

## IV.9 – Recreation and Open Space Element

This section is an Evaluation of the Objectives and Policies under each Goal. Any areas of deficiency within this element are further addressed in Section IV.9 (a).

**GOAL 9.0** It is the goal of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to provide safe and adequate recreation sites and facilities, including cultural art facilities, and open space to satisfy the current and future needs of residents and non-residents, including special populations such as pre-school age children, the elderly, and the disabled; to maintain or improve accessibility to recreation sites and facilities; and to encourage public and private involvement in developing a greenways system that supports state and other community greenway efforts.

Objective/Policy	Measurable Target	Baseline Condition	Current Condition	Objective Achieved?
<p><b>Objective 9.1.</b> Ensure public access to local and regional recreation sites and facilities including Broward County’s beachfront.</p>	<p>See Policies: 9.1.1 9.1.2 9.1.3</p>	<p>Through Ordinance 81-16 which created Chapter 5, Article IX, Broward County Land Development Code, Section 5-182 (t) (1), Adequacy of Local Parks and Recreational Facilities, Broward County Code of Ordinances , which provides that approval of a development permit for a residential development in the Unincorporated Area shall require a finding that 3 acres of</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p>	<p>Yes, ongoing.</p>

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		local/regional park land per 1,000 residents are available within 2.5 miles of the development.		
<b>Policy 9.1.1.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to assure adequate local park sites are available within the sector where the proposed development is located.	See Policy 9.1.1	The Parks and Recreation Division continues to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to assure adequate local park sites are available within the sector where the proposed development is located.	Implemented.	Yes, ongoing.
<b>Policy 9.1.2.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to assure a regional park is available County-wide.	See Policy 9.1.2	The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to assure a regional park is available County-wide.	Implemented.	Yes, ongoing.

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<p><b>Policy 9.1.3.</b> The Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) shall encourage the provision of public access to the beach at a minimum of one-half mile intervals.</p>	<p>See Policy 9.1.3</p>	<p>The Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) encourages the provision of public access to the beach at a minimum of one-half mile intervals.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>	<p>Yes, ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.1.4.</b> The Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP), when planning beach nourishment and renourishment projects, shall maintain or improve the quality of public access to the beach, where economically feasible.</p>	<p>See policy 9.1.4.</p>	<p>The Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP), maintains or improves the quality of public access to the beach, where economically feasible.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>	<p>Yes, ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.1.5.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division</p>	<p>See policy 9.1.5</p>	<p>The Parks and Recreation Division continue to maintain</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>	<p>Yes, ongoing.</p>

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shall continue to maintain and retrofit existing recreation sites and facilities so that they are accessible to the elderly and the disabled, consistent with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). New recreation sites and facilities shall also be designed consistent with the ADA		and retrofit existing recreation sites and facilities so that they are accessible to the elderly and the disabled, consistent with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). New recreation sites and facilities are designed consistent with the ADA		
<b>Policy 9.1.6.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall increase the number of recreation sites that are accessible by bikeways and pedestrian paths from 45 in 1996 to 50 by 2002.	See policy 9.1.6	Recreation sites that are accessible by bikeways and pedestrian paths is currently 45.	Recreation sites that are accessible by bikeways and pedestrian paths will increase to 50 by 2005.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.1.7.</b> Broward County shall encourage the development of a greenway system that supports the	See policy 9.1.7	Broward County identified a greenway/linear park network in its Bicycle Facility Network Plan that supports the interconnectivity among and	Broward County is funding the design and construction of greenways that support the	Yes, ongoing.

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interconnectivity among and between recreational areas as a means of improving access.		between recreational areas as a means of improving access.	interconnectivity among and between recreational areas.	
<p><b>Policy 9.1.8.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall, in coordination with other appropriate entities, develop and implement a “blueways” system plan that uses existing navigable waterways as a means of establishing accessibility to, and interconnectivity between and among, parks. The “blueways” system plan shall:</p> <p>1. Identify and map existing and proposed County parks, such as Secret Woods Park and the proposed “Boaters Park;”</p>	See Policy 9.1.8.	<p><b>Policy 9.1.8.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division develops and implements a “blueways” system plan that uses existing navigable waterways as a means of establishing accessibility to, and interconnectivity between and among, parks. The “blueways” system plan shall:</p> <p>1. Identify and map existing and proposed County parks, such as Secret Woods Park and the proposed “Boaters Park;”</p> <p>2. Explore the potential for new “pocket parks;”</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p> <p>1. Yes.</p> <p># of Pocket Parks</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>1. Yes</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>2. Explore the potential for new “pocket parks;”</p> <p>3. Explore the potential for including municipal parks within the system;</p> <p>4. Identify public sites where docking facilities and small boat can be established and</p> <p>5. Identify those areas where the “blueways” system can be linked to the “greenways” system.</p>		<p>Not Adopted.</p> <p>4.Public sites are identified where docking facilities and small boat houses can be established</p> <p>5. Not Adopted.</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p> <p>Same as baseline</p> <p>Same as baseline.</p>	<p>Recommend removal</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.1.9.</b> Broward County shall support the development of community cultural facilities which are accessible (located within 25 minutes drive-time) to the majority of residents.</p>	<p>See Policy 9.1.9</p>	<p>Broward County supports the developments of community cultural facilities which are accessible (located within 25 minutes drive-time) to the majority of residents.</p>	<p>Same as baseline</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>Objective 9.2.</b> Coordinate</p>	<p>Policy 9.2.1</p>	<p>Public Participation Forums</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

