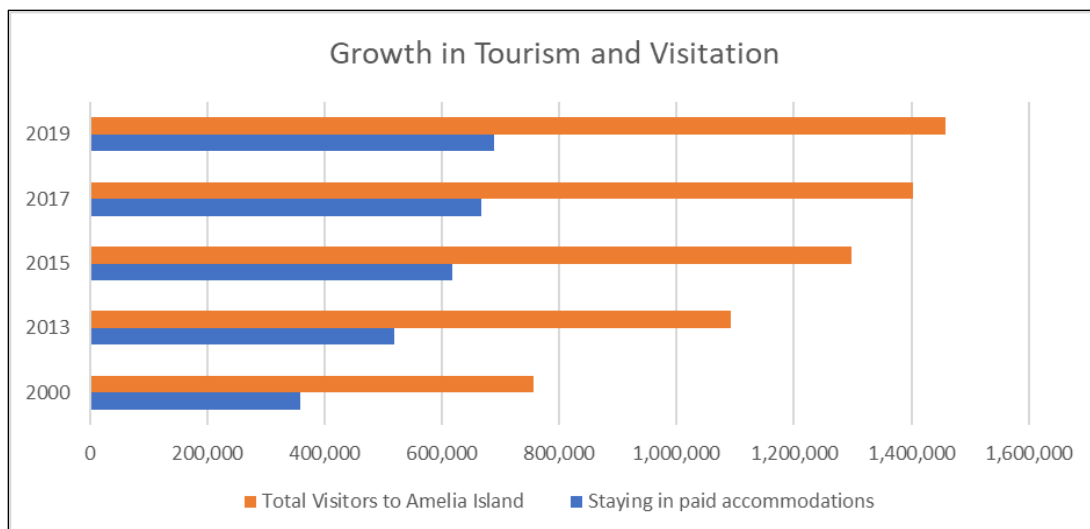
Manufacturing	
Westrock	586
Rayonier Advanced Materials	305
Healthcare	
Baptist Medical Center Nassau	450
Care Centers of Nassau	149
Osprey Village Independent Living Retirement Community and Memory Care	120
Hospitality	
The Omni Amelia Island Plantation	675
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island	545
Public Sector	
Nassau County School District	1,596
Nassau County Government	435
Federal Aviation Administration	550
City of Fernandina Beach	212
Agriculture	
Rayonier	164

Changes in Tourism and Expendable Income:

Despite all of the city's major economic drivers, tourism and rising household income levels in the city have likely been the most instrumental in changing the nature and number of recreational opportunities privately offered within the City of Fernandina Beach in the past five years. Paddle boarding, fishing charters, kayaking adventures, multiple types of yoga classes, fitness classes, surfing lessons, and tours are among a few of the offerings to have arrived with the rise of tourism and more expendable income (Appendix A).

Amelia Island Growth in Tourism

Year	2000	2013	2015	2017	2019
Staying in paid accommodations	359,121	519,400	618,200	666,300	688,700
Total Visitors to Amelia Island	755,400	1,092,500	1,297,900	1,402,900	1,458,100



Source: 2019 Amelia Island Tourism Development Council - Value of Tourism Report

Growth in City Household Income

	2010	2015	2019	April 1, 2020 Census
Median Household Income	45,954	52,448	63,942	63,942
(2019 Dollars)	49,568	56,573	63,942	63,942
Mean Household Income	69,100	71,415	94,644	
(2019 Dollars)	74,534	77,031	94,644	

Source: Census.gov, American Community Survey, and Census.gov, 2020 Census

With the recent construction and expansion of the Nassau Council on Aging on Island Walk Drive, more recreational options have also been given to the city's older, less active population. Nassau County's investment in this facility negated a city need for the construction of a Senior Center as proposed in the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The 2015 plan also advocated greater visitation to Main Beach Park with an Avenue of Flags. This need was met by tourism and expendable income with the addition of a larger hotel and an additional popular eatery. The scarcity of parking at this site provides further evidence of its increased usage and popularity.

Changes in revenue:

Another historic change to note concerning revenue sources dedicated to recreation is the community's desire to increase funding for Parks and Recreation amenities. The 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommended an increase in the city's Parks and Recreation Impact Fee. In January of 2019 the City Commission of Fernandina Beach followed the 2015 recommendation. The Commission increased the city Parks and Recreation Impact Fees by 58%, allowing growth to further absorb the cost of new recreational amenities (Appendix B).

Changes in population estimates and growth projections:

In 2015, the Master Plan's residential population projections for Fernandina Beach were obtained from the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR). The city's anticipated population was estimated to be 13,337 in 2020. The recent April 1, 2020 U. S. Census Bureau reports the population of Fernandina Beach as 13,052, adding 1,565 people to its population since its last census count of 11,487 in 2010. The University of Florida (BEBR) anticipates the city's largest amount of future permanent population growth to occur between 2020 and 2030.

February 4, 2020 City of Fernandina Beach Small Area Population Estimates and Projections

Year	2018	2020	2025	2030	2040	2045
Population Estimates	12,761	13,523	14,357	15,480	15,658	15,816
Estimated Population						
Added Per Year		752	834	1,123	178	158

Source: University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research

Changes in Seasonal Population Estimates and Projections:***Florida Statute 163.3177 (1) Required and optional elements of comprehensive plan; studies and surveys***

"3. The comprehensive plan shall be based upon permanent and seasonal population estimates and projections, which shall either be those published by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research or generated by the local government based upon a professionally acceptable methodology . . ."

Florida Statute 163.3164 (42) defines the term “seasonal population”. “Seasonal population” means part-time inhabitants who use, or may be expected to use, public facilities or services, but are not residents and **includes tourists, migrant farmworkers, and other short-term and long-term visitors.**

The city’s previous 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan’s seasonal population numbers were obtained from a Nassau County Growth Management Department affordable housing study. For the purpose of planning for recreation and open space for seasonal populations, the updated, extensive volume of tourism data collected by the Amelia Island Conference Center and Visitors Bureau (AICCVB) was utilized (Appendix C).

The Amelia Island Conference Center and Visitors Bureau estimates that the seasonal population almost doubles the city’s population, between 8,951 and 10,506 nightly visitors, during the city’s summer season. Estimates of future growth of the industry on Amelia Island and in the City of Fernandina Beach are dependent upon many factors. However, due to the island’s finite land mass, making future predictions of the city’s seasonal lodging population will likely become easier to predict in the near future.

Historical Growth Trend of Amelia Island Tourism

Year	Number of Visitors	Percent Change
FY 2011	432,100	-
FY 2012	459,600	+6.4
FY 2013	504,300	+9.7
FY 2014	566,600	+12.4
FY 2015	608,700	+7.4
FY 2016	639,400	+5.0
FY 2017	652,100	+2.0
FY 2018	684,800	+5.0
FY 2019	692,100	+1.1
FY 2020	566,300	-18.2
YFYTD 2021 (Sep.-Aug.)	608,800	+7.5

“From FY 2011 to FY 2019, commercial lodging visitation to the destination (Amelia Island) grew by +60.2% or an average of +7.5% per year.” Source: Research Data Services, Inc., Tampa, FL

Changes in Park and Facility Usage:

The Amelia Island Conference Center and Visitors Bureau (AICCVB) also identifies population sectors which may tend to utilize parks and recreation facilities beyond hotel visitations. Verified through the services of Research Data Services, **an estimated 1.3 million daytrips to Amelia Island were also recorded over the past 12 months (July 2020 to July 2021).** Of this day-time, non-resident population, one segment frequently utilizes the city’s recreation services. Non-residents from the nearby unincorporated portions of Nassau County who lack recreation services and facilities find city recreation services amenable (historical usage data, Appendix D).

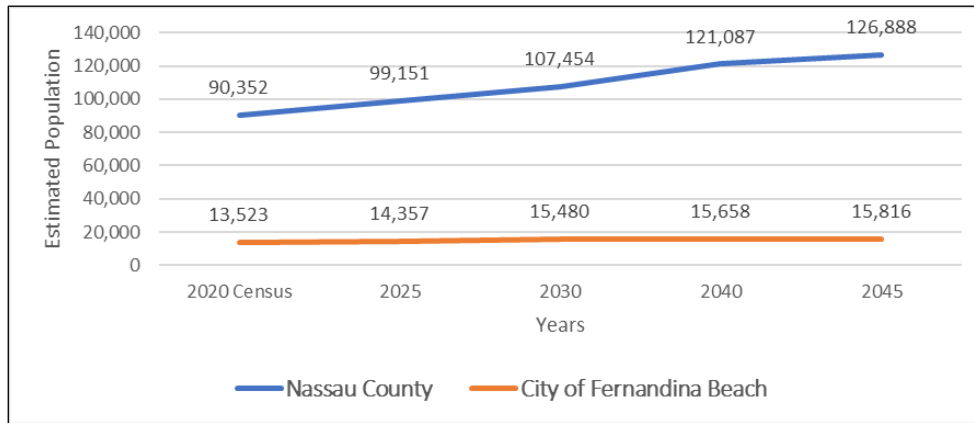
Unless the unincorporated areas of Nassau County construct their own recreation facilities and services, pressure from the unincorporated sections of Nassau County to utilize the city’s recreation lands and services will likely increase as the population of Nassau County continues to grow. *At the projected rapid growth rate of 6,000 to 9,000 residents every 5 years, at a minimum, Nassau County will add a population the size of Fernandina Beach to its population every 10 years.* See the table below.

Increases in Nassau County Population Growth Projections

	2020 Census	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Nassau County	90,352	99,151	107,454	114,621	121,087	126,888
Population Increase		8,799	8,303	7,167	6,466	5,801
% Increase		9.74%	8.37%	6.67%	5.64%	4.79%

Source: State of Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Comparison of Growth Trends



Though the City of Fernandina Beach maintains free public access to its parklands and maintains minimal fees for facility usage, it is important to note, **in general, the city's nearby, growing population of non-city residents are financially equipped to pay for city and county recreational amenities.** *The 2020 Census data maintains that half of the population of Nassau County has a household income of more than \$69,943 per year with 9% of its population living at the Poverty Level. In contrast, half of the households of Fernandina Beach subsist on less than \$63,942 per year per household with 12.5% living at the Poverty Level.* Despite a larger number of non-city households possessing higher median household incomes, nearby unincorporated Nassau County residents continue to utilize the recreation facilities and services of Fernandina Beach rather than fund their own services.

Comparison of Median Household Incomes

	2010	2015	2019
Nassau County	\$60,729	\$54,116	\$69,943
City of Fernandina Beach	\$45,954	\$52,448	\$63,942

Source: Census.gov, reported in 2019 Dollars

“The median household income divides the income distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases falling below the median income and one-half above the median.” Source: Census.gov

Changes in the Population Rate of Turnover:

Recent demographic information from the most recent 2020 U. S. Census suggests that the City of Fernandina Beach has experienced a significant turnover in population between 2015 and 2020. Due to the nature of the city's burgeoning, transient, seasonal population, and the recent findings of the growth of a significant population over the age of 65, **community cohesion will likely become more difficult to maintain.** Residential properties will likely continue to turn over due to the age of the population or due to the demand for seasonal use. Over the last four years, a fairly consistent estimated average number of listings and sales has occurred at the rate of 1,049 homes per year (Appendix E). The 2020 U.S. Census counts 5,631 total households in the City of Fernandina Beach.

Estimate of Yearly Home Sales Trend

Estimated Home Sales Per Year	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020
Total Zip Code 32034	1,596	1,824	2,228	1,968
City of Fernandina Beach	880	1,005	1,228	1,085

Parks and Recreation's role in encouraging social cohesion has been assistive in the past, however it will likely become **more critical in the future** if the city is to maintain a core sense of community, or the “small town feel”, for which it is noted.

1.02 Demographics

Much has changed in the city's demographic profile since the adoption of the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Fernandina's population segments which changed significantly are the age groups of 65 and older and the size of the city's African American population. **From 2010 to 2020, the City's 65+ age group grew 72%.** Over ten years it grew from 20% of the population to 34.4%. (This age group's participation in the 2021 Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey was 40% of the survey's total respondents.) However, over the last ten years **a 34% decline has occurred in the city's African American population.** And despite the continued increases in the city's Median Household Income, **12.5% of the City's residents are presently reported as living below the Poverty Level.**

Demographic Profile of the City of Fernandina Beach

	Year 2000 *	Year 2010 *	Year 2019-2020
Social Characteristics			
Average Household Size, persons	2.28	2.3	2.14
Median Age (years)	43	43.1	56.9
Male %	47.7	48.9	48.6
Female %	52.3	51.1	51.4
Under 5 years old %	4.8	3.8	3.4
5 to 18 years %	15.16	12.51	8.4
Total under 18 years %	19.96	16.31	11.8
18 to 65 years %	62.3	61.35	53.8
65 years and over %	17.74	22.34	34.4
High School Degree %	87.1	89.8	93.8
Bachelor's Degree or higher %	32.4	32.2	40.7
Civilian Veterans %	19.8	15.7	10.8
Speaks a language other than English at home %	6	11	8.5
Race			
White %	81.5	77.3	84.3
African American %	16.2	15.9	10.5
Other %	2.3	6.8	5.2
Economic Characteristics			
Per Capita Income **	24,517	30,236	43,693
Median Household Income **	40,893	53,945	63,942
Individuals below Poverty Level %	10.2	13.2	12.5
Housing Characteristics			
Median Value of Single Family Homes	134,500	308,000	333,900
Mean Travel Time to Work (in minutes)	22.6	23.9	24.2

*2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

** Adjusted to 2019 dollars

Sources: 2020 U. S Census, DATA USA (<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/fernandina-beach-fl/>)
(<http://censusviewer.com/city/FL/Fernandina%20Beach>)

A Dramatic Shift

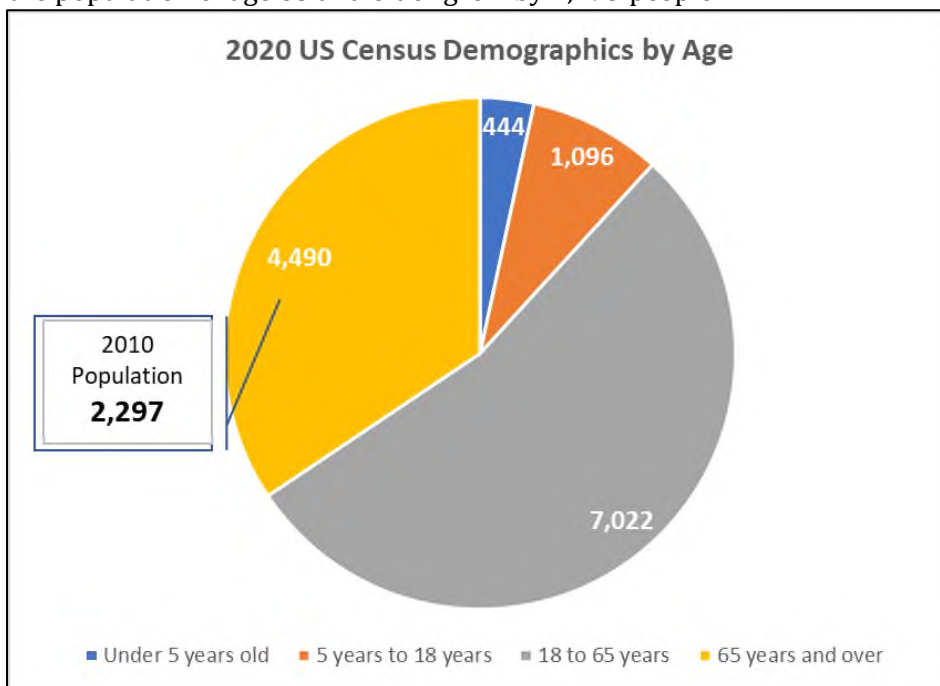
Due to a dramatic shift in the demographic profile of the city's residents toward an older population, **the department will likely need to reevaluate its future recreational services and programming to meet the needs of an aging population.** Finding recreational programming to promote social cohesion within this older community, due to an anticipated regular turnover of housing due to age and seasonal population changes, will likely require more outreach to neighborhoods, community organizations, and church groups.

It is important to note that the total population of Fernandina Beach only grew by 1,156 residents from 2010 to 2020. However, between 2010 and 2020, the population of individuals 65 and older grew disproportionately by 2,193 residents. The population of 65 and older was 2,297 in Year 2020. The 2020 Census now records 4,490 residents age 65 and older residing in the City of Fernandina Beach. More collaboration with the Council on Aging will likely need to occur in offering future services and programs for this newly arrived, growing segment of the city's population.

2020 U.S. Census: Demographics by Age

Age Group	Number	%
Under 5 years old	444	3.4
5 years to 18 years	1,096	8.4
18 to 65 years	7,022	53.8
65 years and over	4,490	34.4

U. S. Census Data: From Year 2010 to 2020 the city's total resident population grew by 1,156 residents, yet the population of age 65 and older grew by 2,193 people.



Another Significant Shift in Demographics

Year 2020 census data confirms a significant loss of the city's African American population. **A 15.9% population in Year 2010 diminished to 10.5% of the city's total population.** With a significant loss within the African American community, an attempt was made to locate data on the age profiles within this community. No data could be reasonably found or compiled on age profiles within the city limits. Without this data, recreational programming to meet **the needs of the community in the future will likely need to include a more systematic, informal outreach on the part of the department to promote inclusion.**

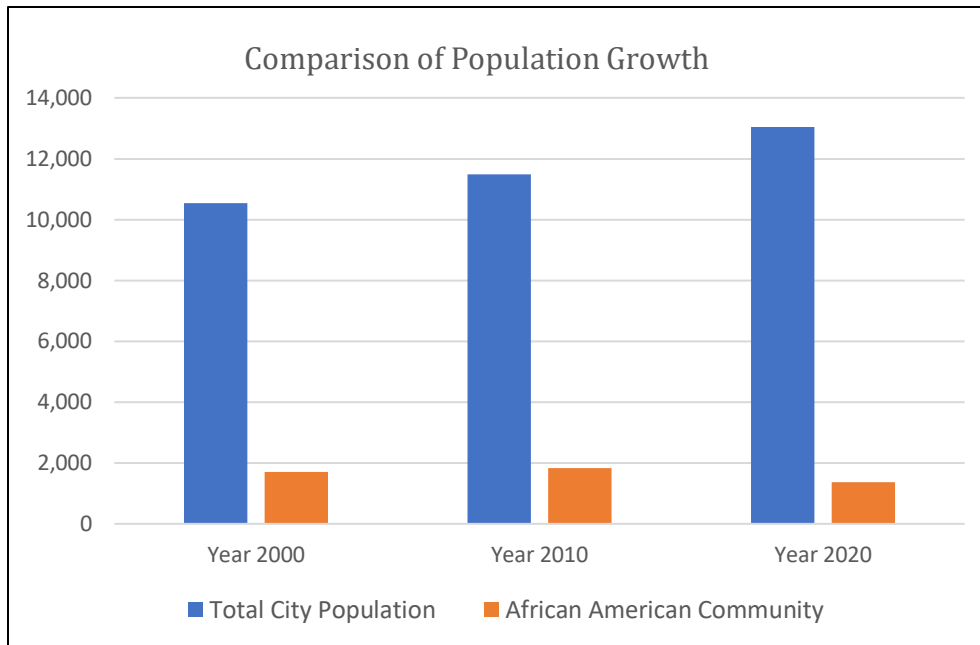
African American Decline in Population

Year	Total City Population	African American Community	Gain or Loss
2000	10,549	1,709*	-
2010	11,487	1,826*	117
2020	13,052	1,370	-456

*2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Sources: 2020 U. S Census, Census.gov, DATA USA (<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/fernandina-beach-fl/>)

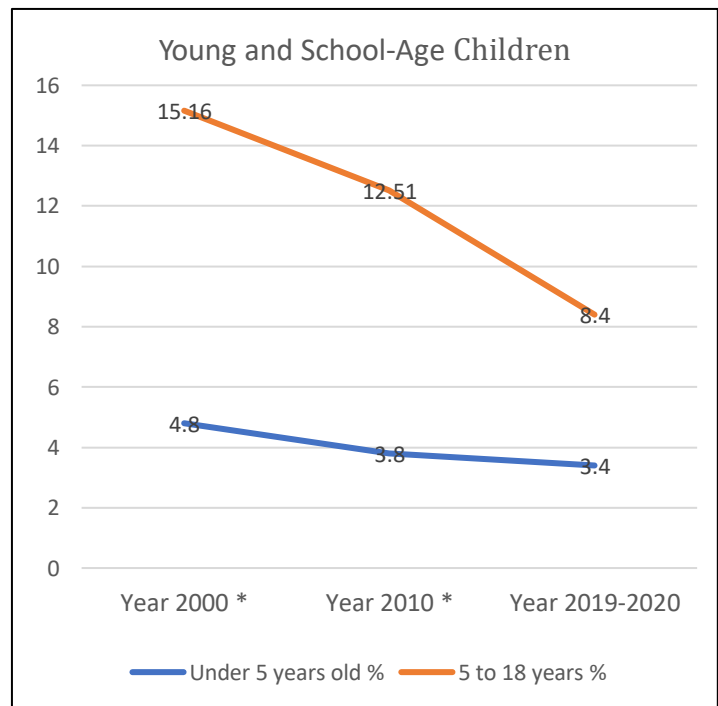
Comparison of Population Segments



The consistent decline in households with young and school-age children should also be noted. Future active recreation resources and programming supplied to residents below the age of 18 may require a more targeted approach to ensure that funding is allocated efficiently to solely meet the needs of a small and declining population of youth.

The City may also find it more cost-effective to further urge Nassau County's Parks and Recreation department to prioritize the needs of this population in the very near future. Tourism may also play a role in continuing to require an investment in the seasonal population of youth.

Percentages of Young and School Age Children



2.02 Existing Programs

Youth Services: City Programs

Amelia Preschool
Camp Amelia Afterschool
Camp Amelia Summer Camp
MLK Afterschool Tutoring Program
MLK Summer Learning Camp

Aquatics: City Programs

Public Swim
Private Swim Lessons -
(City and 3rd Party Vendor)
Group swim lessons
Lap Swim
Aqua Aerobics
Home School Swim Clinics -
(Fall and Spring)
Summer Aqua Adventure Camps
Summer Pool Jr. Lifeguarding Camp
Summer Ocean Jr. Lifeguarding Camp
Scuba Certification Course
Scuba Pool Experience: Individual, Couple,
Group
Lifeguard Certification

Basketball: City Programs

Open Basketball
Men's Basketball League

Fitness Opportunities: City Programs

Atlantic Recreation Center Fitness Room
Peck Gym Cardio Area and Weight Room

Senior Services: City Programs

Senior Meet & Greet (55 +)

Senior Trips

Soccer: City Programs

Open Adult Indoor Soccer

Softball: City Programs

Coed Recreational Softball
Coed Open Softball
Coed 1-Pitch
Men's Open

Volleyball: City Programs

Youth Team Volleyball
Open Adult Volleyball

Facility Rentals: City Programs

Atlantic Recreation Center
MLK Jr. Center
Peck Center/gym facilities
Park Pavilions

Memorial Benches: City Program

Special Events: City Programs

Christmas Tree Lighting
Wild Amelia Festival
Wild Nites Lectures
Halloween Carnival

Beach Wheelchair Rental: City Program

Egan's Creek Greenway Tours: City Program



Sports Leagues: 3rd Party Vendor

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth League
Fernandina Beach Football Association
Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse
Elm Street Little League
Amelia Island Youth Soccer Club
Team Fernandina Stingrays (swim team)
Isle Swim Club
High School Swim Teams
Fernandina Beach Pickleball Pirates
Amelia Island Boules Club (Pétanque)



Tennis: 3rd Party Vendor

Aerial Yoga: 3rd Party Vendor

Martial Arts/Self Defense: 3rd Party Vendor

Japanese Ju Jitsu and Kenjutsu (12 and up)
Women's Martial Arts, Self-Defense (12+)

Lighthouse Tours: 3rd Party Vendor

Fitness Training and Camps: 3rd Party Vendor

CPR/AED and First Aid: 3rd Party Vendor



2.03 Existing Parks and Facilities Assessment

Online Evaluation Form & Photo Inventory

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) members evaluated the department's existing parks and facilities utilizing online forms. Since the department lacked a detailed listing, or inventory of each park's amenities, members also collected an online photo inventory to record existing amenities. The inventory was also utilized to create the first two pages of each park's assessment to further educate the public on the extensive offerings of the City's Parks and Recreation system (Appendix G).

Each Park and Facility Assessment contained 3 pages:



Page 1 was created as a “quick snapshot” for users and readers which can be utilized to generate interest in visiting the city’s parks and recreation facilities. It contains a photo collage and a quick list of amenities for each park/facility. It also serves as a historical inventory of the park’s features. Photos not placed in the collage were archived for future reference in a pictorial inventory of the park facility.



Page 3 of each park's assessment was designed to assist staff and the committee members with the task of assessing the level of comfort, access, and ADA compliance as recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association. Assessment questions also verified the existence of amenities, maintenance assessments of specific park elements, and assessed possible safety issues. The online comment space offered members an opportunity to identify specific items of concern or possibilities for future uses (Appendix G).

Page 2 gives a more detailed summary of each park that describes its present uses, what a visitor may anticipate when visiting, or the availability of the services offered at the park or facility. A map location was also included for easier access.

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Egan's Creek Greenway North
Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort		
AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	20 spaces plus roadside on Jasmine
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	Fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover
ADA Compliance		
ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	4
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	0
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	N/A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	N/A
Maintenance		
M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	N/A
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	N/A
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment
Safety		
S	Condition of sidewalks	No sidewalks exist
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Good
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Trails are not really handicap accessible
Comments		
Z	Additional Comments	

Summary of Findings of the Parks and Facilities Assessment

Access and Comfort Levels

The National Recreation and Parks Association evaluates parks and facilities on their accessibility, level of comfort, and ADA compliance. In these areas of the assessment, the City's level of achievement was evaluated to be high too good for access and comfort. Few needs in this area were expressed by members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Greater comfort would likely be improved with a few additional water fountains for sports courts and fields. Some notations expressed a desire for water bottle fillers. Sidewalks and bicycle racks were widely available in developed parklands. Few parklands were noted by committee members as needing more shade. Good access was also supported by the responses of citizens in the Citizen Survey.

ADA Compliance

The City has continued to strive to provide greater access for the disabled in providing paved ADA parking spaces and ramps within all paved parking areas at parks and facilities throughout the city. Complete ADA compliance is not required for all parks if a similar amenity is offered at another park. Despite this allowance, the city has continued to make progress in upgrading its facilities to supply ADA access. Greater sidewalk access within developed parklands, benches with transfer pad areas, and many picnic tables are now geared toward disabled access. However, natural parks without paved parking face challenges in providing ADA parking.

The department does strive to supply other devices to promote accessibility in these natural park areas. Mobi-mats and beach wheelchairs are offered, and a golf cart is available to access areas such as Egan's Creek Greenway.



Maintenance and Safety



In the areas of maintenance and safety, some notations were made by members for improvements with either the condition of a park's amenities, or items that may be in need of replacement. Any safety items were immediately referred to the department for repair or replacement.

Overall, the members of the committee reported the condition of the City's parks and facilities to be in good condition. Most citizens also confirmed this assessment in giving the City's parks and recreation facilities a good to excellent rating for maintenance.

It is to be noted that some of the items reported as concerns in the online assessment reports, on the third page of each park facility, have already been resolved. However, other concerns, such as further ADA access, worn amenities requiring expensive upgrades may be expressed elsewhere as goals or objectives in the Action Plan located in the Implementation Section or in the Recommended Comprehensive Plan: Goals, Objectives, and Policies Section.

Section 2: Existing Parks and Recreation System

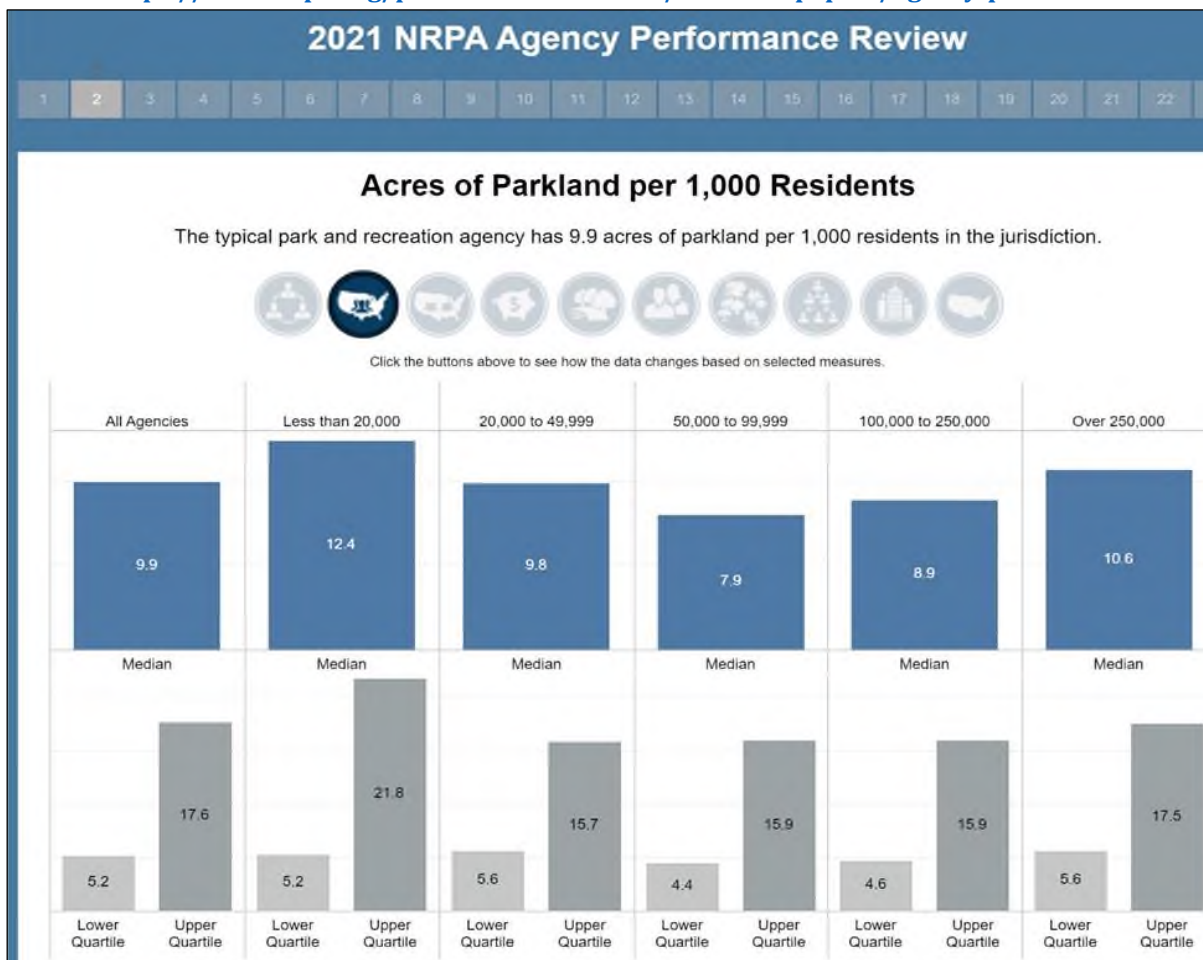
2.01 Existing Parkland: Level of Service

Over the years the amount of parkland allocated to residents of states, counties, and municipalities has traditionally been viewed as a measure of quality of life for its citizens. The higher the number of acres of parkland, the higher the quality of life. Parkland has also become highly valued in municipalities in providing a sanctuary from traffic congestion, asphalt, and concrete. Research has shown that parkland lowers temperature levels which prevent heat islands. Not only do parks provide space for outdoor activity and exercise, they have also been shown to reduce crime and raise property values.

