

Pinellas County *Environmental Science Forum*



PINELLAS COUNTY SCIENCE FORUM

JUNE 26, 2006

Heritage Village, Pinellas Room

3:00-5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Welcome – Steve Spratt, County Administrator

Role and Purpose – Steve Spratt

Selection of Members – Will Davis, Bureau Director, Environmental Mgmt.

Introduction of Forum Members and County Staff

Review Forum Notebook – Liz Warren, Assistant County Administrator

Discussion: Guidelines for Forum Review of Projects and Forum Operation

Suggested Decorum Guidelines

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Forum Membership and Staff Support



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Henningsen	Dr. Brandt	SWFWMD SWIM
Hoffman	Barbara	Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc.
Kandz	Dave	St. Petersburg Audubon Society
Maier	Joseph T.	League of Women Voters; Retired biology and science teacher; member of Audubon
Merrill	John	University of South Florida Environmental Science and Policy Masters Candidate
Muntz	Tom	Friends of Weedon Island, Inc.
Ormsby	Dr. Alison	Eckerd College Department of Environmental Studies Assistant Professor
Paul	Ann	Audubon of Florida Florida Coastal Island Sanctuaries Tampa Bay Area Regional Coordinator
Rice	Ms. Darden	Pinellas County Park & Recreation Advisory Board; National Field Coordinator Global Warming and Energy Program, Sierra Club
Robison	Doug	Environmental Consultant
Rutherford	Howard	Friends of Weedon Island, Inc.
Smith	Dr. Jerry	PCEF St. Petersburg College, Professor
Stokes	Bill	Sierra Club
Stowers	Jake	Environmental Professional
Sumpter	Dave	Environmental Consultant
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Mission Statements and Ordinances



Department of Environmental Management Mission:

Leadership dedicated to a sustainable natural and urban environment in Pinellas County for present and future generations.



Environmental Lands Division Mission:

Provides sound stewardship to the County's wild lands and opportunities for the appreciation of their intrinsic value.



Environmental Lands Division Vision:

Pinellas County Preserves and Management Areas are designated wild areas that will be managed for the conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and cultural resources while allowing for sustainable passive public recreational uses that are compatible with approved management plans and applicable ordinances and laws.

Values or Cornerstones:

1. We provide environmental programs that have regional and national relevance.
2. We focus on ecological processes in our programs, plans, decisions, and partnerships.
3. We manage our ecological resources in an urban setting, maintaining their intrinsic value as wild lands while offering passive recreational opportunities compatible with this goal.
4. We expect the highest sense of professionalism among our staff and volunteers, especially in our interactions with citizens.



Pinellas County Preserve Ordinance



ORDINANCE 2-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS PROVIDING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE BE AMENDED BY CHANGING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 90 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE PUBLIC'S USAGE OF COUNTY PRESERVES AND MANAGEMENT AREAS; PROVIDING A LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS; PROVIDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR RESIDENT PERSONNEL; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR TERRITORY EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE.

WHEREAS the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners authorized the establishment of the Environmental Lands Division within the Department of Environmental Management in October 1999 to serve as the management authority for the County's preserves and management areas and to assist other County Departments and cooperators with management of their environmental lands; and

WHEREAS the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the preparation of management plans to guide the management of the County's preserves and management areas in order to achieve the relevant goals of the County Plan; and

WHEREAS the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has previously adopted a management plan for Brooker Creek, Weedon Island and Shell Key Preserves, as well as other management plans under the Comprehensive Conservation and

Management Plan for Tampa Bay, Preservation – 2000, the Florida Communities Trust, which are amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS such management plans declare that the mission of the Environmental Lands Division is to create the opportunity for County residents to experience, understand, and enjoy native Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Act requires the county comprehensive plan to include a recreation and open space element including natural reservations, and the lands managed by the Environmental Lands Division are a primary means of meeting the level of service standards provided for therein; and

WHEREAS Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved the amendment of Chapter 90 of the Pinellas County Code on May 10, 1996 by adding Article II, entitled "Brooker Creek Preserve" to protect the County's first authorized preserve; and

WHEREAS Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has since that date acquired a number of preserves and management areas under the management of the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the Pinellas County Code, Article II, entitled "Brooker Creek Preserve", shall be renamed "Environmental Lands" and shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 90-101. Legislative purpose.

The Environmental Lands Division of the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management has been established primarily for the management and preservation of the County's preserves and management areas and other open lands. It is

desirous to acquire and preserve such lands for their unique natural resources, their diversity of native plant and animal species, their ecological, hydrological, and open space significance to the county, their scenic beauty and the opportunity to educate our citizens and visitors. The objective of these regulations is to permit public use of certain environmental lands consistent with their preservation and management, as set forth in the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan and various Management Plans, as same may be amended from time to time.

Sec. 90-102. Definitions.

When used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

Activity means the doing of any act or the failure to do any act by a person.

Adverse impact means actual or potential harm or injury to the animal or plant life within the Preserves or Management Areas, or to the property managed by the Environmental Lands Division caused by any activity.

Board means the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Carrying capacity means the number of individuals or vehicles permitted within an individual preserve or management area, or a designated portion thereof, at one time without having an adverse impact upon the preserve or management area.

County means Pinellas County.

Department means the County Department of Environmental Management.

Division personnel means all persons employed by the Board or responsible to it and assigned to perform official duties of the Environmental Lands Division.

Environmental Lands means all preserves and management areas managed directly or indirectly by the Department of Environmental Management.

Firearm means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device (as identified in sec. 90-105(h)(3)); or any machine gun.

Law enforcement officer means any person who is elected, appointed, or employed full or part time by the state, the county, or municipality who is vested with the authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the detection

and prevention of crime, or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state or county.

Live-aboard means the occupancy of use of a watercraft by one or more persons, as a place of habitation, residence, living quarters or for dwelling purposes, temporarily or permanently, continuously or transiently.

Management area means other environmentally sensitive lands owned or managed by Pinellas County, not designated as "preserve." Such lands shall be as referenced in the latest resolution of the Board describing the legal boundaries of the particular management area. Management area management plans do not require Board approval. Properties designated as "management areas" generally do not have a well-defined public use component and are to be managed primarily for their ecological value.

Management plan means the management plan developed by the Environmental Management Department, or other County department, unique to each individual preserve or management area, as each such plan may be amended from time to time.

Nude, or any derivative thereof, shall mean to display or expose:

- (1) The human male or female genitals or pubic area with less than fully-opaque covering;
- (2) The portion of the human female breast directly or laterally below a point immediately above the top of the areola with less than a fully opaque covering. This definition shall include the entire lower portion of the human female breast, including the areola and nipple, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast exhibited by a dress, blouse, shirt, leotard, bathing suit, or other clothing, provided the areola is not exposed; and
- (3) For purposes of this definition, body paint, body dye, a tattoo, latex or any similar substances shall not be considered an opaque covering.

Ordinance means the Environmental Lands Ordinance, as same may be amended from time to time.

Parking area means any part of any preserve or management area road, or area contiguous thereto, specifically designated for the standing or stationing of any vehicle with appropriate signage.

Person means any individual including minors, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, municipality, governmental agency, political subdivision, public officer, estate,

trust, business trust, syndicate, fiduciary, public or private corporation, and all other groups or combinations of groups.

Pollution means the presence in the air, soil, or waters of a preserve or management area of any substance, noise, contaminant, or manmade or man-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, biological, or radiological integrity of the air, soil, or water in a quantity or at a level that is or may be potentially harmful or injurious to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property or that unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of a preserve or management area.

Preserve means property owned or managed by Pinellas County and referenced in the latest resolution of the Board describing the legal boundaries of the particular preserve. Preserve designation shall be made by the Board and their management plans shall be approved for each such preserve by the Board. Properties designated as "preserves" generally have a well-defined public use and comprehensive management component.

Vehicle means any passengered conveyance (except a baby carriage or invalid wheelchair) for the transportation of persons or material whether:

- (1) Powered or drawn by motor as an automobile, truck, bus, motorcycle, scooter, minibike, all terrain vehicle, or trail bike;
- (2) Animal-drawn as a carriage, wagon or cart;
- (3) Rider propelled bicycle or tricycle;
- (4) Trailer in tow of any size, or description;
- (5) Watercraft of any type, including hovercrafts or similar vehicles;
- (6) Aircraft of any type.

Wildlife means animal species living, growing, or occurring in a natural, nondomesticated state.

Sec. 90-103. Vehicles and traffic control.

- (a) *Traffic control.* All persons shall comply with lawful orders, signals, and directions for traffic control purposes. All persons shall observe and comply with posted traffic control devices and signs.
- (b) *Speed of vehicles in the preserve.* No person shall operate a vehicle at a speed that is greater than reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the surface width and surface condition and the traffic thereon, particularly when near pedestrians, horses, bicyclists or other public-use trails. At no time shall speed exceed the posted speed limit or 25 miles per hour if no speed limit is posted.
- (c) *Restriction to roads.* No person shall operate any vehicle within an environmental land except on designated roadways and areas otherwise approved for vehicular use.
- (d) *Parking.* All vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas or in such other areas and at such other times as may be authorized by appropriate signage.
- (e) *Bicycles.* Bicycles shall only be ridden on roads and trails designated for bicycle traffic. Where provided, bicycle racks must be used for the parking of bicycles. Bicycles shall not be chained or locked to trees, any other plant life or structures, or placed so as to obstruct pedestrian or vehicular movement.
- (f) *Entering environmental lands property.* Any person entering or leaving an environmental land, whether by foot or vehicle, shall do so solely through designated entry and exit points.

Sec. 90-104. Environmental Lands property.

- (a) *Buildings and facilities.*

(1) No person shall willfully mark, deface, damage, displace, destroy, remove, or tamper with any buildings, facilities, bridges, piers, tables, benches, railings, paving or paving materials, water lines or other utilities, permanent or temporary signs, placards, or notices, monuments, stakes, posts, gateways, locks, fencing, boundary markers, or other structures, equipment or County property.

(2) No person shall use any environmental land or related facility, including but not limited to buildings, bridges, piers, tables, benches, or railings in a manner that precludes regular and customary usage to other patrons, unless such person has obtained the right to exclusive usage from the Department.

(b) *Climbing on property.* No person shall climb on or over any buildings or facilities, fences, structures, or historic ruins, unless expressly permitted under section 90-106.

(c) *Plant life.*

(1) All plant life, terrestrial, aquatic, and epiphytic, within any environmental land is either the property of the county or is property managed by the county. No person shall cut, carve, nail into, or otherwise damage the bark, or break off limbs or branches or mutilate in any way, or harvest the flowers or seeds of any plant or tree, except by special permit or within designated special use areas. No person shall dig in, disturb, or in any other way impair the natural condition of any area; nor shall any person place debris or materials of any kind on or about any tree or plant or attach any rope, wire, wooden boards, or ladders thereto, except by special permit or within designated special use areas.

(2) No person shall transplant, possess, or remove any plant or plant part from any environmental land, except by special permit. Nor shall any person introduce any plant species by willful act, negligence, or for any other reason.

(3) No person shall tie or hitch any animal, vehicle, or bicycle to any tree or plant.

(d) *Wildlife.*

(1) No person shall possess, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, hunt, chase, capture, shoot, or throw any object at any wildlife within the boundaries of any environmental land. Nor shall any person remove the eggs, nest, or young of any wildlife within the boundaries of any environmental land. Nor shall any person collect, remove, possess, give away, sell or offer to sell, buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift any specimen, dead or alive of any wildlife from within the boundaries of any environmental lands, except by special permission granted by the Department or in accordance with a valid fishing permit issued by the State of Florida. However, this prohibition shall not apply to de minimus collection or removal, such as incidental collection of shells or bait fish.

