

Chapter 7: PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

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Goals and Policies	
7.0 Countywide Planning Policies	
7.0.1 The county and each municipality shall identify open space corridors, riparian areas, important isolated open space and recreational areas within and between urban growth areas and should prepare a funding and acquisition program for this open space. Open space shall include lands useful for parks and recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, trails, public access to natural resource lands and water and protection of critical areas.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
County 20-Year Planning Policies	
GOAL: Forge strong public, private and non-profit partnerships.	
7.1 Policies	
7.1.1 Develop partnerships with public and private organizations to increase parks and recreation opportunities.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.1.2 Initiate the formation of a regional sports council to actively advocate for a regional sports complex to create a tournament level facility and provide valuable recreation and economic benefits.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.1.3 Collaborate with other agencies in developing and operating parks and recreational facilities for the regional population, such as water access, trails and regional parks.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.1.4 Cooperate with other public and private agencies, as well as with private landowners, to acquire and conserve land and other resources to provide quality park and recreation facilities.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.1.5 Facilitate active partnerships with schools, ports and utilities to help implement regional trail connections and safe routes to parks.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Promote and market the county's parks system.	
7.2 Policies	

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7.2.1 Promote Clark County as an outdoor recreation and tourism destination by effectively marketing the county's parks, trails, special facilities, open spaces and natural resources.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.2.2 Establish a brand identity for Clark County Parks, with a consistent look and feel to educational and promoting materials.	Establish a brand identity for Clark County Parks, with a consistent look and feel to through educational and promoting materials. <i>Rationale: Minor correction. Scriveners error.</i>
7.2.3 Produce mapping and "wayfinding" for parks and trails that reflects the county parks identity and adds value to the park and trail user's experience.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.2.4 Enhance the county parks web presence with active engagement of social media.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.2.5 Incorporate park and trail mapping and "wayfinding" into the county park website.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.2.6 Engage CVTV to produce a series of park and trail stories that serve to inform the community about the variety of outdoor recreation resources available in the county.	Engage CVTV to produce a series of park and trail stories that serve to inform the community about the variety of outdoor recreation resources available in the county. <i>Rationale: Minor change. This goal is better served as an on-going policy.</i>
7.2.7 Engage local media more actively to report on county parks activities, events, volunteer work parties, etc.	Actively e Engage local media more actively to report on county parks activities, events, volunteer work parties, etc. <i>Rationale: Minor correction. Active versus passive word choice.</i>
7.2.8 Actively engage in and support Intertwine Alliance activities and events to capture the value of collaboration across organizations and agencies in the metropolitan region.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Embrace a balanced strategy for achieving a comprehensive parks system.	
7.3 Policies	
7.3.1 Pursue land acquisition to provide geographically accessible regional parks and equitable distribution of urban parks.	7.3.1 Pursue land acquisition to provide geographically accessible regional parks and equitable distribution of urban parks. [RES]

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	<i>Rationale: Edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
7.3.2 Preserve the region’s scenic beauty through protected open space areas and corridors and provide outdoor recreation, where appropriate.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.3.3 Continue implementing the Regional Trail and Bikeway Systems Plan and coordinate with public and private stakeholders to develop a trails and bikeways network.	7.3.3 Continue implementing the Regional Trail and Bikeway Systems Plan and coordinate with public and private stakeholders to develop a trails and bikeways network. [RES] <i>Rationale: Edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
7.3.4 Open discussions with parks and recreation agencies to identify high priority projects across city jurisdictions to jointly seek funding and otherwise collaborate on their implementation.	7.3.4 Open discussions with parks and recreation agencies to identify high priority projects across city jurisdictions to jointly seek funding and otherwise collaborate on their implementation. [RES] <i>Rationale: Edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
GOAL: Ensure equity and access to parks and trails and facilities for a healthy community.	
7.4 Policies	
7.4.1 Accessibility: Follow the Americans with Disabilities Act and incorporate ADA Accessibility Guidelines to ensure equal and maximum accessibility for all users.	7.4.1 Accessibility: Follow the Americans with Disabilities Act and incorporate ADA Accessibility Guidelines to ensure equal and maximum accessibility for all users. [RES] <i>Rationale: Edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
7.4.2 Parks: Offer a range of active and passive recreation experiences for diverse age groups, interests and abilities.	7.4.2 Parks: Offer a range of active and passive recreation experiences for diverse age groups, interests and abilities. [RES]