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public and private resources to meet recreation demands		were held at several locations to assess local and regional preferences.		
<b>Policy 9.2.1.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to conduct the annual Public Participation Forum to assure public and private recreation facility providers are aware of local and regional recreation demands.	See Policy 9.2.1	The Parks and Recreation Division continues to conduct the annual Public Participation Forum to assure public and private recreation facility providers are aware of local and regional recreation demands.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.2.2.</b> The Cultural Affairs Division shall maintain and update its inventory of community cultural facilities and organizations and monitor community cultural facilities utilization on a periodic basis in order to determine whether the existing facilities are	See Policy 9.2.2	The Cultural Affairs Division maintains and updates its inventory of community cultural facilities and organizations and monitor community cultural facilities utilization on a periodic basis in order to determine whether the existing facilities are adequately meeting the needs of the County.	Same as baseline.	Yes.

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adequately meeting the needs of the County.				
<b>Policy 9.2.3.</b> The Broward County Cultural Affairs Division shall work with private and public organizations to encourage the availability of adequate public space in development plans for cultural purposes, such as exhibits, festivals and artist studios.	See Policy 9.2.3	The Broward County Cultural Affairs Division works with private and public organizations to encourage the availability of adequate public space in development plans for cultural purposes, such as exhibits, festivals and artist studios.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.2.4.</b> The Broward County Convention and Visitor's Bureau shall maintain and annually update its inventory of convention and visitor facilities.	See Policy 9.2.4	The Broward County Convention and Visitor's Bureau maintains and annually updates its inventory of convention and visitor facilities.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.2.5.</b> The Convention and Visitor's Bureau shall coordinate	See Policy 9.2.5.	The Convention and Visitor's Bureau shall coordinate with appropriate agencies in the	Same as baseline.	Yes.

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with appropriate agencies in the provision of tourism amenities. Tourism amenities may include signage in parks and along scenic overlooks, and kiosks.		provision of tourism amenities. Tourism amenities may include signage in parks and along scenic overlooks, and kiosks.		
<b>Policy 9.2.6.</b> Broward County shall facilitate and encourage private sector support and strong community involvement in greenway efforts.	See Policy 9.2.6.	Broward County facilitates and encourages private sector support and strong community involvement in greenway efforts.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.2.7.</b> Broward County shall encourage the private sector to develop and operate boat launches along the “blueways” system, where appropriate.	See Policy 9.2.7.	Broward County encourages the private sector to develop and operate boat launches along the “blueways” system, where appropriate.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.2.8.</b> The Broward County Board of County Commissioners shall	See Policy 9.2.8.	The Broward County Board of County Commissioners encourages the development	Same as baseline.	Yes.

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encourage the development and maintenance of equestrian trails and promote interconnectivity between the County's equestrian trails and municipal equestrian trails.		and maintenance of equestrian trails and promote interconnectivity between the County's equestrian trails and municipal equestrian trails		
<b>Objective 9.3.</b> Ensure that local parks and recreation facilities are adequately provided to meet the local park service demand of 662 acres by 2002 and 700 acres by 2015.	Meet local park acreage demands based on LOS standards of 3 acres per 1,000 residents.	Local Park acreage was 800.2 acres in 1995.	As unincorporated areas diminish, local park acreage has decreased as well. At the time of EAR local acreage was 263 acres.	No. Due to the continued efforts to incorporate or annex the remaining unincorporated area, local LOS standards can not be adhered to. See policy 9.3.5.
<b>Policy 9.3.1.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall complete the local	See Policy 9.2.7.	The Parks and Recreation Division was developing the local parks acquisition and	Broward County has acquired additional park land in the	Yes, however, recommend deletion of

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parks acquisition and development plans identified in the Capital Improvements Element to serve residents of the Unincorporated Area.		development plans identified in the Capital Improvements Element to serve residents of the Unincorporated Area at the completion of the last EAR.	Unincorporated Area since the last EAR.	policy when remaining unincorporated area is annexed or incorporated.
<p><b>Policy 9.3.2.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to utilize the level of service (LOS) standard in Table 9-A for the County's local parks and recreation facilities which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency.</p> <p>This LOS standard shall be used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat in the</p>	See Policy 9.3.2	<p>The Parks and Recreation Division utilizes the level of service (LOS) standard in Table 9-A for the County's local parks and recreation facilities which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency.</p> <p>This LOS standard is used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat in the Unincorporated Area and for those properties in the Unincorporated Area that are not required to plat, at the time</p>	Same as baseline.	Yes, however recommend deletion of policy when remaining unincorporated area is annexed or incorporated.