(2) No person shall feed or attempt to pet any wildlife.

(3) No person shall introduce any animal species into any environmental land by willful abandonment, negligence, or for any other reason.

(e) *Historic Artifacts.*

(1) No person shall willfully mark, deface, damage, displace, destroy, excavate, remove, or tamper with any historic artifact within any environmental land, nor shall any person attempt any such activity, except by special permission granted by the Department.

(2) Use of metal detectors by any person is strictly prohibited within any environmental land, except by special permission granted by the Department.

Sec. 90-105. Activities within Environmental Lands.

(a) *Hiking.*

(1) Walking, running, jogging, and/or hiking is permitted only along trails or pathways specifically designated for such use or uses.

(2) Visitors desiring to access certain trails designated as "wilderness trails" shall "sign-in" at the trailhead indicating the names and numbers of persons in the party and time of sign-in prior to entering the designated wilderness trail. Upon returning, all persons shall "sign-out" indicating the time of return from that wilderness trail.

(b) *Horseback riding.* Horseback riding is permitted only along trails or in areas specifically designated for such use. Horses shall be thoroughly broken, properly restrained, and ridden with due care. Horses shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended and must be on a lead at all times. Horses may only be hitched to hitching posts clearly identified for such use. No horse-drawn carriages, carts or wagons shall be allowed or used within any environmental land.

(c) *Boating.* Boating is permitted only in trails, channels or areas specifically designated for such use. Boaters shall obey all posted restrictions and safe boating rules and regulations. Boats shall not be operated in such a manner as to molest or harm wildlife or to cause damage to aquatic life, substrate or County property.

(d) *Camping.* Camping is permitted only in areas specifically designated for such use. Campers shall obey all posted rules and regulations. Campfires are strictly prohibited at all times except in areas designated for such use. Campfires or any other open burning, even in approved areas, may be prohibited when deemed necessary by the County Fire Administrator or by restrictions mandated by state or federal agencies.

(e) *Live-Aboards.* It shall be unlawful for any person to moor a watercraft within any area designated as an environmental land for a period of time in excess of 14 days in any

30 day period.

- (f) *Fishing.* Fishing, regardless of the gear used, is prohibited in those areas designated as a restricted use area. Persons fishing shall obey all state and federal laws pertaining to fishing as well as any posted rules and regulations.

- (g) *Picnicking.*

- (1) Picnicking is permitted only in areas specifically designated for such use. The use of picnic facilities including tables, benches, and shelters, is on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

- (2) All refuse, waste, and trash shall be placed in disposal containers where provided. Where no disposal containers are provided, or where the containers provided are full, refuse shall be carried away by the user of the picnic facility and properly disposed of elsewhere.

- (h) *Audio Devices.* Radios, tape players, electronic musical instruments and all other audio devices are permitted so long as they are played at volume levels which do not disturb, annoy, injure, or endanger the comfort, health, peace, or safety of the wildlife or reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities or unnecessarily detract from a peaceful atmosphere. Such noise shall not be heard within any environmental land from a location more than 50 feet from the source of the noise, unless a special permit has been issued for such use.

- (i) *Nudity.* It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of four years old to appear nude in any environmental land, including but not limited to, appearing nude to sunbathe, subject to the exemptions listed below:

- (1) in a restroom, locker or shower facility;
 - (2) in a privately owned, fully-enclosed, temporary dwelling used for camping at camp sites;
 - (3) when the conduct of being nude cannot constitutionally be prohibited by county ordinance because it is otherwise protected pursuant to the United States Constitution or the Florida Constitution under existing judicial decisions;
 - (4) when a mother is breast-feeding her baby, and then only the extent reasonably necessary to allow breast-feeding.

- (j) *Vendors.* No person, or organization other than the Department or regularly licensed concessionaires acting by and under the authority of the County shall offer for sale, rent, or trade, any article, or station or place any stand,

cart, or
article of merchandise within

vehicle, for the transportation, sale or display of any
the limits of any environmental land.

(k) *Firearms.* No person except law enforcement officers shall have within his or her possession any firearm while within any environmental land unless in accordance with a valid concealed weapons permit. However, the provisions of Pinellas County Code, §86-71 shall remain in full force and effect at all times within any environmental land.

(l) *Fires.* No person shall ignite or attempt to ignite a fire, except for campfires made in approved areas and designated for such use. Smoking may be prohibited by the department, in its discretion, when necessary for fire control purposes. No person shall dispose of any burning matches, smoking materials or other inflammable materials except in designated receptacles.

(m) *Toy firearms, fireworks, long bows, cross bows, compound bows, and explosives.* No person shall have in his or her possession nor shall any person discharge any toy firearm, air-rifle, air-gun, toy cannon, fireworks, long bow, cross bow, compound bow, explosive, sling shot, or any toy or instrument that discharges projectiles either by air, elastic, explosive substance, or any other force within any environmental land. Parents or guardians will be held strictly responsible and accountable for the actions of minors with regard to the prohibitions in this subsection.

(n) *Alcoholic beverages.* Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, as defined by F.S. § 561.01(4), shall be in accordance with Pinellas County Code, Chapter 6, Article III .

(o) *Domestic animals.* No domestic animals, except seeing-eye dogs, hearing-ear dogs, nonhuman primates of the genus Cebus, specially trained for the purpose of providing personal care services to the handicapped, and horses accessing and utilizing trails designated for horseback riding, are permitted unless explicitly permitted within the appropriate management plan or by special permit. Where permitted, domestic animal must be confined to designated areas or trails. Owners of domestic animals shall obey all County ordinances including, but not limited to, Pinellas County Code, chapter 14, as same may be amended from time to time.

(p) *Trash Disposal.* No person shall dispose of trash, debris, yard waste, or other such materials within environmental lands except in such containers clearly marked for public use.

(q) *Gambling.* No person shall engage in any form of gambling.

- (r) *Pollution.* Any act resulting in pollution is prohibited.

Sec. 90-106. Permits required for activities that promote scientific, educational, and artistic endeavors.

- (a) *Permit required.* An environmental lands permit, issued by the Department, is required before a person may engage in certain activities, which are listed below. Application forms may be obtained from the Department. This permit does not relieve the applicant from the permit requirements of Pinellas County Code, sec. 10-26 et seq.
- (b) *Activities requiring a permit.* Activities for which permit applications must be submitted include any of the following :
- (1) Scientific research including, but not limited to, biological assays, species identification or collection, species observation, and hydrological, geological, or chemical studies.
 - (2) Group nature activities either prior to or after the posted hours of operation, or which require access to restricted areas not open to the public.
 - (3) All commercial photography, television broadcasting, and all private photography involving special settings or structures or the performance of any person.
 - (4) All group activities involving 50 or more persons.
- (c) *Standards for issuance or denial of a permit.* No permit shall be issued unless the Department finds that the proposed activity will not have an adverse impact upon the resources. The Department will evaluate the applications using the standards contained in this section. Factors to be considered in determining whether the activity will adversely impact the resources of the environmental land include:
- (1) Whether the activity is consistent with the intent of this ordinance and the management principles, objectives, and actions of the appropriate management plan.
 - (2) Whether the activity will have an adverse impact upon the resources of the environmental land by:
 - a. Causing or contributing to excessive odors or noise;

- b. Encouraging erosion;
 - c. Causing damage to plant life;
 - d. Negatively impacting wildlife;
 - e. Altering the natural hydrological characteristics of the subject area;
 - f. Inhibiting the natural storage and detention functions of floodplain;
 - g. Reducing wetland buffers or wetland filtration functions;
 - h. Decreasing recreational opportunities ;
 - i. Blocking, obstructing, lessening, or otherwise interfering with the scenic or natural views ;
 - j. Impacting threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna ;
 - k. Otherwise adversely affecting the natural resources.
- (d) *Conditions.* The permit shall contain such conditions that are reasonably consistent with the protection and maintenance of the environmental land.
- (e) *Denial.* If an application for a permit is denied, the applicant shall be so informed in writing, with the reason(s) for the denial set forth.
- (f) *Processing.* Permit applications shall be processed and notification of the granting or denial of permits will be provided to the applicant within 30 days of submission of the application. Failure to timely grant or deny an application for a permit shall not be grounds for the automatic issuance of a permit. The County will cooperate with the applicant to ensure his or her entitlement to prompt review of the County's failure to timely grant or deny the application.
- (g) *Appeal process.* An applicant may appeal the denial of a permit application by filing a notice of appeal and resubmitting all application materials to the county administrator or his or her designee. Any such appeal must occur within 30 days of the date of denial by the Department. The county administrator or his or her designee shall review the application and grant or deny the application within 14 days of receipt

of the appeal. No county action on a permit application under this section is final until the county administrator has granted or denied the appeal.

- (h) *Incomplete applications.* If the Department determines that the application is incomplete or that the applicant has not properly completed the application, the Department shall notify the applicant of such fact and the time period for granting or denying the application under subsection (f) shall be stayed during the period in which the applicant properly completes the application.
- (i) *Transferability.* Permits are not transferable and may only be utilized by those persons to whom the permit was issued.
- (j) *No entitlement to permit.* Because of the proprietary nature of the environmental lands, this section does not create any right or entitlement to a permit.

Sec. 90-107. Permits required for exhibits, displays, signs, and distribution of printed material.

- (a) *Permit Required.* Exhibits, displays, signs, and the distribution of printed matter are permitted within designated areas of the environmental lands provided a permit to do so has been issued by the Department, and provided further that the exhibit, display, sign, or printed matter are not primarily for commercial advertising and that no obscene literature or material, as defined by F.S. § 847.001, is displayed or distributed.
- (b) *Application Required.* Any application for any such permit shall set forth the name of the applicant; the name of the organization, if any; the date, time, duration, and location of the proposed exhibit, display, sign, and/or distribution of printed matter; and the number of participants.
- (c) *Standards for Issuance or Denial of a Permit.* The Department shall consider the following factors in determining whether or not to issue a permit under this section:
 - (1) Whether a permit application for the same time and location has been or will be granted to a prior applicant and the activities authorized by the permit do not permit multiple occupancy of the particular area;
 - (2) Whether the exhibit, display, sign, or distribution of printed matter will present a clear and present danger to the public health or safety;
 - (3) Whether the number of persons engaged in the exhibit, display, sign, or distribution of printed matter exceeds the number of persons that can

reasonably be accommodated in the particular location applied for, as previously established by the Department;

(4) Whether the location applied for has been designated as available for such activities;

(5) Whether the activity would be commercial in nature or would involve sales or commercial activities of any kind;

(6) Whether the activity would include amplification equipment or otherwise the limitations of section 90-105(g);

(7) Whether the activity would unreasonably interfere with any program activities or administrative functions of the Department;

(8) Whether the activity will cause damage to environmental land resources;

(9) Whether the activity will unreasonably interfere with the operation of any public use facility.

(d) *Incomplete Applications.* If the Department determines that the application is not complete or that the applicant has not properly completed the application, the Department shall notify the applicant of such fact and the time period for granting or denying the application under this section shall be stayed during the period in which the applicant properly completes the application.

(e) *Processing of Applications.* Permit applications shall be processed and notification of the granting or denial of permits will be provided to the applicant within 30 days of the submission of the application. Failure to timely grant or deny an application for a permit shall not be grounds for the automatic issuance of a permit. The county will cooperate with the applicant to ensure his or her entitlement to prompt review of the county's failure to timely grant or deny the application.

(f) *Permit Denial.* If an application for a permit is denied, the applicant shall be so informed in writing, with the reason(s) for the denial set forth.