Presently the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan utilizes a minimum standard of 12 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. No minimum standards have been recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The NRPA allows communities to determine their desired quality of life with the amount of parkland they wish to offer their residents. **Utilized as a quality-of-life indicator, Fernandina Beach is well placed with an estimated 26.73 acres per 1,000 residents (seasonal population included)** (Appendix F).

The 2021 National Recreation and Parks Association Averages of Parkland Per 1,000 Residents

Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>



To offer some perspective on the variation between municipalities: New York City offers 2.83 acres per 1,000 residents (2015), Jacksonville, Florida offers 75.3 acres per 1,000 residents (2020), New Orleans offers 71.1 acres per 1,000 residents (2020), Miami Beach requires 4 acres per 1,000 residents (2017 Master Plan).

Section 3: Needs and Priorities Assessment

3.01 Duplication of Services Assessment

In a review of the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) noted a statement by the consultant concerning the department's possible duplication of recreational services in competition with private entities and other agencies in the community. Noting this concern, and the need to comply with Florida statutes, PRAC also collected recreational activity information from other nonprofit and private sector providers in our community (Appendix A). The following information attempted to evaluate overlapping recreational opportunities offered by the City's Parks and Recreation department, private entities, and the nonprofits located within the City limits and its environs.

Florida Statute 163.3177 (6) (e)

(6) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1)-(5), the comprehensive plan **shall include** the following elements:

(e) A recreation and open space element indicating **a comprehensive system of public and private sites for recreation**, including, but not limited to, natural reservations, parks and playgrounds, parkways, beaches and public access to beaches, open spaces, waterways, and other recreational facilities.

Evaluation of Community-wide Recreation Services

The vertical bars in the graphs below depict the estimated number of recreational opportunities offered by all providers for various recreational activities "indicating a comprehensive system of public and private sites for recreation". The recreational opportunities offered by the COFB Parks and Recreation Department are depicted by the blue bar. The Nassau County School system was removed from this evaluation. Members of the committee felt that the school system did not offer recreational activities to the public.

Chart 1

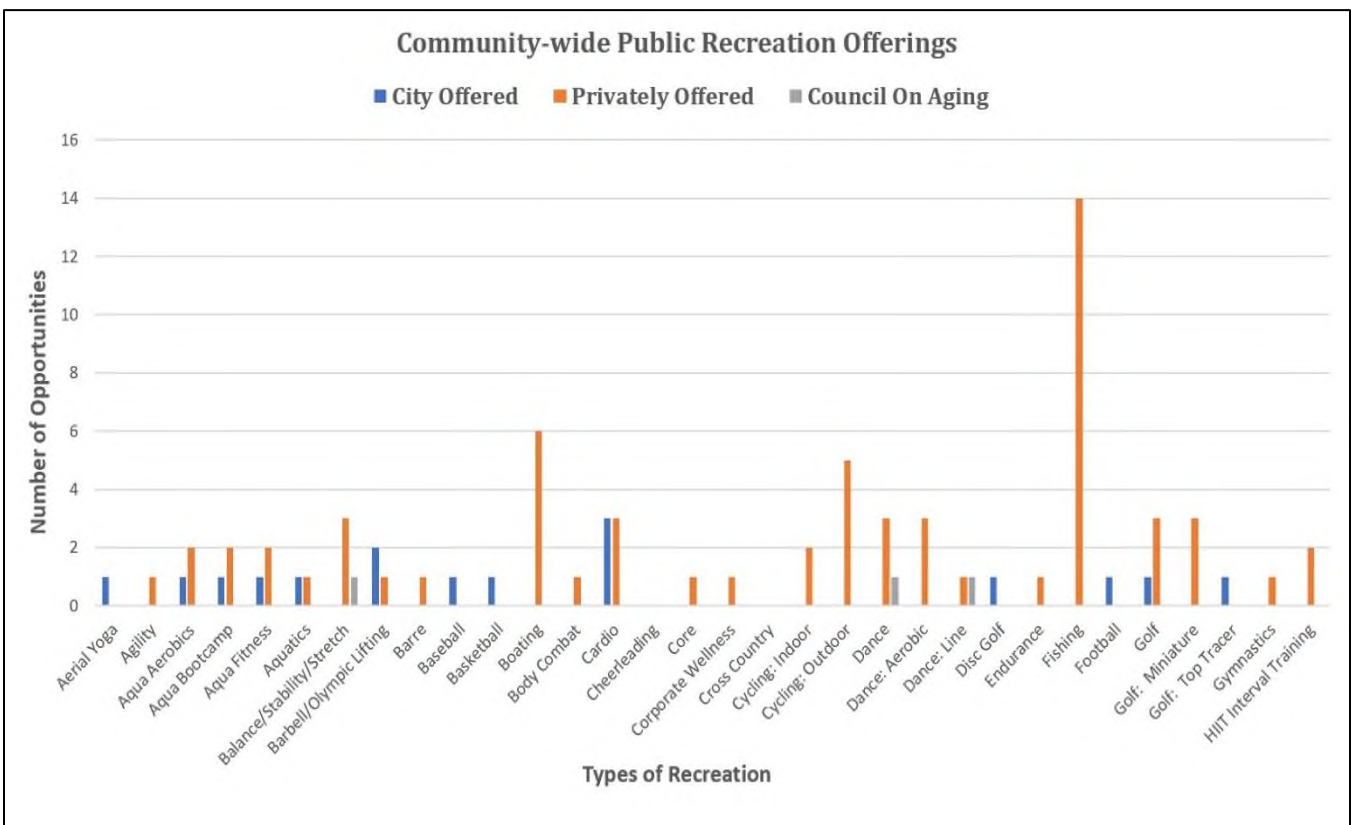
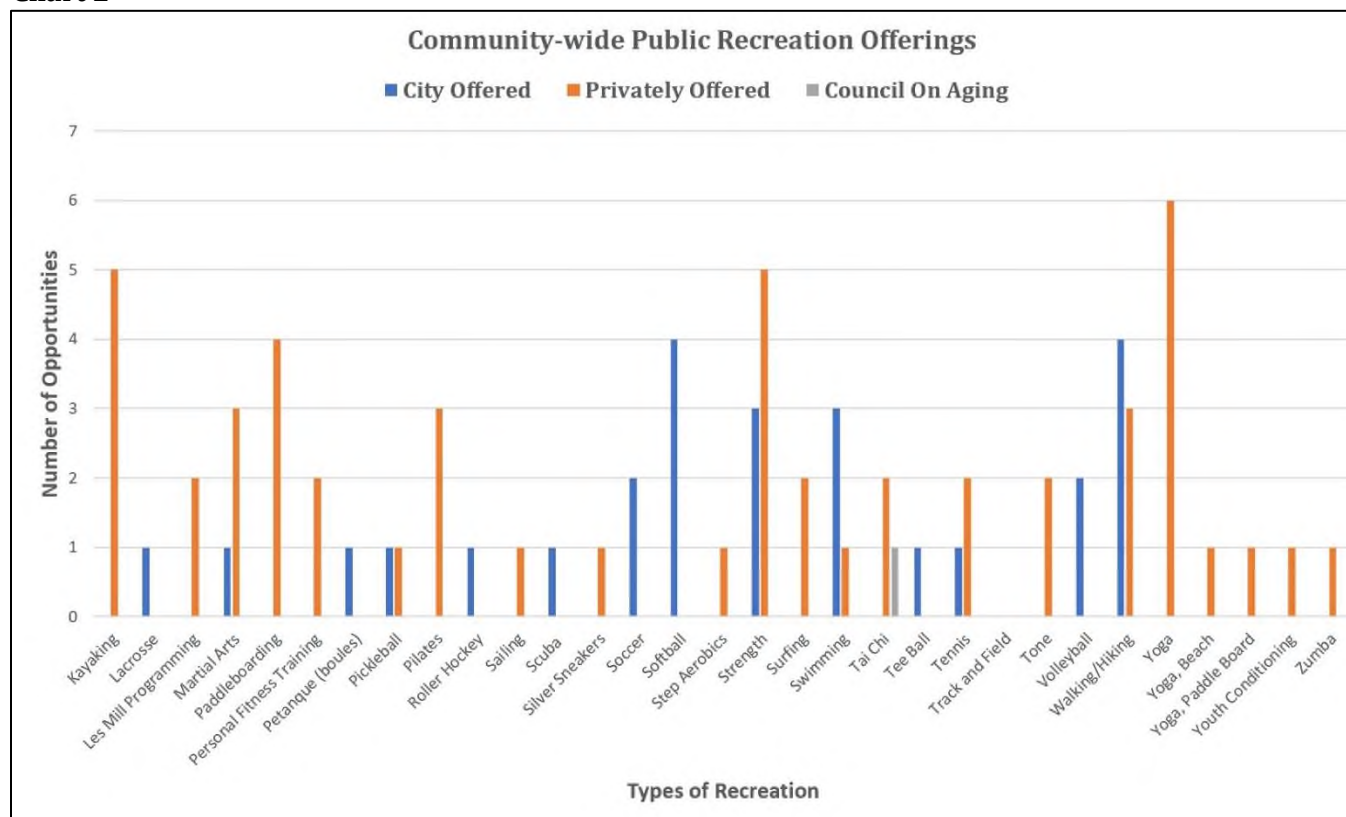


Chart 2

Duplication of Service: Summary of Findings

Lengthy committee discussions provided the following conclusions concerning how to ascertain the unnecessary duplication of a recreational service within the community:

- If department offerings were financially worthwhile to fund an activity's costs, the City should consider keeping the offering despite the duplication of a recreation service offered in the private sector.
- The committee did not have enough data to assess the direct or indirect costs of each City offering to assess a recreational activity's financial viability.
- The committee recommended that the Action Plan request the necessary adequate usage and cost data to evaluate the department's recreational offerings and to further assess any duplication of recreational services that may be occurring in conflict with private entities or other agencies.
- Offerings by the Nassau Council on Aging negates the 2015 Master Plan's recommendation of repurposing the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Center to create a Senior Center.

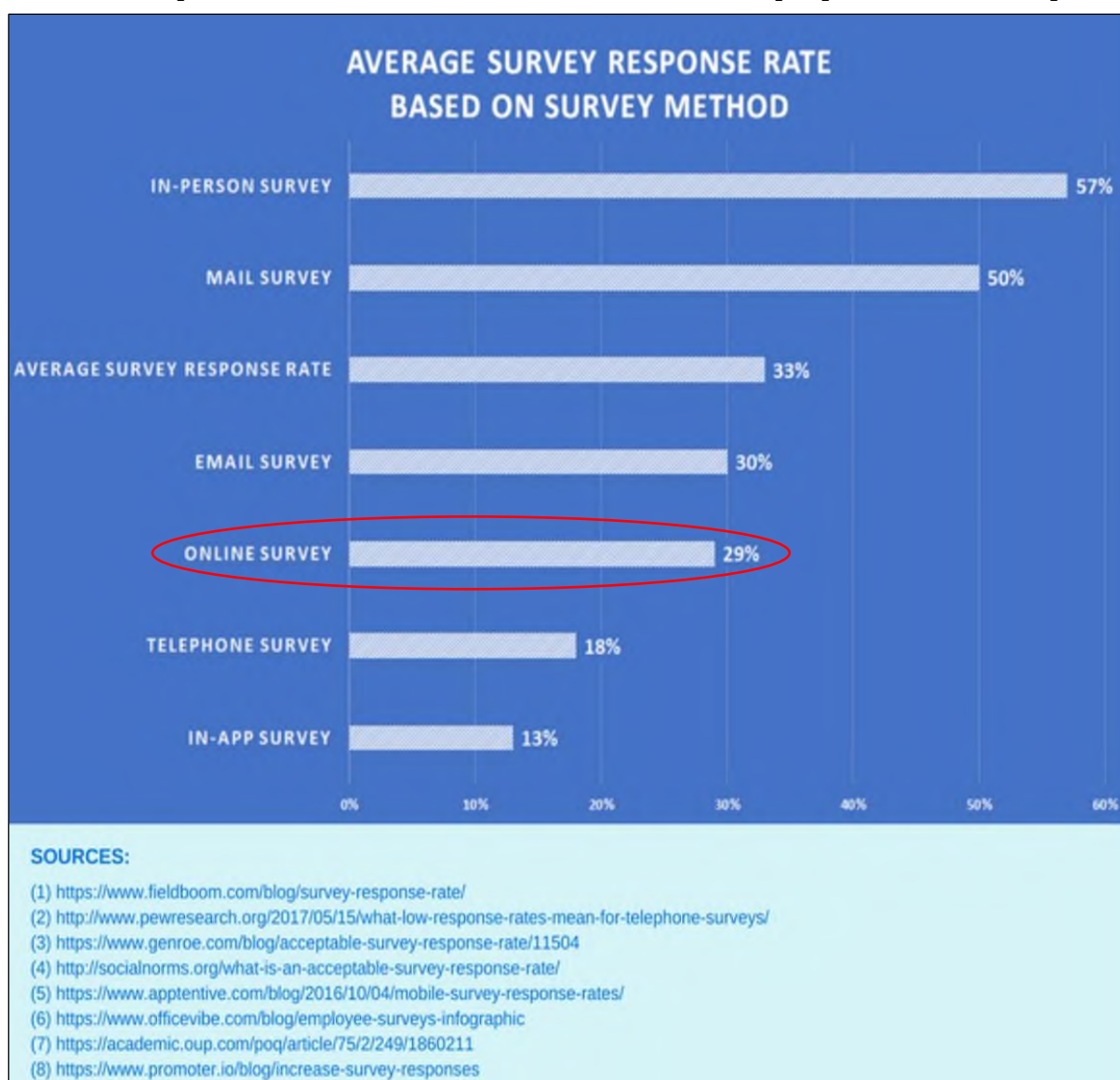
See Appendix A for information about each provider and associated recreational offerings.

3.02 Public Outreach

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, an online or written survey became a critical tool in attempting to assess the recreational needs and priorities of the residents of Fernandina Beach. **The previous 2015 Parks and Recreation survey had produced responses from 624 people, 424 were City residents.** Due to Covid concerns, extraordinary efforts would need to be made to gain survey input from the public since public meetings would likely be limited.

Goal Setting

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee set a goal for citizen participation of **29% of the City's households**. Based on the most recent U.S. Census population data (5/17/2021), the City of Fernandina Beach contained **5,631 households**. With two person households as a general norm in Fernandina, a possible outreach to **1,633 households or 3,266 people could be anticipated**.



Source: <https://surveyanyplace.com/blog/average-survey-response-rate/>

Outreach Devices

To assist in meeting the goal of receiving 1,633 household responses, for two and half months the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and City staff utilized several approaches to reach City residents. A link to the online survey was placed on the City's and the Parks and Recreation websites. The link was shared liberally on social media and placed on Parks and Recreation signage. A paper survey was mailed in utility bills (with various links) and copies were placed at Parks and Recreation facilities.



Take the
Parks & Recreation
Survey!

Scan the Code

Or go to
shorturl.at/sDHUW

To further share the link, a QR code and business cards were utilized. A promotional video was shared online.

Outreach Results

After two and a half months, **the outreach produced responses from 1,200 households.** After separating the resident and non-resident responses, **935 City household responses** were able to be utilized for assessing the recreational needs and priorities of City residents.

A participation level of **2,001 City residents** (people) could be estimated when utilizing the City's 2020 Census average of 2.14 residents per household. **243 non-resident households completed the survey** (an estimated 520 people), and 22 households were not able to be identified as resident or non-resident.

3.03 Citizen Survey

To compile the Citizen Survey questions, the committee opted to utilize the questions from the previous 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In utilizing the same relevant questions, a consistent approach was provided in requesting input from the public. An additional question concerning the cemetery was added to the survey in anticipation of an update to the Bosque Bello Master Plan. The 2021 Citizen Survey questions can be found in Appendix H.

3.04 Citizen Survey Results

Background

All Citizen Survey responses (electronic or paper) were entered into an online Google Form. Despite achieving some uniformity for data collection with online entries, a few open-ended questions in the survey produced many divergent responses on some subjects. All attempts were made to include all responses. However, due to the use of open-ended questions which produced widely divergent responses, responses to open-ended questions were reported in major categories of trends or priorities.

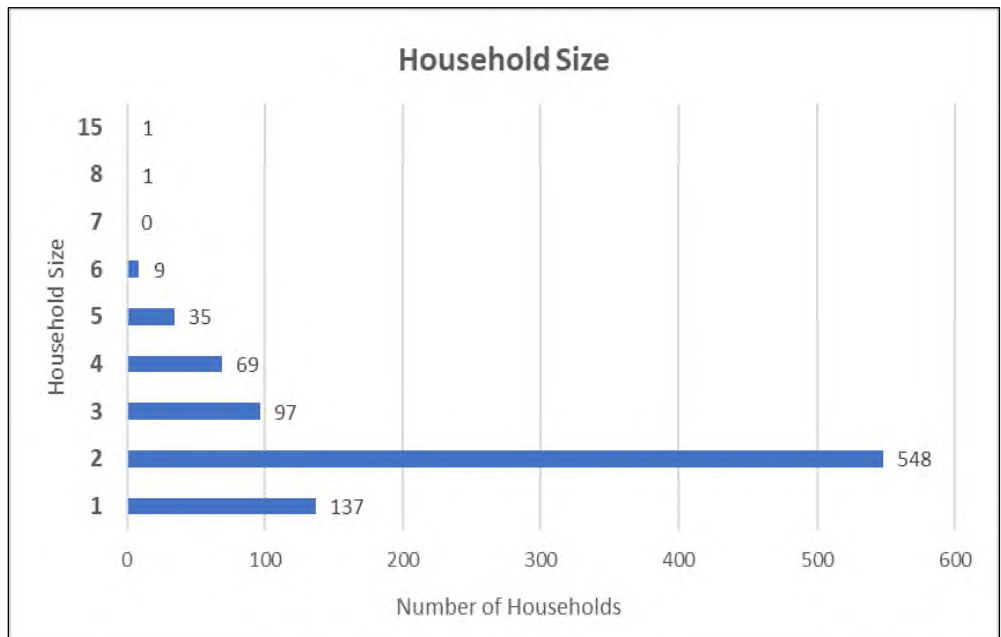
In reporting the results of the survey, a standardized approach was utilized. Each section, at minimum, is depicted with a table displaying the numerical household count to the various responses given to a question, and a corresponding graphic is displayed. **Please note that all counts are by household.** The response count can be estimated to be higher in utilizing a 2-person household count method. The 2020 U.S. Census reports **an average of 2.14 City residents per household.**

Questions and Responses to the 2021 Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey

Question 1: Number of people in your household?

Household Size	Count
1	137
2	548
3	97
4	69
5	35
6	9
7	0
8	1
15	1

Sixty-one (61%) of residents reported living in 2 person households.

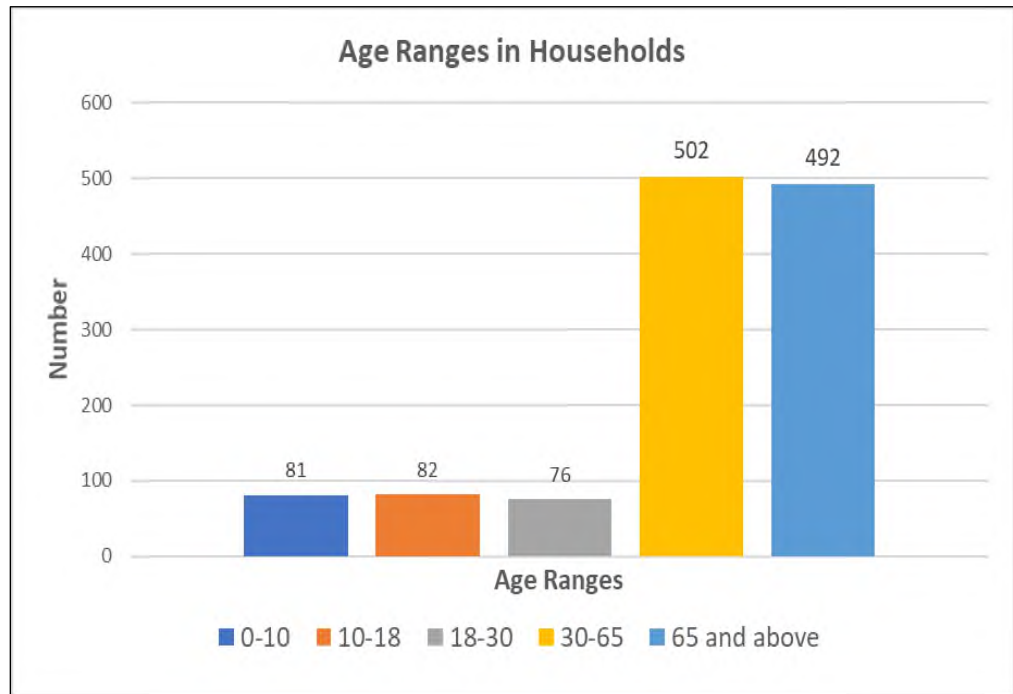


Question 2: Age range of household members? (Select all that apply.)

Age Profile	Count
0-10	81
10-18	82
18-30	76
30-65	502
65 and above	492

The City's 2020 U.S. Census data was confirmed with a rise in the number of age 65 and above respondents.

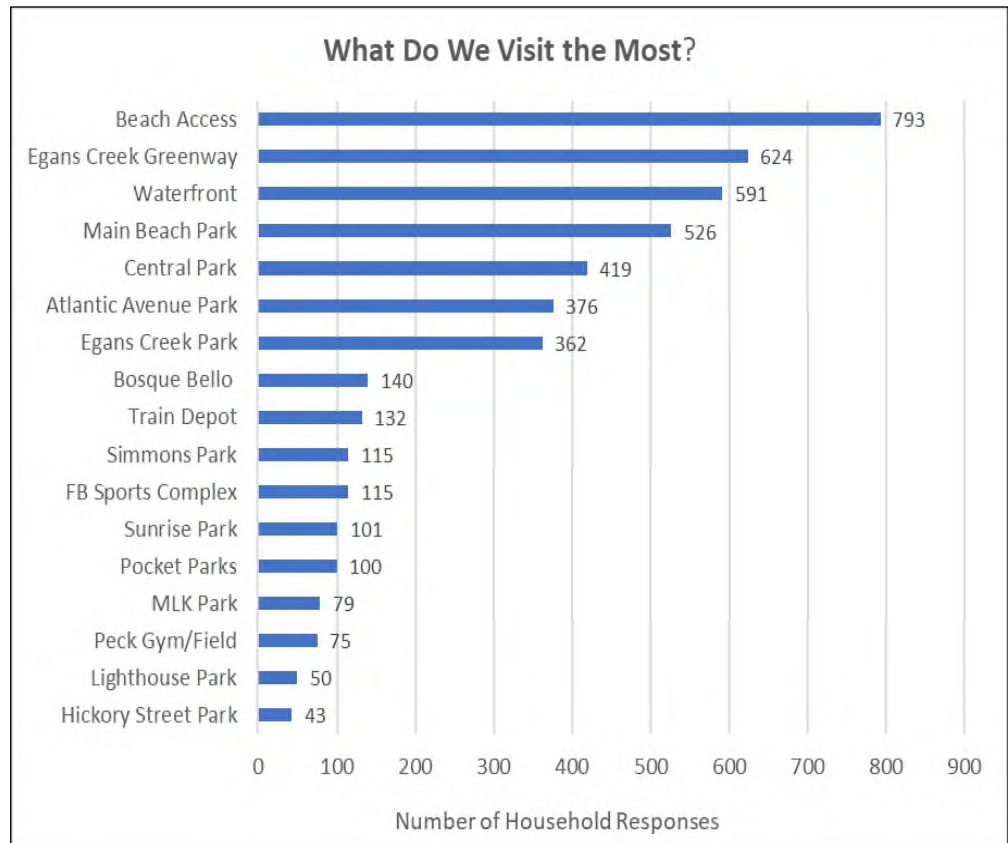
And due to the survey's overlap in age group classifications, it should be noted that additional age 65 members in the 30-65 age class could be added to the 65+ age range.

**Question 3: Which City parks, open spaces, or recreation facilities do you visit most often? (Select all that apply.)**

Park Name	Count
Beach Access	793
Egans Creek Greenway	624
Waterfront	591
Main Beach Park	526
Central Park	419
Atlantic Avenue Park	376
Egans Creek Park	362
Bosque Bello	140
Train Depot	132
FB Sports Complex	115
Simmons Park	115
Sunrise Park	101
Pocket Parks	100
MLK Park	79
Peck Gym/Field	75
Lighthouse Park	50
Hickory Street Park	43

Almost 85% of the respondents reported visiting the beaches.

Over half frequented the Greenway, the Waterfront, and Main Beach Park.

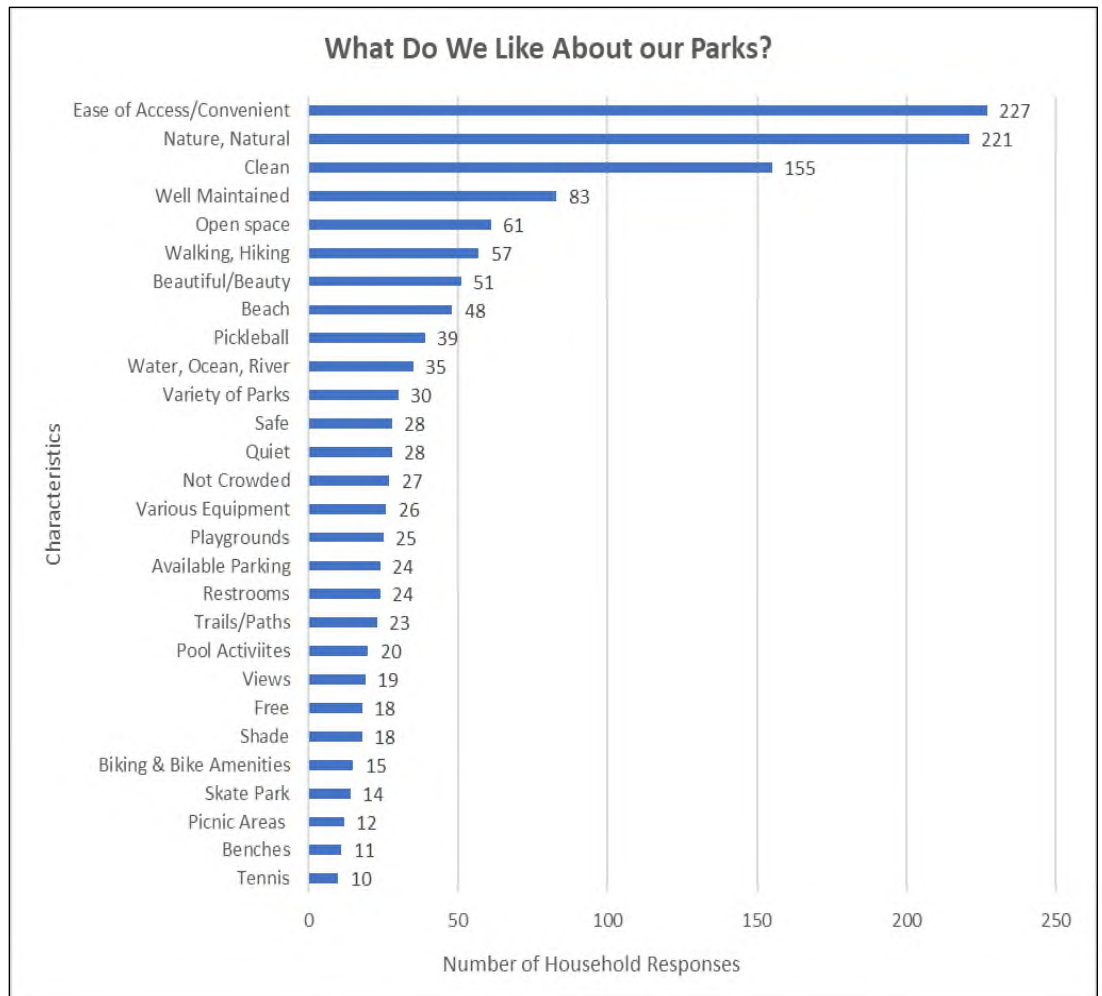


It may be important to note that the top two parks frequented the most by residents are open space areas. And the parks that have traditionally received the least amount of past City funding and maintenance are in the top three of the City's most visited parklands.

Question 4: What do you like most about the parks you visit?

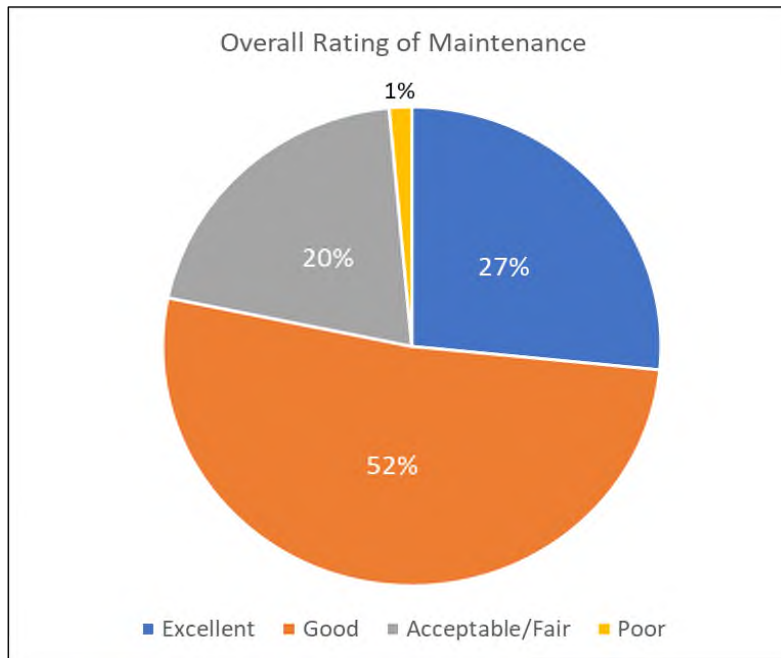
As an open-ended question, this question elicited numerous, divergent responses. For the sake of collecting meaningful trends, some responses were categorized. *Ease of Access* contained responses such as convenient, I can walk or ride my bike there, they are near my house, or are close by. *Nature or Natural* contained responses such as their parks were natural, they enjoyed nature, or enjoyed viewing nature. No prompts or specific selections were offered in the survey.

Characteristic	Count
Ease of Access	227
Nature, Natural	221
Clean	155
Well Maintained	83
Open space	61
Walking, Hiking	57
Beautiful/Beauty	51
Beach	48
Pickleball	39
Water, Ocean, River	35
Variety of Parks	30
Quiet	28
Safe	28
Not Crowded	27
Various Equipment	26
Playgrounds	25
Restrooms	24
Available Parking	24
Trails/Paths	23
Pool Activities	20
Views	19
Shade	18
Free	18
Biking & Bike Amenities	15
Skate Park	14
Picnic Areas	12
Benches	11
Tennis	10



Question 5: How would you rate the level of maintenance of the City's parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces?