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Unincorporated Area and for those properties in the Unincorporated Area that are not required to plat, at the time of site plan approval. Also, this standard shall be utilized to determine concurrency at the time of application for a building permit under certain conditions as delineated in the Land Development Code.		of site plan approval. Also, this standard shall be utilized to determine concurrency at the time of application for a building permit under certain conditions as delineated in the Land Development Code.		
<b>Policy 9.3.3.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to use lease agreements with the Broward County School Board to correct existing local park deficiencies, where appropriate.	See Policy 9.3.3.	The Parks and Recreation Division continue to use lease agreements with the Broward County School Board to correct existing local park deficiencies, where appropriate.	Same as baseline.	See above.
<b>Policy 9.3.4.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall utilize the regional	See Policy 9.3.4.	The Parks and Recreation Division utilizes the regional park acreage credit provision	Same as baseline.	See above.

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<p>park acreage credit provision as specified in Subsection C, "Community and Regional Parks," Chapter IV, "Plan Implementation Requirements," Volume 1, Broward County Land Use Plan, to assist in meeting its local park requirement. The regional park acreage credit provision enables Broward County to add 20.0 acres to its local park inventory for Fern Forest (10 acres) and Quiet Waters (10 acres) regional parks.</p>		<p>as specified in Subsection C, "Community and Regional Parks," Chapter IV, "Plan Implementation Requirements," Volume 1, Broward County Land Use Plan, to assist in meeting its local park requirement. The regional park acreage credit provision enables Broward County to add 20.0 acres to its local park inventory for Fern Forest (10 acres) and Quiet Waters (10 acres) regional parks.</p>		
<p><b>Policy 9.3.5.</b> In recognition of the Broward County Legislative Delegation's resolve to provide for all unincorporated areas within the County's</p>	<p>See Policy 9.3.5.</p>	<p>Not Adopted.</p>	<p>In 1999, this policy was adopted to exempt Unincorporated Broward County from meeting the local parks level of</p>	<p>Ongoing. Recommend policy language update. See below.</p>

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<p>developable area to be annexed or incorporated by 2010 and recognizing that annexation and incorporation of unincorporated areas may adversely affect local parks level of service standards requirements, the following shall apply:</p> <p>1. Annexation and incorporations efforts shall not be deemed to cause the local parks level of service standard to be violated; and</p> <p>2. When all the remaining unincorporated developable area is annexed or incorporated, Broward County shall initiate a Comprehensive Plan amendment to delete</p>			<p>service standard. Due to the incorporation efforts, a deficit park land requirement has resulted. Also, the target date for full annexation or incorporation was changed from 2010 to 2005 by the Broward Legislative Delegation in 2001.</p>	

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the local parks concurrency requirement.				
<p><b>Objective 9.4.</b> Ensure that regional parks and recreation facilities are provided sufficient to meet the regional park service demand of 4,602 acres by 2002 and 5,273 acres by 2015.</p>	<p>Meet local park acreage demands based on LOS standards of 3 acres per 1,000 residents.</p>	<p>Ensure that regional parks and recreation facilities are provided sufficient to meet the regional park service demand of 4,602 acres by 2002 and 5,273 acres by 2015.</p>	<p>Regional park acreage as of 2003 is <b>6,392.34</b>. However, based on current population projections, the classifications of “regional” park should be modified to included greenways and city parks greater than 40 acres. See “Other Issues” report for details</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.4.1.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall complete the regional park development plans identified in the Capital Improvements Element to serve the County's</p>	<p>See Policy 9.4.1</p>	<p>The Parks and Recreation Division are completing the regional park development plans identified in the Capital Improvements Element to serve the County's population.</p>	<p>Implemented. The Parks and Recreation Division completed the regional park development plans.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

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population.				
<p><b>Policy 9.4.2.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall continue to utilize the level of service (LOS) standard in Table 9-B the County's regional parks and recreation facilities which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency.</p> <p>This LOS standard shall be used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat and for those properties within the Unincorporated Area that are not required to plat, at the time of site plan approval.</p>	See policy 9.4.2	<p>The Parks and Recreation Division continues to utilize the level of service (LOS) standard in Table 9-B the County's regional parks and recreation facilities which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency.</p> <p>This LOS standard is used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat and for those properties within the Unincorporated Area that are not required to plat, at the time of site plan approval. This standard is utilized to determine concurrency at the time of application for a building permit under certain conditions as delineated in the</p>	Same as baseline.	Yes.