(g) *Appeals.* An applicant may appeal the denial of a permit application to the county administrator or his or her designee. Any such appeal must occur within 30 days of the date of denial. The county administrator or his or her designee shall grant or deny the application within 14 days of receipt of the appeal. There has been no final county action on a permit application under this section until the county administrator or his or her designee has granted or denied the appeal.

- (h) *Designation of Appropriate Areas.* The Department shall designate on a map, which shall be available for inspection, the location(s) within the environmental lands that are available for exhibits, displays, signs, and/or the distribution of printed matter and the number of persons that can reasonably be accommodated within such location.
- (i) *Permit Conditions.* The permit shall contain such conditions that are reasonably consistent with the protection and maintenance of the environmental land.
- (j) *Permit Duration.* No permit shall be issued for a period in excess of ten consecutive days.
- (k) *Conduct of Permittees.* Persons engaged in the distribution of printed matter under this section shall not obstruct or impede pedestrians, riders, or vehicles, harass environmental lands visitors with physical contact or persistent demands or misrepresent the purposes or affiliations of the group engaged in the distribution.
- (l) *Prohibitions.* Exhibits, displays, signs, and the distribution of printed matter without a permit or in violation of the terms or conditions of the permit is prohibited. No person shall distribute, display, or affix any printed material, advertising any event, to or within environmental lands property unless specifically authorized under this section or by permit.
- (m) *Revocation.* Any permit may be revoked under those conditions listed in subsection (c) of this section, which constitute grounds for denial of the permit, or for violations of the terms or conditions of the permit. Revocation of the permit shall be made in writing with the reason(s) for the revocation set forth, except under emergency conditions, when an immediate verbal revocation or suspension may be made, to be followed by written confirmation.
- (n) *Exemptions.* The sale of items which promote environmental lands and which are intended to raise funds for those lands as authorized by the board or the county administrator or his or her designee, are exempted from the prohibition contained in subsection (c)(5) of this section.

Sec. 90-108. Resident personnel.

It is hereby acknowledged that it is necessary for certain Department personnel to have their primary residences within the environmental lands boundaries as authorized by the board or county administrator. Such personnel and their families and

guests are exempted from the regulations and prohibitions of sections 90-105, 90-106, and 90-107 of this Code while said persons are within the boundaries of the primary residence as defined by the residential lease or residential license agreement between said personnel and the county. At all times, however, resident persons remain subject to all applicable state laws, other county ordinances, and the terms and conditions of the lease or license while within the residence.

Sec. 90-109. Exemptions.

Any person performing duties authorized by the Board or the County Administrator or his or her designee, while performing duties pursuant to this ordinance or other law or within their official capacity, is hereby exempted from all prohibitions and restrictions of this ordinance. However, all such persons shall comply with any and all other applicable federal, state or local laws.

Sec. 90-110. Miscellaneous.

- (a) *Delegation of authority.* The Department is designated the authority to implement and administer the provisions of this ordinance by the board of county commissioners.
- (b) *Hours of operation.* The opening and closing hours of each environmental land shall be as posted by the Department. No person shall remain in the preserve after closing unless otherwise permitted by these regulations or appropriate permit.
- (c) *Areas closed to the public.* Areas that are normally open to the public may be closed from time to time when that area's carrying capacity has been met, for permitted research, or for resource recovery purposes. No person shall enter any area of an environmental land that has been closed. Any area declared closed will be identified as such by appropriate signage.
- (d) *Actions inconsistent with the purposes of the environmental lands.* Persons who are intoxicated or who conduct themselves in a destructive, disorderly, offensive, obnoxious, obscene, or profane manner are considered to be acting in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of the environmental lands and are subject to removal and/or ejection.

Sec. 90-111. Enforcement and penalties.

- (a) All provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by all authorized law enforcement officers, and all Department personnel authorized by the county administrator or his or her designee.
- (b) Failure to abide by the terms of this ordinance shall constitute a violation thereof. Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable as provided in section 1-8 of the Pinellas County Code, as same may be amended from time to time.
- (c) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (b) of this section, any person or persons convicted of violating any provisions of this article may be liable for civil penalties or damages to Pinellas County in accordance with the Pinellas County Environmental Enforcement Act.
- (d) All damages and civil penalties collected as a result of any violation of this article shall be deposited in the Environmental Lands Trust Fund as created by the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 90-112. Territory Embraced.

All territory designated by the Board as an environmental land, including buildings, and facilities thereon, whether located in unincorporated or incorporated areas of the county, shall be embraced by the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Severability.

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity of unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of acknowledgement from the Department of State that the ordinance has been duly filed.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in the Code.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Pinellas County Code, as an addition thereto, and shall be appropriately numbered to conform to the uniform system of the Code.

MISSION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY PARKS and RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Pinellas County Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a continuing program of acquisition, development, maintenance, and protection of park areas for healthful outdoor activities.

The principle objectives of this department are:

- To recommend suitable areas for acquisitions as county parks, and to develop and maintain a system of quality public parks.
- To efficiently operate Pinellas County parks at a high level of maintenance, and to provide services that best meet the needs of our citizens.
- To enhance communication, and to provide training and education to park staff and visitors.
- To investigate and utilize various resources, such as grants and free labor, in order to provide park services at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers.
- To identify, conserve, protect, and enhance the irreplaceable natural resources that have been entrusted to the Park Department.
- To be recognized as the best county park system in the nation.



Pinellas County Park Ordinance



ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL*

*Editor's note: Ord. No. 02-7, §§ 1, 2, adopted Jan. 8, 2002, repealed the former art. I and enacted a new article as set out herein. The former art. I, §§ 90-1--90-37, pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 94-76, §§ 1--36, adopted Sept. 13, 1994, and Ord. No. 99-82, §§ 3--10, adopted Aug. 31, 1999.

Sec. 90-1. Parks and recreation advisory board.

(a) *Establishment; appointment; qualification; organization.*

(1) *Establishment.* There is hereby established in and for the county a board to be known as the "Pinellas County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board." The board shall consist of eight members.

(2) *Appointment.* One member shall be a member of the county youth advisory committee and nominated by the county youth advisory committee and appointed by the board of county commissioners. Of the seven remaining members, one each shall be nominated by each member of the board of county commissioners of the county without regard to political affiliation, and appointed by the board of county commissioners. The term of office shall be one year and shall run concurrently with the term of the nominating commissioner, or in the case of the county youth advisory committee nominee from August 1 through July 31. Except in order to maintain concurrency of term, no member of the parks and recreation advisory board may be removed prior to the expiration of his/her term except by the board of county commissioners. The parks and recreation advisory board may request that the board of county commissioners remove a member of the parks and recreation advisory board who misses 50 percent or more of the meetings scheduled in a year.

(3) *Qualification.* Each member's background, education and experience shall be such as to qualify said member to carry out the duties and responsibilities vested in the parks and recreation advisory board by this article. Members shall be appointed from the county at large. In selecting a new member of the county parks and recreation advisory board, the board of county commissioners of the county shall consider the interest and knowledge of such prospective member in parks, playgrounds, plant life, recreational areas and the development of Pinellas County, Florida.

(4) *Organization.* The parks and recreation advisory board shall elect annually one of its members as chairman and one as vice-chairman of the board, and may adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its meetings. The parks and recreation advisory board shall meet at least six times per year.

(b) *Duties.* It shall be the duty of the parks and recreation advisory board to assist the county administrator by:

- (1) Reviewing and commenting on park site plans and design.
- (2) Reviewing and commenting on park operations and procedures.
- (3) Participating in public education and ceremonial activities.
- (4) Hearing citizen comment on park related activities.
- (5) Formulating proposals and suggestions with the goal of improving the parks of the county.
- (6) Reviewing specific issues referred to the parks and recreation advisory board from the board of county commissioners.
- (7) Reviewing specific issues referred to the parks and recreation advisory board from the county administrator.

(8) Communicating with the county administrator and the board of county commissioners on issues related to the duties of the parks and recreation advisory board.

(c) *Selection of park director.* The chairman of the parks and recreation advisory board or his designee may participate in the selection process for the park director. The chairman or designee may participate in the interview of park director candidates with county staff. The chairman of the board or his/her designee may then make recommendations to the culture, education and leisure department director.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 1, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Board means the collective board of county commissioners of Pinellas County.

Dark means one-half hour after sunset and before sunrise.

Daylight means between sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

Department means the county parks and recreation department.

Loud and raucous means any sound which because of its volume level, duration, and character, annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities within the limits of a county park. This term shall be limited to that noise which can be heard within any county park from a location not less than 50 feet from the source of the noise.

Nude, or any derivative thereof, shall mean to display or expose:

- (1) The human male or female genitals or public area with less than fully-opaque covering;
- (2) The portion of the human female breast directly or laterally below a point immediately above the top of the areola with less than a fully opaque covering. This definition shall include the entire lower portion of the human female breast, including the areola and nipple, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast exhibited by a dress, blouse, shirt, leotard, bathing suit, or other clothing, provided the areola is not exposed; and
- (3) For purposes of this definition, body paint, body dye, a tattoo, latex or any similar substances shall not be considered an opaque covering.

Park employee means those individuals employed by the parks department who perform official duties within the parks.

Park property means all areas, buildings, locations and facilities defined under the term "parks" and other areas maintained by or managed by the county parks department.

Park roads means all surfaced areas ten feet wide or wider designated for vehicular traffic, and passing through any legally defined park or any part thereof. All other traffic ways, either unpaved or paved are classified as trails or paths.

Park supervisor means the person in charge of any park area and its activities and to whom all subordinate park personnel of that park are responsible.

Park waters means all water located within park boundaries, or managed by the department.

Parking lot means any designated part of any park road, drive or special area contiguous thereto that may be set apart for the stationing of vehicles.

Parks means areas operated and maintained by the county parks department including parks, trails, bridges, overpasses, piers, boat ramps, beach accesses playgrounds, fields, museums, buildings, lakes, campgrounds bays, streams, canals, channels, lagoons, waterways, water areas, submerged lands, shorelines and beaches therein and all public service facilities located on or in grounds, submerged lands, waters, buildings and structures which are under the control of or assigned for upkeep, maintenance or operation by the parks department.

Park use means to provide to the residents and visitors of this county enhanced experiences with our native plants and animals, an aesthetically pleasing, peaceful, and tranquil setting, and a natural attraction for the enjoyment of passive activities, and casual recreational activities.

Passive activities are activities such as walking, jogging, bird watching, picnicking, canoeing.

Person shall be understood, as employed herein, to mean any individual regardless of age or sex, or any corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, club, society, or any association of persons, or any agent or employee thereof.

Pet means any living dumb creature, excluding feral and wild animals.

Trails means areas in which combustion engines are prohibited, except when used by authorized personnel.

Vehicle means any wheeled conveyance, except as a baby carriage or wheel chair, for the transportation of persons or materials whether motorized, such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or scooter; animal-drawn, such as a carriage, wagon or cart; self-propelled, such as a bicycle or tricycle; or any trailer in tow of any size, kind or description. Exception is made as to any transportation service authorized by the county administrator or an emergency vehicle while performing an emergency service.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 2, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-3. Areas embraced.

All park property and other areas operated and maintained by the county parks department including areas in unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county, shall be embraced by the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-4. Park hours.

- (a) The park areas of the county are to be open to the public every day of the year during the hours of daylight unless otherwise noted in this chapter. The county administrator may establish other opening hours for each individual park or sections thereof which shall be posted therein for public information.
 - (b) Any section or part of any park area may be declared closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, at the discretion of the county administrator.
 - (c) Permits for the use of any park property or part of any park after dark may be granted in writing at the discretion of the county administrator.
 - (d) No unauthorized person shall enter upon any park property which is closed or in an unfinished state or under construction or withheld from general public usage.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-5. Preservation of property.