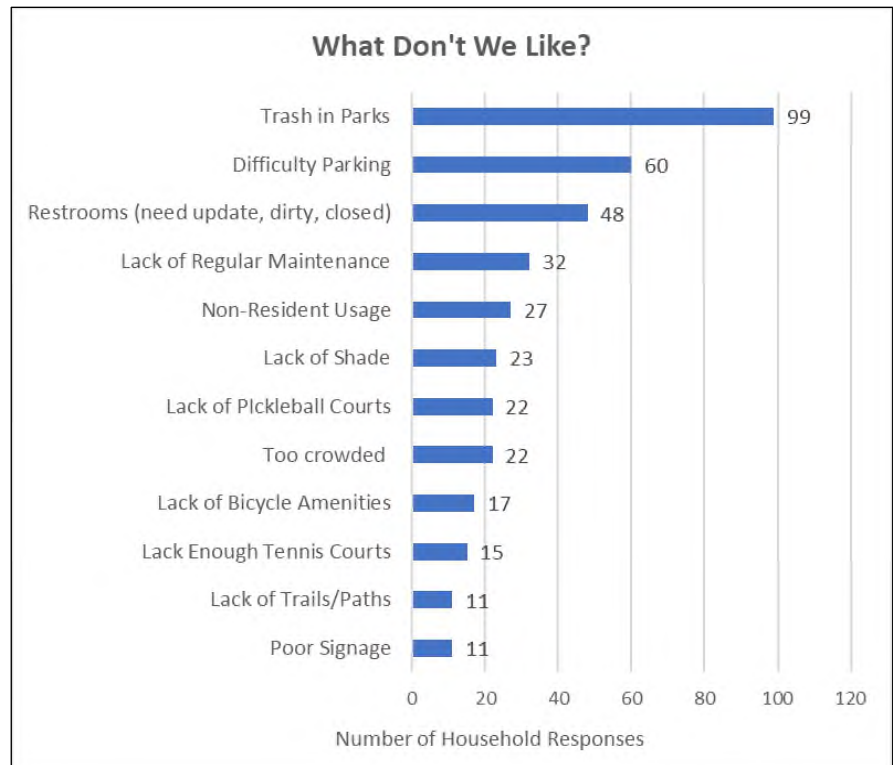
Rating	Count
Excellent	237
Good	461
Acceptable/Fair	181
Poor	13



Question 6: What do you dislike about the parks you visit, and/or any other parks in the City?

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee specifically requested the wording of this question. Generally viewed as a negative question, members felt strongly that they wanted honest responses and genuine reactions to what residents did not appreciate about their parks. Again, as an open question, it elicited various responses. However, some basic trends did emerge. Responses less than 10 were not reported. No suggestions for responses were provided by the survey. Many left no answer to the question.

Disliked Item	Count
Trash in Parks	99
Difficulty Parking	60
Restrooms (need update, dirty, closed)	48
Lack of Regular Maintenance	32
Non-Resident Usage	27
Lack of Shade	23
Too crowded	22
Lack of Pickleball Courts	22
Lack of Bicycle Amenities	17
Need More Tennis Courts	15
Poor Signage	11
Lack of Trails/Paths	11

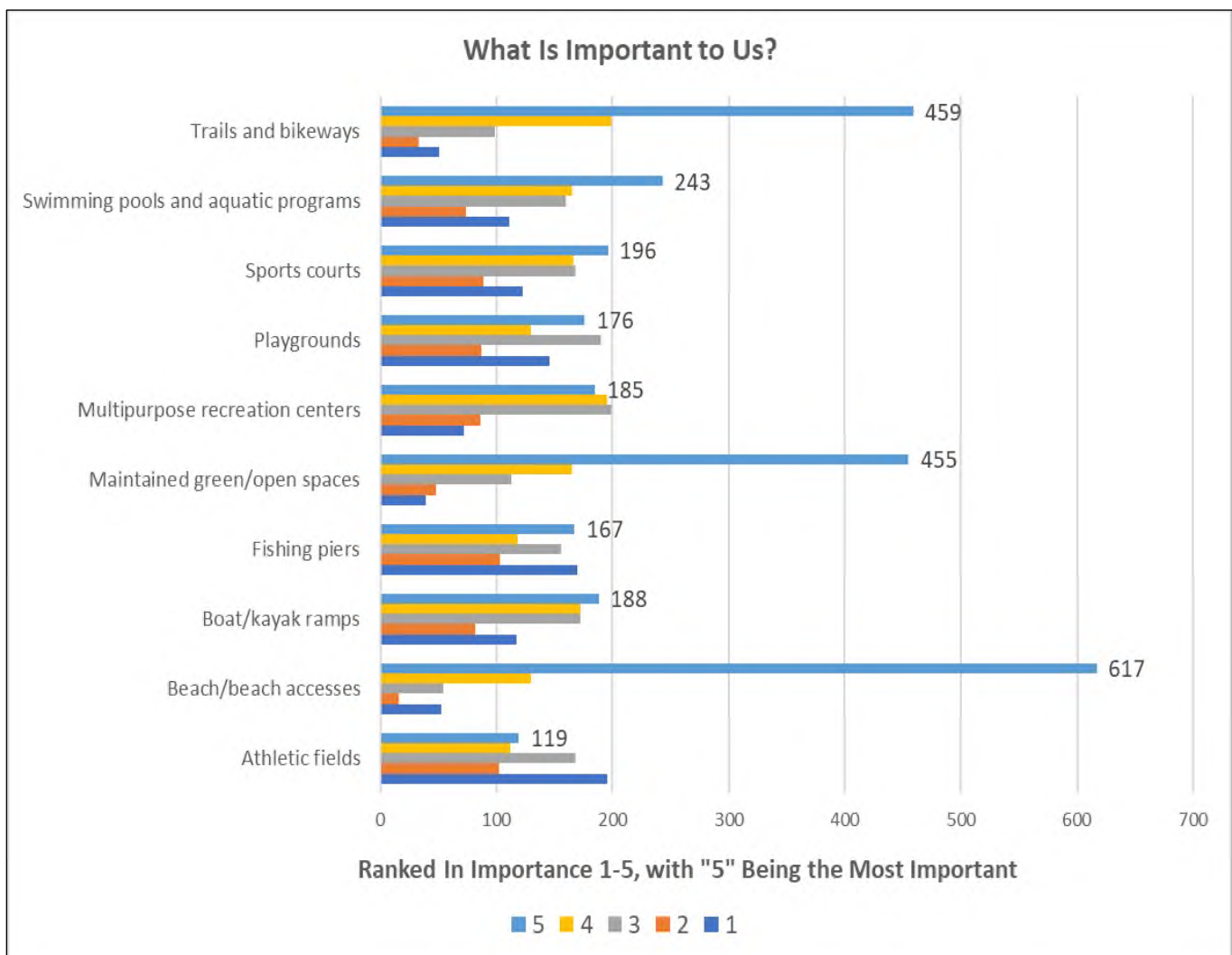


Question 7: What types of parks and recreation facilities and open spaces are most important to you? Rank them 1-5, with 5 being the most important.

Respondents were given a limited choice of 10 categories which presently exist within the City's recreational offerings. They were asked to rank them by level of importance to them. **Overwhelmingly Beach/beach accesses (617), Trails and bikeways (459), and Maintained green/open spaces (455) dominated the "5" ranking of "most important" to City residents.**

Most Important 5, to Least Important 1	1	2	3	4	5
Athletic fields	195	102	168	112	119
Beach/beach accesses	52	16	54	130	617
Boat/kayak ramps	117	82	172	172	188
Fishing piers	170	103	155	118	167
Maintained green/open spaces	39	48	113	165	455
Multipurpose recreation centers	72	86	199	195	185
Playgrounds	146	87	190	130	176
Sports courts	123	89	168	166	196
Swimming pools and aquatic programs	111	74	160	165	243
Trails and bikeways	51	33	99	199	459

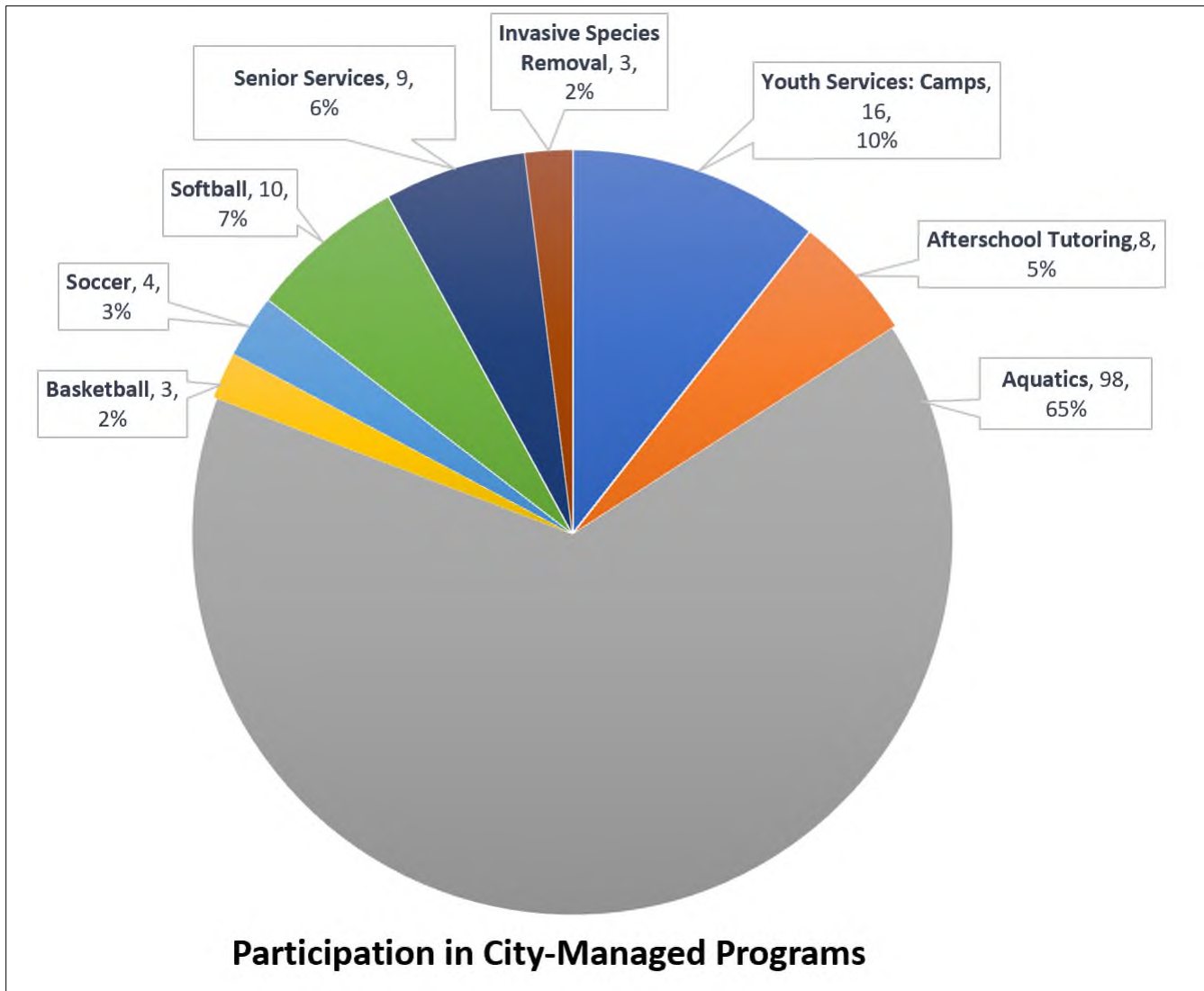
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Multipurpose recreation centers	185
Playgrounds	176
Fishing piers	167
Athletic fields	119



Question 8: Do you or your family participate in any of the City's recreation programs/activities? Please list:

Without a list of programs **solely managed** by the Parks and Recreation department, some programs listed by respondents were not City programs. Only responses that were solely managed by the City of Fernandina Beach were reported in the information below. Any household responses that were mistakenly made as City programs, but were actually private vendors, were appropriately reported separately below. A total of 151 residents' household responses were able to be reported as utilizing City programs.

The usage of the City's pools, aquatic fitness classes, and swim lessons produced the largest amount of usage of activities and programs solely managed by the department.



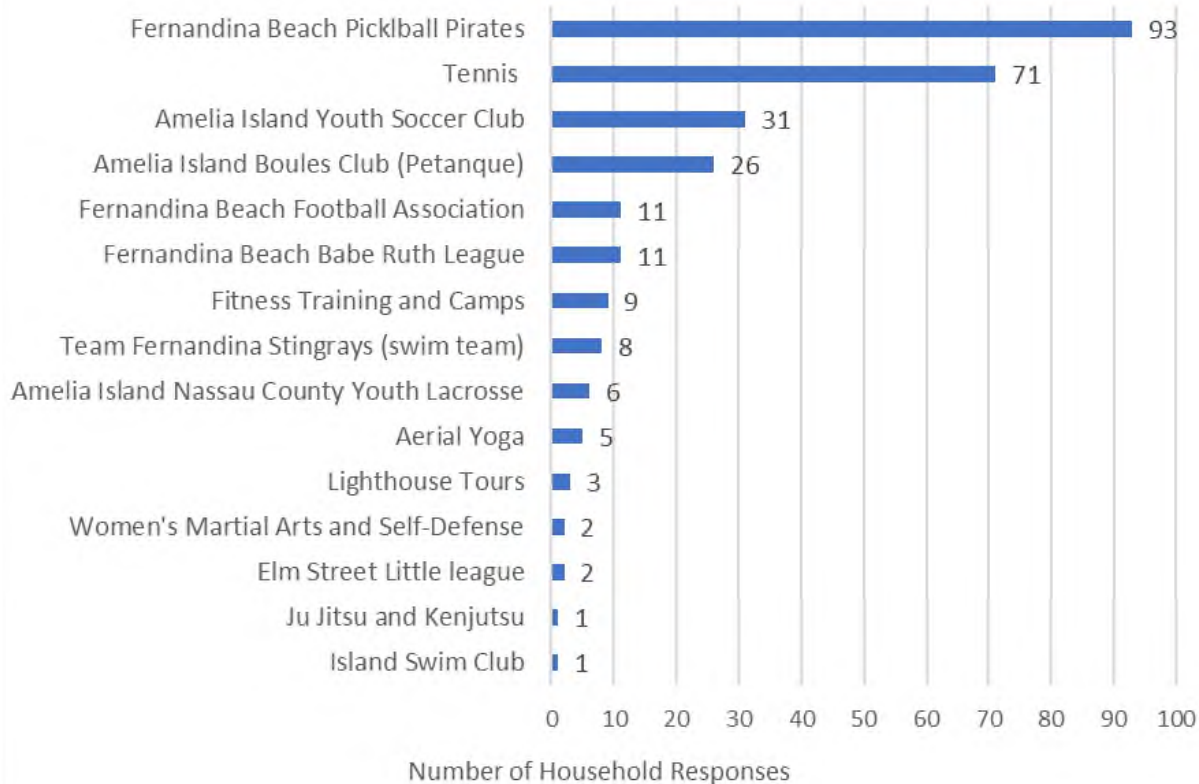
City Sponsored: 3rd Party Vendors Programming

Other recreational programs sponsored by the City of Fernandina Beach are offered by private groups, instructors, leagues, individuals, or private entities. *The programming offered by 3rd party vendors constituted 65% of residents' usage of City recreational programming.* A total of 280 City households reported utilizing the services of these City-sponsored groups.

(The Lighthouse Tours are offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.)

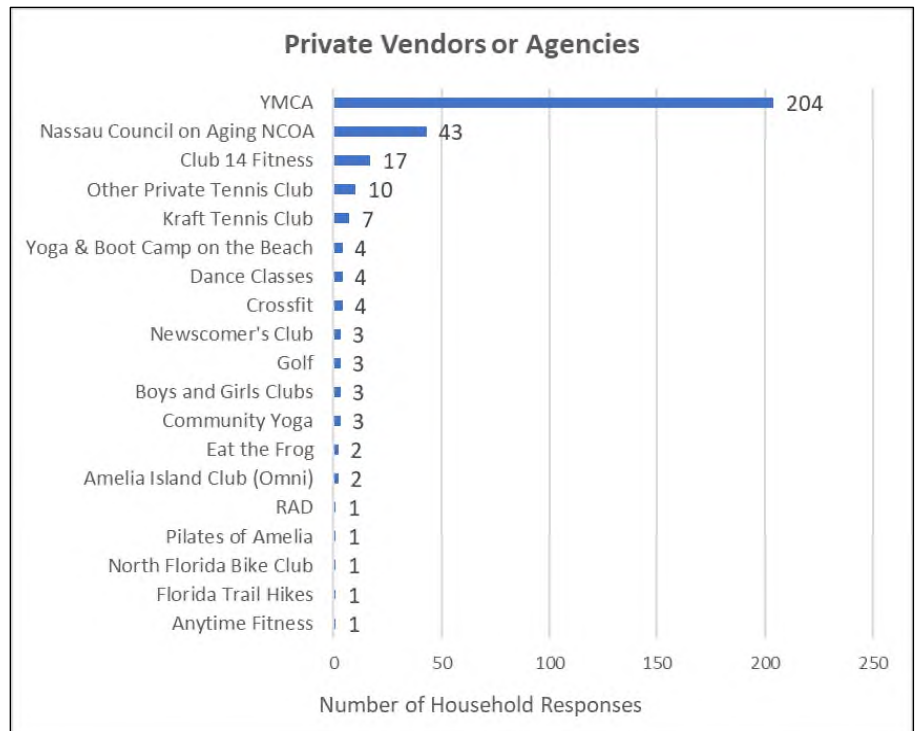
City Sponsored: Third Party Vendors	Count
Fernandina Beach Picklball Pirates	93
Tennis	71
Amelia Island Youth Soccer Club	31
Amelia Island Boules Club (Petanque)	26
Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth League	11
Fernandina Beach Football Association	11
Fitness Training and Camps	9
Team Fernandina Stingrays (swim team)	8
Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse	6
Aerial Yoga	5
Lighthouse Tours	3
Elm Street Little league	2
Women's Martial Arts and Self-Defense	2
Island Swim Club	1
Ju Jitsu and Kenjutsu	1

City Sponsored: 3rd Party Vendor Participation



Question 9: Do you participate in recreation programs/activities offered by other recreation providers (i.e., YMCA, Council on Aging, Boys and Girls Club, workout facilities, etc.)? Please list:

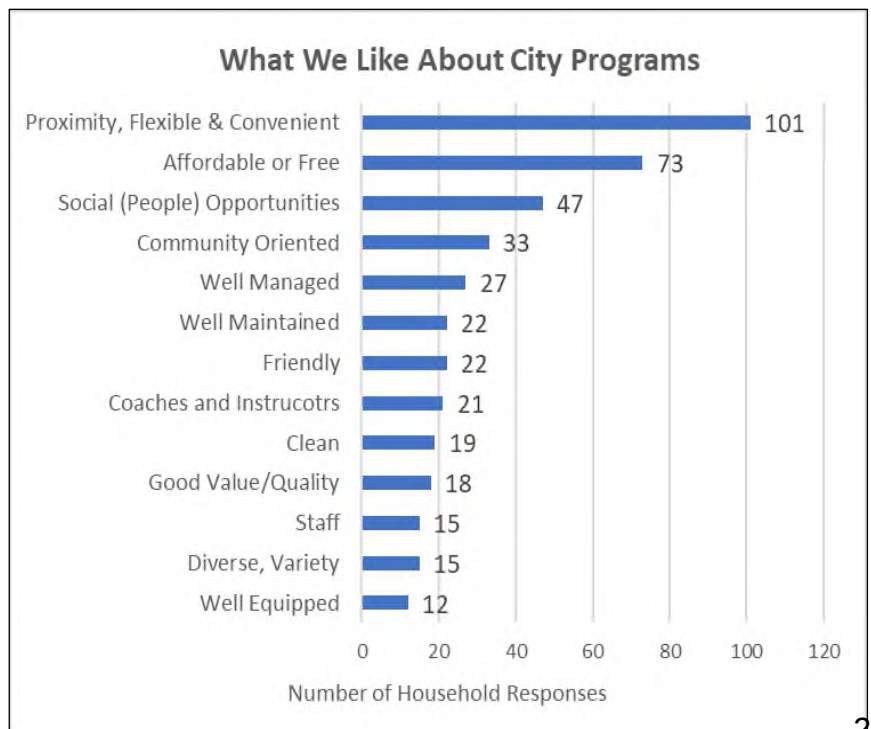
Private Entity or Agency	Count
YMCA	204
Nassau Council on Aging NCOA	43
Club 14 Fitness	17
Other Private Tennis Club	10
Kraft Tennis Club	7
Crossfit	4
Dance Classes	4
Yoga & Boot Camp on the Beach	4
Community Yoga	3
Boys and Girls Clubs	3
Golf	3
Newscomer's Club	3
Amelia Island Club (Omni)	2
Eat the Frog	2
Anytime Fitness	1
Florida Trail Hikes	1
North Florida Bike Club	1
Pilates of Amelia	1
RAD	1



Question 10: What do you like most about the City programs/activities in which you participate?

No prompts for responses were offered in the survey question. Residents' responses to the open-ended question mostly indicated that City residents enjoyed having their recreational programming nearby, or it was convenient, and they also appreciated their access to free or affordable programs and activities.

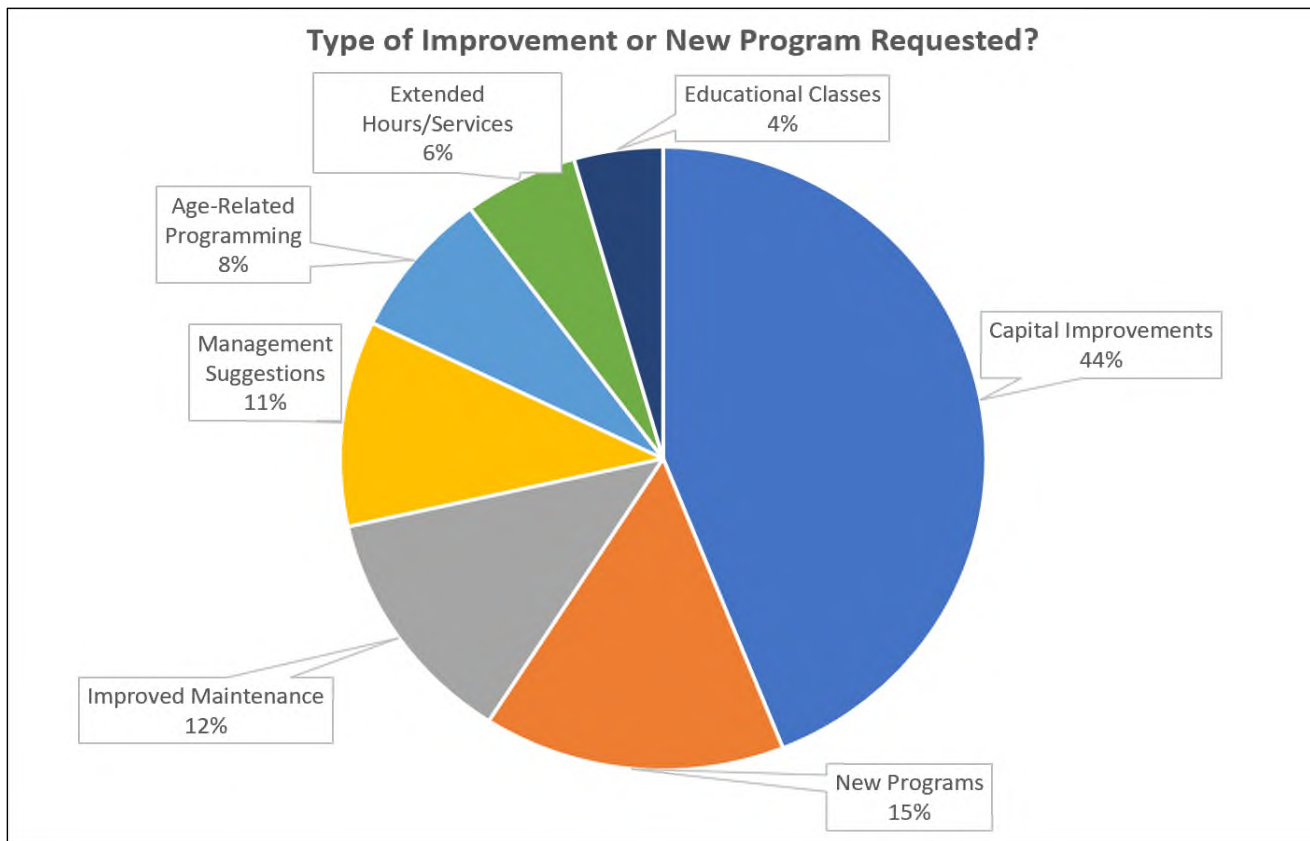
Characteristic	Count
Proximity, Flexible & Convenient	101
Affordable or Free	73
Social (People) Opportunities	47
Community Oriented	33
Well Managed	27
Friendly	22
Well Maintained	22
Coaches and Instrucotrs	21
Clean	19
Good Value/Quality	18
Diverse, Variety	15
Staff	15
Well Equipped	12
Kid Friendly	9
Safe	9
Not Crowded	8
Inclusive	5
Special Events (Music, Christmas, etc.)	5
Educational	4
Family Oriented	4
Quiet	2



Question 11: What improvements or new programs should be added to the City Parks and Recreation Department?

This question elicited the most diverse responses from any of the questions in the survey. As an open-ended question, **no group of more than 5% of the citizenry requested an agreed upon, single improvement to add to the department.** Though most requests focused on some type of capital improvement (construction and/or replacement), **none emerged as a community-wide request.** A significant number requested continued improvement in the maintenance of the existing parks and facilities, another offered management suggestions such as not adding anything more to the department. Due to the openness of the question, there were many singular responses.

Due to the widely divergent nature of the responses, the **largest types of requests** were depicted in the pie graph below. Data located below the pie graph focused on the top requests for Capital Improvements, New Programs, Age-Related Programming, and Management Suggestions. For a complete, detailed listing of all responses, see Appendix I.



Type of Improvement	Count
Capital Improvements	276
New Programs	95
Improved Maintenance	78
Management Suggestions	67
Age-Related Programming	48
Extended Hours/Services	36
Educational Classes	28

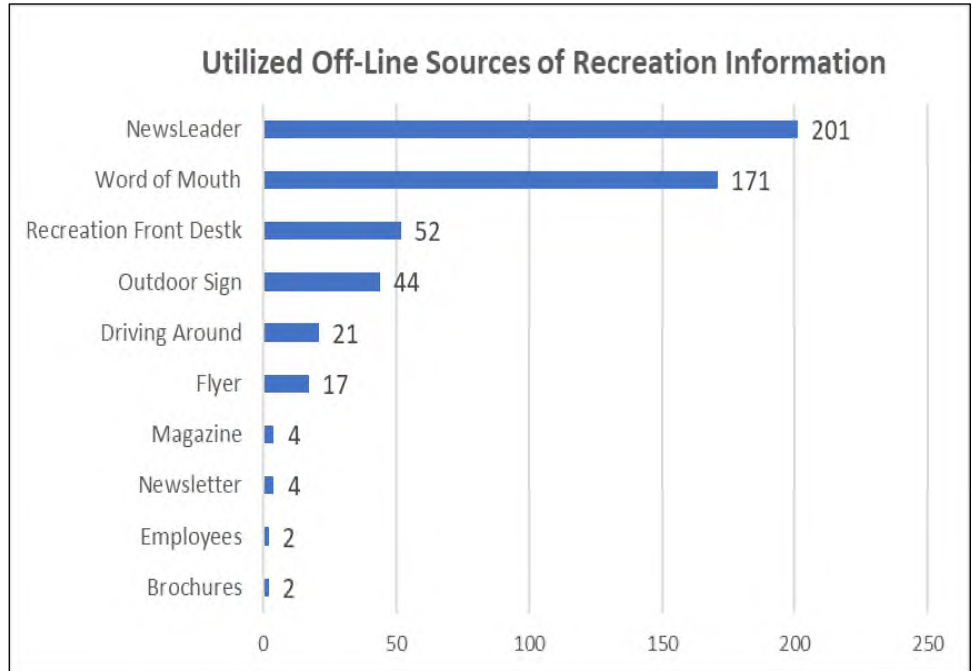
Top 5 Capital Improvements	Count
Bike/Walking Paths	45
Pickleball Courts	36
Skate Park Improvements	24
Tennis Courts	16
New Aquatic Center	14
Top Program Suggestion	
Fitness and Wellness Classes	10

Top Age-Related Programs	Count
Low Cost Kid Activities	15
Senior Trips	6
Senior Fitness Classes	5
Top Management Suggestion	
We Have Enough, No More	37
Charge Non-Residents	8

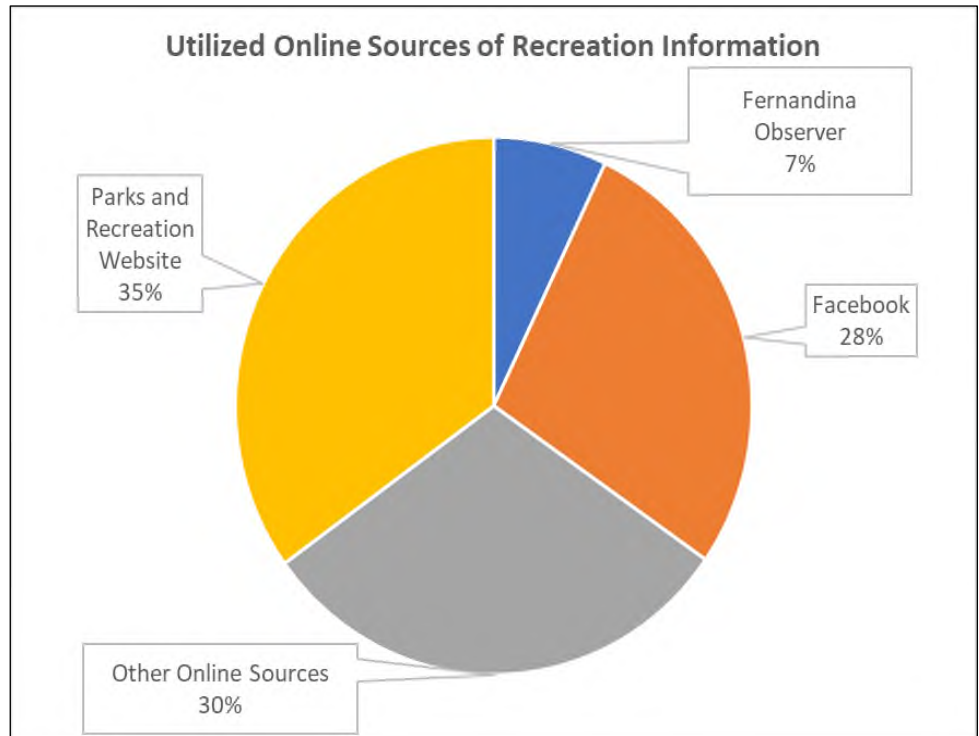
Question 12: How do you find out about the parks and recreation facilities and programs offered by the City?

The largest number of residents discovered the department's facilities and programs by reading the News Leader newspaper (201) and utilizing a "word of mouth" method (171). Both methods were closely followed by the use of online services such as the Parks and Recreation website (128), Facebook (101), and other social media platforms (111).

