

**RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT  
OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

RULE 9J-5.014, FAC

City of Pembroke Pines, Florida

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## V. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### GOAL

The goal of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to ensure the provision of sufficient parks, recreation facilities and open space areas to satisfy the needs of the City of Pembroke Pines, its residents and visitors.

### OBJECTIVE I

Continue to maintain current standards of public access to all recreational facilities and open space or publicly owned natural areas through the year 2010 (Previously submitted with Academic Village Amendment – DCA Reference No. 99-1).

**Evaluation Measure Objective I** - Annual record of recreational facilities and publicly owned natural areas that meet City and ADA access standards.

Policy 1.1 - Continue to coordinate access with Broward County, Regional and State agencies where public resources including schools are regulated by other authorities and are located within the City's boundaries.

Policy 1.2 - The City's Environmental Services Division shall continue to ensure barrier free ADA access standards to all user-oriented public recreational facilities (Previously submitted with Academic Village Amendment – DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 1.3 - The City's adopted greenway trail and open space linkage system shall emphasize pedestrian, bicycle and general public access as shown on Map ROS-2, located in the Recreation and Open Space Element Appendix (Previously submitted with Academic Village Amendment – DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 1.4 – Public lands located directly above the Biscayne Aquifer designated “natural reservations” shall be efficiently used by combining public service activities, such as recreation, bicycling, stormwater management and protection of the aquifer's recharge area. The City shall continue to coordinate with Broward County to link all parks, wetlands, natural reservations and public open spaces to Broward County's bikeway system as shown on the adopted Greenway's Map ROS-2, of the Recreation and Open Space Element Appendix (Previously submitted with Academic Village Amendment – DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 1.5 – The City shall provide new or enhanced public access to water bodies, as appropriate in accordance with Resolution No. 3127.

Policy 1.6 - The Environmental Services Division shall investigate the feasibility of adding Sheridan Street in the vicinity of the “Preserve” to the County’s Greenway system.

Policy 1.7 - The Environmental Services Division will prepare a feasibility report by 2011 that includes the costs to connect sidewalks within canal rights-of-way as part of a safe and efficient recreational transportation network in the City’s effort to enhance access to parks city-wide.

## OBJECTIVE II

Public and private resources will continue to be utilized through the year 2010 to meet the level of service standards of the Recreation and Open Space Element to ensure that the recreational demands of the community are met.

**Evaluation Measure Objective II** - Annual record of resources pursued by the City to protect jurisdictional wetlands and finance recreational improvements.

Policy 2.1 - During site plan and plat approval, public and private coordination will continue to occur to ensure an adequate amount of park and recreational land and facilities exist to satisfy the demands of the development.

Policy 2.2 - The City shall pursue grants, funds and other available financing mechanisms to rectify vested land use conflicts by public acquisition to protect jurisdictional wetlands (identified as Policy 2.4 of Academic Village Amendment - DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 2.3 - Pursue grants and other sources of funding to acquire, protect and conserve open space and natural areas containing rare or threatened vegetative communities and listed animal species or habitat of listed species in accordance with the official list of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, as amended (identified as Policy 2.5 of Academic Village Amendment -DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 2.4 - The City will incorporate all updated Recreation and Open Space objectives and Policies which require coordination with other governmental entities in the City’s Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) during the amendment cycle following the update.

### OBJECTIVE III

Continue to ensure that park and recreational land and facilities are adequately and efficiently provided by maintaining the level of service standards outlined in the Recreation and Open Space Element through the year 2010.

**Evaluation Measure Objective III** – Maintain record by flexibility zone of recreation and open space facilities relating to demand and supply for both the short term and long term planning horizons.

Policy 3.1 - Local and regional parks shall be provided at a level of service of 10 acres/1000 population with 7 acres/1,000 in neighborhood and community parks provided by the City, and 3 acres/1,000 in regional parks provided by the County.

Policy 3.2 - Where feasible, all parks and recreational facilities will continue to be provided in accordance with Florida Department of Natural Resources guidelines.

Policy 3.3 - The City will continue to update the data relating to recreation and open space needs for the City with special emphasis on the eastern portion of the City, as recommended by the EAR.

Policy 3.4 - The City shall provide benches, picnic tables, nature trails and educational programs (if possible) in all publicly owned passive parks or natural reservations areas designated in the City's Recreation and Open Space Element (Previously submitted with Academic Village Amendment – DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 3.5 - By 2008, the City will update the land development regulations incorporating the revised level of service standards as identified in the Parks and Recreation Element and a definition of open space.

### OBJECTIVE IV

Continue to ensure the provision of open space by public agencies and private enterprise by maintaining the level of service standards outlined in the Recreation and Open Space Element through the year 2010.

**Evaluation Measure Objective IV** - Annual record of land dedications or payment in lieu of dedication for municipal purposes.

Policy 4.1 - Planning of new public park facilities will continue to consider and be based on the needs of the area to be served.

Policy 4.2 - Open space areas will continue to be spatially distributed throughout the community and not concentrated in one area.

Policy 4.3 - Continue to implement land development regulations for new development which require the dedication of land or payment in lieu of dedication to ensure municipal facilities meet the level of service standards and needs of the community.

Policy 4.4 - During the next EAR process, any deficiencies identified after the update to the data will be addressed by an amendment to the policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element.

Policy 4.5 - A neighborhood park is hereby further defined as provided in the Land Use Element as a public park which may access from the Community/Regional park, but does not provide the only access to the Community/Regional park. (identified as Policy 4.6 of the Academic Village Amendment - DCA Reference No. 99-1).

Policy 4.6 – The Planning Division shall prepare annual reports to the Local Planning Agency that includes an analysis of recreation and open space needs, existing facilities and services, and options to increase the amount of recreation and open space area, with particular emphasis given to areas undergoing redevelopment activities.

#### Objective V

Establish an extensive system of public and private open space areas including natural reservations, parks, and golf courses compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods.

Evaluation Measure Objective V - Record of public and private open space areas.

Policy 5.1. - The City of Pembroke Pines shall pursue programs to the maximum extent feasible including the acquisition of open space areas from willing sellers that will ensure the provision of and access to open space areas consistent with the City 's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 5.2 - Residential and non-residential areas, including downtown areas should be encouraged to provide open space and other passive, pedestrian friendly recreational areas.

Policy 5.3 - The City of Pembroke Pines in conjunction with Broward County shall strongly encourage the preservation of open space area. Amendments to the City and County Land Use Plan maps that would result in a loss of open space shall be strongly discouraged and be required to address how open space and recreation needs of the existing and projected residents of the community will be met, including how the negative impacts of the loss of open space on surrounding neighborhoods will be minimized or mitigated.

Policy 5.4 - Amendments to the City and County land use plan map for properties containing golf courses, including closed golf courses, shall address the following:

- a. The impact of the loss of open space on the surrounding residential areas. The loss of open space must be mitigated through the provision of parks and open space to serve the surrounding neighborhood.
- b. Management of storm water retention taking into account the extent to which the golf course provided storm water retention for the surrounding development and how this will be mitigated, along with any additional storm water impacts created by the new development.
- c. Minimization of the impact on natural resources including wetlands, lakes, aquifer recharge areas and the tree canopy, including any trees of historic value on the site, and wildlife.
- d. Mitigation of environmental contamination. The level of environmental must be determined by conducting environmental assessments as approved by the County.
- e. Integration of the proposed development with the surrounding areas including how the development will tie into the existing neighborhoods through roads, sidewalks, bike paths, parks/open space and greenways.