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<p>Also, this standard shall be utilized to determine concurrency at the time of application for a building permit under certain conditions as delineated in the Land Development Code.</p>		<p>Land Development Code.</p>		
<p><b>Objective 9.5.</b> Ensure the provision of open space by public agencies and private enterprise.</p>	<p>Open space needs are primarily met through the 3 acres per 1,000 residents LOS standards for regional parks.</p> <p>Additional park acquisition funding through bond issues.</p>	<p>As of 1995, the LOS standards of 3 acres per 1,000 residents were met. This was due to the purchase of 945 acres of natural areas through an ESL bond issue of \$75 million dollars</p>	<p>As of 2003 the LOS standards of 3 acres per 1000 residents was met. In 2001, a \$400 million park and open space bond issue enabled the purchase of additional park acreage.</p>	<p>Yes, ongoing.</p>

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<p><b>Policy 9.5.1.</b> Policies 13.6.3., 13.6.4., 13.6.5., 13.6.8., 13.7.2., and 13.6.9 of the Conservation Element shall be pursued to ensure the provision of open space.</p>	<p>See Policy 9.5.1</p>	<p>See policies 13.6.3, 13.6.4, 13.6.5, 13.6.8, 13.7.2 and 13.6.9 of the Conversation Element.</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.5.2.</b> The Development Management Division shall continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to ensure the provision of pervious areas and green space by requiring developers to meet open space requirements of Chapter 5, Article IX, Section 5-192(a)(11), Pervious Areas and Greenspace, "Broward County Code of Ordinances.</p>	<p>See policy 9.5.2</p>	<p>The Development Management Division continues to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to ensure the provision of pervious areas and green space by requiring developers to meet open space requirements of Chapter 5, Article IX, Section 5-192(a)(11), Pervious Areas and Green space, "Broward County Code of Ordinances</p>	<p>Same as baseline.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

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<b>Policy 9.5.3.</b> The Planning Services Division (PSD) shall continue to utilize the Conservation land use category on the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element Map Series to designate natural reservations such as the Water Conservation Area, regional parks, and other appropriate publicly owned lands in the Unincorporated Area.	See policy 9.5.3	The Planning Services Division (PSD) continues to utilize the Conservation land use category on the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element Map Series to designate natural reservations such as the Water Conservation Area, regional parks, and other appropriate publicly owned lands in the Unincorporated Area.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.5.4.</b> The "Water Conservation Areas" west of Levees 33, 35A, 36, L-37 and L-35 shall continue to be zoned Conservation-1 District.	See Policy 9.5.4.	The "Water Conservation Areas" west of Levees 33, 35A, 36, L-37 and L-35 are zoned Conservation-1 District.	Same as baseline.	Yes.
<b>Policy 9.5.5.</b> The Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Division shall propose	See Policy 9.5.5.	Not adopted.	See map (deveolpable check zoning).	Set a date for the re-zoning process to be completed?

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rezoning of the natural areas east of the "Water Conservation Areas" to Conservation-2 District which have been designated Conservation on the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element Map Series.				
<b>Policy 9.5.6.</b> Broward County shall encourage the incorporation of urban open spaces, such as plazas, waterfronts, and linear corridors, into the greenway system.	See policy 9.5.6.	Broward County encourages the incorporation of urban open spaces, such as plazas, waterfronts, and linear corridors, into the greenway system.	Same as baseline.	Ongoing.
<b>Policy 9.5.7.</b> All codes and ordinances referenced in this Element are as adopted as of October 1, 1996.	See Policy 9.5.7.	All codes and ordinances referenced in this Element were adopted as of October 1, 1996.	Same as Baseline.	Yes.

**Section V.9 (a) – Recreation and Open Space Element – EAR Recommendations**

<b>New /Revised Policy</b>	<b>Current Condition or Area of Deficiency</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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<p><b>Policy 9.1.6.</b> The Parks and Recreation Division shall increase the number of recreation sites that are accessible by bikeways and pedestrian paths from <u>50</u> in 2002 to <u>55</u> in 2005.</p>	<p>See policy above.</p>	<p>Recommend policy language update indicated.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9.5.5.</b> The <u>Planning Services Division</u> shall propose rezoning of the natural areas east of the "Water Conservation Areas" to Conservation-2 District which have been designated Conservation on the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element Map Series.</p>	<p>See policy above.</p>	<p>Recommend policy language update indicated.</p>