Off-Line Sources	Count
NewsLeader	201
Word of Mouth	171
Recreation Front Desk	52
Outdoor Sign	44
Driving Around	21
Flyer	17
Newsletter	4
Magazine	4
Brochures	2
Employees	2



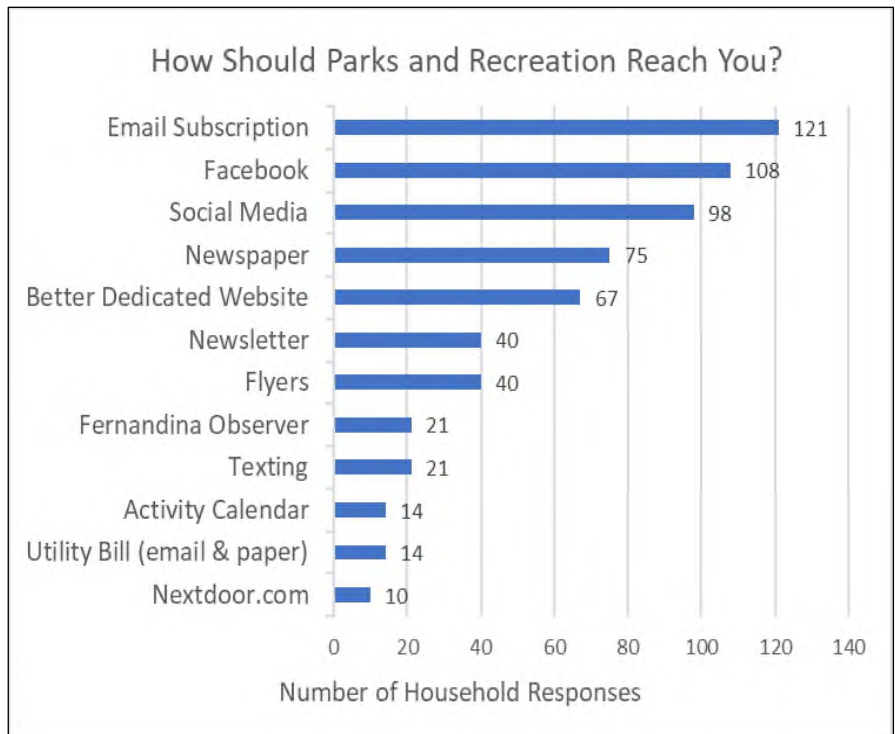
Online Sources	Count
Parks and Recreation Website	128
Other Online Sources	111
Facebook	101
Fernandina Observer	26



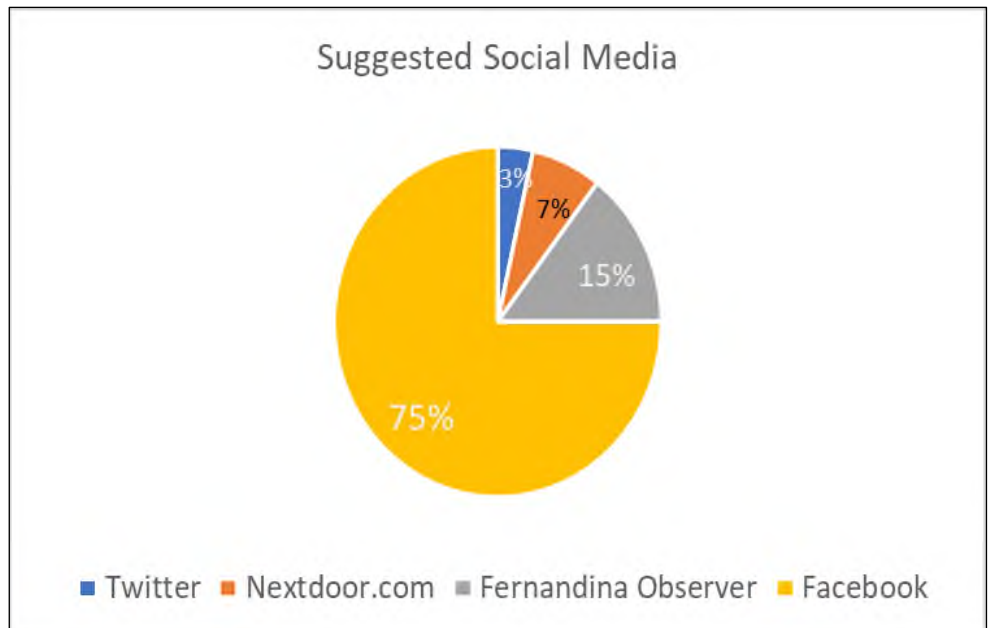
Question 13: How could the City communicate to residents about parks and recreation opportunities more effectively?

Many residents recommended that the Parks and Recreation department give them information about City recreation opportunities through an email subscription, Facebook, or other social media platforms.

Suggested Method of Communication	Count
Email Subscription	121
Facebook	108
Social Media	98
Newspaper	75
Better Dedicated Website	67
Flyers	40
Newsletter	40
Texting	21
Fernandina Observer	21
Utility Bill (email & paper)	14
Activity Calendar	14
Nextdoor.com	10
Twitter	5
Event Reminders	2
City Meeting Staff Announcements	1
Press Releases	1
Ministers, Congregations	1
PTA	1
HOA	1



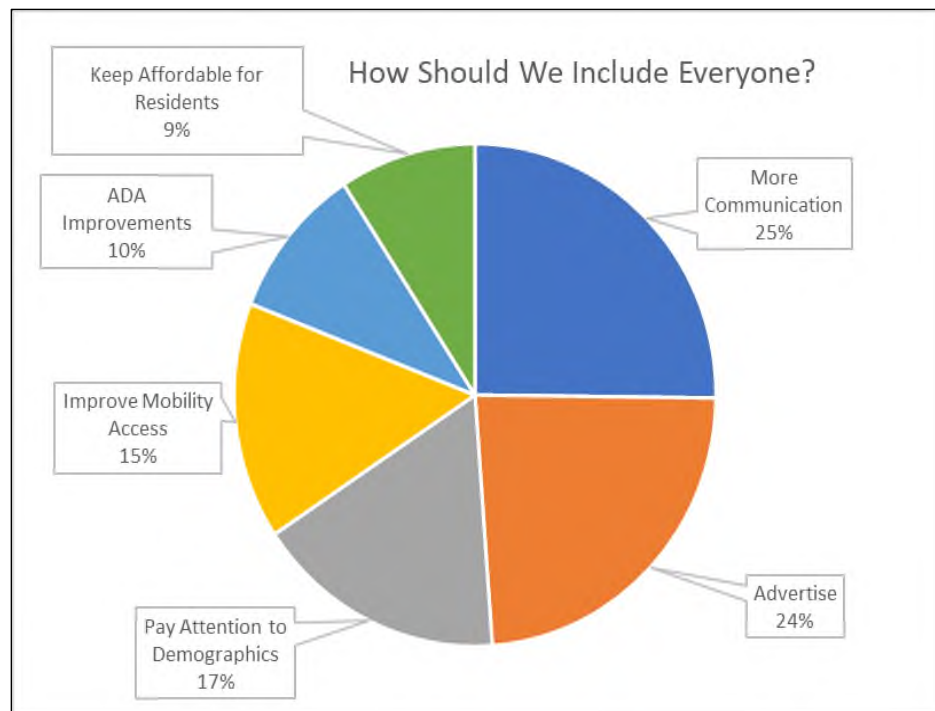
Social Media Breakdown	Count
Facebook	108
Fernandina Observer	21
Nextdoor.com	10
Twitter	5



Question 14: How could the City improve opportunities for residents of all ages, genders, and abilities to participate in parks and recreation programs and facilities?

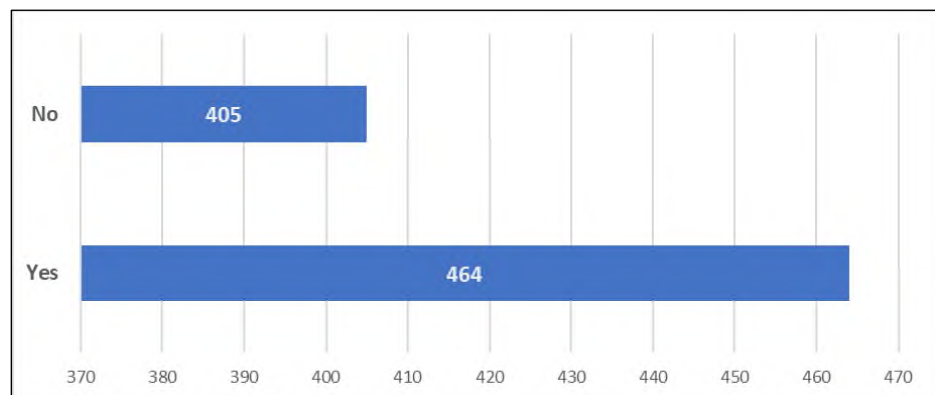
Of all of the questions in the survey, this question evoked the least number of responses. Though limited and diverse in nature, most responses focused on finding ways to better communicate the department's offerings to residents. Some specifically focused on more advertising through social media and the newspaper. They also seemed to focus on a need to further meet the needs of specific age groups' needs. Some recommended that the department increase ADA access. Increased mobility and access, such as more walking paths and bike paths, safe bike lanes, adding public transportation, and the inclusion of ramps on beach walkovers were suggested. To further the awareness of offerings, respondents suggested that the department offer Open Houses, a First Month Free program, send newsletters, improve the website and add a calendar of times and activities such as what is available on the YMCA's website. Some thought that a more collaborative approach could be achieved by reaching out to churches, giving out flyers at schools, approaching colleges to have students teach fitness classes, and talking to the YMCA.

Suggested Strategies	Count
More Communication	33
Advertise	31
Pay Attention to Demographics	22
Improve Mobility Access	20
ADA Improvements	13
Keep Affordable for Residents	12
More Parking	9
Extend Hours	8
Surveys	5
More Partnerships	4



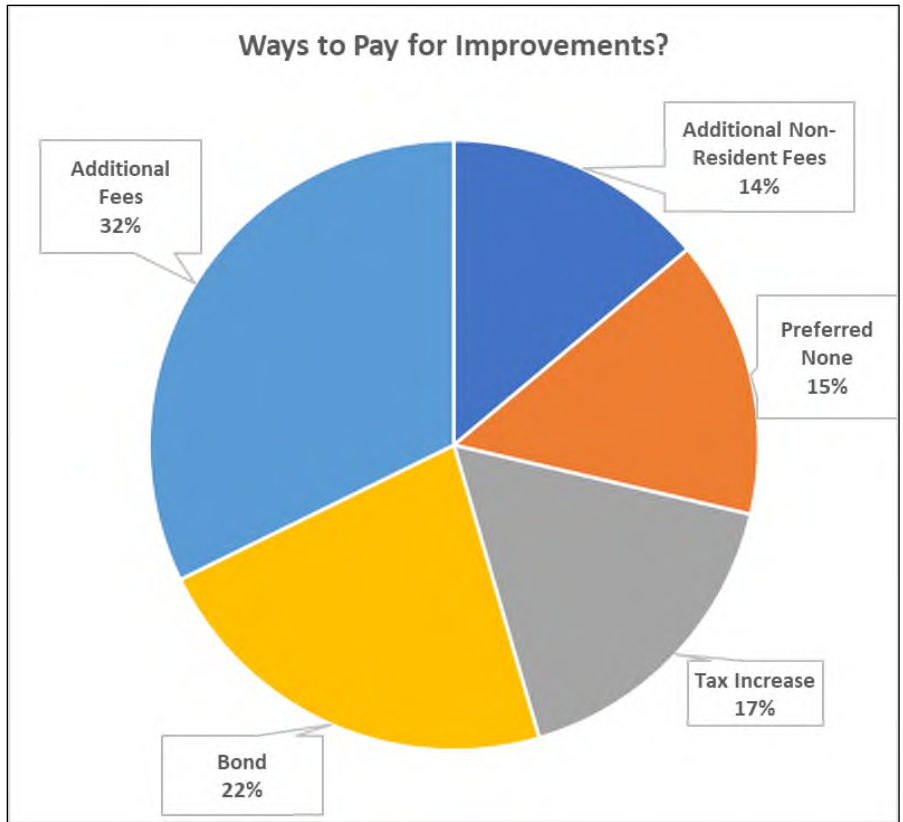
Question 15A: Would you support additional fees, a bond issue, or tax increases to pay for improvements to the City's parks, recreation, and open space system? (1/2)

Response	Count
Yes	464
No	405

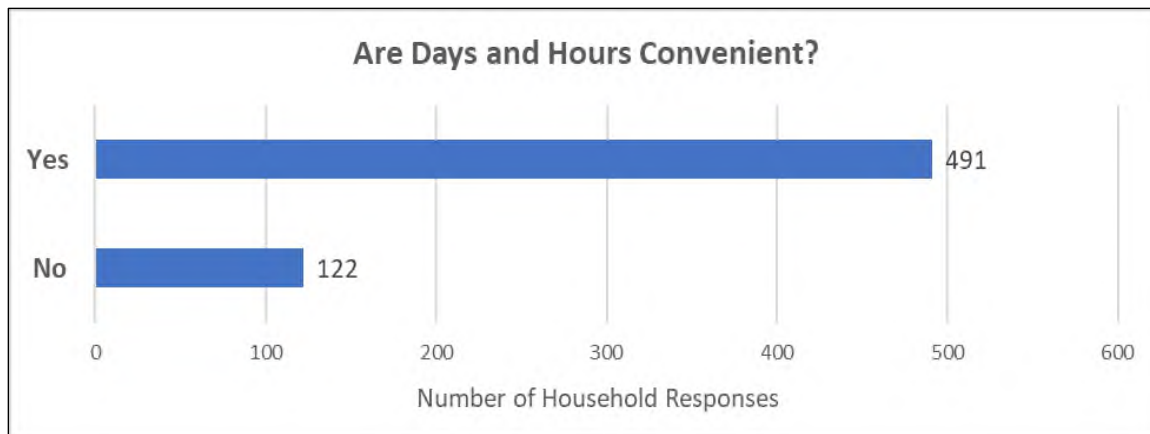


Question 15B: Which method do you prefer? (2/2)

Preferred Methods of Funding	Count
Additional Fees	232
Bond	160
Tax Increase	121
Preferred None	106
Additional Non-Resident Fees	100
Manage Money Better	35
Non-Resident Paid Beach Parking	11
County Government	9
Impact Fees	8
Fundraising	7
Grant Funding	5
Sales Tax	4
Toll Bridge	3
Conduct a Study	2
Donors	2
Public/Private Partnerships	2
Volunteer Involvement	2
Autoshow Tickets	1
Developer to Add Open Space	1
Gas Tax	1
Hotel Tax	1
Roud Up Utility Bills	1
Sell Land	1
Sponsorships	1



Question 16: Do the presently available hours and days of operation of the City's facilities and programs meet you and your family's needs? If not, please explain.

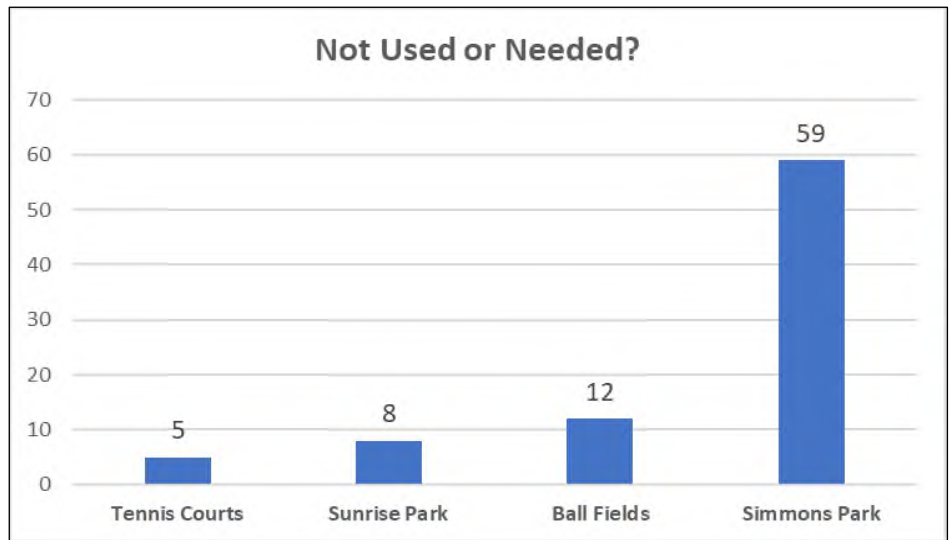


Response	Count
Yes	491
No	122

How "No" Respondents Suggested Better Access	Count
Extend Pool Hours	43
Extend Hours of Atlantic Fitness Center	38
Open Atlantic Fitness Center on Sundays and Holidays	18
Evening Activities to Accommodate Working Residents	12
Extend Hours of Beach Parking Access at Seaside Park	8
Restrooms: Open Earlier and Close Later	7

Question 17: Are there any parks and recreation facilities or programs that you believe are not used or not needed?

Unused or Not Needed	Count
Simmons Park	59
Ball Fields	12
Sunrise Park	8
Tennis Courts	5
Peck Center	4
Golf Course (too many holes)	4
Playgrounds (too many)	4
Day care/After Care	3
MLK Fields	2
Lighthouse	2
Atlantic Fitness Center	2
Pickleball Courts	2
MLK Pool	1
MLK Center	1
Bosque Bello Cemetery	1
Airport	1

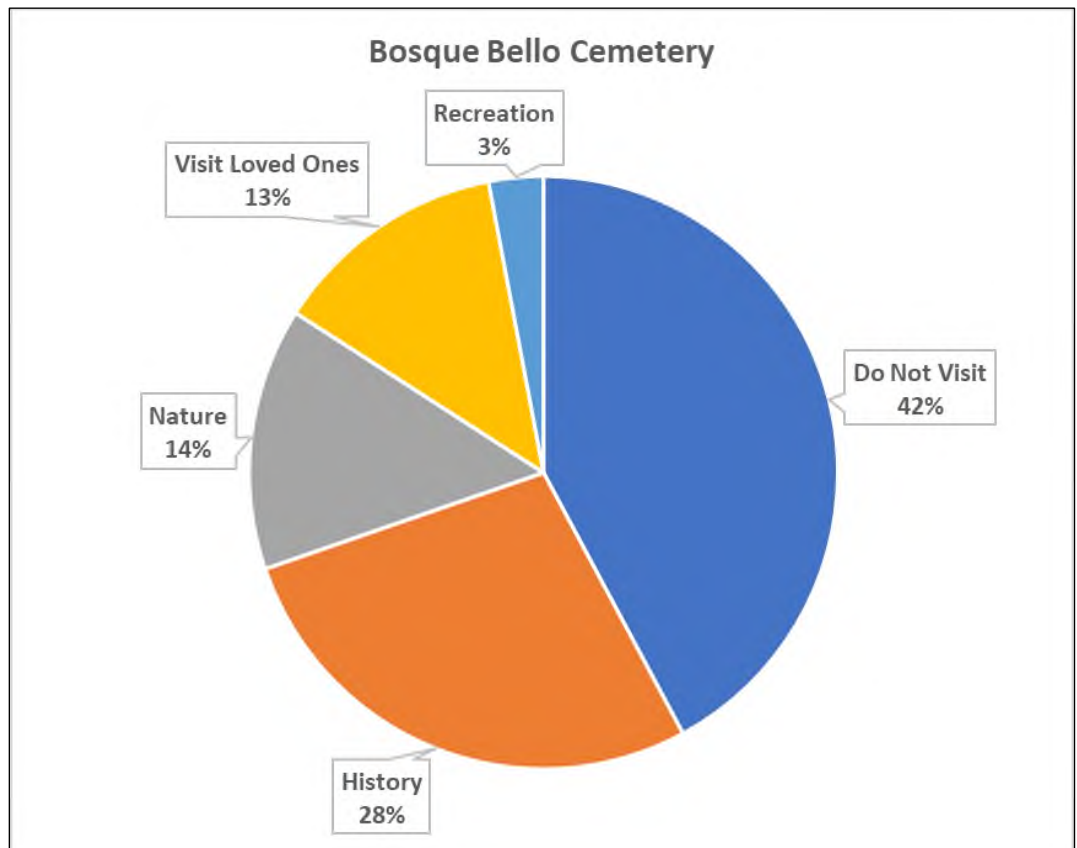


Question 18: Do you visit Bosque Bello Cemetery? If so, why?

In anticipation of an update to the Bosque Bello Cemetery Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee added Question 18 to the survey. **Over twice as many households visited the cemetery to discover its history rather than visit loved ones.** Three households expressed a desire for a columbarium. Some responded in comments that they did not know the cemetery existed, or where it was located.

Response	Count
Do Not Visit	394
History	258
Nature	134
Visit Loved Ones	121
Recreation	28

Recreation Use	Count
Recreation	17
Walk	5
Meditation	1
Photography	1
Run	1



Section 4: Long Range Parks and Recreation Vision

4.01 Parks and Recreation Vision

*Florida Statute 163.3177 (1) The comprehensive plan shall provide the principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies for **the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development** of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements.*

The following sources of information were utilized to compile the Parks and Recreation department's Vision for 2030:

1. Citizen Survey responses.
2. Data from the City's changing demographic and socioeconomic profile.
3. The presently available resources of the Parks and Recreation department's parklands and facilities.
4. Present fiscal restraints of declining Impact Fee funding.
5. The growing seasonal population and increases in tourism populations.
6. The growth of privately offered opportunities for recreation.
7. The population growth rate of neighboring Nassau County.
8. Present fiscal budgetary restraints which require the development of new revenue streams to construct, replace, and enhance the maintenance of, the City's parks and facilities.

Long Range Parks and Recreation Vision Statement

The Parks and Recreation department of Fernandina Beach will continue to strive to provide convenient access to all recreation services and facilities for all races, disabilities, and socio-economic and demographic segments of the city's population. Age-appropriate programming for newly-arrived demographic groups will further encourage social cohesion to enhance and maintain the City's sense of community. Passive utilization and maintenance of the city's open spaces, conservation lands, and greenways will further meet citizens' desires to be immersed in nature, provide additional bike paths and trails, increase opportunities for greater access, and further promote resiliency in protecting undeveloped lands. Additional revenue sources derived from seasonal populations, tourism, state and local governments, and sponsorships by private businesses will provide additional funding to further promote the fiscal security required for the continued maintenance of the City's recreational programming, and first-class parklands and facilities.



Section 5: Implementation Plan

Solely in an advisory capacity, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) offers the following recommendations to further “reflect community commitments to implement the plan and its elements”, F.S. 263.3177(1).

5.01 Guidelines Utilized

1. Florida Statute 263.3177 (1) The comprehensive plan shall provide the principals, guidelines, standards and strategies for the orderly and balanced **future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development** of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements. These principles and strategies shall guide future decisions in a consistent manner and **shall contain programs and activities to ensure comprehensive plans are implemented.**

2. The City of Fernandina Beach Comprehensive Plan: Goals, Objectives, Policies

3. 2015 Master Plan, page 66: The City develop a process to “prioritize proposed improvements to the Parks and Recreation programs and facilities derived from a list of criteria which may include:



- a. The top priority needs of City residents.
- b. Projects that generate economic, social, and environmental benefit for the City.
- c. Projects that will encourage or strengthen partnerships with other public/private agencies.
- d. The utilization of leveraged public funds.
- e. Projects that create high quality, long-lasting facilities that represent the City’s values.
- f. Programs and facilities that will help the City achieve its ultimate parks and recreation vision.”

5.01 Action Plan

Note: All Comprehensive Plan references for Goals, Objectives, or Policies noted below are related to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City’s adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Goal 1: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the City’s **future economic development** and **fiscal development** the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

1.01 Prior to April 30 of 2022, the City Manager hire a Parks and Recreation staff member to provide the services necessary to create for-profit revenue streams as recommended by the consultant, PROS Consulting in 2019. “Other communities that have a business development person on staff or contract have experienced a 7:1 return on investment - \$7 in outside revenue for every \$1 spent on salary.” <https://fernandinaobserver.com/city-news/whither-parks-and-rec-consultant-suggests-changes/> (Policies 6.02.04, 6.06.06, 6.06.08)

- a. The City Manager, upon Commission approval, set reasonable goals and expectations for the position of a business development person in a contract or salary, based on production.
- b. Prior to September 30 of 2023, the business development person (BDP) offers at least one for-profit digital, educational, historical, or ecological video/tour which targets the tourist or seasonal population. (Policies 06.10.08, 6.06.07)
- c. Within one year and 6 months of the date of hiring, the BDP increase the for-profit revenue streams of the Parks and Recreation Department to a minimum of 100% excess over compensation as determined by the City Manager and reported at a regular meeting of the City Commission.

- d. Annually in the month of November, the BDP present the Income Statement (profit/loss statement) for an evaluation of for-profit services to the City Manager and the City Commission.

1.02 Prior to June 1, 2022, the Parks and Recreation department initiate the process of certification with the National Recreation and Parks Association which assists with cost controls and provides grant funding opportunities. (Objective 6.01, Policies 6.01.02, 6.01.03, 6.01.03)

1.03 Annually, in the month of June, the Parks and Recreation department notify the City Manager of any under-utilized recreational facility space that may be offered for lease to an outside agency or private entity for recreational use. (Policy 6.01.03)

- a. In July of each year, available lease space is publicly noticed for recreation use.
- b. At year-end of 2023, all under-utilized facility space be leased or utilized.

1.04 The Parks and Recreation department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee further promote less costly construction and maintenance costs. (Policies 6.01.02, 6.0.04, Objective 6.03)

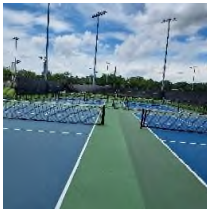
- a. The PRAC and the department further promote the less costly use of passive recreational programming within existing and future parkland while maintaining existing sites and facilities for active use when required by the City Commission.
- b. The Parks and Recreation department and PRAC will encourage outside agencies and private entities to invest in the Parks and Recreation facilities and programs of the City of Fernandina Beach. (Policy 6.06.06)



(1) Prior to January, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department provide usage numbers for all recreational services by residency in utilizing a variety of methods of data collection at each usage center. These methods may include, but are not limited to (depending on the site);

- (a) Further utilization of card scanners.
- (b) Installation of counting devices such as noninvasive beacons or geofencing.
- (c) Other electronic or manual devices that may also provide sources of revenue.

(2) Prior to June 1, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department provide “cost center” data for all recreational parks, services and facilities which includes:



- (a) Maintenance costs
- (b) Utility costs
- (c) Personnel costs
- (d) And other general costs associated with the generally accepted accounting of costs.

(3) Include in the Monthly Staff Report usage numbers for all recreational services by residency.

(4) With a minimum of 75% compliance, the department and the PRAC request a proportional share of funding, based on usage, or need of residents and non-residents, from the Nassau County Parks and Recreation department, other agencies or private entities prior to the approval of the construction or replacement of new or existing recreation facilities in the City of Fernandina Beach. (Objective 6.11, Policies 6.02.04, 6.06.06)

(a) In the form of a request letter, the department, with the approval of the City Manager, solicit funding from outside and private entities for new projects, replacements, or renovations utilizing usage data.

(b) The PRAC notify the City Manager and the City Commission of recommendation for requests for outside agency funding in a Notice of Communication.



(5) Annually, in the month of July, at the recommendation of staff, the PRAC incrementally suggest to the City Manager and the City Commission reasonable deadlines for the discontinuation of services for non-resident usage of specific programs or facilities to meet the service needs of City residents and to encourage future county investment in City or County facilities. (Objective 6.02)

(6) The PRAC and the department encourage the Amelia Island Conference Center and Tourism Bureau to participate in the construction and the development of for-profit recreation programming and facilities for the seasonal population. (Policy 6.06.06)



(a) Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC request the most recent seasonal population numbers and for-profit program recommendations from the Amelia Island Conference Center and Tourism Bureau.

(b) Annually, in the month of April, the Parks and Recreation department recommends seasonal population programming to the PRAC.

(c) Annually, in the month of May, the PRAC notify the City Manager and the City Commission by Notice of Communication of recommended seasonal population programming.

(6) Annually in the month of March, the department shall recommend parkland, facility, field, court, and sports fees to assist with the maintenance and capital costs of City recreational offerings based on cost recovery data. (Policy 6.06.06)

Goal 2: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the **future social development** of the City's residents the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

2.01 The department incrementally develop recreational programming which further promotes inclusion and social cohesion utilizing data from the most recent Parks and Recreation Survey, usage data, and census data. (Policies 6.01.01, 6.01.02, 6.01.03)

a. The department encourage a growing older population and the City's new and diverse populations of all abilities within the community to socially interact with the introduction of games or activities such as, but not limited to:

(1) chess, checkers, or backgammon in the park.

(2) lawn game tournaments such as corn hole, horse shoes, lawn darts, Petanque, or other social lawn games.

(3) "Meet and Greet" opportunities.

(4) weekly planned invitational "theme walks".

(5) introduce a "City Newcomers Club" to acquaint newcomers to the City's many recreational activities, parks and amenities.

b. Annually, in the month of February, the PRAC evaluate the department's programming to ensure community-wide needs of Goal 2.01 are met.

c. Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC notify the City Manager through a Notice of Communication of the progress of attaining Goal 2.01.

2.02 The department further develop recreational programs and support the construction of recreation facilities based on future requests for services from the City Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

2.03 The PRAC, annually, in the month of August, maintain and update the City's Parkland Acreage Level of Service which reflects the quality of life desired by the community. (Objective 6.02, Policy 6.02.06)

a. Utilizing a Notice of Communication, the PRAC, annually, in the month of September, notify the City Manager of the City's updated Parkland Acreage Level of Service.

2.04 Prior to January of 2023, the department conduct outreach to the community with a quarterly newsletter through the survey-suggested methods of email subscriptions, print, and other forms of social media. (Policy 6.01.02(d), 6.08.05)

Goal 3: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities assist with the most efficient **physical development** of recreational facilities the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

3.01 Prior to June 1, 2022 the City Manager and City Commission approve funding for a City-wide bicycle, golf cart, or an alternative mode of transportation study to provide citizen-requested safe bike lanes, more walkability, and easier mobility access within the city limits (Objective 6.04, Policies 6.04.01, 6.04.03).

3.02. Prior to August 31 of 2022, the PRAC construct a written criteria to prioritize approval for the construction or replacement of all new Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

a. In September of 2022, the PRAC notify the City Manager and City Commission by Notice of Communication of the criteria's completion.

b. In October of 2022, the City Manager request City Commission approval of the recommended criteria.

3.02 The PRAC annually evaluate capital improvements to be included in the Parks and Recreation 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (Policy 6.03.2).



a. Annually in the month of December, the PRAC request a departmental list of suggested capital improvements to be included in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

b. Annually, in the month of March, the PRAC recommend to the City Manager and City Commission the funding of a reviewed and suggested Parks and Recreation 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

3.03 Prior to August 1, 2023, the department construct a suggested future consolidation of services and facilities management plan. (Objective 6.03)

a. Prior to September 30, 2023, the PRAC recommend to the City Commission a department-approved future consolidation of services and facilities management plan.

b. Prior to December 1, 2023, the City Commission adopt a future consolidation of services and facilities management plan.

3.04 The department promote the construction of multipurpose courts, rather than specific use courts, to meet the future diverse needs of court usage when new sport court construction is warranted. (Objective 6.03)

3.05 The PRAC shall request annually, in the month of March, a list of all Conservation lands acquired by the City in the previous year from the Planning and Conservation Department for possible future passive recreation utilization. (Objective 6.06, Policy 6.06.03)

Goal 4: To ensure that Parks and Recreation programs and facilities protect and maintain the City's **environmental** assets the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends:

4.01 The Parks and Recreation department plant shade trees adjacent to existing shade structures to lower future maintenance costs and shade structure replacement costs. (Goal 6.05, Policy 6.01.02(e).

a. Annually, in the month of October the department shall notify the PRAC and the City Manager of trees planted to supplement and replace shade structures.