- (a) No person shall mark, deface, or injure in any way, or displace, remove, or tamper with, any park building or building material, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, park signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or outer boundary markers, or other structures, or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
 - (b) No person shall move or remove from any park property such as any beach sand whether submerged or not, or any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs, plants, artifacts, seeds, flowers, fruits or nuts.
 - (c) No unauthorized person shall down timber or other wood or materials.
 - (d) No unauthorized person shall cut, carve, or injure the bark, or break off limbs or branches or mutilate in any way, or pick the flowers, fruits, seeds, or nuts of any tree or plant, nor shall any person dig in or otherwise disturb the grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any park property, nor shall they pile debris or material of any kind on or about any tree or plant, or attach any rope, wire, or other contrivance to any tree or plant, whether temporary or permanent in character or use.
 - (e) No person shall make any search, excavation by tool, equipment, blasting, or other means or agency. Metal detectors are allowed with permission of the county administrator.
 - (f) No person shall construct or erect any buildings or structures of whatever kind whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special written permit and by authority of the county administrator.
 - (g) No person shall transplant or remove any tree or plant or parts thereof, or collect or remove flowers, except that scientists or students of botany may procure from the county administrator special permission to collect plant specimens.
 - (h) No person shall use tacks, nails, staples or other items that penetrate wood on shelters, signs, trees, etc.
 - (i) No person shall stand, or sit on any structure not intended for such use in any park or parkway.
 - (j) No unauthorized person shall enter or occupy or use in any manner any lifeguard stand or station, or any lifeguard vessel, surfboard, or other lifesaving equipment at any time.
 - (k) Preservation of archaeological and historic sites: no person shall excavate, disturb or remove any historic or prehistoric cultural artifacts, nor any bones, shells, or geological specimens on land owned or managed by the county, except as part of an authorized and designated study for scientific, documentation or research purposes, and only with written permission from the county administrator. Scientific evaluation excavation of any designated or non-designated archaeological site may not be conducted without a state permit.
 - (l) Collection of dead shells is permitted; however, dead shell collection is prohibited at archaeological sites, on a county or state historic site, on a site listed with the National Register of Historic Places, or other sites to be designated by the county administrator.
 - (m) The county administrator shall set maximum vehicle capacity in parks and park areas and, if necessary, authorize the parking in grassy areas and/or the closing of a facility.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-6. Protection and preservation of wildlife.

- (a) No unauthorized person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, net, trap, snare, hunt, chase or shoot any animal (except for authorized fishing activities), nor shall any unauthorized person capture or collect for any purpose any animal, nest or egg or any animal whether dead or alive.
 - (b) No person shall feed any feral or wild animal on park property.
 - (c) No person shall place, dump, abandon or leave any animal on park property.
 - (d) Feral animals, exotic animals, and nuisance animals shall be removed from park property upon the direction of the county administrator.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-7. Proper use and prohibited activities.

- (a) No person over the age of six shall occupy or enter any restroom, dressing room, bathhouse, or other park structures which are reserved or designated by the department for the exclusive use of the opposite sex without adult supervision.
 - (b) No person shall loiter in or around any restroom, dressing room, bathhouse, or parking lot.
 - (c) No person shall engage in activities other than those prescribed in certain areas set aside and posted for such purposes. For example, in areas set aside for boating, swimming is prohibited; and in areas set aside for swimming, boating and personal (motorized) watercraft are prohibited.
 - (d) No person shall dress or undress, to the point of nudity as defined in this chapter, except in such bathhouses or structures as may be provided and maintained by the parks department for that purpose; and dressing or undressing in any vehicle (except for recreational vehicles and campers), toilet, on the beach, in any park area, or restroom, excluding single occupancy restrooms with locks and individual restroom stalls with doors, is prohibited, except as provided above, and except where the conduct of being nude cannot constitutionally be prohibited by county ordinance because it is otherwise protected pursuant to the United States Constitution or the Florida Constitution under existing judicial decisions.
 - (e) No person shall engage in activity(ies) within park property that is dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of any person or which could cause damage to the property of other patrons or park property. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the hitting of golf balls, racing or speeding in a dangerous manner, and diving or jumping from bridges or catwalks.
 - (f) No person shall engage in any activity or game within park property that interferes with the use and enjoyment of the park and its facilities by others.
 - (g) No person shall use roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates or skateboards, except in areas specially designated for such activities by the county administrator or state law.
 - (h) No person shall possess helium balloons on park property, except in enclosed buildings; provided the helium balloons shall be properly secured when bringing the balloons into and out of enclosed buildings.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 3, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-8. Bathing and swimming.

- (a) No person shall swim, wade, or bathe in waters, waterways or stormwater retention areas in any park other than in areas designated for such activities.
- (b) No person shall swim or bathe in any park waters after dark.
- (c) Park beaches or waters may be closed to the public, and bathing therein may be prohibited at any time when, in the opinion of the county administrator or the county health department, such bathing is dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.
- (d) No person shall erect any tent, shelter, or structure on or in any beach, bathing, or wading area in such a manner that a guy wire, rope, extension, brace, or support connected or fastened from any such structure to any other structure, stake, rock, or other object is necessary, nor shall any other such structure, tent or shelter lack an unobstructed view of the interior from at least two sides.
- (e) No person shall possess, carry, or transport any glassware, bottles, or any other potentially dangerous or sharp objects into any beach, bathing, wading, or swimming pool areas.
- (f) No persons or pets shall wash or be washed, with soap or other cleansers, in any swimming area or any other public waters, including but not limited to beaches, storm water, lakes or streams.
- (g) No pets shall be allowed in or on the bathing areas, beaches, storm water or park waters except in designated areas.
- (h) It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of four years old to appear nude in any park or other areas operated and maintained by the county parks department, including, but not limited to, appearing nude to sunbathe, subject to the exemptions listed below:

- (1) In a restroom, locker room or shower facility;
 - (2) In a privately-owned, fully-enclosed, temporary dwelling used for camping at camp site;
 - (3) When the conduct of being nude cannot constitutionally be prohibited by county ordinance because it is otherwise protected pursuant to the United States Constitution or the Florida Constitution under existing judicial decisions;
 - (4) When a mother is breast-feeding her baby, and then only to the extent reasonably necessary to allow breast-feeding; and
 - (5) Areas of residence.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-9. Picnic areas and use.

- (a) No person shall cook in any area not specifically designated for such use.
 - (b) No person shall build or light any fire upon the ground, or other object in any area except in a grill, stove, fireplace or designated fire circle, nor shall any person starting a fire leave the area without completely extinguishing the fire.
 - (c) No person shall use a grill or other device in such a manner as to burn, char, or blemish any bench, table, or other object of park property. Hot coals shall be disposed of in designated areas only.
 - (d) All trash such as boxes, papers, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse shall be placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If there are no such trash receptacles available, then refuse shall be carried out of the park to be properly disposed of elsewhere.
 - (e) Park supervisors and their assistants are authorized to regulate activities in picnic areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Use of the individual fireplaces, together with shelters, tables and benches, follows generally the rule of first come, first served, unless reserved.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-10. Traffic laws; prohibitions.

- (a) Applicable state traffic laws shall apply in and about all park property and in addition thereto the following rules shall be applicable on roads and driveways within parks.
 - (b) No person driving or operating any vehicle shall use any other than the regularly designated paved or improved park roads or driveways, except when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer or department employee.
 - (c) No driver or operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic, park or stop on any road or driveway except at places so designated for such purpose or in case of an emergency, whereupon prompt report must be made by the driver to a park employee or authorized park volunteer.
 - (d) The operator of any vehicle must obey all traffic signs with regard to speed limits, direction of traffic, stopping, or parking, and all other signs posted for proper control, caution, danger and to safeguard life and property.
 - (e) Where a highway traverses a county park and is available for public use at all times, vehicles otherwise not permitted to operate in park areas shall not stop therein except in case of emergency, whereupon prompt report must be made by the driver to a park employee.
 - (f) No vehicle, except those entering on park business, shall enter or park in any park until the required fee, if any, has been paid.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-11. Trucks and other vehicles.

No truck, commercial vehicle, or bus of any type shall be driven on any restricted park roads or property without authorization from the parks department for the purpose of park work, service or activities. Those trucks and buses used for transporting persons to a park for any approved purposes will be afforded use of ingress and egress upon instruction by the park supervisor.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-12. Soliciting rides or fares.

No pedestrian shall solicit rides from any driver nor shall any driver of any vehicle solicit riders for money or fares, in any park unless authorized by the county administrator.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-13. Motorcycles, mopeds, motorized scooters, and other motorized vehicles.

- (a) No unauthorized person shall operate any electric or combustible engine bicycle or motorized vehicle, including a motorcycle, or moped, except on regular vehicular roads or prescribed areas within a park or on a trail.
 - (b) No unauthorized person shall operate any motorized scooter, motorized skateboards, go-cart, all-terrain vehicle, golf cart or electric cart on park property.
 - (c) No electric or motorized toy vehicles are allowed on park property, except in prescribed areas.
 - (d) The prohibitions herein shall not apply to an electric personal assistive mobility device.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 4, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-14. Parking.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle, watercraft or trailer any place on park property other than in the regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle or vehicle and trailer, unless directed otherwise by law enforcement officers or park employees.
 - (b) No person shall park or station any vehicle in any zone designated and marked "no parking," or otherwise marked for restricted use.
 - (c) No person shall double park any vehicle at any time on any road or park area, unless so directed by a law enforcement officer or park employee.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-15. Use of vehicles.

No person, except in emergencies, shall change any parts, repair, wash, grease or perform other maintenance on a vehicle on any park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property. Waxing and polishing is permitted in parks provided it is in an area open to vehicles and does not interfere with other park activities or traffic flow.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-16. Fishing.

- (a) No person shall fish on park property whether by the use of hook-and-line, seine, net trap, spear, gig, or other device, except in areas designated by the county administrator for that use and under such regulations and restrictions as have been or may be prescribed by the county administrator.
 - (b) Fishing will be in accordance with the state fish and wildlife conservation commission and the state department of environmental protection rules and regulations.
 - (c) No person shall at any time fish from beaches in any area where bathing and swimming are permitted.
 - (d) Unwanted fish must be properly disposed of and not left on piers, catwalks or roads.
 - (e) Various types of fishing shall be permitted where designated from park-owned facilities such as piers, catwalks, waters, etc., according to posted hours.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-17. Hunting and weapons.

- (a) No person shall carry, use or possess weapons of any description, including, but not limited to, air rifles, pistols, spring guns, bows and arrows, paintguns, water cannons, bb guns, slingshots, boomerangs, or any other form of weapon harmful or dangerous to wildlife or dangerous to human safety on or in any park property except at and in accordance with the rules and regulations as a participant in a program approved by the board of county commissioners, unless authorized by law.
 - (b) No hunting, trapping or pursuit of wildlife by any means whatsoever will be permitted on or in any park property by unauthorized persons.
- (Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-18. Toy firearms, fireworks, and explosives.

- (a) No person shall at any time bring into, or have in his possession, or discharge anywhere, in any park, any toy firearm, air rifle, airgun, water gun, toy cannon, slingshot, bow and arrow, or any toy or instrument that discharges projectiles either by air, elastic, explosive substance or any other force.

(b) No person may bring into or have in his possession, or set off or otherwise cause to explode, discharge or burn in any park or on any public lands or highways adjacent thereto, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or cannon or other fireworks or explosives of flammable material or any substance, compound, mixture, or article that, in conjunction with any other substance or compound may explode, discharge or burn, except with written approval by the county administrator.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-19. Horseback riding.