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7.4.3 Trail System: Promote active lifestyles by providing more trails connections and coordinating with other jurisdictions and providers to create a seamless system.	Trail System: Promote active lifestyles by providing more trails connections and coordinating coordinate with other jurisdictions and providers to create a seamless system. [RES] <i>Rationale: Minor change. Active versus passive word choice. [RES] edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
7.4.4 Water Access: Provide safe and appropriate water access for recreation and education and to inspire appreciation and stewardship for aquatic resources and habitat.	Water Access: Provide safe and appropriate water access for recreation and education and to inspire appreciation and stewardship for aquatic resources and habitat. <i>Rationale: Minor change. Improve sentence structure.</i>
7.4.5 Urban walkability: Promote safe pedestrian and bicycle routes during development review to encourage connectivity between parks, trails, schools and businesses.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Provide recreational opportunities for the entire community.	
7.5 Policies	
7.5.1 Offer parks, trails and sports fields and support services to accommodate the needs of various existing users and future users with population growth and demographic changes.	7.5.1 Offer parks, trails and sports fields and support services to accommodate the needs of various existing users and future users with population growth and demographic changes. [RES] <i>Rationale: Edit to support integration with climate element. Policy identified to support climate resilience.</i>
7.5.2 Explore new recreational trends and engage in partnerships with user groups to develop, operate and maintain specialized facilities.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.5.3 Prioritize facility development based on demonstrated demand, population served, regional appeal, fiscal opportunity and revenue generating potential.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>

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7.5.4 Expand sports fields by acquiring additional sites and providing all-season designs.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Be responsible, effective stewards of public lands and finances.	
7.6 Policies	
7.6.1 Prioritize implementation to leverage the highest values benefits (“most bang for the buck”) such as short gaps between built trails to create longer more usable connections.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.2 Incorporate sustainability and low impact development into design, development and maintenance of the county park system and be a leader in sustainable building practices.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.3 Use innovative and cost-effective methods to build, maintain, operate and promote the parks, recreation and open space system.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.4 Cooperate with other county departments and neighboring jurisdictions to identify and conserve open space.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.5 Integrate user counts and surveys into regular operational practices to improve customer service and provide useful data for securing grants.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.6 Initiate a volunteer camp host program to increase parks’ presence and hospitality at community and regional parks.	<p>Initiate a Administer the volunteer camp host program to increase parks’ presence and hospitality at community and regional parks.</p> <p><i>Rationale: Updated to reflect current status of the volunteer camp host program.</i></p>
7.6.7 Investigate feasibility of incorporating security patrols or park ranger program to ensure safety of park and trail users and protect facility infrastructure.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.6.8 Continually seek new opportunities to increase revenues and control expenses.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Preserve our historic and cultural heritage.	
7.7 Policies	
7.7.1 Protect and improve historic and cultural features through design approaches for existing and newly acquired park and trail sites.in the next 20 years and update on a regular basis.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>

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7.7.2 Partner with historical organizations to enlist volunteer-based interpretation programs in parks and along trails.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.7.3 Develop an ongoing program to preserve, restore and interpret historic and cultural resources.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.7.4 Collaborate with area historic preservation agencies.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
GOAL: Maintain and enhance parks and recreation facilities.	
7.8 Policies	
7.8.1 Use best practices and invest in preventative maintenance.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.8.2 Coordinate with trail groups to develop and maintain trail projects.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.8.3 Promote volunteerism to enhance community ownership and stewardship of parks, trails and natural areas.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.8.4 Seek higher levels of general fund support for operations and maintenance of regional parks.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.8.5 Advocate for allocations of fiscal resources, such as REET, to be designated to parks for capital projects.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.8.6 Collaborate with Transportation's sidewalk program to implement safer routes to parks and better access.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
Goal: Serve the community and develop a dynamic, effective organization.	
7.9 Policies	
7.9.1 Develop capital facilities plans to ensure adequate improvement and expansion of parks, trails, special facilities and natural areas to serve existing and future populations.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.9.2 Involve Clark County residents in planning and programming for the parks system and provide effective community outreach to increase public awareness and support.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.9.3 Support staff training and development to promote the use of best practices and new technologies.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.9.4 Encourage Parks Advisory Board enrichment for fine-tuning the members' leadership and advocacy efforts.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>

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7.9.5 Advocate for additional staff resources to enable efforts on collaborating, planning and revenue generation.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
Goal: Seek adequate funding to meet community needs.	
7.10 Policies	
7.10.1 Develop and maintain funding for acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of parks, recreation facilities and trails.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.10.2 Actively seek innovative funding methods and use alternate methods, where feasible, to enhance efficient and effective operations.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.10.3 Consider stabilizing the Greater Clark Parks District's finances by protecting the maximum levy rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>
7.10.4 Aggressively pursue state, federal and private grant resources to leverage local funding sources.	<i>No changes proposed.</i>