4.02 The PRAC and the department continue to further prevent the creation of heat islands in the City by maintaining and increasing the City's tree canopy.

b. Annually, in the month of October, the department notify the PRAC and the City Manager of the number of trees planted in recreational spaces.

4.03 The PRAC and the department shall promote and encourage the use of pervious surfaces, rain gardens, or other water containment and stormwater containment devices in the construction or replacement of a recreation facility to protect ground water sources which provide sources of safe drinking water. (Policy 6.03.07)

4.04 The PRAC and the department shall encourage the investment in, and acquisition of, conservation lands for resiliency, heat island prevention, flood protection, water table stabilization, wildlife habitat, and passive recreational use to enhance the quality of the City's environment and the quality of life of the City's citizenry (Objective 6.06, Policy 6.06.03).

Section 6: Recommended Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Strategies

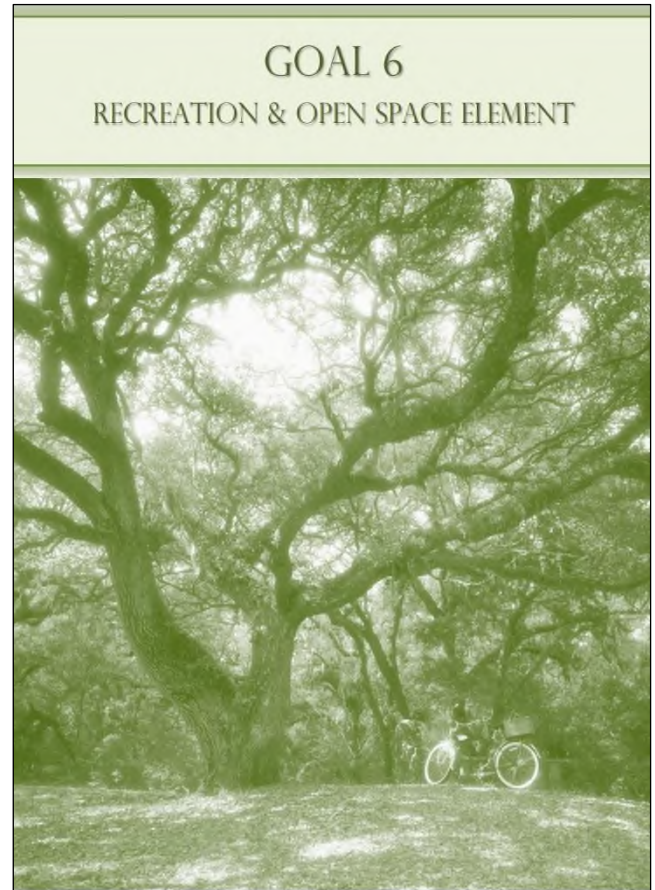
Due to the changing needs and priorities of the citizens of Fernandina Beach and the changing trends in the field of recreation, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the following updated language changes be adopted into the Comprehensive Plan.

The recommended changes to the presently adopted Goal 6: Recreation & Open Space Element (below) are noted with strike-throughs and underlined additions.

Goal 6: Recreation & Open Space Element

Recreation & Open Space Element Highlights

1. Engage in Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Planning;
2. Maintain an inventory of parks, recreation and open space. ~~based on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP);~~
3. Establish equitable distribution of parks to ensure equal access to recreational facilities;
4. Utilize green building standards/sustainable practices for new construction/renovation;
5. Utilize sustainable materials and low-impact development practices in park construction;
6. Plant native landscaping and employ xeriscaping in parks to reduce irrigation, fertilizer and pesticide use;
7. Coordinate to ensure that fleet of vehicles and maintenance equipment is sustainable and energy efficient;
8. Emphasize pedestrian and bicycle access to parks and recreation areas;
9. Identify how open spaces are to be utilized;
10. Identify and map lands for potential acquisition as recreation or conservation land;
11. ~~Develop recreational boating needs assessment and assessment of waterways networks;~~ Implement recreational programming which meets the needs and priorities of City residents.
12. ~~Identify shoreline and waterway accesses as part of the overall park and recreational facilities;~~ Continue to develop cost saving and revenue producing strategies to enhance the quality of recreation services in the City.
13. Continue to provide a variety of community services available to the public ~~and continue with~~ community outreach and involvement to promote social cohesion; and



14. Address specific resources such as Egan’s Creek Greenway and Bosque Bello Cemetery.

OBJECTIVE 6.01.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLANNING

The City shall plan for a coordinated parks and recreation system that takes into account access to and availability of parks and recreation facilities and open space areas, the impact of parks and recreation facilities on ecological systems, community education opportunities, and community health.

Policy 6.01.01.

Utilize the City’s most currently amended Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, as a guide for decision-making and planning. ~~The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, The 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, prepared by the City of Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, dated December 2021,~~ as may be amended from time to time, is incorporated by reference into the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 6.01.02.

The City shall implement the five key elements of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- a. First class parks, recreation and open space facilities and venues,
- b. Improved multi-modal connectivity among facilities and venues,
- c. Equitable access to facilities and venues,
- d. Improved communication regarding parks and recreation offerings, and
- e. Improved design standards and maintenance.

Policy 6.01.03.

Implement the ~~Master Plan~~ City’s 2021 Assessment and Action Plan, as may be amended from time to time, for existing and future City facilities, which seeks to transform the City’s major parks and recreation facilities into first class venues that serve the needs and priorities of the entire community.

Policy 6.01.04.

~~Implement the Master Plan’s neighborhood-serving park concept, which seeks to improve access to commonly utilized recreation elements. When feasible, the City shall provide parkland the following for residents within a ½ mile radius from their home to further improve accessibility: shaded playground, multi-purpose open space, sport court, trails, and optional small pavilions and restrooms.~~

Policy 6.01.05.

Update the Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan every five years to track progress ~~to~~ of the five key elements as referenced in Policy 6.02.02 ~~to and make sure~~ ensure that the parks, recreation, and open space system is responsive to community needs.

OBJECTIVE 6.02.**AVAILABILITY OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND OPEN SPACE**

The City shall ensure the availability of parks and recreation facilities and open space.

Policy 6.02.01.

The City shall maintain an inventory of parks and recreation facilities and open space, the identification of recreational facilities available in each park, the size of the facility, and the primary agency responsible for the facility.

Policy 6.02.02.

The City shall encourage applicants for development approvals, including but not limited to PUD development, to provide recreational facilities and/or open space beyond the minimum standards. ~~by providing for incentives to be included in the Land Development Code.~~ Such minimum standards may include level of service standards, ~~or open space~~ or pervious surface percentages, or acreage requirements.

Policy 6.02.03.

The City shall add proposed parks, recreation and open space projects, based on the ~~Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ 2021 Assessment and Action Plan to the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

Policy 6.02.04.

The City shall pursue available grant or other funding sources on an annual basis for the acquisition and development of park and recreational areas, including but not limited to, private, federal, ~~and state~~, and county funding sources.

Policy 6.02.05.

The City shall on an annual basis, develop, evaluate and maintain existing parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of the area served, considering the functional capacity of the parks and recreation facilities and the specific requirements of the population served, using the ~~Parks and Recreation Master Plan~~ 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan as a basis for evaluation.

Policy 6.02.06.

The City shall maintain a level of service of ~~12~~ 26 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, which includes its seasonal population, as noted in the 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan.

Policy 6.02.07.

Access level of service of a ½ mile radius per citizen shall be used for neighborhood-serving parks when feasible.

Policy 6.02.08.

The National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines shall be utilized ~~used as a benchmark as and guidance~~ for evaluating existing and future facilities and venues, but shall not be interpreted as level of service standards.

OBJECTIVE 6.03.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY MANAGEMENT

The City shall continue to improve and maintain the existing park and recreation facilities inventory.

Policy 6.03.01.

The City shall maintain and support a Parks and Recreation Department for City recreation planning and management.

Policy 6.03.02.

The City shall, on an annual basis, review existing parks, recreation facilities and open space and establish a schedule and procedure for improving any deficiencies, including but not limited to undergoing renovations of existing facilities or constructing new facilities.

Policy 6.03.03.

The City shall have a no net loss policy for recreation ~~facilities~~ lands.

Policy 6.03.04.

The City shall not convert, abandon, trade, or sell any park or open space, or portion of park or open space in addition to the limitations established in the City Charter for transfer, sale, or lease of recreation facilities. Open space may be converted to a park, in accordance with Policy 6.05.02, and if the open space levels level of service as established in the ~~Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ 2021 Parks and Recreation Assessment Plan is being met or exceeded.

Policy 6.03.05.

New parks and recreation facilities, and major renovations of existing facilities, shall be constructed in accordance with Florida statutory requirements that municipal buildings are constructed to meet the minimum requirements of a green rating system.

Policy 6.03.06.

The City shall utilize native plants and xeriscaping techniques when landscaping is added or updated in parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces.

Policy 6.03.07.

The City shall utilize low-impact development strategies to reduce stormwater runoff from parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 6.03.08.

Where feasible, the City shall seek to reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizer in maintaining parks, recreation and open space landscapes.

Policy 6.03.09.

The City shall ensure that the parks and recreation fleet utilizes energy efficient vehicles when possible.

OBJECTIVE 6.04.

ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL AREAS

The City shall ensure the availability of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access to public recreational areas.

Policy 6.04.01.

The City will provide vehicle parking, ADA-compliant parking, bicycle racks, sidewalks, bike paths, and barrier-free access at City-owned parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 6.04.02.

Sidewalks, bicycle paths, multipurpose trails, and/or dedication of lands per such shall be required in redevelopment and new developments to provide safe access to parks, recreation facilities, open space, waterways and shorelines.

Policy 6.04.03.

The City shall ensure sidewalk, crosswalks, bicycle path and/or multipurpose trail access throughout the City to the most-utilized and venue based recreational facilities.

Policy 6.04.04.

All future City owned parks and recreational facilities, including beaches and waterways, shall have direct access on a public street, right of way, or easement.

Policy 6.04.05.

The City shall not vacate necessary existing rights-of-way, easements, walkways, and other properties available for public access to parks and recreation facilities or open space.

Policy 6.04.06.

The City shall seek assistance from volunteers in the City in efforts to promote and maintain City recreation facilities.

Policy 6.04.07.

The City shall ensure that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and ADA recreation opportunities are available at City parks and recreation facilities and venues.

Policy 6.04.08.

~~Neighborhood-serving Parks~~ shall be prioritized for placement in areas underserved by recreation facilities and shall be prioritized in capital improvement planning when matching funding from other entities may be obtained. Adding additional ~~neighborhood-serving~~ park components to existing facilities ~~shall~~ may be secondary after underserved recreational areas are addressed.

OBJECTIVE 6.05. OPEN SPACE

Open spaces shall be protected within urbanized areas for their aesthetic, health, environmental, and economic benefits. The City shall continue to maintain standards in its land development regulations for

the provision and maintenance of open space in the community, including in private developments and publicly owned lands.

Policy 6.05.01.

The City shall continue to include conservation areas on the FLUM.

Policy 6.05.02

The City shall determine uses for publicly-owned open space areas, and shall evaluate the presence of environmentally sensitive lands within an open space. If it is determined that open space has environmentally sensitive lands, the City shall limit activities to passive recreation where it is determined that such activities will not endanger the public health, safety, welfare or environment.

Policy 6.05.03.

Privately-owned open space, such as those within subdivisions or PUD developments, which consists of a conservation future land use or contains environmentally sensitive lands, shall be protected through the acquisition of conservation easements.

Policy 6.05.04.

In order to protect environmentally sensitive coastal dunes and promote public safety, no additional areas, or expansion of existing areas, allocated to parking or driving on the public beach shall be permitted.

OBJECTIVE 6.06.

LAND ACQUISITION

The City shall maintain a program to continually evaluate the potential purchase of land for parks, recreation, conservation, and open space needs, and shall identify and map potential land for acquisition as recreation or open space.

Policy 6.06.01.

The City shall use City-owned floodplains, conservation lands or environmentally sensitive lands, and other similar areas for passive recreational land, provided that the City determines that passive recreational use of these sites would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare, or environment.

Policy 6.06.02.

The City will give high priority to acquisition of lands in the CHHA and in or adjacent to jurisdictional wetlands for passive recreational purposes, provided that that the City determines that recreational use of these sites would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare or environment.

Policy 6.06.03.

The City will give priority to acquisition of lands that provide access to parks, recreation or open space areas.

Policy 6.06.04.

Whenever possible, new recreational sites should be established with ~~active and~~ passive uses to ~~provide both recreational facilities and to~~ ensure preservation or conservation of environmentally sensitive lands. The City shall identify those recreational sites containing environmentally sensitive lands and limit those

portions to passive use recreation only; where it is determined that passive recreational use of these lands would not endanger the public health, safety, welfare, or environment.

Policy 6.06.05.

The City shall add proposed land acquisition projects, based on ~~the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan~~ the Parks and Recreation Assessment and Action Plan, to the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

Policy 6.06.06.

The City shall seek public and private support for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of parks, recreational facilities and open space areas.

Policy 6.06.07.

The City shall continue to use ad valorem taxes and impact fees to fund the acquisition of parks and recreation facilities. ~~Impact fees shall be reevaluated based on implementation of the Master Plan and any subsequent updates to the Master Plan.~~ Use of other funding mechanisms, shall also be utilized, if feasible.

Policy 6.06.08.

When Impact Fees are not available, acquisition of additional parkland, construction of new facilities, and/or the improvement of access to parks, recreation, and open space areas directly serving new developments shall be funded by new developments in order to maintain level of service standards.

OBJECTIVE 6.07.

BOATING AND WATERWAYS

~~The City shall include boating and waterways in parks and recreation planning efforts by 2017, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.~~

The City shall include recreational boating in parks and recreation planning in consultation with the Marina Advisory Board and the Federal Inland Navigation District.

~~Policy 6.07.01. The City shall conduct an assessment of waterways networks, including~~

~~boating, kayak and canoe trail ways, and other water transportation~~

~~options.~~ The City shall have a no net loss policy for public access to waterways and shorelines, whereby one type of access point is not removed without providing for replacement of that type of access point.

~~Policy 6.07.02.~~

~~The City shall conduct an assessment of existing boating and fishing facilities, including boat ramps, boat repair, fishing piers, and kayak and canoe launches.~~

~~Policy 6.07.03.~~

~~The City shall conduct a boating needs assessment including motorized and non-motorized boating needs, including access points, parking, and~~

~~other related facilities.~~

~~Policy 6.07.04.~~

~~The City shall adopt level of service standards for boating and fishing facilities, such as boat ramps, kayak and canoe launches, fishing piers, and public access points.~~

~~**Policy 6.07.05.**~~

~~The City shall have a no net loss policy for public access to waterways and shorelines, whereby one type of access point is not removed without providing for replacement of that type of access point.~~

OBJECTIVE 6.08.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City shall continue to provide community services through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Policy 6.08.01.

The City shall continue to offer youth recreational opportunities throughout the school year and during the summer when City residents require this service.

Policy 6.08.02.

The City shall continue to offer adult recreational opportunities including classes, leagues, activities, and tournaments.

Policy 6.08.03.

The City shall continue to offer senior services including recreational opportunities and outings.

Policy 6.08.04.

The City shall continue to offer community events and provide educational programming that highlights the importance of health and fitness.

Policy 6.08.05

The City shall continue to provide a variety of community services available to the public which promote inclusion and social cohesion utilizing a multi-media community outreach to increase involvement.

OBJECTIVE 6.09.

BOSQUE BELLO CEMETERY

The City shall protect Bosque Bello Cemetery as a reminder of the community's heritage, and shall maintain the cemetery in a dignified manner while ensuring community safety.

Policy 6.09.01.

The City shall have a cemetery master plan created providing for the long-term viability and care of Bosque Bello, assigning priority to areas in most need of preservation or care. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. evaluation of condition and typologies of existing markers, monuments, enclosures and walls;
- b. provisions for the maintenance and treatment of historic markers and walls;
- c. evaluation of existing vegetation, tree canopy, and landscaping;
- d. maintenance, preservation and enhancement of landscaping and the tree canopy in the cemetery;
- e. evaluation of cemetery infrastructure, including structures, site furnishings, irrigation and water, circulation and access, and security; and
- f. provision of recommendations for future maintenance and use of the cemetery.

Policy 6.09.02.

The City shall protect the historic integrity of Bosque Bello cemetery through preservation of the historic section of the cemetery and through protection and maintenance of the vegetation and tree canopy.

Policy 6.09.03.

The City shall make all efforts to provide proper documentation of all markers and maintain records regarding markers and their condition.

Policy 6.09.04.

The City shall incorporate planning for the cemetery into any disaster planning efforts and post-disaster redevelopment strategies.

Policy 6.09.05.

The City shall seek specialized cemetery maintenance training, particularly training related to maintenance of historic cemeteries, for all City staff involved in cemetery operations.

Policy 6.09.06.

The City shall utilize appropriate and proper maintenance techniques for historic cemeteries.

Policy 6.09.07.

The City shall monitor the edges of the cemetery which are adjacent to wetlands for any erosion or damage and take appropriate action should such erosion pose a threat to burial sites.

Policy 6.09.08.

The City shall partner with local and regional organizations to provide volunteer assistance in care and maintenance of the cemetery, including but not limited to, documentation efforts, preservation efforts, and fundraising opportunities.

Policy 6.09.09.

The City shall coordinate with the adjacent mill operator to ensure that industrial uses and operations do not encroach or interfere with the long-term protection of the cemetery.

Policy 6.09.10.

The City shall continue operation of the Cemetery Fund, which dedicates plot sale funds to a Perpetual Fund and to ongoing cemetery operations.

OBJECTIVE 6.10.**EGANS CREEK GREENWAY**

The City shall protect Egan's Creek Greenway for its value as a recreational asset, for its significance as an outstanding natural resource, and for its role in providing wildlife habitat.

Policy 6.10.01.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall ensure a management plan is created and updated for the Egan's Creek Greenway including at a minimum ensuring that it is addressed separately in the parks and recreation master planning process.

Policy 6.10.02.

The City shall continue to designate the Greenway as conservation land in the zoning and FLUM series maps.

Policy 6.10.03.

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the plan for the restoration of the marshland between Atlantic Avenue and Jasmine Street, Area I. The City shall coordinate with FDOT regarding any impacts of this project on the hydrology south of Jasmine St., Area II, and evaluate the necessity of any restoration plan needs in that area.

Policy 6.10.04.

The City shall continue to encourage the use of the Greenway for walking, biking, and bird watching.

Policy 6.10.05.

The City shall continue to encourage the use of the Greenway as part of the Great Florida Birding Trail and seek inclusion in the Greenway and Trails Network.

Policy 6.10.06.

The City shall continue to conduct ongoing annual plant and animal surveys in order to ascertain any changes in the plant and animal communities of the Greenway.

Policy 6.10.07.

The City shall monitor and control invasive exotic flora and fauna within the Greenway.

Policy 6.10.08.

The City shall continue to provide community-based education about the values of natural spaces, wetlands, endangered and threatened species, invasive species, and human impacts on ecosystems through the use of graphics, tours, online information distribution, and at the Nature Center.

OBJECTIVE 6.11.**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

The City shall seek to increase intergovernmental coordination regarding parks, recreation, and open space.

Policy 6.11.01.

The City will establish and maintain formal and informal agreements to share facility and program resources with Nassau County, the Nassau County School Board, the state and federal governments, private nonprofit organizations, and others.

Policy 6.11.02.

The City will continue to work with the Nassau County School Board to ensure that new public-school buildings located within the City limits, whenever possible, are co-located adjacent to existing or proposed parks, recreation facilities, open space, and any trail or path system that will connect such facilities to other services such as the library or other community centers.

Policy 6.11.03.

The City will maximize the potential for the collocation and joint uses of public facilities, including the use of public school facilities and the Nassau Council on Aging for recreational, cultural and civic purposes in accordance with the policies in this element.

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Appendix A: Private Recreational Offerings

The following information listing private providers of recreation was compiled to compare recreation services in the City to others readily available in the community. The information was utilized to produce the Duplication of Services report found in 3.01 Duplication of Services Assessment.

Entity Name	Address	Recreational Activity
AC Charters Inc.	1 N Front St	Fishing
Amelia Adventures	432 S 8th St	Kayaking, paddle boarding, boating
Amelia Angler Outfitters	111 Centre St	Fishing
Amelia Bow & Gigg Charters	500 S 16th St	Fishing
Amelia Family Fishing Charters	1600 N 14th St	Fishing
Amelia Island Charters	1 S Front St	Fishing
Amelia Island Cycling	ameliaislandcycling.com	Cycle: outdoor
Amelia Island Kayak Excursions	ameliaislandkayak.com	Kayaking, boating
Amelia Island Marina	251 Creekside Dr	Boating, fishing
Amelia Island Sport Fishing	ameliaislandsportfishing.net	Fishing
Amelia Island State Park	State Road A1A	Walking, Hiking
Amelia River Golf Club	4477 Buccaneer Trail	Golf
Backwater Cat Adventure	3 S Front St, Dock E	Boating
Ballroom on Amelia	1897 Island Walkway	Dance
Bean School of Dance	96537 Parliament Dr Suit A & B	Dance
Big Talbot State Park	State Road A1A	Walking, Hiking
Centred on Yoga	212 Centre St.	Yoga, beach yoga
Club 14 Fitness	1114 S 14th St	Les Mills, Body Pump, Barre, RPM, FLOW, Grit Strength, Zumba, Body Combat Dance Trance, Yoga, Sprint Cycling, Pilates
Community Yoga+Wellness	210 Beech St	Yoga
Crossfit 32034	2873 Jamestown Road	HIIT Interval Training, Strength, Endurance, Barbell/Olympic Lifting, Gymnastics, Mobility/Yoga
Eat the Frog Fitness - Amelia	1531 Sadler Road	Strength, Cardio, Agility, Corporate Wellness
Even Better Charter Fishing	302 S 17th St	Fishing
Fernandina Dojo	1211 Amelia Plaza	Martial Arts
Fish Amelia Angler Fishing Charters	3 S Front St	Fishing
Fish Master Charters	1 N Front St	Fishing
Florida Combat Hapkido	1897 Island Walkway	Martial Arts
Fort Clinch State Park	2601 Atlantic Ave	Walking, Hiking
Gregor MacGregor's Mini Links	201 Alachua St	Golf: Miniature
Holistic Wellness Center	1610 S 8th St	Aquatics, Stretch, Strength, Youth Conditioning, Yoga, Balance
Island Charters Unlimited	1 N Front St	Fishing
Island Falls Adventure Golf	1550 Sadler Rd	Golf: Miniature
Jazzercise Fernandina Beach Fitness Center	474376 State Road 200	Dance, Fitness, Strength, Cardio
Jazzercise Lo Amelia Island	961023 Buccaneer Trail	Dance, Fitness, Strength, Cardio
Kayak Amelia	4 N 2nd St	Kayaking, Paddle Board, Paddle Board: Yoga
Key Fitness Personal Training	1897 Island Walkway #8	Personal Fitness Training
Kraft Tennis Club	961023 Buccaneer Trail	Tennis
Lane's Fitness	1114 S. 14th St	Personal Fitness Training
Little Talbot State Park	12157 Hecksher Dr	Walking, Hiking
McArthur Family YMCA	1915 Citron Dr.	Les Mills CORE, Thai Chi, Tone, Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Fitness, HIIT, Gentle Yoga, Silver Sneakers, Balance/Stability/Stretch, Dance: Line, Spin Class, Step Aerobics, Gentle Stretch, Box Fit, Yoga, Build 'n Burn, Body Flow, EnerChi and Stability, Aqua Bootcamp, Body Pump, Barre, RPM, FLOW, Grit Strength, Zumba, Body Combat, Dance Trance, Yoga, Sprint Cycling, Pilates

(Private Recreation Offerings Continued)

Entity Name	Address	Recreational Activity
Nassau Council on Aging	1901 Island Walkway	Tai Chi, Fitness, Dance, Dance: Line, Stability, Strength, Balance
Newcomer's Club	newcomersamelia.org	Bicycle Club, walking, hiking, golf, kayaking, pickleball, tennis, boating buddies
North Florida Bicycle Club	www.nfbc.us	Cycle: outdoor
North Florida Muay Thai	1122 S 14th	Martial Arts
North Florida Social Ride	http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/	Cycle: outdoor
Omni Hotel, The Villas of Amelia	8 Amelia Village Circle	Tennis
Pilates of Amelia	2010 S 8th St	Pilates
Pipe Dream Charters	251 Creekside Dr	Fishing
Putt-Putt Amelia Island	6 N Fletcher	Golf: Miniature
Riptide Water Sports	5 N Fletcher Av	Paddle board, boating, biking, surfing, kayaking
Royal Amelia Dance Academy	1897 Island Walk Way #4	Dance
Semper Fi Charters	23 S Front St	Fishing
Surf Asylum	surf-asylum.com	Surfing
The Anglers Mark	10 Ash St	Fishing
The Golf Club at North Hampton	22680 Hampton Club Way	golf
Windward Sailing	910 S 8th St, Suite 133	Sailing

Appendix B: 2019 Impact Fee Increase

1/15/2019 City Commission Minutes

9.2 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-44 CODE AMENDMENT - IMPACT FEES: City Attorney Bach read ORDINANCE 2018-44 by title only, which was as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, UPDATING ORDINANCE 2005-2 AND 2015-26 AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, FINANCE, DIVISION 3, POLICE, FIRE, PARKS AND RECREATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPACT FEES AND TRUST FUNDS BY RESTATING APPROVAL OF A REASONABLE METHODOLOGY AND ANALYSIS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE IMPACT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE NEED FOR AND COST FOR SERVICES; REPEALING SECTION 2-451 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 2-451, LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; REPEALING SECTION 2-457 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 2-457; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." According to the agenda support documents Ordinance 2018-44 amends Chapter 2 of the City Code pertaining to Impact Fees. Repeals and adopts new Sections 2-451 and 2-457 of the City Code pertaining to Impact Fees.

Sec. 2-457. - Computation of the amount of impact fees.

- (a) The amount of impact fees due may be determined by the following fee schedules, or in accordance with subsection (b), herein:

Type of Development	Residential Development per Ft ² of Heated Area	Nonresidential Development per Ft ² of Floor Area
Fire protection	\$0.273 0.360	\$0.273 0.360
Police protection	0.136 0.264	0.136 0.264
Parks and recreation	1.830 2.885	0.000
Public facilities	0.371 0.443	0.371 0.443
Total	2.610 3.952	0.780 1.068

Ordinance Vote Count

"Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried."

Appendix C: Tourism and Seasonal Population Data

The State of Florida suggests that seasonal population data be obtained from the State's Office of Economic and Demographic Research or another professional source. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research could not provide seasonal population data for the City of Fernandina Beach.

07/30/2021 Seasonal Population Data from the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau

Re: Level of Service for Park Acreage

From: **Gil Langley** <glangley@ameliaisland.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 6:02 PM

Subject: Estimated

To: Faith Ross

The number provided by different firms varies in large part to different protocols. Given that, the best figures we can come up with on a average daily basis is between 8,951 and 10,506. That number will change based on monthly demand caused by seasonality. Summer occupancy can run in the 85% range, whereas January will run 55%. I have included monthly occupancy rates for lodging and VBO. Where possible, **the data is FB only.**

For calendar year 2021, Arrivalist can provide granular info. For example, they show 1,032 Adult trips to "points of Interest". 32% of those were day trippers. Downtown FB has received 257,182 trips, Main Beach has had 30,125, and Atlantic Beach 16,423. The average length of stay is 2.5 days. I'm not sure if this is helpful, but available if needed.

I'm going out on a limb, but averages can be misleading. Given a population of FB at around 13,000, during the summer – excluding day trippers – I feel confident that the total of overnight guest comes close to the permanent resident population (Lodging, Vacation Rental, and friends and relatives). Other seasons are significantly less.

Feel free to call with questions. Have a good weekend.

Gil Langley CAE | President & CEO

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TO: Faith Ross
FROM: Gil Langley
DATE: July 30, 2021
SUBJECT: Travel Patterns

We have compiled information from a variety of sources to provide our best answers. I'll source each for your conversations related to validity. Last year's numbers are an anomaly and can be discarded. Any comparisons we need to make will use FY2019 as a baseline.

Lodging & Day Trippers

According to Downs & St. Germain Research, there were 688,700 travelers staying in paid accommodations (Hotels/Resorts/VRBO/B & B). Visitors staying with Friends & Family totaled 239,300 and daytrippers totalled 530,000. Together they total 769,300 visitors per year – over 80,000 people more than lodging guests.

Using other research data (Arrivalist and Research Data) provides much higher numbers. The Arrivalist data, which tracks visitation using information from cell phones, documents some 1,043,594 day trips for the period of October 2020 through June 2021. (Arrivalist excludes those who live in a 25 mile radius. It does not track party size, but rather the number of phones visiting the destination. An SUV with 6 passengers counts as six trip visits.) Research Data Service provides estimates using intercept studies and estimates 1,343,600 day-tripper have visited Amelia Island over the past 12 months (or an average of 3,680 people per day). Please note that some of the difference between these two calculations is likely to be people working on the Island but living elsewhere.

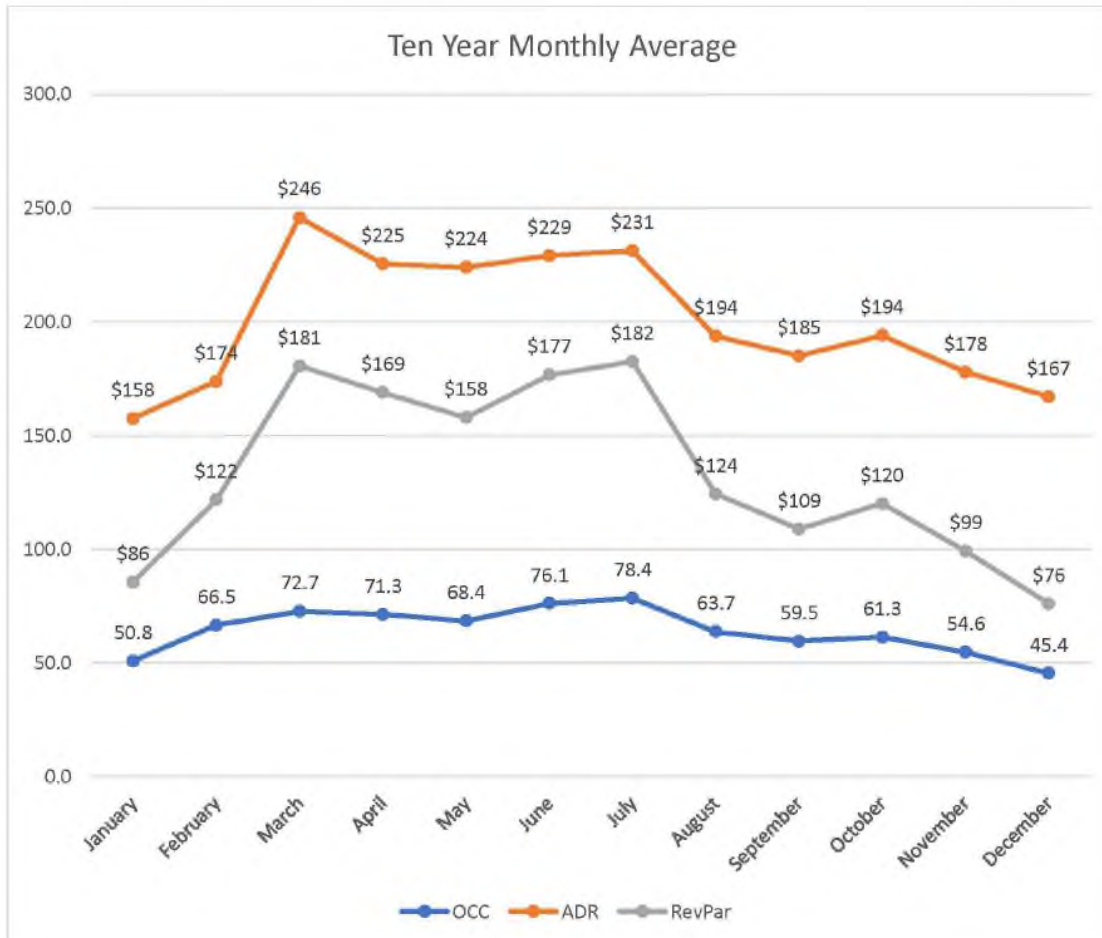
In Fernandina Beach, until May there were 893 rooms in select service hotels and B&B offerings. Occupancy in 2019 ran at 73.4%. Based on an average travel party size at 2.1, the total number of visitors who paid lodging over a 12 month period was 684,484 or 1,875 per night.