(a) No person shall engage in horseback riding in any park property other than those where provision for such is made by lease and/or signage, and clearly marked bridle paths, trails, rings, and other necessary features and then only upon thoroughly broken and properly restrained animals that are ridden with care, prevented from grazing, straying unattended, untethered to any rock, tree or shrub and not ridden or led on any park property other than that so designated.
(b) No person shall tie or hitch a horse or other animal to any tree or plant.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-20. Pets.

(a) Pets shall be excluded from playgrounds, swimming areas, beaches, (except for designated dog beaches), the Friendship Trail Bridge, any place where food and drinks are sold and consumed, and any areas designated by the county administrator.
(b) Pets, including but not limited to birds, ferrets, pot bellied pigs, monkeys, snakes, etc., shall be caged or on an adequate leash not greater than six feet in length. Pets shall not be left unattended or off a leash except in designated areas posted by signage.
(c) Seeing eye or guide pets and non-human primates of the genus Cebus, specially trained for the purpose of providing personal care services to individuals with disabilities, shall be excluded from these regulations, and shall be permitted on all park property.
(d) In the case of pet defecation, the owner or person in charge or in control of the pet shall remove all feces deposited by such animal and dispose of same in a sanitary manner.
(e) The owner or person in charge or in control of the pet shall be held at all times responsible for its behavior and actions.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 5, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-21. Pollution of waters.

Using the fountains, ponds, lakes, streams, bays, or any other bodies of water adjacent to or within the parks, or the tributaries, storm sewers or drains flowing into them as dumping places for any substance, including fuel, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters is prohibited.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-22. Refuse and trash.

(a) No person shall deposit or drop any refuse including, but not limited to, bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, tobacco products, containers or foil upon the ground or in or on any other park property, except in the receptacles provided for trash disposal.
(b) No person shall dispose of trash or garbage generated outside park property in any refuse facility within the park property, with the exception of disposing of recyclable materials in recycling containers provided by the county.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-23. Gambling.

(a) No person or organization shall conduct raffles, bingo games, card games for money, drawings for prizes, or participate in any other forms of gambling within park property.
(b) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) above shall not apply if the county commission by resolution has temporarily waived the prohibition for a special event or activity conducted by an organization with a charitable solicitation permit in a specified area or place.
(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 6, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-24. Noise.

No person shall make loud or raucous noise within any park property. This provision shall supercede all other provisions of this Code.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-25. Merchandising, vending, peddling, and fortunetelling.

(a) No person, or organization other than the department or regularly licensed concessionaires acting by and under the authority of the county shall offer for sale, rent, or trade, any article, or station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle, for the transportation, sale or display of any article or merchandise within any park property or on the waters within 200 feet thereof.

(b) No person shall tell fortunes or foretell futures for money in any park property.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-26. Advertising, publicity and signs.

(a) No person shall use park property for the purpose of advertising or calling attention to any article or service for sale or for hire, nor shall any signs, slogans, loudspeakers or advertising display of any nature whatsoever be used for such purposes. No person shall place or station on any park property any vehicle whatsoever displaying any such advertising intent of advertising or used for such purposes herein mentioned.

(b) No person shall display, distribute, post or fix any banner, sign, handbill, pamphlet, circular, placard, or any other printed matter containing commercial advertising on any park property, unless approved by the county administrator.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude the county from entering into a sponsorship agreement with commercial or noncommercial entities.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-27. Group gatherings, performances and speeches.

(a) The board of county commissioners shall have the authority to designate certain parks or portion of parks which will be available for any public demonstrations, gatherings, performances and speeches which, due to the size of the group, will interfere with the use of the park by the general public. Such group shall give notice to the county administrator 45 days in advance of their intended use of the park.

(b) Use of park property, including picnic shelters, tables and benches generally follows the rule of first-come, first-served. However, this practice shall not preclude the county administrator from assigning or reserving these facilities for the use of particular persons or groups.

(c) To close any part of a park, the organization or entity requesting closure must enter into a contract with the county, which contract must be approved by the county administrator and the board of county commissioners.

(d) To close any park property under joint ownership with an entity/entities in addition to the county, the organization or entity requesting closure must enter into a contract with all owners, which contract must be approved by the authorized representative and board of county commissioners of all entities possessing an ownership interest.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-28. Alcohol.

(a) Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on any park property is prohibited.

(b) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) above shall not apply if:

(1) The county has approved a contract or issued a permit which by its terms allows the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a specified area or place; or

(2) The county commission by resolution has temporarily waived the prohibition of subsection (a) above for a special event or activity in a specified area or place.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 7, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-29. Boating.

(a) No person shall bring into or operate any vessel or other watercraft on any park property, lakes, canals, rivers, or ponds other than those so designated for such use or purpose by the county administrator or applicable state law.

(b) All persons navigating or operating a motor equipped vessel or other watercraft in park waters shall comply with all established speed regulations, U.S. Coast Guard navigation regulations, environmental regulations, and any other applicable county ordinance.

(c) No motor equipped vessel shall operate nor shall any person engage in water skiing in park waters within 200 feet of areas where bathers and swimmers are present.

(d) No person other than a concessionaire contracted by the board of county commissioners to operate park property shall be permitted to rent, hire, or operate for charge, any kind of vessel or watercraft, whether powered or not, on any park waters.

(e) The county administrator may regulate the operational activities of combustible engines and noncombustible engines as to motor size and type of vessels within park waters, streams, and canals.

(f) All persons must use the designed boat ramp areas and must abide by such regulations as are drawn up by the department.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-30. Docks and launching ramps, boats for private use.

(a) Docks and ramps must be kept clear of all equipment or gear.

(b) No refuse, trash, oil or bilge water shall be thrown or pumped overboard within park waters.

(c) Sanitary facilities on vessels which discharge overboard must not be used while vessels are within the park waters.

(d) Overnight dwelling on vessels docked or moored to park property or within park waters is prohibited except in areas so designated.

(e) Boats operating in park waters must obey the rules and regulations as prescribed in this section and in the United States Coast Guard navigation rules and any other applicable county ordinance.

(f) Any defacement or damage of piers or of dock property must be repaired or corrected at the expense of the person or persons responsible for such defacement or damage.

(g) Docking and mooring facilities shall not be used for commercial purposes. No person shall use or occupy any docking or mooring space for an unreasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 minutes, to the exclusion of other park patrons.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-31. Aircraft.

(a) No person operating, directing, or responsible for any airplane, helicopter, glider, hang glider, hot air balloon, dirigible, parachute or other aerial apparatus will take off from or land in or on any park property or waterway, except when human life is endangered or written permission has been obtained from the county administrator.

(b) No person operating any aircraft shall engage in acrobatic flight over park property or fly lower than 1,000 feet above the highest obstruction within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet of the aircraft or fly within those minimum distances found in federal aviation regulations for pilots.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-32. Camping.

(a) No person shall set up tents, shacks or any other temporary shelters, or any special vehicle to be used, or that could be used for such purpose, such as a house-trailer, camp-trailer, camp-wagon, or the like, for the purpose of overnight camping except within such areas, if any, provided for such use.

(b) All persons using the approved and properly designed camping areas must abide by such regulations as are drawn up by the department for the proper use thereof.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-33. Photography.

(a) Written permission must be obtained from the department for the making of still or moving pictures that involve the use of special settings, structures, lighting or apparatus, or the performance of a cast of persons, either amateur or professional or the posing of professional models, said permission being issued only when such activities will permit the normal use of park facilities by other visitors. However, the provisions of this section do not in any way restrict the use of cameras by amateur photographers or professionals not using set scenery, casts or models.

(b) Bona fide newspaper, press association, newsreel and/or television news department personnel, identified by press cards, or passes, and assigned by their respective editors to make photographs for use of such communications media, will be regarded as persons performing a task involving the freedom of the press as set forth in the constitution of the United States and, accordingly, will not be restricted by this section.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-34. Fees; special permits.

(a) The department is authorized and directed to charge fees for activities on, or use of, park property as established by resolution of the county commission.

(b) Activities not otherwise provided for herein may be allowed by special permit if authorized by the county administrator or his/her designee.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02; Ord. No. 04-45, § 8, 7-13-04)

Sec. 90-35. Enforcement of regulations and permits.

(a) All rules, regulations and permits contained in this document are enforceable by all law enforcement officers, and all parks department employees authorized by the board of county commissioners.

(b) Parents or guardians will be held strictly responsible and accountable for the actions of minors with regard to the prohibitions in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 02-7, § 2, 1-8-02)

Sec. 90-36. Resident personnel.

It is hereby acknowledged that it is necessary for certain department employees to have their primary residences within department property as authorized by the board or the county administrator. Any departmental employees, and their authorized co-residents, residing in any premises located within a county-owned park are exempt from the provisions of sections 90-17, 90-20 and 90-28 of this Code while said persons are within the boundaries of the residence as set forth in the employee residential license agreement. At all times, however, resident employees and their authorized co-residents remain subject to all applicable federal laws, state laws, other county ordinances, and the terms and conditions of the license while within the residence.

(Ord. No. 04-27, § 1, 4-13-04)

Secs. 90-37--90-100. Reserved.

County Links, Plans, and Policies



Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan

- See <http://www.pinellascounty.org/Plan/compplanguide.htm>
- Summary:

SEE INTO THE FUTURE...

Learn how your Pinellas County Government is solving today's problems and meeting tomorrow's challenges through the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

What does the future hold for your community?

The Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan has some answers. As Florida enters the 21st Century, it faces a wide array of challenges – to service its growing population, to preserve its fragile environment, and to enhance the quality of life for its citizens. To ensure that these challenges are addressed, the State of Florida requires that every local government prepare a comprehensive plan. The local plans address a number of different issues, including transportation, natural resources and public services and facilities. In their plans, cities and counties analyze current conditions, identify goals, and design the strategies to reach these goals. Pinellas County's Comprehensive Plan lets citizens know what they can expect in their future by describing how their County is managing growth, providing vital services and protecting the environment.

The following 12 Elements make up Pinellas County's Comprehensive Plan:

1. FUTURE LAND USE:

Where will people live, work and play?

Where should houses, apartments stores, offices and industry be located? How many should be built? The Future Land Use Element looks at existing and future conditions and determines the type and intensity of development suitable for the remaining undeveloped areas of unincorporated Pinellas County. It also considers that Pinellas County is facing build-out, and recognizes the significance of redevelopment issues in the future. Additional policies provide for the conservation of natural resources and for a balanced relationship between development and environmental needs.

2. TRANSPORTATION:

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION: How will we meet the transportation needs of today and tomorrow?

The Transportation Element identifies where road improvements will be needed, and also includes policies requiring consideration of mass transit options, pedestrian facilities and bicycle friendly design as alternatives to traditional methods of travel.

How can we best use the Clearwater/St. Petersburg International Airport and facilitate economic development?

The Transportation Element assesses the current air traffic at the airport and prescribes strategies to increase use, as well as economic activity around the facility.

How can we enhance mass transit services?

The policies of the Transportation Element also focus on how to provide an effective transportation alternative to the private automobile, requiring that the needs of people who are dependent on mass transit be considered in transportation facilities planning.

3. NATURAL HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES:

How can we protect and restore the quality of our natural resources?

This Element takes a comprehensive look at the County's natural resources. Goals include the protection and restoration of air quality, floodplains, native vegetation and wildlife species. The Element also directs the County's historic preservation efforts in the unincorporated area. An inventory of cultural resources, as well as related goals and objectives geared toward increasing cultural opportunities for residents and visitors, is also included.

4. COASTAL MANAGEMENT:

How will we manage coastal resources?

How well will our coastal area weather a hurricane? How will we recover and rebuild after a big storm? The Coastal management Element explores these questions and directs solutions to these and other coastal issues such as the provision of public beach access, the protection and restoration of natural coastal resources and associated land use planning requirements.

