

CHAPTER 11: PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

Highlights

- ❑ CONTINUATION OF POLICY DIRECTION FROM 2008 & 2014 PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE PLANS.
 - ❑ REFINEMENT AND FOCUS OF ROLE AS A REGIONAL PROVIDER (Regional Parks, County Parks, Tournament Level Sports Complex, Regional Open Space, Regional Trails, Shoreline Access).
 - ❑ DEVELOP CAPITAL FUNDING PRIORITIES
 1. Take Care of What We have.
 2. Upgrade and Expand Uses at Existing Park Sites.
 3. Build New Park Sites.
 - \$7.5 million estimated available for all capital projects over the next 6-years.
 - \$38 million estimated available for all capital projects over the next 15-years.
 - ❑ PARKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING CONSTRAINTS
 - ❑ PROJECTS AND LOCAL PARKS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY PLANS
- PR-1.2** Plan for the annexation or incorporation of unincorporated Urban Growth Areas.
- PR-1.2.1** Support objectives in adopted Community Plans that align with the role of a regional park provider and meet identified countywide needs.
- PR-1.2.2** Land-bank (*acquire and hold*) sites for local parks identified in Community Plans if capital funding is designated for that purpose.
- PR-1.2.3** Land-bank sites should only be developed in partnership with a local jurisdiction as part of an agreement to transfer the site to the local jurisdiction.
- PR-1.2.4** Establish a list of “transitional properties” that are not part of the regional system and may be transferred to other jurisdictions.



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