With the opening of Marriott properties and the ongoing construction of the Holiday Inn Express in the fall, these 336 rooms bring the total rooms to 1,229 in Fernandina Beach. Using the same research numbers, with the new inventory, paid lodging guests expected in the next 12 months totals 691,145 or 1,893 per night.



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Vacation Rentals

We have engaged a new research partner KeyData, which measures Vacation Rental performance. Based on their information there are 820 listings online, including 317 listings on Airbnb; 471 listings VRBO; and 32 listings on both. Using the normal capacity of each unit (3 bedroom sleeps 6 for example) generates the number of “pillows” as the metric. As a new data source, this inventory has yet to be de-duplicated (i.e. listed on both VRBO and AirB&B). Using a figure of 25% for duplicates provides a nightly the resultant performance is as follows:

Average Occupancy 2021: 66%

Projected Nights Rented in 2021: 148,153 (820 listings x 365 x Occ less duplicates)

Projected Pillows Rented in 2021: 896,328 (4,961 pillows x 365 x Occ less duplicates)

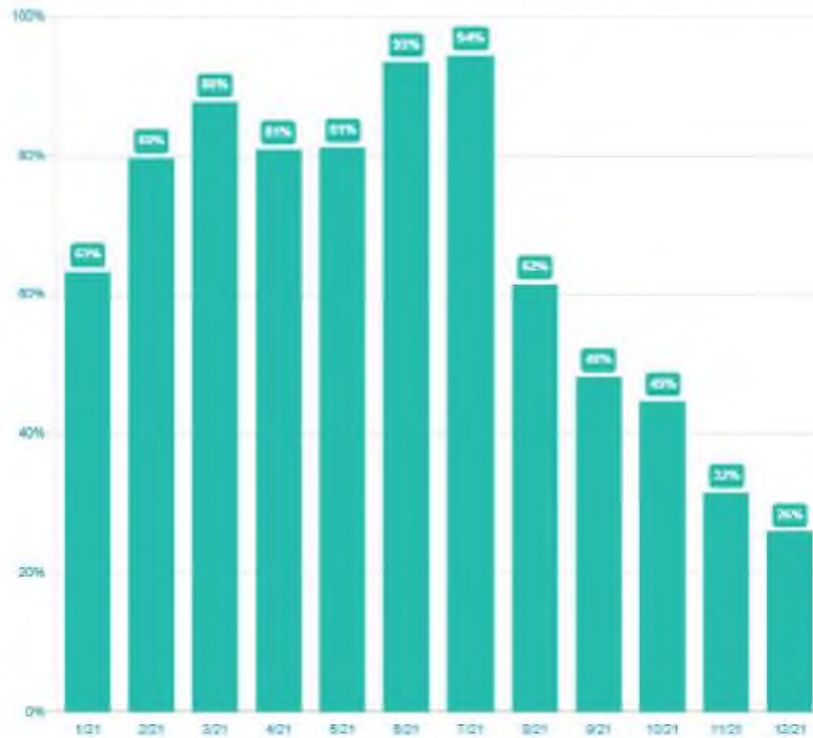
Projected visitor per night: 2455



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2021 Occupancy of OTAs in City of Fernandina Beach By Month



The bedroom types are:

The unit types are:

12 Studios
36 one bedroom
459 two bedroom
255 three bedroom
38 four bedroom
13 five bedroom
5 six bedroom

210 houses
74 townhouses
522 Condos

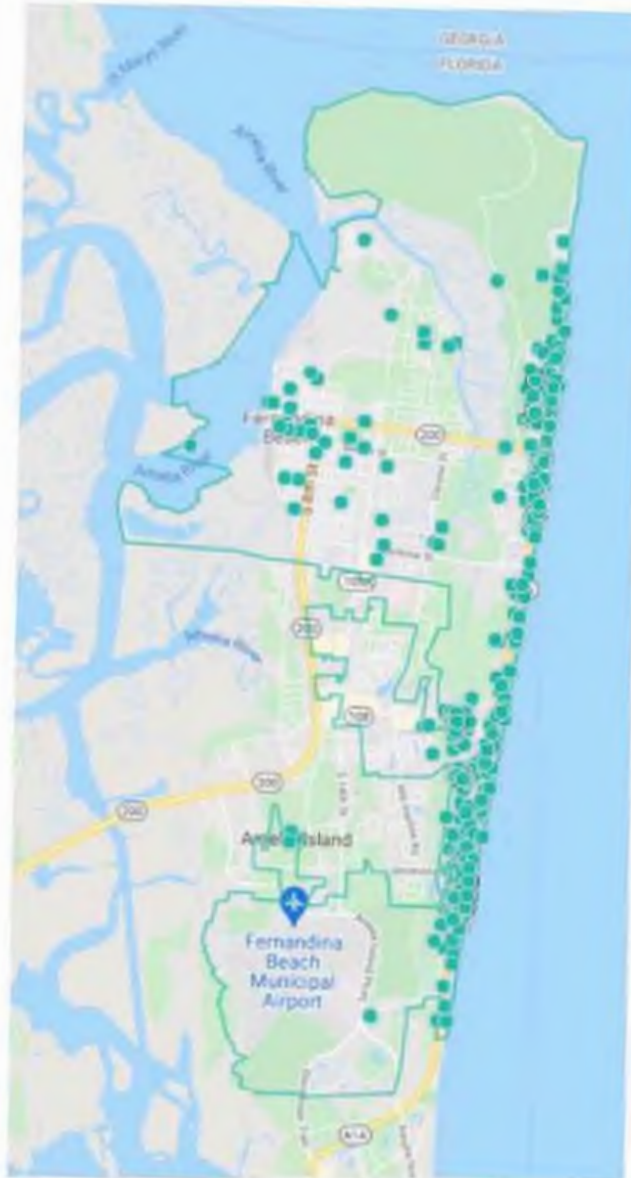
These figures are for Fernandina Beach only. The total number of units in unincorporated Amelia Island is 922 with a capacity of 5,044 visitors per night. Using the same 25% for duplicates provides a nightly capacity 3,783. With a 66% occupancy rate, on any given night 2,496 people are staying in rentals outside of Fernandina Beach city limits.

This does not include units not online. The island wide number of visitors staying in vacation rentals is 4,951 on any given night.

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Island Locations of Vacation Rentals

Appendix D: Historical Nonresident Use of Facilities

Formal reporting of the use of some of the City's facilities and programming did occur in 2019. In 2018 a consultant, PROS Consulting, was hired to assess the organizational needs of the department.

<https://fernandinaobserver.com/city-news/whither-parks-and-rec-consultant-suggests-changes/>

Quantitative Analysis of City Parks and Recreation Facility Use: Residents vs Non-residents (2018-2019)										
Program	Quarter/ Annual	Attendance							Total % city vs. non attendance	
AQUATICS		# of scans								
		City/ Emp/Mil	Non City	Total City	Total Non	Course/ program Total	Program total	% City	City	Non
Aqua Adventure Camp	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	13	7	13	7	20	20	65%	65%	35%
Aquathon	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	31	36	31	36	67	67	46%	46%	54%
Homeschool ALL	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	6	40			46		13%		
Homeschool Clinic ALL	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	26	9	66	28	75	7%	12%	88%
Homeschool Clinic Sept.	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	1	0			1		100%		
Jr. LG Exploration	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	8	4			12		67%		
Jr. LG Exploration	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	8	4			12		67%		
Jr. LG Ocean Beach 1	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	5	34	27	7	61	29%	56%	44%
Jr. LG Ocean Beach 2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	7	5			12		58%		
Jr. LG Ocean Beach 3	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	4			7		43%		
Jr. LG Ocean Beach 4	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	6	5			11		55%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 1C1	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	3	5			8		38%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 2B2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	3	5			8		38%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 2D	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	6	4			10		60%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 3C1	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	3	3			6		50%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 4B1	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	3			6		50%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 4C1	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	2			5		60%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 4D	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	5			9		44%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 5C1	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	6			8		25%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 5D1	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	2			4		50%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 6A1	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	1			4		75%		
Learn to Swim Level 1, 2C1	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	7			9		22%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 1C2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	3	2			5		60%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 2B2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	3			5		40%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 2C2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	2			4		50%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 2E	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	8	4	99	109	12	208	67%	48%	52%
Learn to Swim Level 2, 3C2	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	2			4		50%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 4B2	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	1			5		80%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 4C2	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	2			6		67%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 4E	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	6			8		25%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 5C2	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	2			5		60%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 5D2	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	3	5			8		38%		
Learn to Swim Level 2, 6A2	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	0			2		100%		
Learn to Swim Level 3, 1B	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	8			10		20%		
Learn to Swim Level 3, 2A	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	5	6			11		45%		
Learn to Swim Level 3, 3B	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	4	5			9		44%		
Learn to Swim Level 3, 4A	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	6	5			11		55%		
Learn to Swim Level 3, 5B	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	2			6		67%		
Learn to Swim Level 4, 1A	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	5			6		17%		
Learn to Swim Level 4, 3A	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	4	2			6		67%		
Learn to Swim Level 4, 5A	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	4			8		50%		

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Program	Quarter/ Annual	Attendance							Total % city vs. non attendance	
AQUATICS		# of scans								
		City/ Emp/Mil	Non City	Total City	Total Non	Course/ program Total	Program total	% City	City	Non
LG Cert Course 1, May	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	10	0	20	0	10	20	100%	100%	0%
LG Cert Course 2, June	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	10	0			10		100%		
Mermaid for a Day	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	8	2	15	6	10	21	80%	71%	29%
Mermaid for a Day	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	7	4			11		64%		
Private Lessons -1	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	1			2		50%		
Private Lessons -4	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	3			5		40%		
Private Swim Lessons	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	2	1	8	5	3	13	67%	62%	38%
Private Swim Lessons	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	1	0			1		100%		
Private Swim Lessons	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	1	0			1		100%		
Private Swim Lessons	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	1	0			1		100%		
Scuba Extra Class	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	4	1			5		80%		
Scuba Much Bigger World	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	5	6			11		45%		
Scuba OW course 1	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	0	3			3		0%		
Scuba OW course 2	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	4	0			4		100%		
Scuba OW course 3	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	9			10		10%		
Scuba OW course 4	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	2			3		33%		
Scuba OW course 5	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	0	7			7		0%		
Scuba OW course 6	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	0	3			3		0%		
Scuba OW Course 8	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	4	3			7		57%		
Scuba OW Course 9	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	2	2			4		50%		
Scuba OW dives 1	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	4	1	55	78	5	133	80%	41%	59%
Scuba OW dives 2	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	6	0			6		100%		
Scuba OW Dives 3	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	13			14		7%		
Scuba OW Dives 4	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	3	2			5		60%		
Scuba OW Dives 5	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	1	9			10		10%		
Scuba OW Dives 6	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	2	3			5		40%		
Scuba OW Dives 8	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	6	4			10		60%		
Scuba OW Dives 9	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	1	2			3		33%		
Scuba Try Diving	Fall 2018 (Sept - Dec)	1	1			2		50%		
Scuba Try Diving	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	3	1			4		75%		
Scuba Try Diving	Spring 2019 (Apr-June)	2	4			6		33%		
Scuba Try Diving	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	4	2			6		67%		
Trip-Ichetucknee River Aerobic	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	6	3	34	23	9	57	67%	60%	40%
Trip-Ichetucknee River Public	Summer 2019 (Jul-Sep)	18	2			20		90%		
Trip-Manatee Encounter 1	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	3	6			9		33%		
Trip-Manatee Encounter 2	Winter 2019 (Jan - Mar)	7	12			19		37%		
Total Aquatics Program, both pools:		318	357			675	675		47%	53%
Aerobics Atlantic		# of scans								
Financial Aid Aqua Aerobics	2018-19	197	0			197		100%		
Aqua Aerobics 2 classes daily	2018-19	201	202			403		50%		
Aqua Aerobics 1 class daily	2018-19	3,498	1,336			4,834		72%		
Aqua Aerobics pm only	2018-19	3	0			3		100%		
Aqua Aerobics 10 pack	2018-19	1,031	890			1,921	9,769	54%	66%	34%
Aqua Aerobics daily city \$5	2018-19	1,513	0			1,513		100%		
Aqua Aerobics daily non-city \$	2018-19	0	878			878		0%		
Aqua Aerobics daily free	2018-19	20	0			20		100%		
Aqua Aerobics/Fitness Combo	2018-19	1	29			30		3%		
TOTAL Aereobic Atlantic		6,463	3,306			9,769			66%	34%

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Program	Quarter/ Annual	Attendance							Total % city vs. non attendance	
AQUATICS		# of scans								
		City/ Emp/Mil	Non City	Total City	Total Non	Course/ program Total	Program total	% City	City	Non
Aerobics MLK		# of scans								
Finacial Aid Aqua Aerobics	2018-19	19	0			19	673	100%	67%	33%
Aqua Aerobics 2 classes daily	2018-19	14	27			41		34%		
Aqua Aerobics 1 class daily	2018-19	219	68			287		76%		
Aqua Aerobics pm only	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Aqua Aerobics 10 pack	2018-19	92	74			166		55%		
Aqua Aerobics daily city \$5	2018-19	103	0			103		100%		
Aqua Aerobics daily non-city \$	2018-19	0	45			45		0%		
Aqua Aerobics daily free	2018-19	1	0			1		100%		
Aqua Aerobics/Fitness Combo	2018-19	0	11			11		0%		
TOTAL Aerobics MLK		448	225			673			67%	33%
Total Aerobics, Both Pools		6,911	3,531			10,442	10,442		66%	34%
PUBLIC SWIM/LAPS Atlantic (tax taken)		# of scans								
FA Free Pool Entrance 12 mon	2018-19	145	0			145	15,279	100%	100%	0%
Fitness Room Passes	2018-19	71	7			78		91%	91%	9%
Pool Pass- Couple 1 month	2018-19	103	77			180		57%	67%	33%
Pool Pass- Couple 12 months	2018-19	278	0			278		100%		
Pool Pass- Couple 4 months	2018-19	360	25			385		94%		
Pool Pass- Individual 1 month	2018-19	704	510			1,214		58%		
Pool Pass- Individual 12 month	2018-19	208	250			458		45%		
Pool Pass- Individual 4 months	2018-19	1,345	555			1,900		71%		
Pool Pass- Family 1 month	2018-19	144	74			218		66%		
Pool Pass- Family 12 month	2018-19	78	0			78		100%		
Pool Pass- Family 4 month	2018-19	186	156			342		54%		
Pool 10 Pack	2018-19	501	73			574		87%	59%	41%
Pool Pass Daily \$2	2018-19	15	0			15		100%		
Pool pass daily \$3	2018-19	3,188	0			3,188		100%		
Pool Pass daily \$5	2018-19	0	3457			3,457		0%	79%	21%
Pool Pass daily Free	2018-19	1,331	0			1,331		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Couple 1 month (55	2018-19	250	0			250		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Couple 12 months (5	2018-19	183	0			183		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Couple 4 months (5	2018-19	11	62			73		15%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 1 month	2018-19	51	31			82		62%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 12 month	2018-19	113	54			167		68%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 4 months	2018-19	143	130			273		52%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 1 month (55	2018-19	47	2			49		96%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 12 months (5	2018-19	281	0			281		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 4 months (5	2018-19	64	16			80		80%		
TOTAL ATLANTIC		9,800	5,479			15,279			64%	36%

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Program	Quarter/ Annual	Attendance							Total % city vs. non attendance	
AQUATICS		# of scans								
		City/ Emp/Mil	Non City	Total City	Total Non	Course/ program Total	Program total	% City	City	Non
MLK Public Swim/Laps (tax taken; all pool pass revenue)										
		# of scans								
FA Free Pool Entrance 12 months	2018-19	18	0			18	2,490	100%	100%	0%
Fitness Room passes	2018-19	73	0			73		100%	100%	0%
Pool Pass- Couple 1 month	2018-19	0	15			15		0%	65%	35%
Pool Pass- Couple 12 months	2018-19	11	0			11		100%		
Pool Pass- Couple 4 months	2018-19	11	7			18		61%		
Pool Pass- Individual 1 month	2018-19	44	6			50		88%		
Pool Pass- Individual 12 months	2018-19	14	6			20		70%		
Pool Pass- Individual 4 months	2018-19	90	28			118		76%		
Pool Pass- Family 1 month	2018-19	35	28			63		56%		
Pool Pass- Family 12 months	2018-19	13	0			13		100%		
Pool Pass- Family 4 months	2018-19	5	31			36		14%		
Pool 10 Pack	2018-19	13	4			17		76%	68%	32%
Pool Pass Daily \$2	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Pool pass daily \$3	2018-19	534	0			534		100%		
Pool Pass daily \$5	2018-19	0	612			612		0%		
Pool Pass daily Free	2018-19	771	0			771		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Couple 1 month	2018-19	12	0			12		100%	98%	2%
Pool/Fitn. Couple 12 months	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Pool/Fitn. Couple 4 months	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 1 month	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 12 months	2018-19	22	0			22		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Individual 4 months	2018-19	1	0			1		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 1 month	2018-19	0	0			0		0%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 12 months	2018-19	60	0			60		100%		
Pool/Fitn. Family 4 months	2018-19	24	2			26		92%		
TOTAL MLK		1,751	739			2,490			70%	30%
Total PS/laps attendance, both pools		11,551	6,218			17,769			65%	35%
TOTAL ALL AQUATICS		18,780	10,106			28,886			65%	35%
FITNESS ROOMS										
		# of scans								
Atlantic Fitness Daily	2018-19	985	289			1274		77%	77%	23%
Fitness 10-pack	2018-19	140	8			148		95%	95%	5%
Atlantic Fitness Couple 1 month	2018-19	373	134			507		74%	74%	26%
Atlantic Fitness Couple 12 months	2018-19	1062	229			1291		82%	82%	18%
Atlantic Fitness Couple 4 months	2018-19	845	200			1045		81%	81%	19%
Atlantic Fitness Individual 1 month	2018-19	965	578			1543		63%	63%	37%
Atlantic Fitness Individual 12 months	2018-19	1409	105			1514		93%	93%	7%
Atlantic Fitness Individual 4 months	2018-19	1411	232			1643		86%	86%	14%
Atlantic Fitness Family 1 month	2018-19	74	0			74		100%	100%	0%
Atlantic Fitness Family 12 months	2018-19	294	0			294		100%	100%	0%
Atlantic Fitness Family 4 months	2018-19	77	0			77		100%	100%	0%
Pool/Fitness Combo Couple, 1 month	2018-19	128	0			128		100%	100%	0%
Pool/Fitness Combo Couple, 12 months	2018-19	453	0			453		100%	100%	0%
Pool/Fitness Combo Couple, 4 months	2018-19	7	101			108		6%	6%	94%
Pool/Fitness Combo Individual	2018-19	87	41			128		68%	68%	32%
Pool/Fitness Combo Individual	2018-19	276	111			387		71%	71%	29%
Pool/Fitness Combo Individual	2018-19	144	22			166		87%	87%	13%
Pool/Fitness Combo Family, 1 month	2018-19	2	1			3		67%	67%	33%
Pool/Fitness Combo Family, 12 months	2018-19	569	84			653		87%	87%	13%
Pool/Fitness Combo Family, 4 months	2018-19	31	18			49		63%	63%	37%

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FITNESS ROOMS		# of scans								
		City/ Emp/Mil	Non City	Total City	Total Non	Course/ program Total	Program total	% City	City	Non
Water Aerobics 2 classes daily	2018-19	1	0			1			100%	0%
Water Aerobics 1 classes daily	2018-19	5	0			5			100%	0%
Water Aerobics 10 pack (used	2018-19	1	0			1			100%	0%
Water Aerobics/Fitness Combd	2018-19	15	0			15			100%	0%
FA Pool (used wrong card)	2018-19	3	0			3			100%	0%
FA Water Aerobics (used wron	2018-19	12	0			12			100%	0%
Peck Wt. Room Adult 1 month	2018-19	5	0			5			100%	0%
Pool 10 pack (used wrong card	2018-19	1	0			1			100%	0%
Pool Pass Adult Individual 1 m	2018-19	1	1			2			50%	50%
Pool Pass Adult Individual 4 m	2018-19	0	1			1			0%	100%
Pool Pass Family 4 months (us	2018-19	2	0			2			100%	0%
TOTAL Fitness Rooms	2018-19	9378	2155			11533			81%	19%
TEAM SPORTS										
Open Adult Volleyball	2018-19	431	1070	431	1070	1,501			29%	71%
Open Adult Indoor Soccer	2018-19	449	42	449	42	491			91%	9%
Adult Softball - Fall (8 teams)	2018-19	27	113	71	385	456			16%	84%
Adult Softball - Spring (10 tea	2018-19	31	150							
Adult Softball - Summer (9 tea	2018-19	13	122							
TOTAL Team Sports	2018-19	951	1,497	951	1,497	2,448			39%	61%
YOUTH PROGRAMS										
Atlantic After School	2018-19	81	39	388	188	576			67%	33%
Atlantic Pre-school	2018-19	17	10							
Atlantic Summer Camp	2018-19	290	139							
MLK After School	2018-19	46	6	77	12	89			87%	13%
MLK Summer Camp	2018-19	31	6							
TOTAL Youth Programs	2018-19	465	200	465	200	665			70%	30%
TOTAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS LISTED										
		29,574	13,958			43,532			68%	32%

Other Program and Facility Usage Not Reported

- Please note that youth sports such as Amelia Island Soccer, various baseball leagues, and other organized sports for youth were not included in the report since they were offered by third party groups. These activities are generally reported to be supported by an unknown number of non-residents.
- Numbers for court sports usage such as tennis and pickleball were also not reported. No information could be found or reported from outside sources for the City's court sport usage.

Appendix E: Residential Listings 2017 through 2020

The Property Appraiser's Office was not able to supply an actual historical number of home sales for the City of Fernandina Beach at this time.

Presently, Realtor.com data reports that homes in the 32034 Zip Code presently sell, on average, within 51 days.

The Zip Code of 32034 also contains homes from the unincorporated portion of Nassau County.

US Census: 32034 Zip Code Separation

Q Yulee CDP, Florida	Q Fernandina Beach city, Florida
Households, 2015-2019	
4,586	5,631

The 2020 U.S. Census Data reports the 32034 Zip Code as containing 10,217 households of which 5,631 households are reported in the City of Fernandina Beach. The remaining Yulee, CDP portion of the Zip Code area of 32034 is reported as 4,586 households.

The City of Fernandina Beach comprises roughly 55% of the households within the 32034 Zip Code.

Roughly 1,049 homes per year in Fernandina Beach have been listed and likely sold each year in the last 4 years.

Recent Sales Data

As of 10/29/2021 Zillow reported 168 home sales in the 32034 Zip Code in the last 30 days. At 55% of sales, 92 City homes transferred ownership in the last 30 days.

Historical Data Search: Realtor.com https://www.realtor.com/research/data/ Monthly New Listings in the 32034 Zip Code				
month_date_yyyymm	postal_code	zip_name	new_listing_count	median_listing_price
202109	32034	fernandina beach, fl	92	615655
202108	32034	fernandina beach, fl	172	598447.5
202107	32034	fernandina beach, fl	124	599900
202106	32034	fernandina beach, fl	116	621145
202105	32034	fernandina beach, fl	112	650000
202104	32034	fernandina beach, fl	112	705000
202103	32034	fernandina beach, fl	104	662500
202102	32034	fernandina beach, fl	112	658250
202101	32034	fernandina beach, fl	108	589900
Total			1052	
202012	32034	fernandina beach, fl	104	569500
202011	32034	fernandina beach, fl	112	558400
202010	32034	fernandina beach, fl	132	515000
202009	32034	fernandina beach, fl	148	499000
202008	32034	fernandina beach, fl	152	499000
202007	32034	fernandina beach, fl	148	463750
202006	32034	fernandina beach, fl	212	469950
202005	32034	fernandina beach, fl	216	450000
202004	32034	fernandina beach, fl	104	459500
202003	32034	fernandina beach, fl	224	459000
202002	32034	fernandina beach, fl	240	459926
202001	32034	fernandina beach, fl	176	454963
Total			1968	
201912	32034	fernandina beach, fl	92	449999
201911	32034	fernandina beach, fl	160	449900
201910	32034	fernandina beach, fl	184	443500
201909	32034	fernandina beach, fl	184	447919.2857
201908	32034	fernandina beach, fl	188	449424.2857
201907	32034	fernandina beach, fl	180	442000
201906	32034	fernandina beach, fl	152	457000
201905	32034	fernandina beach, fl	232	451535
201904	32034	fernandina beach, fl	212	439000
201903	32034	fernandina beach, fl	192	428142.8571
201902	32034	fernandina beach, fl	220	424950
201901	32034	fernandina beach, fl	232	427000
Total			2228	
201812	32034	fernandina beach, fl	132	425000
201811	32034	fernandina beach, fl	124	429500
201810	32034	fernandina beach, fl	152	447220
201809	32034	fernandina beach, fl	128	449900
201808	32034	fernandina beach, fl	164	455875
201807	32034	fernandina beach, fl	160	454075
201806	32034	fernandina beach, fl	132	452500
201805	32034	fernandina beach, fl	172	450000
201804	32034	fernandina beach, fl	164	454250
201803	32034	fernandina beach, fl	212	465000
201802	32034	fernandina beach, fl	144	429990
201801	32034	fernandina beach, fl	140	436995
Total			1824	
201712	32034	fernandina beach, fl	100	429990
201711	32034	fernandina beach, fl	128	429945
201710	32034	fernandina beach, fl	124	433495
201709	32034	fernandina beach, fl	92	425000
201708	32034	fernandina beach, fl	124	429900
201707	32034	fernandina beach, fl	124	427000
201706	32034	fernandina beach, fl	160	427000
201705	32034	fernandina beach, fl	128	440000
201704	32034	fernandina beach, fl	140	428500
201703	32034	fernandina beach, fl	184	423495
201702	32034	fernandina beach, fl	148	420495
201701	32034	fernandina beach, fl	144	416642.5
Total			1596	
201612	32034	fernandina beach, fl	92	415092.5
201611	32034	fernandina beach, fl	140	411745
201610	32034	fernandina beach, fl	128	413490
201609	32034	fernandina beach, fl	120	422988.5
201608	32034	fernandina beach, fl	160	434945
201607	32034	fernandina beach, fl	140	439000
Total			780	

Appendix F: Parkland Acreage Level of Service



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1. What is an acceptable standard for the Parkland Acreage Level of Service?

Alternatives for Determining Parks and Recreation Level of Service by David Barth, PhD, aicpSource: http://www.barthassoc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Barth-PAS-Memo-5_16.pdf

*“In contrast, parks and recreation system planning has historically been more art than science. Unlike other elements of the public realm, **there are no nationally accepted standards for determining ideal levels of service for parks, indoor recreation centers, athletic fields, trails, and other recreation facilities.** The last set of national guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in 1996 encourages communities to develop their own LOS standards rather than rely on any national standards: “A standard for parks and recreation cannot be universal, nor can one city be compared with another even though they are similar in many respects” (Mertes and Hall 1996, 59). **Each city or county must determine the appropriate LOS required to meet the specific needs of its residents.**”*

2. Which types of lands are to be counted in determining the Parkland Acreage Level of Service?

*“What should be counted in an Acreage LOS?” **Unfortunately, there is no standard answer.** Some communities include public golf courses and beaches, while others include publicly accessible lakes and wetlands. Some cities and counties also include public parkland owned by other agencies, such as state parks and national forests. Some communities also count private recreation areas, owned and managed by homeowner’s associations, because these areas help meet residents’ local recreation needs. Because the primary purpose of Acreage LOS is to measure and monitor a community’s supply of parkland, **it is recommended that communities count only developable, publicly accessible parkland within their jurisdiction. Undevelopable lands such as conservation areas, wetlands, water bodies, golf courses, and beaches cannot help a community meet its needs for parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, open play space, recreation centers, and other basic parks and recreation facilities.** Privately owned parkland is not open to the public, and could be sold or redeveloped. Public parkland owned by another jurisdiction (such as county-owned parks within a municipality) is already counted by that jurisdiction for its own LOS, and should not be included in a community’s acreage calculation.”*

Method used to calculate the City’s Parkland Acreage Level of Service:

- a. Land that met the City’s definition of parkland.
- b. Though not recommended, the City’s beaches were included since 85% of the City’s residents report utilizing the beaches for their recreation (open play space).
- c. Any additional lands which contained a picnic table such as the Greenway (Conservation land), Seaside Park and North Beach Park (which are considered to be beach accesses).
- d. As suggested above by the author, the golf course was not included and is not managed by the Parks and Recreation department.
- e. Acreage amounts were obtained from the online records of the Property Appraiser’s website.