5. HOUSING:

How will we meet the housing requirements of current and future residents?

The Housing Element analyzes the County's housing conditions and identifies strategies to meet existing and future housing requirements of the unincorporated County. It addresses such issues as the availability of housing to low and moderate income families, first time buyers and others with special needs. It also looks at methods of preserving our existing housing stock and historically significant structures.

6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION:

How will we work with neighboring communities and agencies in managing our growth?

The guidelines and principles of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element call for coordination and cooperation between Pinellas County, its 24 municipalities and other public and private agencies in their planning activities, the initiation and enforcement of development controls, the provision of services, and other related activities.

7. RECREATION & OPEN SPACE:

How many, and what kind of parks do we need?

The Recreation and Open Space Element inventories our existing network of regional parks and preserves, as well as our anticipated future park and open space requirements. It contains policies that provide for commitments to public access and public education, and support the County's integrated and innovative program of land acquisition, park development and management for the protection of the County's natural resources.

8. SANITARY SEWER:

HOW DO WE ENSURE RELIABLE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT, AND THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT DISPOSAL OF THE BY-PRODUCTS?

The Sanitary Sewer Element evaluates existing and projected needs for regional wastewater collection, treatment and disposal and provides for the continued development and expansion of the County's comprehensive wastewater reuse program to support resource conservation and environmentally sound wastewater disposal options.

9. WATER SUPPLY:

HOW WILL WE MEET OUR FUTURE NEEDS FOR WATER?

How much water will we need? Where will it come from? The Water Supply Element analyzes current supply and demand, and projects future sources and demand, and projects future sources and demands for water. Intergovernmental and interagency coordination are integral to achieving these goals. The Element also directs the County to expand its comprehensive water conservation program and provides policies for ensuring the future of a safe potable water supply for all customers of the Pinellas County Utilities System.

10. SOLID WASTE & RESOURCE RECOVERY:

How do we dispose of our garbage?

The County's programs for countywide garbage disposal, recycling and hazardous waste disposal are described, and future disposal needs are calculated, in the Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Element. In order to maximize the longevity of the resource recovery plant and landfill, specific goals are included for recycling and source reduction. Additional policies direct the management of the County's hazardous waste collection and disposal program.

11. SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT:

HOW CAN WE REDUCE FLOODING AS WELL AS ENHANCE WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION?

The Element includes policies to correct flood control deficiencies and to improve water quality to support dependent natural resources through the development of comprehensive watershed management plans. Additional policies provide for the preservation of wetlands, floodplains and natural drainageways and support regional solutions to surface water management when possible.

12. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

How will we pay for the facilities and services described in the Elements above?

The Capital Improvements Element requires the Comprehensive Plan to be financially feasible. It calculates how much money is needed, where the money will come from and when it is anticipated to be available in order to carry out the improvements in facilities and services called for in the Plan.

How will we ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is put into action?

The compendium describes the procedure by which the County monitors the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, and lists the major findings, goals, objectives and policies of the 12 elements of the Plan. It also describes the County's concurrency management system which is designed to ensure that the facilities and services necessary to support growth and development are available to meet the impacts of that development.

**PINELLAS COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN
ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND CULTURE
GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-1 Promote a Sustainability Ethic in Pinellas County	EO 1.1 Codify the key policies and visions of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture Master Plan in the County's Comprehensive Plan. (Recreation and Open Space Element)
	EO 1.2 Review options for policies regarding open space and golf course land conversions
	EO 1.3 Institutionalize Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations regarding close coordination between County departments, local governments and other agencies to maximize benefits and minimize conflicts of every public and private project and initiative.
	EO 1.4 Broader consumer engagement
	EO 1.5 Link Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan into Livable Communities efforts, transportation CIP plans and transit concept.

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Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-2 Strengthen Connection to Water	EO 2.1 Codify the key policies and visions of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture Master Plan in the County's Comprehensive Plan (Recreation and Open
	EO 2.2 Accept and promote the priority capital programs identified in the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan
	EO 2.3 BCC will finalize review of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations, including funding proposal for a capital program over a 15-year period through a renewed Penny for Pinellas.
	EO 2.4 Pursue revenue neutral or revenue enhanced options for acquiring and expanding additional boating access facilities.
	EO 2.5 Broader consumer engagement.

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Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-3 Lead the Development of Outstanding Countywide Systems	EO 3.1 Codify the key policies and visions of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture Master Plan in the County's Comprehensive Plan (Recreation and Open Space Element)
	EO 3.2 Revise the County's Roadway Design Standards to require street trees, bike lanes, wide multi-use bicycle/pedestrian paths and safety/ADA features on all new/improved roadways as appropriate
	EO 3.3 Accept and promote the priority capital programs identified in the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan.
	EO 3.4 BCC will finalize review of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations, including funding proposal for a capital program over a 15-year period through a renewed Penny for Pinellas.
	EO 3.5 Institutionalize Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations regarding close coordination between County departments, local governments and other agencies to maximize benefits and minimize conflicts of every public and private project.
	EO 3.6 Broader consumer engagement.
	EO 3.7 Link Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan into Livable Communities efforts, transportation CIP plans and transit concept.

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Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-4 Provide Urban Levels of Active Recreation Facilities in Unincorporated Areas	EO 4.1 Consider Revisions to the County's Land Development Regulations to require the construction of neighborhood parks in new developments.
	EO 4.2 Review options for policies regarding open space and golf course land conversions
	EO 4.3 Accept and promote the priority capital programs identified in the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan.
	EO 4.4 BCC will finalize review of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations including funding proposal for a capital program over a 15-year period through a renewed Penny for Pinellas.
	EO 4.5 Continue to utilize MSTU grants and partnerships with municipalities who provide recreational services to unincorporated residents.
	EO 4.6 Forge new partnerships with municipalities and non-profits to manage and operate active recreational facilities constructed with principally County resources, to improve efficiencies and equitably share burdens.
	EO 4.7 Review options for Toytown and Struthers parcels for active recreational development and redevelopment, including a review of all recreational components.
	EO 4.8 Institutionalize Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations regarding close coordination between County departments, local governments and other agencies to maximize benefits and minimize
	EO 4.9 Coordinate with the School Board to provide for after-hours use of school parks, playgrounds and gymnasiums.
	EO 4.10 Consider Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations to forge new and expanded funding partnerships with municipalities and non-profits to manage and operate recreational facilities on County sites.
	EO 4.11 Broader consumer engagement.

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Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-5 Inject Color and Energy into Regional Parks and Preserves	EO 5.1 Accept and promote the priority capital programs identified in the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan.
	EO 5.2 BCC will finalize review of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations, including funding proposal for a capital program over a 15-year period through a renewed Penny for Pinellas.
	EO 5.3 Consider Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations regarding increased investments in arts and cultural programs and organizations. Adopt action plan to increase per capita spending to be at
	EO 5.4 Broader consumer engagement.

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Goal	Related Strategies
EO G-7 Promote the Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	EO 7.1 Codify the key policies and visions of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture Master Plan in the County's Comprehensive Plan (Recreation and Open Space Element).
	EO 7.2 Accept and promote the priority capital programs identified in the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture
	EO 7.3 BCC will finalize review of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations, including funding
	EO 7.4 Consider Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan recommendations regarding
	EO 7.5 Continue to pursue naming rights, vendor opportunities and other revenue enhancement measures. EO 7.6 Broader consumer engagement.

County Administrator Recommendation to BOCC





OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners
[Signature]
FROM: Stephen M. Spratt, County Administrator
DATE: May 16, 2006
SUBJECT: Environmental Issue Communication
DISTRIB: Assistant County Administrators
Pick Talley, Utilities Director
Will Davis, DEM Director
Dr. Bruce Rinker, ELD Director
Paul Cozzie, CEL Director
Susan Chiruti, County Attorney

An insightful and highly respected environmental professional wrote this statement more than 30 years ago: "We have learned that wise use of land is the only way to preserve a quality environment and that man's influence can be utilized for good as well as bad." That individual is Jake Stowers, a Certified Environmental Professional, retired recently as Assistant Pinellas County Administrator who has devoted his life to preserving nature.

Today, more than 18,000 acres of property have been acquired by Pinellas County for specialized land management, environmental conservation and protection, and public enjoyment.

We have some of the strongest ordinances in Florida that protect trees, manatees, air quality and marine habitats – all aimed directly at preserving a quality environment. Our park system is recognized as one of the finest in the country. We have a Department of Environmental Management, fully staffed with highly skilled biologists, ecologists, chemists and other professionals tasked with regulating and managing our natural resources. We have one of the best water testing laboratories and reclaimed water systems in the state. The environmental track record of this county government is clear and our initiatives serve as a model for the country.

During the past week, you have received a few dozen emails and contacts from those concerned about the county's permit request to pump water from wells within the Brooker Creek Preserve. Although we may have differences of opinion about how our preserves are managed, Pinellas County shares a common goal with all of these citizens: to ensure that the lands we have spent tens of millions of dollars to acquire and protect are enjoyed by many future generations to come.

Through various reports supplied, you are aware that an extensive regulatory review conducted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (Swiftmud) will establish whether the permit should be granted and if so, at what level of water withdrawal. The Department of Environmental Management, your agency charged with protecting the environment through air and surface water quality regulation, Water and Navigation regulation and Environmental Lands Management has been and will continue to be involved in this permitting process with Swiftmud.

Dr. Bruce Rinker, our Division Director of Environmental Lands, so eloquently said recently: "The pumping issue seems to have less to do about hydrology and ecology than it does about Pinellas County sociology and psychology." As a trained and experienced ecologist responsible for proper management of the Brooker Creek Preserve, Dr. Rinker concludes that the pumping is a reasonable water management strategy during which environmental impacts can be carefully avoided.

To engage the public, we have been effectively using the established citizen representative structures. We continuously communicate with our citizen stakeholders through the Friends groups, advisory boards and routine speaking engagements in our community.

In the case of the Brooker Creek pumping permit request, we met with the Friends of Brooker Creek, in keeping with a Board approved ordinance and agreement with the Friends. But we need to do more. Communication today is instantaneous. Accordingly, I am recommending the following strategies:

1. Creation of an electronic network of information flow which would enhance existing advisory boards and support group communications.

- Projects we are pursuing and county issues our citizens have told us they are concerned about, such as the environment, public safety, health and human services and housing, will be posted on the web and include a request for feedback through tools such as e-mail and surveys.
- We are working to better manage and improve our database as well as acquiring databases from outside groups to target both the vocal minority and the citizenry at large. We will make use of other websites, such as the newspaper's online "It's Your Times," to post information and solicit comment.
- Our citizens will be invited to sign up for news e-alerts to receive consistent information on key items.

- We will incorporate this online information into print and broadcast communications that also solicit input, in both Spanish and English, from those who may not have ready access to a computer.

2. Our second approach includes establishment of an Environmental Science Forum.

This will be an informal group acting in a consulting role to county administration rather than an appointed board. This concept is summarized as follows:

Forum Make-up: Representative organizations with environmental knowledge and interests, for example: Audubon, Native Plants, Sierra Club, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Swiftmud, Friends of Brooker and Weedon, Park Board, Pinellas County Environmental Fund, League of Women Voters, USF, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg College, Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals and private citizens with an environmental background and interest.

Membership: Through recruitment by the county administrator.

Number of Forum Members: 10-15 standing members depending on the project. Could temporarily expand and contract as needed based upon subject matter.

Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion, exchange of comments, questions and answers, address concerns with the county on a timely basis with regard to impacts of projects within parks and Environmental Lands that will assist the county in future direction and decision making.