Level of Service for Parkland Acreage

Number of City Residents (census.gov)	13,169.00
Number of Paid Overnight Lodging (Seasonal) Population	10,506.00
Total Population	23,675.00

2021 COFB Acreage Level of Service Per 1,000 Total Population **26.81**

Total Acreage Utilized as Parkland	634.80
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Acreage Under Parks & Recreation Supervision

Name	Address	Assessed	Acreage
Atlantic Avenue Park	2500 Atlantic	Bartelt	16.61
Bosque Bello Cemetery	1320 14th St	Kegler	32.04
Central Park	1200 Atlantic Ave	Pugh	19.49
Egan's Creek Park	2201 Atlantic	Chapman	3.34
Greenway N of Jasmine	2555 Jasmine	Norris	145.19
Greenway S of Jasmine	2400 Jasmine	Pugh	231.77
Hickory Street Park	S 15th & Hickory	Kegler	9.76
Ilan Circle	Ilan Circle	Ross	0.14
Lighthouse Park	215.5 Lighthouse Circle	Norris	2.38
Main Beach Park	32 N Fletcher	Norris	5.26
Martin Luther King	Elm St	Kegler	4.81
North Beach Park	1230 N Fletcher	Grant	1.33
Peck Center Park	530 S 10th	Bartelt	3.66
Pocket Park 8th & Lime West	1129 S 8th	Ross	1.34
Pocket Park 8th & Lime East	1198 S 8th	Ross	0.15
Pocket Park on Ash	Corner of Ash/S 2nd	Ross	0.60
Pocket Park on Centre	209 Centre St	Ross	0.12
Seaside Park	2002 Fletcher Ave	Ross	1.76
Simmons Rd Park	1650 Simmons Rd	Chapman	6.72
Sunrise Park	South end of Sunrise Dr	Grant	2.84
Train Depot Park	102 Centre St	Ross	0.30
	Corner Bailey/Crane Island		
Ybor Alvarez Sports Complex	Dr	Bartelt	22.00
Total Acreage Assessed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee			511.61

Waterfront Park (in transition for assessment)	6.25
Beaches (defer to Beach Access Study)	116.94
Total Parkland Acreage Under Parks and Recreation Supervision	634.80

Not Included: Other Acreage for Recreation	
Golf Course (golf course management and staff)	275.52

Atlantic Recreation Center Park

2500 Atlantic Avenue



Amenities:

ADA Accessible

Aquatics Building

Auditorium

Baseball Field

Benches

Bicycle Racks

Fitness Center

Kiddie Pool

Lounge Chairs

Offices

Parking

Picnic Pavilion

Picnic Tables

Playgrounds

Pool

Restrooms

Shade Structure

Water Fountain

Atlantic Recreation Center Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	97
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	ADA Compliant fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Other
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	None at baseball fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	8
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	A surface exists for easy wheelchair access
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Acceptable
M	Condition of Restrooms	Acceptable
M	Condition of Sports Fields	Outfield – Good, Infield- Poor
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	Good

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No comments
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	No comments

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Consists of pools (including Kiddie Pool), auditorium, aquatics building, fitness center, offices, classrooms, baseball field, playground, pirate playground, public restrooms, indoor fitness center, picnic shelters
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Bosque Bello Cemetery

1320 14th Street



Amenities:

Bench Seating

Equipment Shed

Historic Markers

No Dogs Permitted

Restrooms

Shade

Walking & Jogging

Bosque Bello Cemetery

Located close to the north end of the island, Bosque Bello Cemetery has kept the memories of past islanders alive for over 200 years. It also provides a final resting place for many islanders today. Established in 1798 by the Spanish, its parklike setting displays interesting historical markers of soldiers from the Civil War, African American and white. From bouts of Yellow Fever, fallen military heroes of several military campaigns, prominent town officials, to Babyland, the cemetery documents the memories of the island's inhabitants.

Known for its old growth oak trees, it lives up to its name as the "beautiful woods". On any given morning joggers or walkers can be found amongst the tree-covered paths, trails, and sandy grass-covered roads. If you would like more information about the inhabitants of Bosque Bello Cemetery, visit the Friends of Bosque Bello website. If you would like more information about the cemetery, contact the Parks and Recreation department at (904) 310-3350.



Bosque Bello Cemetery

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	Grave side parking. Lots of space.
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields, none observed
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover, Lots of shade

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	No specific parking for physically challenged.
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	N/A
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present? Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	N/A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No equipment
		No sports courts

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	No sidewalks exist
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition. Check all that apply.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Trees in need of care and trimming.

Comments

Z	30. Additional Comments	Great historical significance
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Central Park

1200 Atlantic Avenue



Amenities:

Baseball Field (lighted)

Bench Seating

Bicycle Racks

Football Field (lighted)

Heroes Grove Memorial

Petanque Courts

Pickleball Courts (lighted)

Picnic Pavilion

Playground

Restrooms

Shade Structures

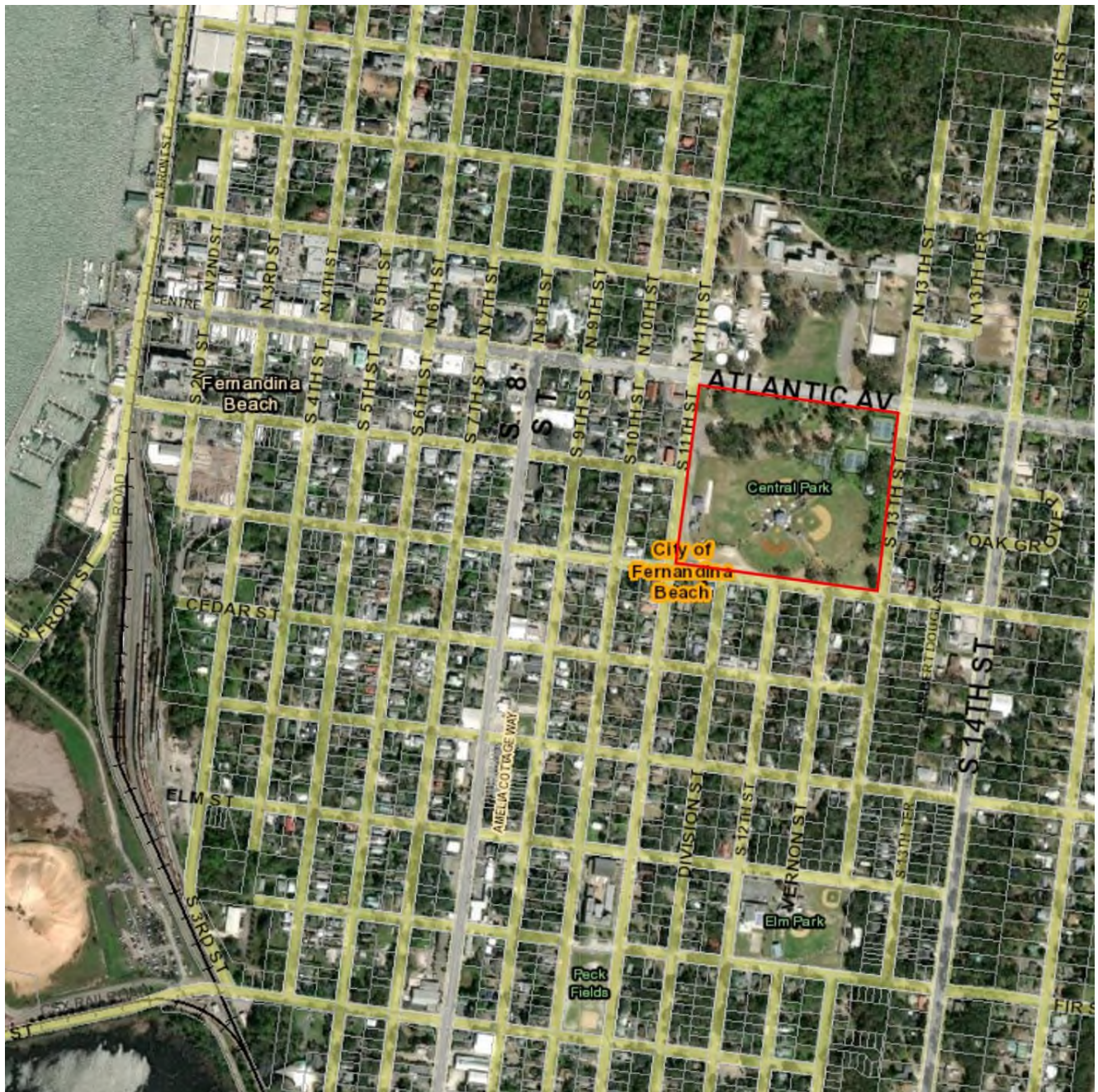
Tennis Courts (lighted)

Veterans Memorial

Water Fountain

Central Park

This busy park, ideally located between the downtown and the beach, provides a variety of recreation opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy. As the center of much activity, Central Park boasts tennis, pickleball, and petanque courts, as well as sports fields for baseball and football. Many of the courts and fields are lit for nighttime play. The shaded playground area attracts many parents and children, and the open space areas host a variety of community events throughout the year. A Veterans Memorial with bench seating offers a place for respectful reflection in honor of those who gave their lives for our country. A nearby Heroes Grove provides recognition of extraordinary, past City volunteer service. The pavilion and picnic area play host to many parties, family gatherings, and special events.



Central Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	140
AC	Bicycle racks exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	Fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, Other
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Baseball fields, Football fields, Pickleball courts, Tennis courts
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Shade structure(s), Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	10
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	0 - do not appear necessary -
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No easy access
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	Yes
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	Good
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	Good
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	Good
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	Needs expansion on north side and more base
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	Benches, Picnic tables, Wood benches and picnic tables near Pentanque courts worn
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	There are some areas of fencing that need to be repaired.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	This is heavily utilized with many good features and amenities.
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City Hall Pocket Park

204 Ash Street



Amenities:

ADA Accessible

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Parking

Picnic Tables

Shade

Smoking Station

Train Viewing

City Hall Pocket Park

Located next to City Hall, this pocket park serves a number of functional uses within the City. On the park's north side an electric vehicle charging station provides support for the use of electric cars, it also provides a place to park for residents, visitors, and City Hall employees. Providing ample shade with its excellent tree cover, it draws employees and visitors alike to its well shaded picnic tables. Offering views of passing trains, the marina, the river, and the launching of boats at the ramp across the street, it makes a picnic or lunch an entertaining experience.



City Hall Pocket Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	43
AC	Bicycle racks exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Street lights in parking lot
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover, Great tree coverage by crepe myrtles

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	1
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	3
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at Sports Fields?	No
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	No sign is visible
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	None

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Has an electric vehicle charging station. Cigarette butt receptacle with a bucket is available.
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Egan's Creek Park

2201 Atlantic Avenue



Amenities:

ADA Accessible

Bench Seating

Bicycle Racks

Dog Waste Station

Fishing Pier

Kayak Launch

Meditation Labyrinth

Outdoor Fitness Center

Picnic Tables

Picnic Pavilion

Playground

Restrooms

Shade Structures

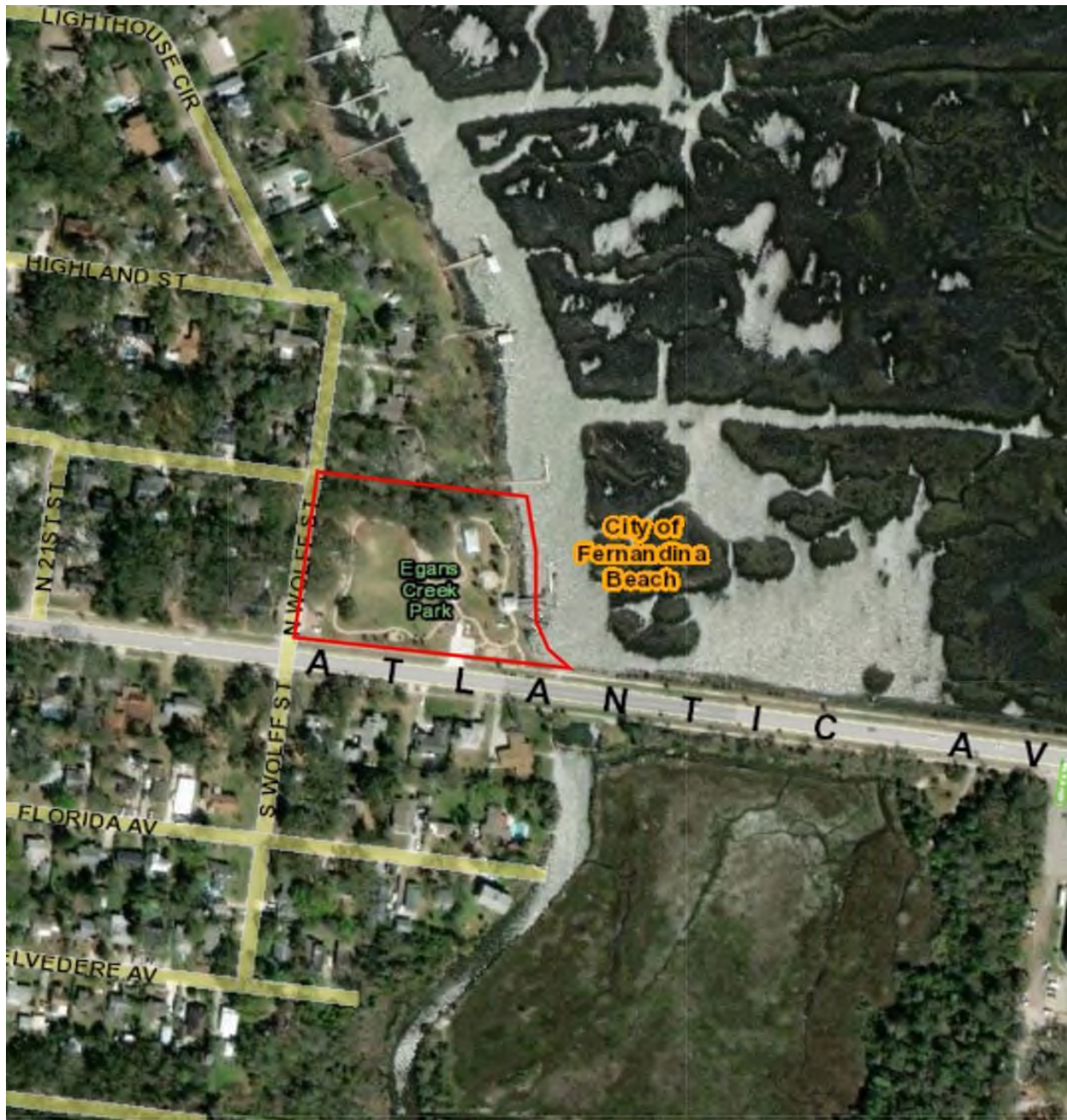
Walking Path

Water Fountain

Wildlife Viewing Equipment

Egan's Creek Park

Close to the beach, and situated on one of the wider sections of Egan's Creek, this park has almost too many amenities to count. There will be something to entertain every family member at this popular park. Enjoy scenic views of the creek's wildlife with special viewing equipment, a fishing pier, or from your kayak. A meditation labyrinth can provide some calm, or an energetic work out can be had on the shaded, outdoor fitness equipment. Small children can get their own workout on the playground equipment with plenty of green space to just throw a ball. The family dog also gets attention with a dog waste station and a well-used, concrete walking path. A picnic pavilion offers an opportunity for large, outdoor family gatherings, or birthday parties.



Egan's Creek Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	Parking on Atlantic Ave. for visitors.
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	ADA Compliant fountain exists, Water bottle filler exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Lights around path
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	Two
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	Ramp to dock only ramp
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	A surface exists for easy wheelchair access
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at Sports Fields?	N A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	N A

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	Good

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	Option 5
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Storm water runoff from Wolf St washed ground cover on to walks. Light pole bottom cover is off or falling off.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Need for more trash pickup weekends.
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Eighth Street East Pocket Park

1198 S. 8th Street



Amenities:

Banner Display Poles

City Welcome Sign

Sign Ground Lighting

Shaded Parking

Eighth Street East Pocket Park

The busy intersection of South 8th Street and Lime Street is generally not a peaceful place. However, workers can often be found parked in their vehicles under the low hanging branches of this tiny park's shade trees, eating their lunches while watching the traffic go by. But the park's most significant use is providing space for the City's Welcome sign. It also offers a place to hang banners that give notice of upcoming special events in the City.



Eighth Street East Pocket Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	Grass parking
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	No seating
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields, there is a street light on the corner.
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover, 6 medium to large, healthy trees are on the property.

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	0
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	0
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No fields
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No courts

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Acceptable
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	
S	Check all that apply.	No seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Very busy intersection

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	This small park holds the City's Welcome sign. The sign is lit with ground lighting. It also has poles for banners. It is a very small parcel, but workers in vehicles like the shady parking for lunch.
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Eighth Street West Pocket Park

1129 S. 8th Street



Amenities:

City Safety Signage

Shade

Sidewalks

Well maintained grass area

Eighth Street West Pocket Park

Offering plenty of green space, this 1.3-acre pocket of land is a green oasis amidst the commercial and retail businesses at the busy intersection of South 8th Street and West Lime Street. Signage giving City employee safety information reminds citizens that City worker safety is a priority. And with the additional planting of several new trees, more greenery has been added to its landscape. Since no bicycle lanes exist on the adjacent S. 8th Street corridor, recreational and neighborhood cyclists have frequently been observed riding its streetside sidewalk to reach Clinch Drive to the south of the park. In the future, this shaded green area has the potential to offer a much-needed connecting bicycle path from Clinch Drive to South 7th Street for a much safer and easier cycling route to downtown.



Eighth Street West Pocket Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	0
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	No seating
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields, No lighting
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Little tree cover, New trees are planted

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	0
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	0
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present? Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	No restroom No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No fields
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No courts

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	No sign is visible
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition. Check all that apply.	No seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Great deal of traffic would likely require fencing for outdoor recreation.

Comments

Z	30. Additional Comments	Essentially an empty lot. The grass is well cut. Existing 20 ft trees are very healthy. New trees have been planted with water bags on them. Displays employee safety signage. Possible dog park location.
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Egans Creek Greenway North

2500 Atlantic Avenue to 2555 Jasmine Street



Amenities:

Benches

Educational Signage

Eleanor Latimer Colborn Bridge

Marsh Overlook

Parking

Picnic Tables

Trail Map

Restrooms

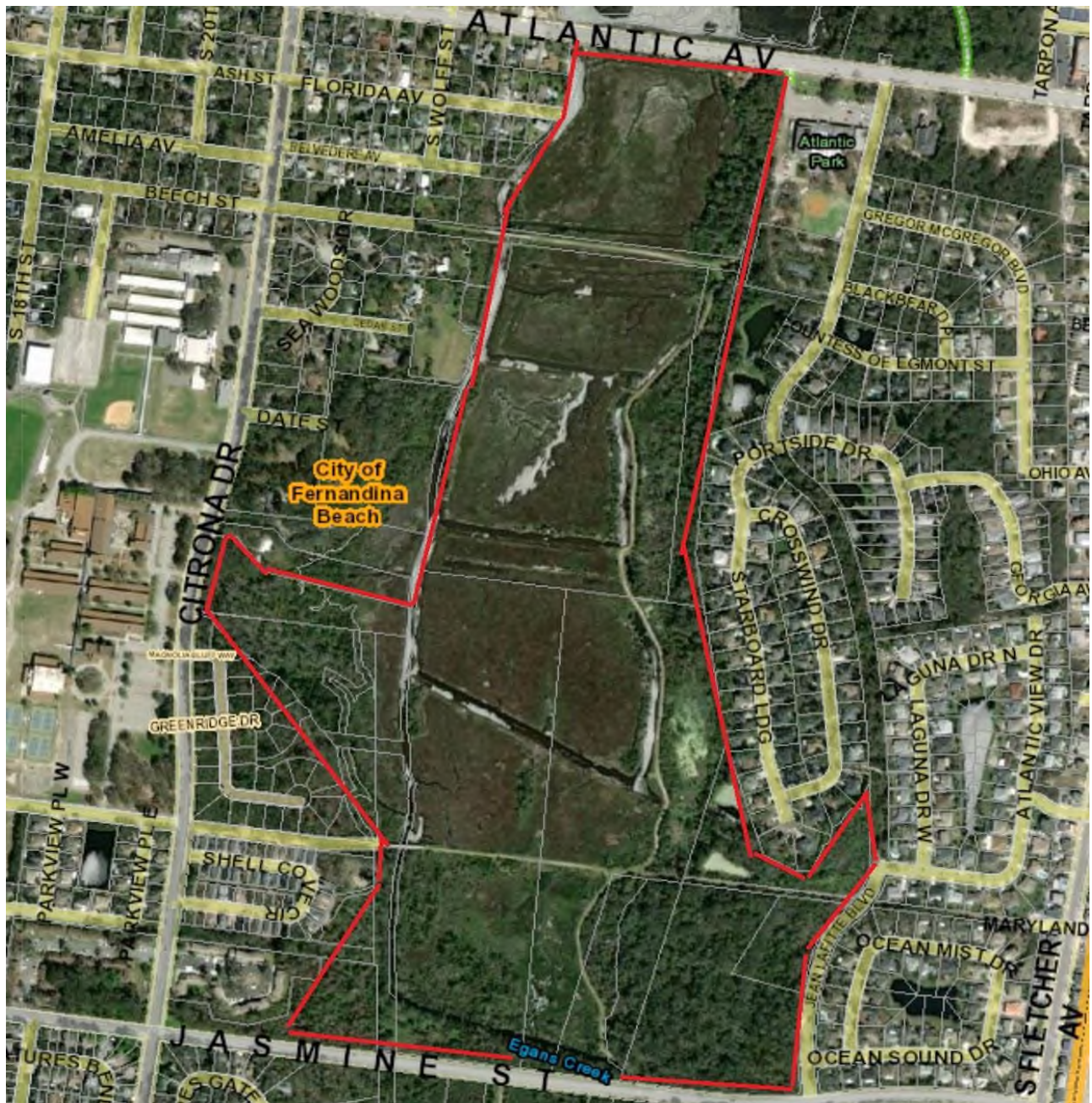
Walking Paths

Wooden Walkways

Water Fountain

Egan's Creek Greenway North

Egan's Creek Greenway, located on the northern end of the island, opened in 2000 as an undeveloped park for conservation and passive recreational use. Funding for the land acquisition was provided by the Florida Communities Trust and the City of Fernandina Beach. Managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, the park consists of over 300 acres of protected lands with a variety of natural wildlife and vegetation. The northern end of Egan's Creek, which runs from Jasmine Street to Atlantic Avenue, offers grass covered trails ideal for walking and biking. A nature pavilion and picnic area are located at the Atlantic Avenue entrance along with benches, a boardwalk, education kiosks and an ADA compliant viewing platform. A restroom is available at the Nature Pavilion.



Egan's Creek Greenway North

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	20 spaces plus roadside on Jasmine
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	Fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	4
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	0
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	N/A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	N/A

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	N/A
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	N/A
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	No sidewalks exist
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Good
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Trails are not really handicap accessible

Comments

Z Additional Comments

Egan's Creek Greenway South

2400 Jasmine Street to 2301 Sadler Road



Amenities:

Benches

Educational Signage

Parking

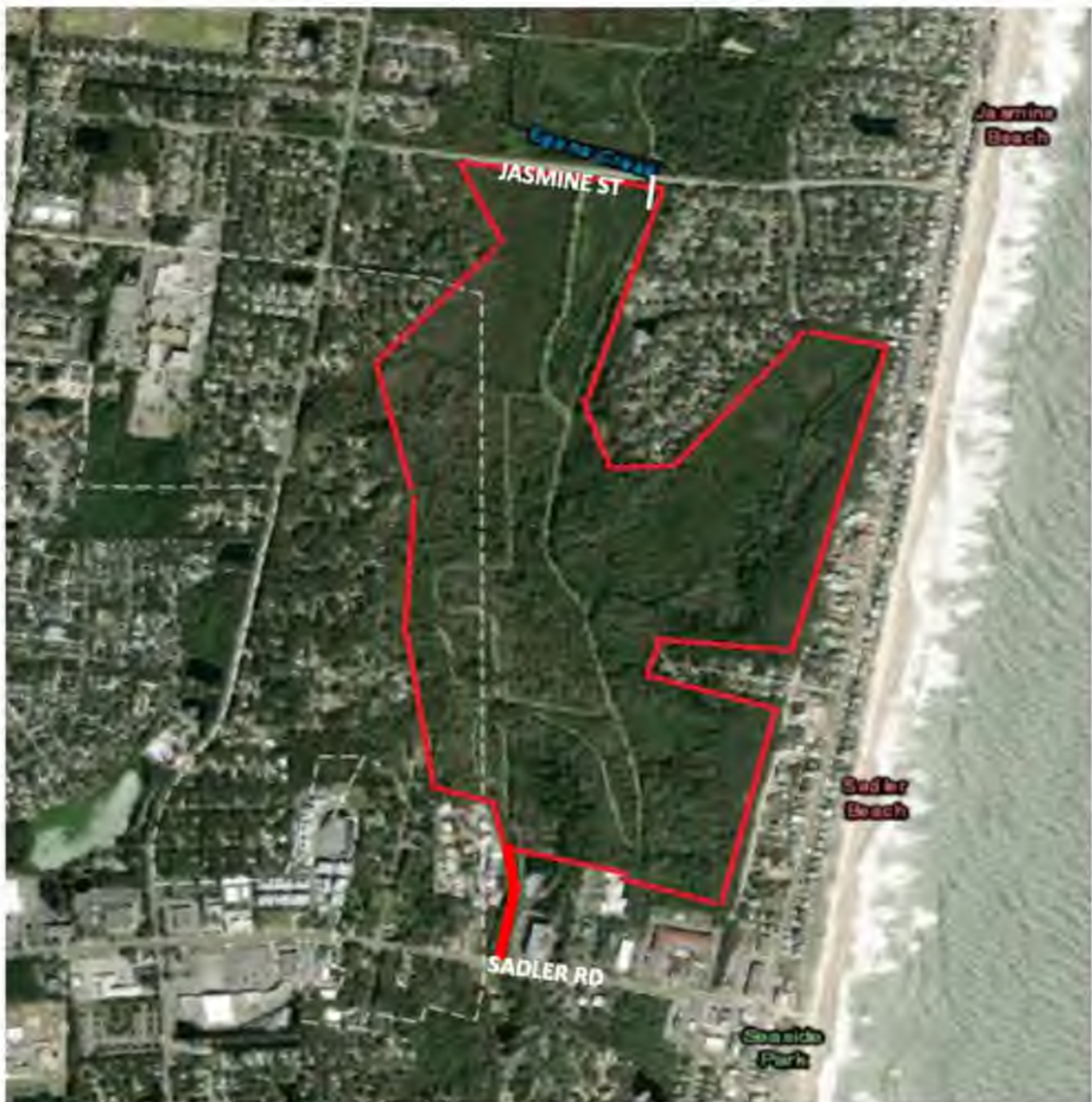
Trail Map

Walking Paths

Wildlife Viewing

Egan's Creek Greenway South

The southern expanse of Egan's Creek Greenway, located between Jasmine Street and Sadler Road, features a grass-covered network of trails suitable for walking and bicycling. Visitors enjoy a more forested, freshwater ecosystem than the Greenway's northern counterpart. Its environment exhibits a variety of natural wildlife and vegetation. Alligators, marsh rabbits, snakes, bobcats, and many bird species may be enjoyed from a distance on its boardwalk or trails. Benches and interpretative displays are located throughout this section of the Greenway. Enter or exit from Jasmine Street or from the raised boardwalk at the Sadler Road trailhead. Parking may be found at each trail head. However, restrooms are not available in this more isolated section of the creek's Greenway.



Egan's Creek Greenway South

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	6 signed spaces for Park. Other space available at Residence Inn.
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	None
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	None - doesn't appear necessary.
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No sports fields
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No sports courts

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	No sidewalks exist
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Good
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Dog off leash. Bicyclist approaching from behind not announcing presence.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	This Park is a true gem for nature lovers.
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Hickory Street Park

Between Indigo and Hickory Streets



Amenities:

ADA Accessible

Fenced Sports Fields

Lacrosse

Parking

Practice Field

Soccer

Sports Netting

Hickory Street Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	35+
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	No seating
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	None
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Little tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	4
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	Not necessary
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	Yes
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Acceptable
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	Acceptable
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	Acceptable
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	
S	Check all that apply.	No seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Suggest additional safety lighting
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	None

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Lacrosse and other field sports have a great deal of wide, grassy, open space for field play. Remove stray chunks of asphalt from ADA seating area.
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Lighthouse Park

215.5 Lighthouse Circle



Amenities:

Historical Signage

Indoor Educational Classroom

Lamp Oil Storehouse

Lighthouse

Parking

Lighthouse Park

The Amelia Island Lighthouse was built in 1838 and is Florida's oldest lighthouse. It is the only one from the Territorial Period that has survived without major rebuilding. The City of Fernandina Beach received possession of the lighthouse from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2001. The Coast Guard, with the help of the Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers, maintains the function of the beacon. The City of Fernandina Beach preserves the monument, recognizing its importance as one of the island's most visible and beloved historic sites. The lighthouse is available for tours by contacting the Atlantic Recreation Center at (904) 310-3350, ext. #1.



Lighthouse Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	10
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	No seating
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	0
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	1
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	Not applicable
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	Not applicable

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	No sign is visible
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	Acceptable
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	No seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Suggest additional safety lighting
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Park is gated and located in a residential area

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers tours twice monthly. The park is not staffed on a regular basis, and the entrance gate is locked.
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ILan Circle Park

ILan Circle

This narrow .14-acre parcel is a green open space serving as an entry way to a cluster of homes. Owned by the City of Fernandina Beach, and recently rezoned Conservation, its tree coverage will likely be retained in the future. There are no amenities at this site.



Main Beach Park

32 N Fletcher Avenue



Amenities:

ADA Accessible	Floating Beach Wheelchair Rental	Playground Equipment
Beach Safety Signage	Mobi-Mat	Restrooms
Beach Volleyball	Multipurpose Courts	Scenic Boardwalk
Beach Wheelchair Rentals	Outdoor Showers	Skateboard Park
Benches	Picnic Tables	Special Events Venue
Bike Racks	Picnic Pavilions	Water Fountain

Main Beach Park (Wolf Park)

Located at the intersection of Atlantic and Fletcher Avenues toward the north end of the island, Main Beach Park is the most well-known beachfront park in the City of Fernandina Beach. Adjacent to hotels, restaurants, shopping, and a Putt-Putt golf course, Main Beach Park has a variety of recreational amenities available to both residents and visitors. Ample parking provides easy access to the beach as well as good ADA access with a Mobi-Mat semi-permanently installed at the boardwalk access ramp and three beach wheelchairs, and a floating beach wheelchair available for rent. The Park also offers two sand volleyball courts, picnic shelters, a playground, a multipurpose court, a skate park, restrooms, outdoor showers and a large grassy park area behind its scenic, wooden dune walkway. Electrical outlets and water are available for special events. For beach wheelchair rentals or special event information, call (904) 310-3350.



Main Beach Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	230
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	ADA Compliant fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables
		No outdoor lighting on basketball court or skateboard park
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Shade structure(s)
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	12
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	7
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	A surface exists for easy wheelchair access
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	Good
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	Good
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	Good
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Good
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Water fountain and showers near bathrooms are in poor condition
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Park

1200 Elm Street



Amenities:

Auditorium

Baseball Field (Lighted)

Bench Seating

Bicycle Racks

Bleachers

Concessions Building

Horseshoe Pits

Kiddie Pool

Multipurpose Court (Lighted)

Offices

Picnic Pavilions

Playgrounds

Pool

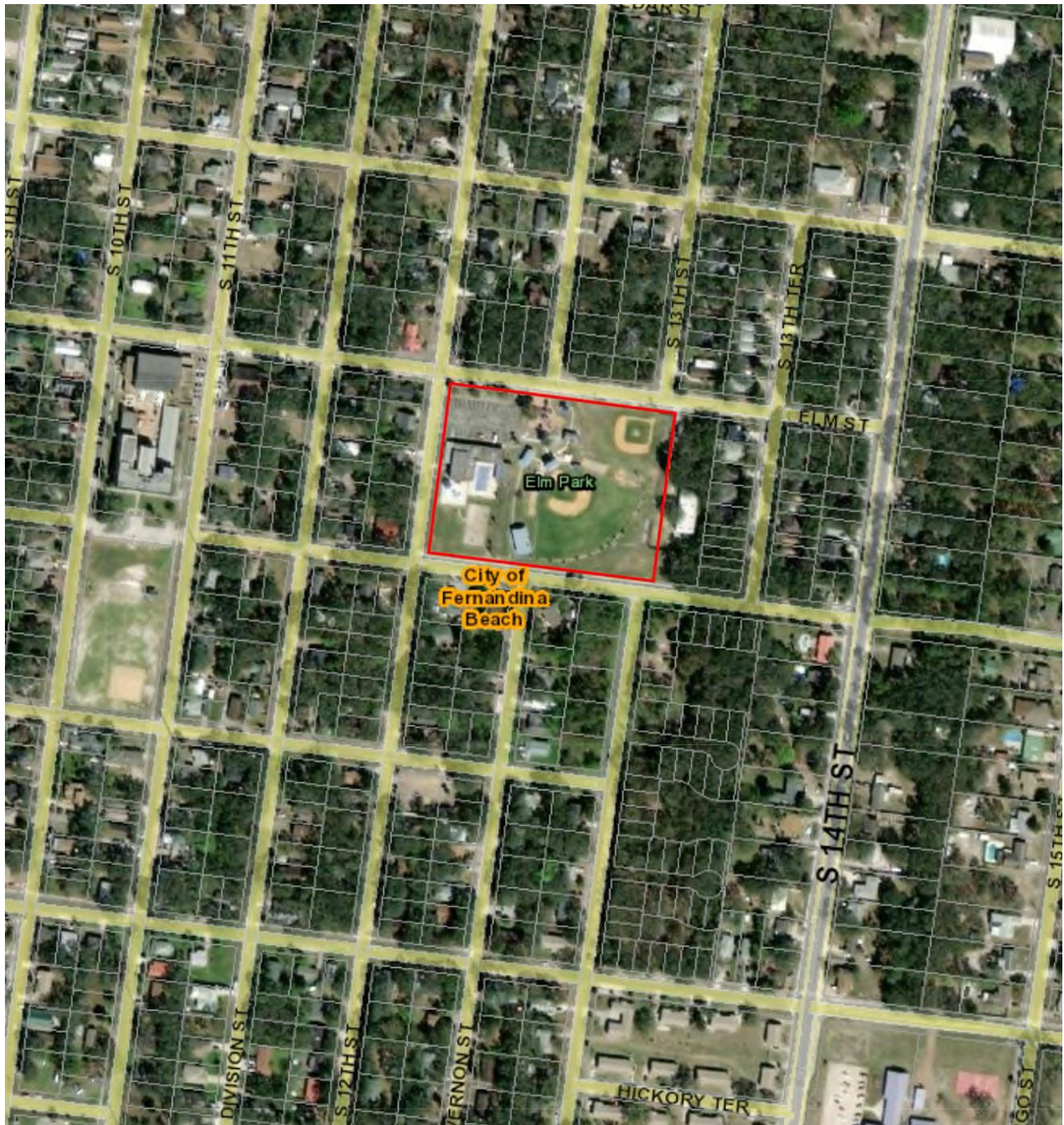
Restrooms

Shade Structures

Water Fountain

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Park (Elm Park)

Between Elm Street and Fir Street, this almost 5-acre park manages to contain many amenities. It is the home of the Charles L. Albert, Jr. Baseball Field, two pools, a multipurpose/basketball court, a shaded area of playground equipment, an administrative building with an auditorium, and many shaded picnic shelters. Yet despite the number of recreational amenities and equipment found in this park, there is still a green open space for impromptu field sports when needed. Shaded bleachers offer views of the baseball field and its players, and a concession building with a water fountain gives fans needed food and drink when needed. Many picnics create good memories in this park.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	25
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	Fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables, Other
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Baseball fields, Multipurpose court
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Shade structure(s), Little tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	2
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	1
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	A surface exists for easy wheelchair access, A transfer pad exists.
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	Yes
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	Yes

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Acceptable
M	Condition of Sports Fields	In the midst of repairs
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	Good
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	Mostly ACCEPTABLE, some near ballfield need checked.
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	
S	Check all that apply.	Some worn benches by the playground equipment.
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Sidewalks may require additional checking.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Plenty of great covered picnic pavilion and shade structure coverage for an outdoor get-together. Horseshoe pits also exist.
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North Beach Park

1230 North Fletcher Avenue



Amenities:

ADA Access
ADA Picnic Tables
Benches
Bike Rack
Parking

Pavilions
Picnic Tables
Temporary Restroom
Wooden Walkway

North Beach Park

North Beach Park is best described as an informational, nature access to the beach. There is much to learn with many posters along the meandering boardwalk. There are also many opportunities to stop along the ramp and look for turtles who live in the dunes. Two covered alcoves with picnic tables make for scenic picnicking atop the dunes. There is one handicap parking space, and the long ramp is wheelchair accessible to the top of the dune. North Beach Park is peaceful. With parking limited to 20 vehicles, it retains the feel of a private beach which overlooks beautiful dunes.



North Beach Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	About 20 plus 2 below
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, 2 small picnic table pavilions along boardwalk to beach.

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	2 for handicap parking
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	Entire boardwalk to beach is a ramp
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Does not appear large enough to be wheelchair accessible.
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	N/A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	N/A

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	One Port-a-potty at entrance to Park
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	Benches, Picnic tables
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Poor
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	There are metal railings along entire walkway to beach, but all wood areas are in poor shape and very unattractive.

Comments

Z Additional Comments

Peck Center and Park

516 South 10th Street



Amenities:

ADA Access

Auditorium

Baseball Field

Benches

City Offices

Children's Services

Fitness Center

Community Meeting Room

Gymnasium

Historical Marker and Signage

Library

Parking

Picnic Pavilion

Restrooms

Soccer Goals

Water Fountain

Peck Center and Park

The Peck Center not only houses City offices, an auditorium, a gym, fitness center, Children's Services, but it is landmark of historic significant. As an African American high school during segregation, it stands as a reminder of the City's past. Inside its great hallway entrance are framed informational pieces of its history and its people. The park's green outdoor space acts as a gathering place for special events during the year with a picnic shelter offering some shade. Richo Field offers baseball at the south end of the park and soccer goals dot the park's landscape. Newly planted trees can be seen around the entrance to the fitness center and gym.



Peck Center and Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	79 total spaces, 24 paved, 6 ADA, 20 grass with blocks, 29 without blocks
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No lighting except parking lot.
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Little tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	1 by gym, 3 at main entrance
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	1 at gym, 1 at main entrance
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment. Check all that apply.	No playground equipment exists, Playground equipment of Children's Services appears to be accessible.
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at Sports Fields?	No
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	ACCEPTABLE for Soccer, POOR Baseball field (weedy)
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	ACCEPTABLE for Soccer, POOR Baseball field (weedy)
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks (suggest additional sidewalks in "Other" below)	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	
S	Check all that apply.	Benches, some benches are in poor condition.
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Soccer goals are in GOOD condition, ACCEPTABLE Baseball backstop
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	Lighting exists around the gym and office building entrances.
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	

Comments

Z	30. Additional Comments	A gym, fitness center, and a small playground for Episcopal Children Services are all in good to excellent condition. A community meeting room, historic signage, auditorium and City offices are located in the historic building.
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Pocket Park on Centre Street

209 Centre Street



Amenities:

Bench Seating

Bike Racks

Dog Waste Station

Hand Sanitizing Station

Handicap Accessible

Historical Marker

Newspaper Boxes

Picnic Table

Street Parking

Pocket Park on Centre Street

The Pocket Park on Centre is a popular gathering place in the Downtown Central Business District. With a coffee shop next door, a newspaper box, and plenty of bench seating, it summons shoppers and locals alike into its tree-shaded seating by the street. Its inner benches offer shade early in the morning or in the evening. Its handy dog waste station and hand sanitation station also beckons the dog walkers. Cyclists from various parts of the island can be found resting in this shaded park in the mornings. The picnic table makes an outdoor breakfast or lunch possible with food and drink from nearby establishments.



Pocket Park on Centre Street

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	Street parking
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Light in center of pocket park
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Little tree cover, Needs shade

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	0
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	1
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No sports field
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No sports court

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	No sign is visible
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s)
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	None

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	This is heavily used. Need more bike racks and picnic tables.
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Seaside Park

2002 S. Fletcher Avenue



Amenities:

ADA Access

Beach Access

Beach Parking

Bench Seating

Bicycle Racks

Educational Signage

Outdoor Showers (2)

Permanent Shade Structures (4)

Picnic Pavilions (3)

Restrooms

Well-vegetated Dunes

Seaside Park

This very popular oceanside park, located at the east end of Sadler Road, is surrounded by hotels, a beach rental shop, restaurants, a bar, and an ice cream store. At the end of the street, beach parking is permitted on the stretch of sand in front of the park during specific hours at different seasons of the year. However, amidst all of this bustling activity, the park retains its unspoiled character. Its dunes and vegetation are well protected with a network of walkways which connect permanent shade structures and picnic pavilions. There is easy viewing from the shelters with bench seating. Outdoor showers are located on the connecting beach walkway and at the restroom area. Educational signage can be viewed from the walkways, and a state water quality notification sign can be seen at the entrance of the dune walkover. Bench seating inside the pavilions offers shaded views of the beach, while other pavilions offer picnic tables.



Seaside Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	35
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Shade structure(s)

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	2
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	1
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	NA
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	NA

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Poor
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	Poor
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	Needs careful inspection of walkways.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Heavily utilized beach access for beach parking and traveling to the restroom.
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Simmons Park

1650 Simmons Road



Amenities:

Benches

Bicycle Racks

Bicycle Station

Handicap Accessible

Parking

Picnic Pavilion

Picnic Tables

Restrooms

Walking/Bicycle Path

Wooden Walkways

Water Fountain

Simmons Road Park

Located toward the west end of Simmons Road, this small neighborhood park offers a green oasis for walkers and cyclists. Densely forested, it retains its natural environment but adds the comfort of a picnic pavilion and restrooms. Its meandering wide pathway is handicap accessible. Cyclists traveling the nearby bike path can appreciate the bicycle station and the access to water and restrooms.



Simmons Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	6
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	Fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, ADA picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	No courts/fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	2
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	N A
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	N A
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	N A

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Acceptable
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Good
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	On hold waiting for base.
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	No lighting exists
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	

Comments

Z Additional Comments

Sunrise Park

1900 Sunrise Drive



Amenities:

Benches

Grass Parking

Open Green Space

Picnic Table

Playground Equipment

Scenic View of Egan's Creek

Sunrise Park

Sunrise Park is a hidden gem with a gorgeous, peaceful waterfront view. One could sit and daydream while taking in the beauty of Egan's Creek. There is a stand of trees that supplies a lot of shade with a few relaxing benches and picnic tables offering seating. The playground equipment is suited to younger children with its simple design and size. However, older children would enjoy the large, open, grassy area for kicking a soccer ball or playing games that appreciate large open spaces.



Sunrise Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	None assigned as parking. Off road grass area to park.
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Did not observe
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	None present
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	None. Level, grassy, open park
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	No restroom
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	Only grass or mulch in entire park
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	No
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	Not applicable

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	No sign is visible
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	No signage
M	Condition of Restrooms	No restroom(s) No designated sports fields but lots of open area for active sports.
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No soccer fields
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No skate park
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No outdoor fitness equipment
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	No sidewalks exist
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	Benches and Tables in very good shape.
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Good
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Did not observe
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	None with equipment.

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Park has so much potential for tented social functions or a covered pavilion to rent. Trash can should be replaced.
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Train Depot Welcome Center Park

102 Centre Street



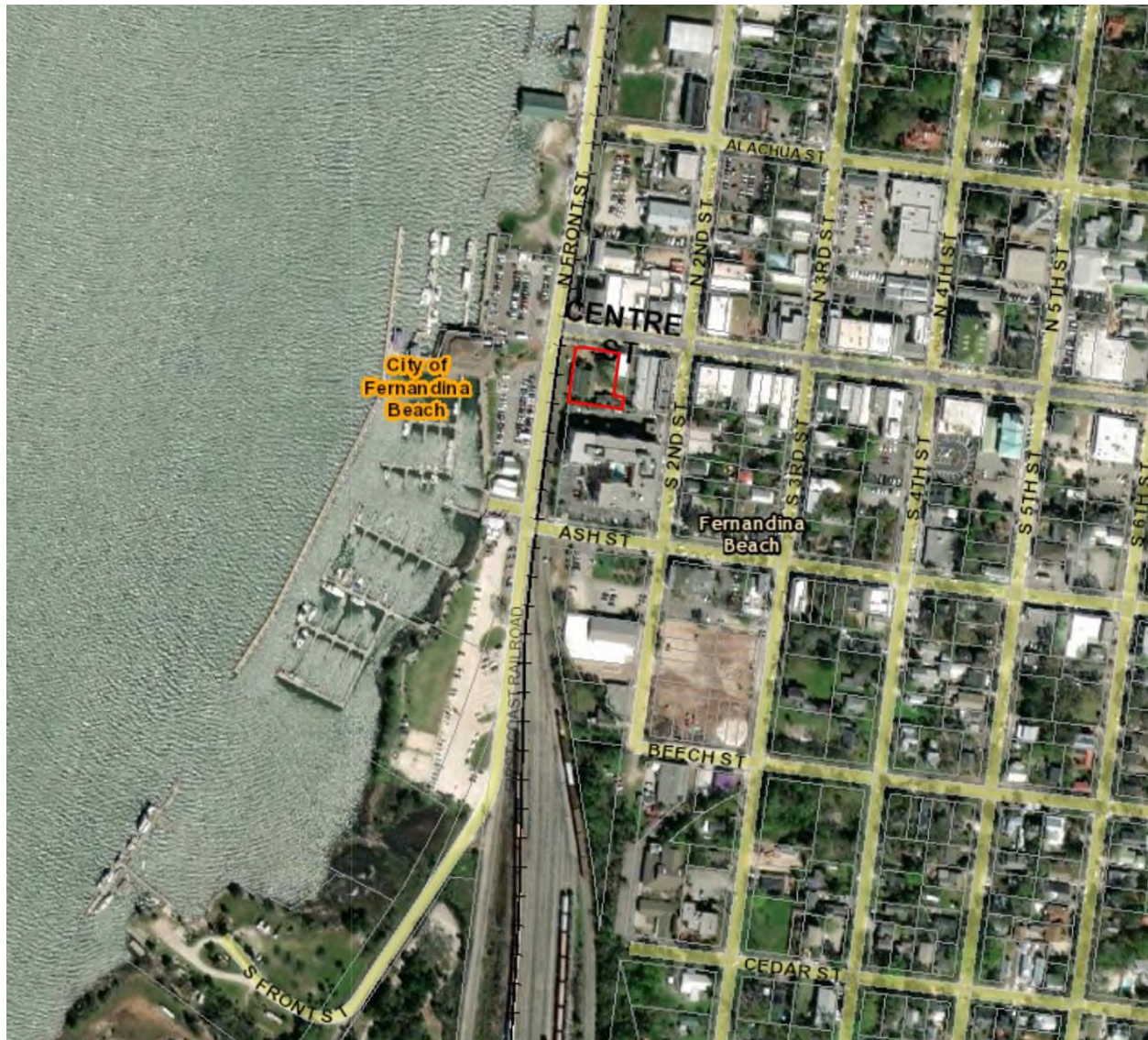
Amenities:

Baby Changing Station
Bench Seating
Bicycle Racks
Butterfly Garden
Handicap Accessible
Hand Sanitizing Station

Historic Markers
Restrooms
Train Viewing
Water Fountain
Water Views
Welcome Center

Train Depot Welcome Center Park

Located in the heart of Fernandina's downtown Historic District and business district, this attractive park gets high marks for comfort. Visitors enjoy ample shade and excellent views of the City marina. Though it may be small, it offers a great deal of shaded bench seating and educational signage. To entertain park goers, the site offers an active butterfly garden with signage, historical markers, historic statuary, and a shaded train viewing area on its west side. The water fountain with a dog bowl is popular along with the expansive, well-maintained restrooms with a baby changing station. The Park also houses the Visitor Bureau's Welcome Center in the historic depot building.



Train Depot and Welcome Center Park

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	City street parking
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	Yes
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	ADA Compliant fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Park light exists
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Acceptable tree cover, Side pavilion exists

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	1
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	3
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at sports fields?	NA
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	NA

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Good
M	Condition of Sports Fields	No sports fields
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	No soccer fields
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	No equipment
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available?	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	No concerns except for train crossing

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Lovely butterfly garden, big deal for the kids
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Ybor Alvarez Sports Complex

700 Airport Road



Amenities:

ADA Accessible

Baseball Fields (lighted)

Benches

Bleachers

Parking

Picnic Pavilion

Picnic Tables

Restrooms

Shade Structure

Soccer Fields (lighted)

Ybor Alvarez Athletic Complex

Located at the end of Bailey Road, this complex houses lighted, outdoor soccer fields and three lighted softball/baseball fields. Large, open, irrigated, green spaces beckon soccer players while picnic shelters and bleachers accommodate fans and onlookers. Owned by the City's airport, the City of Fernandina maintains the fencing, grounds, and structures which support the sports activities located at this roughly 24-acre site that is easily accessed by the Simmons Road bike trail.



Ybor Alvarez Athletic Complex

Assessment Form Information

Access and Comfort

AC	ESTIMATE of available parking spaces for all visitors	120
AC	Bicycle Racks Exist	No
AC	Water present? Check all that apply.	No fountain, ADA Compliant fountain exists
AC	Availability of seating? Check all that apply.	Benches, Picnic tables, Other
AC	Existence of Lighting? Check all that apply.	Soccer fields, Baseball fields
AC	Is shade available? Check all that apply.	Picnic Pavilion, Shade structure(s), Little tree cover

ADA Compliance

ADA	Number of handicap parking spaces	4 with cracked concrete pad
ADA	Number of handicap ramps	None
ADA	Is a handicap accessible stall present?	Yes, in soccer restrooms
ADA	Handicap access to playground equipment.	No playground equipment exists
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at Sports Fields?	No
ADA	Is handicap seating designated at each sports court?	No

Maintenance

M	What is the condition of the park's sign?	Good
M	Condition of handicap parking space signage	Good
M	Condition of Restrooms	Soccer restrooms are acceptable, no access to baseball restrooms
M	Condition of Sports Fields	Acceptable
M	Condition of Multipurpose Courts	No multipurpose courts
M	Condition of Tennis Courts	No tennis courts
M	Condition of Pickleball Courts	No pickleball courts
M	Condition of Soccer Fields	Acceptable
M	Condition of the Skate Park features	No skate park
M	Condition of Petanque Courts	No petanque courts
M	Condition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	No outdoor fitness equipment

Safety

S	Condition of sidewalks	Acceptable
S	Check the seating options that are in poor condition.	NO POOR seating
S	Condition of the playground equipment?	Goals, Backstops, and Dugouts are in GOOD condition
S	Condition of Wooden Walkways	No wooden walkway
S	Is appropriate safety lighting available	Lighting is adequate
S	Please explain any safety concerns.	

Comments

Z	Additional Comments	Can't see the sign well from the parkway, it's in the shade. There is no fountain at the baseball field, but there is an ADA compliant fountain at the soccer fields. Needs a water bottle filler. Soccer picnic tables are not ADA accessible. Bleachers provide additional seating. Need to fix the potholes at the entrance, need an indoor meeting space, more parking and pest control.
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Appendix H: 2021 Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey Questions

The survey questions utilized below were also used in 2015 to reach residents and gain information concerning their needs from the department, and what they considered priorities going forward in the future. In anticipation of a need to also update the Bosque Bello Cemetery, an additional question was added at the end of the survey to gain insight into how the cemetery was utilized.

The following survey questions were placed in a digital online format by the City's Office of Information and Technology. Though the content is the same, the online survey and the paper survey on the next page offered more limited choices for answers. All responses, whether paper or online, were all entered into the Google Form survey data base.

4/13/2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Approved Survey Questions

1. Please enter:
 Name _____
 Home address _____
 Email Address _____
 Number of people in your household _____
 Ages of household members _____
2. Which City parks, open spaces, or recreation facilities do you visit most often?

3. What do you like most about the parks that you visit?

4. How would you rate the level of maintenance of the City's parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces?
 Circle one.
 Excellent Good Acceptable Fair Poor
5. What do you dislike about the parks you visit, and/or any other parks in the City?

6. What types of parks and recreation facilities, and open spaces are most important to you? Rank them 1 through 5, with 5 being the most important.
 - a. Trails and bikeways _____
 - b. Maintained green/open space _____
 - c. Swimming pools and aquatic programs _____
 - d. Playgrounds _____
 - e. Boat/kayak ramps _____
 - f. Fishing piers _____
 - g. Multi-purpose recreation centers _____
 - h. Sports courts _____
 - i. Athletic fields _____
 - j. Beach and beach access _____
 - k. Other _____
7. Do you or your family participate in any of the City's recreation programs/activities? Please list:

8. Do you participate in recreation programs/activities offered by other recreation providers i.e., YMCA, Council on Aging, Boys and Girls Club, Workout facilities...? Please list:

9. What do you like most about the City programs/activities you participate in?

10. What improvements or new programs should be added to the City Parks and Recreation Department?

11. How do you find out about the parks and recreation facilities and programs offered by the City?

12. How could the City communicate to residents about parks and recreation opportunities more effectively?

(Survey Questions Continued)

13. How could the City improve opportunities for residents of all ages, genders and abilities to participate in parks and recreation programs and facilities? _____
14. Would you support additional fees, a bond issue, or tax increases to pay for improvements to the City's parks, recreation, and open space system? Which is your preference? _____
15. Do the presently available hours and days of operation of the City's facilities and programs meet you and your family's needs? If not, please explain. _____
16. Are there any parks and recreations facilities or programs that you believe are not used or not needed? _____
17. Do you visit Bosque Bello Cemetery? If so, why? _____

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The paper survey displayed the questions with choices as written in the online Google Forms survey.

Due to the need to enter responses by hand if paper surveys were returned, every effort was made to encourage respondents to enter their responses into the online survey Google Form. To encourage online use a QR Code was added and a shorter URL name for the survey's weblink was also added.

COFB Parks and Recreation Survey

Please take the time to complete the following survey. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is conducting an assessment of the city's Parks and Recreation services and facilities. Your answers will shape their Action Plan for future recreation services.

You may open the survey with the QR Code or use shorturl.at/sDHUW to complete it online.

Or mail the survey back to the Utility Department in the envelope with your bill. Thank you for your input!



1. First and Last Name _____

2. Home Address _____

3. Email Address _____

4. Number of people in your household? _____

5. Age range of household members? (Circle all that apply.)

0-10 10-18 18-30
30-65 65 and above

6. Which City parks, open spaces, or recreation facilities do you visit most often? (Circle all that apply.)

Atlantic Ave Park	Beach Access
Bosque Bello	Central Park
Egan's Creek Greenway	Egan's Creek Park
FB Athletic Complex	Hickory St Park
Lighthouse Park	Main Beach Park
MLK Park	Peck Gym/Field
Pocket Parks	Simmons Park
Sunrise Park	Train Depot
Waterfront	None

7. What do you like most about the parks you visit? _____

8. How would you rate the level of maintenance of the City's parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces?

Excellent	Good
Acceptable	Fair
Poor	

9. What do you dislike about the parks you visit, and/or any other parks in the city? _____

10. What types of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces are most important to you? Rank them 1-5, with 5 being the most important. (Circle)

Athletic fields	1	2	3	4	5
Beach/beach accesses	1	2	3	4	5
Boat/kayak ramps	1	2	3	4	5
Fishing piers	1	2	3	4	5
Maintained green/open spaces	1	2	3	4	5
Multi-purpose recreation centers	1	2	3	4	5
Playgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
Sports courts	1	2	3	4	5
Swimming pools and aquatic programs	1	2	3	4	5
Trails and bikeways	1	2	3	4	5

(Survey continued on the back)

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11. Do you or your family participate in any of the City's recreation programs/activities? Please list:

12. Do you participate in recreation programs/activities offered by other recreation providers (i.e., YMCA, Council on Aging, Boys and Girls Club, workout facilities, etc.)? Please list:

13. What do you like most about the City programs/activities in which you participate?

14. What improvements or new programs should be added to the City Park and Recreation Department?

15. How do you find out about the parks and recreation facilities and programs offered by the City?

16. How could the City communicate to residents about parks and recreation opportunities more effectively?

17. How could the City improve opportunities for residents of all ages, genders, and abilities to participate in parks and recreation programs and facilities?

18. Would you support additional fees, a bond issue, or tax increases to pay for improvements to the City's parks recreation and open space system?

Yes No

19. Which do you prefer? (circle)

Additional fees Bond issue

Tax increase

Other: _____

20. Do the presently available hours and days of operation of the City's facilities and programs meet you and your family's needs? If not, please explain.

21. Are there any parks and recreation facilities or programs that you believe are not used or not needed?

22. Do you visit Bosque Bello Cemetery? If so, why? (circle or write)

History Nature Recreation activities

Visit loved ones I do not visit

Other: _____

Appendix I: Detailed Listings of Citizen Improvement Requests (Listed by Size of Response)

A. Suggested Capital Improvements

Bike/Walking Paths	45
Pickleball Courts	36
Skate Park Improvements	24
Tennis Courts	16
New Aquatic Center	14
Beach Walkovers	13
Conservation Land	13
Waterfront	12
Dog Park	11
Fishing Piers	10
Trees	8
New Fitness Equipment at Atlantic	8
Clay Tennis Courts	6
Splash Pad	6
Amphitheatre	6
Downtown Parking	5
Community Garden	4
Trash Cans	4
Indoor Pickleball	4
Renovate Atlantic Rec Center	4
Racquetball Courts	4
ADA Improvements	3
Petanque Court Upgrades	3
Basketball Courts Outdoor	3
Restrooms at North Beach	3
Volleyball Courts	3
Benches	2
Beach Parking	2
Playground Fencing	2
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	2
Pool Locker Rooms and Showers	2
Community Center for Rent	2
Restrooms at Hickory Street	2
Dog Fountains	2
Soft Surface Track	2
Youth Facility	1
Greenway Parking	1
North Beach Foot Shower	1
Complete the Marina	1
Toddler Playground	1
Main Beach Showers	1
Restrooms at Sunrise Park	1
Floating Pool	1
One Recreation Center	1

Sidewalks	1
Dune Signage	1
Dear Signage on N Fletcher	1
Picnic Tables	1
Horse Shoe Pits	1
Boat Trailer Parking	1
Water Fountains	1
Total	302

B. Suggested New Programs

Fitness and Wellness Programs	10
Outdoor Music	8
Pickleball Lessons	7
Hiking	4
Tai Chi	4
Yoga in the Park	4
Petanque Lessons	4
Dance Lessons	3
Beach Yoga	3
Community Clean Up Days	3
Art Outdoors	3
Special Events	2
Programming for the Disabled	2
Crafts	2
Gardening	2
Bocce Ball	2
Kayaking	2
Pilates	2
Corn Hole	2
Diversity Events	2
Community Oyster Roast	1
Ocean Safety Class	1
Various Certification Classes	1
Game Night	1
Beach Aerobics	1
Organized Walks	1
Dune Protection Classes	1
Calligraphy	1
Organized Bike Groups	1
Dog Beach Time	1
Archery	1
Running Club	1
Parkour Program	1
Foraging Tours	1
Lunch Groups	1

(New Programs Continued)

Fishing Advisory Group	1
Paddle Boarding	1
Ping Pong	1
Outdoor Movies	1
Beginner's Waterway Navigation	1
Bird Watching Tour	1
5 K Events	1
Walking Tours	1
Badminton	1
Total	95

C. Improved Maintenance Requests

Improve Overall Maintenance	32
Upgrade the Golf Course	10
Restroom Maintenance	7
Trail/Bike Path Maintenance	7
Maintain Open Spaces/Greenway	4
Tennis Court Maintenance	3
Improve Landscaping (native plants)	3
Maintain Beach Walkovers	3
Beach Maintenance	3
Maintain Pickleball Courts	2
More Doggie Bags	2
Better Pool Maintenance	1
Clean Garbage Containers	1
Total	78

D. Management Suggestions

We Have Enough, No more	37
Charge Non-Residents for Use	8
Improve Online Registration Process	5
Improve the Website	5
Conduct More Community Outreach	5
Lower Fees for Residents	4
County Needs to Fund More	2
Issue Beach Parking Passes	1
Total	67

E. Age-Related Programming

- Senior Activities -	
Senior Trips	6
Senior Fitness (Silver Sneakers)	5

Grandparent Activities	1
Petanque for Seniors	1
Senior Softball	1

- Adult Activities -	
Adult Team Sports	2

- Activities for Children -	
Low-Cost Kid Activities	15
More Youth Swimming Options	4
Small Children Activities	3
Youth Golf	3
Support for Girls Softball	2
After School Activities	1
Youth Basketball	1
Kid Concerts	1
Autism Sensory Activities	1
Mommy and Me Activities	1
Total	48

F. Extend Hours or Services

Pool Hours	19
Atlantic Fitness Center Hours/Days	9
Lighthouse Hours and Days	2
Outdoor Yoga with Lights	2
Restrooms, Open Earlier and Later	2
MLK Pool Year-Round	1
Expand Beach Fishing Areas	1
Total	36

G. Educational Programs

More Educational Classes	6
Nature	4
Fishing	3
Photography	2
Spanish	2
Meditation	2
Environmental	2
Furniture Painting	1
Music Lessons	1
Gopher Turtle Classes	1
History	1
Wildlife	1
Animal Care Class	1
Pottery	1
Total	28

PARKS & RECREATION

(November, 2021; Scott Mikelson)

Dune Walkovers

- Planning a winter project to relocate most of the east beach access signs so that they are readily visible along the beach.

Parks

- Erected the Christmas trees at Parking Lot A and the Pocket Park. Hung wreaths and set up Christmas decorations.
- Grass has stopped growing. Weed eating select areas and transitioning to winter projects.
- Commenced the ARC “refurbishing” with new planting beds, landscaped beds and new plants.
- Repaired/replaced the water feature at Pirate Playground.
- Commenced adding dirt to the ruts and unlevel areas in the Greenway.
- Dug out areas at Central Park and Pirate Playground for concrete pours to support benches and trash cans.
- Commenced replacing the perimeter fence at Pirate Playground.
- Added playground mulch to the ARC, Sunrise and MLK playgrounds.
- Trimmed/pruned trees in Parks and Downtown.
- Multiple irrigation repairs city wide. Waiting on parts to finish the large YBOR irrigation project.
- Parks crew completed aerial scissor lift training. Bucket truck training is scheduled for December 6th.
- Assisted the Streets Dept in setting up the area for the Petanque tournament in Parking Lot D.
- Removed mobi mats at Main Beach before the Nor’easters and reinstalled after the weather settled down.
- Filled in washouts behind the sea wall at the Marina (weekly).
- Added sod to the Pocket Park and Main Beach for aesthetics.
- Repaired the fence and skate features at the skate park. Repaired the fence at the all- purpose court. (Main Beach)

Atlantic Recreation Center Activities

- 39 Atlantic Fitness Memberships. 86% City Residents.
- 24 Pool Memberships. 72% City Residents.
- 45 Water Aerobic Membership. 63% City Residents.
- 10 Pool/Fitness Memberships. 69% City residents.
- 796 Individual uses of the Atlantic Fitness Room.
- 680 Individual uses of the Atlantic Pool.
- 710 Individual uses of Water Aerobics at Atlantic Pool.

Bosque Bello Cemetery

- 8 Burial Permits issued.
- 9 Monument Permits issued.
- 19 Bosque Bello Cemetery lots sold.
- 21 Deeds were processed.
- 866 Full lots remain available for sale.
- Blocked off two roads in the “flat section” up front to prevent vehicles from driving on graves.
- Approximately 20 new trees were planted; oak, cedar and magnolia.

Aquatics

- 57 participants total registered for Aquathon 2021

Atlantic Recreation Youth Program

- 108 participants enrolled
- 75 city
- 33 non-resident

Peck Gym Use

- Individual weight room uses: 178 City users, 3 Non-City
- Open Adult Volleyball: 11 City players, 7 Non-City
- Open Adult Indoor Soccer: 51 City players
- Youth Team Volleyball – Nassau Elite Volleyball Club: 31 City players, 97 Non-City