Operation: Operate on an informal basis through e-mail or regular mail and/or meet on an as needed basis, individually, or collectively. Members to declare conflicts of interest when applicable.

Project Identification: Determined by staff and the Board of County Commissioners.

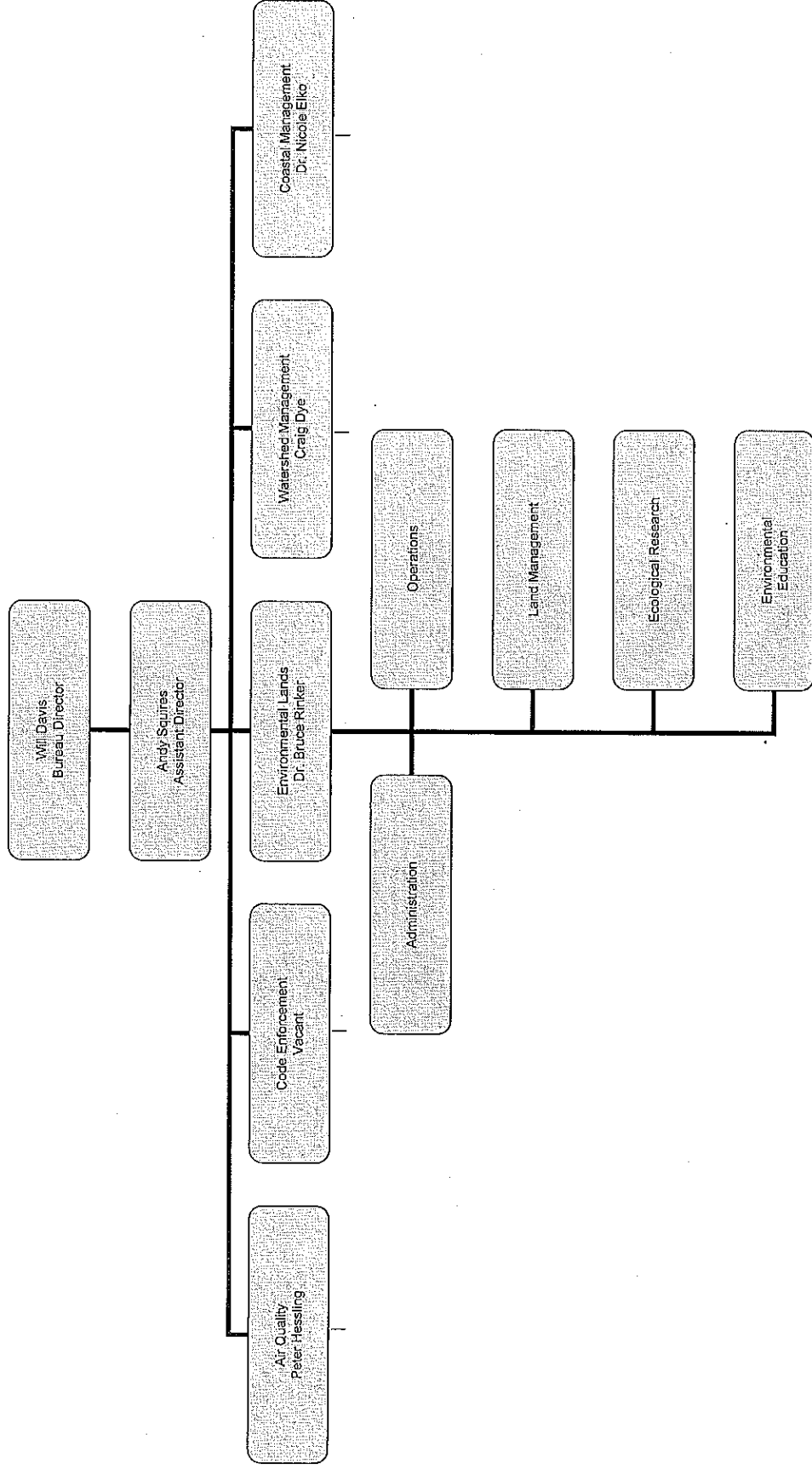
Lead County Staff: Will Davis, DEM Director; Dr. Bruce Rinker, Environmental Lands Division Director; Paul Cozzie, CEL Director and Elizabeth Warren, Assistant County Administrator.

If the Board has no objections, I would like to move forward with implementing these concepts today. I believe they can be helpful in communicating our organizational philosophy, policies, practices and programs in a constructive, accurate and inclusive way. I look forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

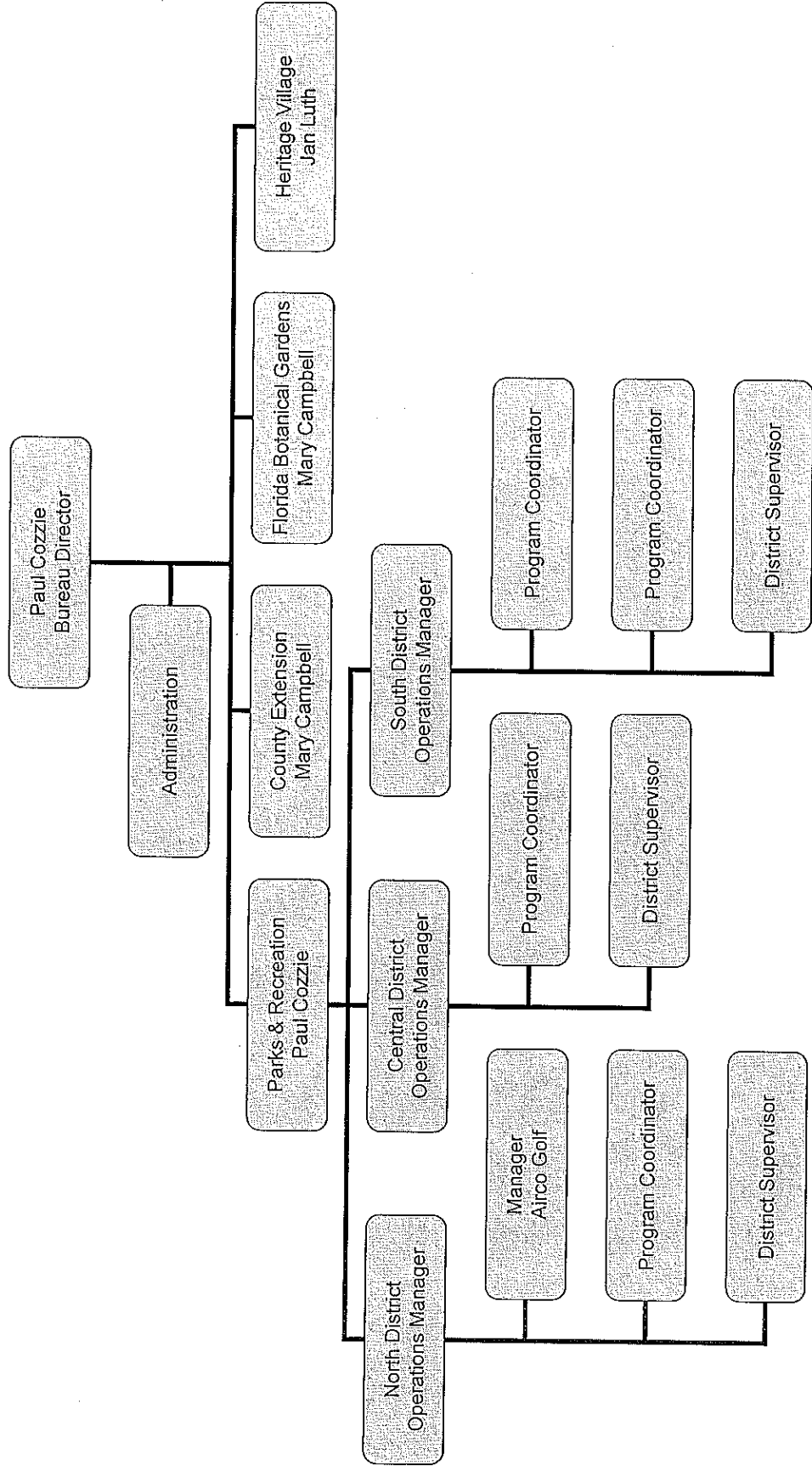
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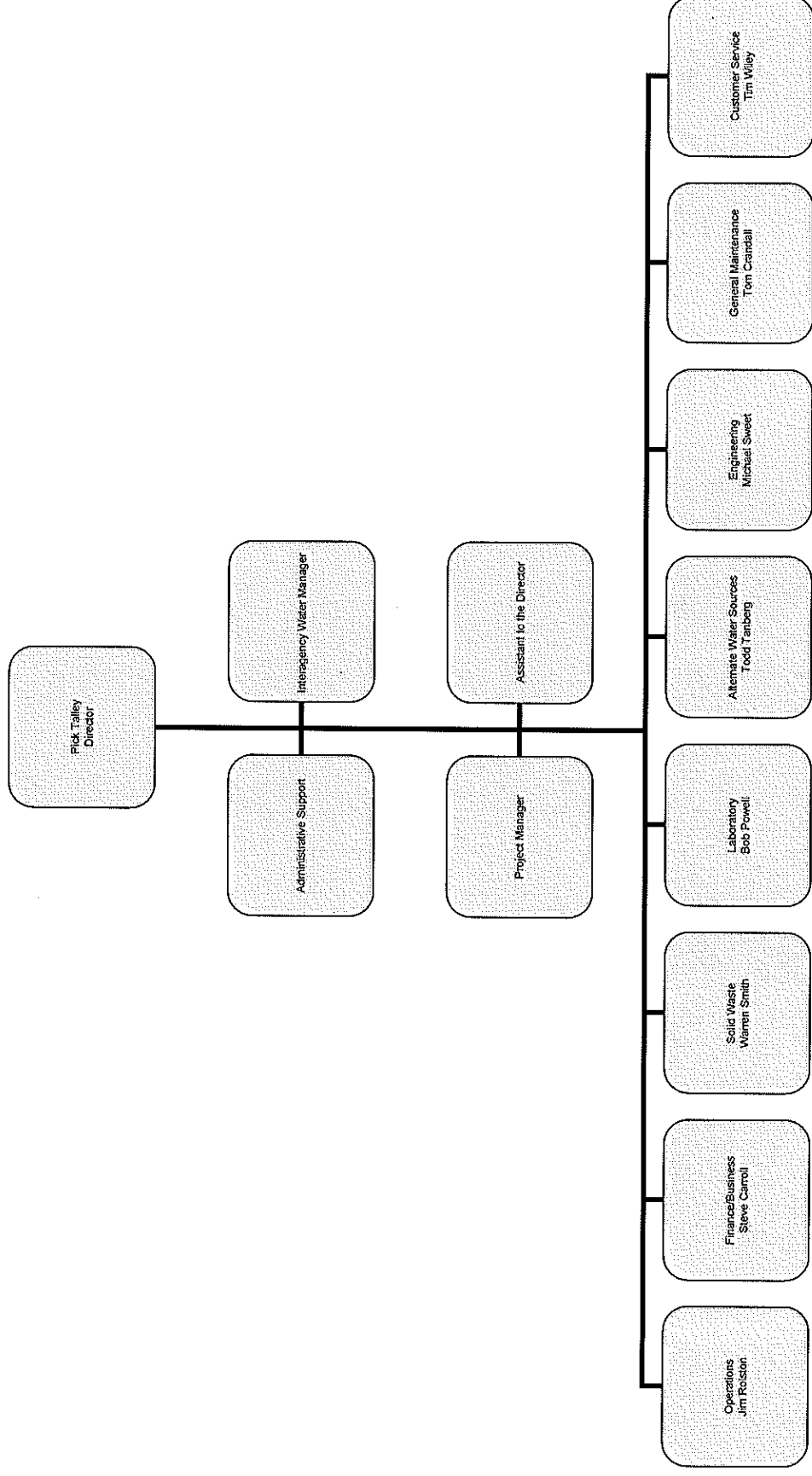
Organizational Chart for Department of Environmental Management



Organizational Chart for the Department of Culture, Education, & Leisure



Organizational Chart for the Utilities Department



Department Highlights



PINELLAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM)
ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS DIVISION (ELD)

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful enactment of Pinellas County Preserve Ordinance 2-6
- Successful referenda (4) for funds to acquire properties for Preserves and Parks; successful pursuit of 50% matching funds from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT)
- Establishment of the Environmental Lands Division (ELD) to manage Preserves and Management Areas
- Construction of the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center
- Construction of the Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center
- Numerous ecological restoration projects at the Brooker Creek Preserve
- Successful funding for the Brooker Creek Preserve Hydrological Improvement Study
- Accepted management of the Weedon Island Preserve from the State of Florida
- Construction of trails and boardwalks at the Weedon Island Preserve
- Construction of trails and boardwalks at the Brooker Creek Preserve
- Accepted management of the Shell Key Preserve from the State of Florida
- Successful funding for
 - Mobbly Bayou Preserve restoration project
 - Alligator Lake Management Area restoration project
 - Long Branch Management Area
 - Lake Tarpon NE Management Area
 - Mariner's Point Management Area
 - Ozone Management Area
 - Cow Branch South Bay Management Area
 - Allen's Creek Management Area
 - Travertine Island Management Area
 - Lake Seminole Bypass Management Area
 - Joe's Creek Management Area
- Numerous projects related to the removal of exotic vegetation and replacement with native plants
- Partner with Pinellas County Parks for a top national award from the Trust for Public Lands and the National Association of Counties for conservation leadership
- Contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement protection of Preserves and Management Areas

- Expansion of staff and volunteers to include (at present) nearly 50 staff members, 2 “Friends” organizations (with a 3rd emerging), and 400 volunteers – the fastest growing section of volunteerism in Pinellas County Government
- Numerous other projects in land management, ecological research, and environmental education

OTHER DEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Established the Pinellas County Environmental Fund for financial support for numerous projects throughout the Tampa Bay area
- Developed an Environmental Distance Learning program
- Major partner and supporter of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program
- Active beach re-nourishment program
- Active reef construction program
- Successful funding for stormwater and watershed management plans for
 - Lake Tarpon Water Quality Area 6
 - Lake Tarpon Water Quality Area 23
 - Lake Tarpon Water Quality Area 63
 - Curlew Creek Watershed
 - Roosevelt Creek Watershed
 - Cross Bayou Watershed
 - Cross Bayou revitalization
 - Lake Seminole Watershed
 - Lake Seminole sediment removal
 - Lake Seminole alum injection
- Construction of award-winning Ft. DeSoto Recirculation Project
- Construction of War Veterans Memorial Park Oyster Reef
- Expanded efforts and staffing for Code Enforcement
- Successful enactment of the Pinellas County Tree Ordinance
- Establishment of countywide Water and Navigation Authority for review of environmental impacts and navigation safety for all docks, marinas, and dredge and fill
- Establishment of Pollution Prevention Program
- Establishment of Air Quality Monitoring and Enforcement Program
- Establishment of Water Quality Monitoring and Enforcement Program
- Establishment of the Pinellas County Clean Marina Program
- Enactment of mangrove and wetlands protection with management accepted from the State of Florida
- Numerous other projects in air quality, watershed management, coastal management, and code enforcement

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

2000

- Fort De Soto Park #7 Best Beach in America by Dr. Beach
- Pinellas Trail named the Millennium Trail of 2000 by the White House Millennium Council
- Florida Native Plant Society Design with Natives 2000 Landscape Award to Philippe Park
- A peek preview of Boca Ciega Millennium Park was held on July 4, 2000
- Pinellas Trail renamed Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail

2001

- Fort De Soto Park #6 Best Beach in America by Dr. Beach
- First Place Award for Design with Native Plants Contest by Florida Native Plant Society
- The American Public Works Association Local and State Award for Environmental Project of the Year – Boca Ciega Millennium Park
- Meritorious Award in Non-residential Restoration/Rehabilitation from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation for the Fort De Soto Quartermaster Storehouse Museum
- Wall Springs Park dedication held on July 20th
- Boca Ciega Millennium Park officially dedicated and opened on April 7th

2002

- Fort De Soto Park #4 Best Beach in America by Dr. Beach
- Florida State Award for the interior interpretive portion of the Quartermaster Storehouse Museum at Fort De Soto Park
- Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Award Institutional design to Boca Ciega Millennium Park
- Environmental Excellence Award presented to Boca Ciega Millennium Park by the American Public Works Association – Environmental Project of the Year
- Completed the replacement of the Gulf Fishing Pier at Ft. De Soto Park
- ADA compliant boardwalk in Boca Ciega Park completed which provides access to observation tower, mangroves, wildlife and coastal views

2003

- Environmental Project of the Year presented to Fort De Soto Park Gulf Pier Replacement by the Florida West Coast Branch of the American Public Works Association
- Environmental Project of the Year presented to Boca Ciega Millennium Park Boardwalk presented by the Florida West Coast Branch of the American Public Works Association
- Certificate of Appreciation from the National Park Service for installation of erosion control at National Historic Landmark at Philippe Park
- National Recreation Trail Designation to the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail by the Department of Interior National Park Service
- NACo Award for Partnerships in Recreation
- Florida Greenways and Trails Designation to the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

2004

- Outstanding Leadership in Water Resources Education presented to Debbie Chayet by the Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Fort De Soto Park #2 Best Beach in America by Dr. Beach
- 9th Annual Best of Florida Award presented to Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail by the Florida Monthly Magazine for the Best Greenway/Trail
- In partnership with the University of South Florida College of Marine Science a coastal weather and tidal data monitoring station was installed along the causeway at Fred Howard Park

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

2004 Continued

- SWFWMD corrected the ongoing erosion problem surrounding Knight's Sink which adjoins the Anderson Park property
- United Nations Environment Award to Park and Recreation volunteers Paul and Helen Stellrecht for contribution to ecological health of county beaches and sea turtle programs
- The United Nations and the Clean Beaches Council present certificate of recognition to Pinellas County Park Department for contribution to the global movement to promote clean and healthy beach environments around the world

2005

- County Leadership in Conservation Award presented to Pinellas County awarded by Trust for Public Lands and NACo
- Ft. De Soto Park Recirculation project completed
- 13th Annual Future of the Region Award presented for the Ft. De Soto Park Recirculation Project by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Award to the Ft. De Soto Park Recirculation Project by the American Public Works Association
- NACo 2005 Achievement Award for the Ft. De Soto Park Ecological Enhancement Project
- Ft. De Soto Park North Beach #1 Best Beach in America by Dr. Beach
- Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents award for the Ft. De Soto Park Recirculation Project
- New ADA accessible restroom constructed at Fred Howard and Lake Seminole Parks
- Joe's Creek Greenway Phase I completed, dedicated and opened to the public
- Glatting Jackson submitted final report for Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan
- Celebrated 15 year anniversary of the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail
- Walls Springs Park dedication held on August 20th
- Design and construction plan development for Eagle Lake Park begins
- Restored pond 4 at Lake Seminole park with the assistance of a Florida Lake Management Society grant

2006

- Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Award Institutional Professional 1st Place for the Lake Seminole Park Pond Restoration
- Future of the Region Environmental Award presented by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning council for the Lake Seminole Park pond restoration.
- Received Coastal America Partnership Award from the National Marine Fisheries Service for Ft. De Soto recirculation project
- Received Gulf Guardian Award from the Gulf of Mexico (USEPA) Program for the Ft. De Soto recirculation project
- War Veterans' Memorial Park Oyster Bar – Creation of enhanced habitats to foster growth of oysters in Boca Ciega Bay
- Phase 1 of Sawgrass Lake Park boardwalk replacement completed
- Pier at Park Boulevard completed
- Dune walkovers completed at Ft. De Soto Park
- In conjunction with Pinellas County Utilities started recycling project at 3 beach accesses to raise awareness of recyclables
- Two (2) oyster bars created at Ft. De Soto Park near campground by Tampa Bay Watch, Friends of Ft. De Soto and volunteers

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Great Florida Birding Trail Designations

- Boca Ciega Millennium Park
- Brooker Creek Preserve
- Ft. De Soto Park
- John Chesnut Park
- Sand Key Park
- Sawgrass Lake Park
- Weedon Island Preserve

Clean Beaches Council - Five County beaches attain Blue Wave status since 2000

- Fred Howard Park
- Sand Key Park
- Treasure Island Beach Access
- St. Pete Beach Access
- Ft. De Soto Park

Trail of the Lost Tribes – Ancient Archaeological Sites

- Safety Harbor Mound at Philippe Park
- Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and natural History Center

Invasive Plant Removal

Approximately 942 acres of invasive plants have been removed since 2000 at the following sites:

- Sawgrass Lake Park
- War Veterans' Park
- Ft. De Soto Park
- Philippe Park
- Anderson Park
- Wall Springs Park
- Joe's Creek
- Lake Seminole Park
- McKay Creek Greenway

Plant Installations

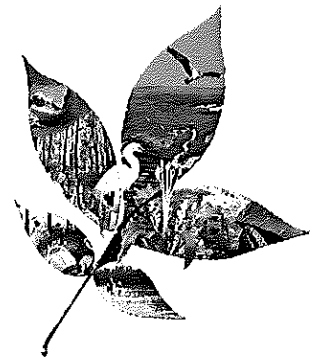
- Arrow Lake at Sawgrass Lake Park – installed 3,000 plants with assistance from 62 children from a local school
- Ft. De Soto Park – Since the year 2000 there has been 18 plantings of approximately 145,000 Sea Oat and Spartina Plants with assistance from volunteers and the Tampa Bay Watch
- Howard Park – Approximately 50 Palm Trees planted on the beach by staff. Funding for the trees came from Friends of Howard Park
- In Wall Springs Park and Joe's Creek numerous native plant installations

Major Property Acquisitions

Approximately 27 acres acquired from the McMullen and Mills properties for the Wall Springs Park addition

Approximately 6.6 acres acquired from the Taylor Property for Eagle Lake Park

Maps and Acreage



PINELLAS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS

Lake Tarpon NE Management Area



Mariner's Point Management Area



Ozona Management Area



Cow Branch South Bay Management Area



Allen's Creek Management Area



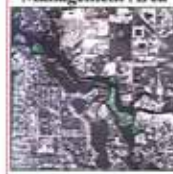
Travertine Island Management Area



Lake Seminole By-Pass Management Area



Anclote Islands Management Area



Brooker Creek Preserve



Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve



Long Branch Management Area



Weedon Island Preserve



Alligator Lake Management Area



Joe's Creek Management Area

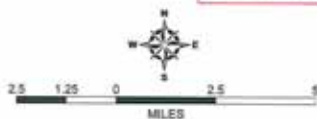


Shell Key Preserve



PROPERTY	ACRES
Allen's Creek MA	32.9
Alligator Lake MA	81.1
Anclote Islands MA	14.8
Brooker Creek Preserve	8246.0
Brooker Creek-Leased	36.5
Cow Branch MA	88.8
Joe's Creek MA	370.2
Lake Seminole By-Pass MA	97.4
Lake Tarpon NE MA	28.6
Long Branch MA	16.4
Mariner's Point MA	76.4
Mobbly Bayou WWP	206.4
Ozona MA	8.0
Shell Key Preserve*	2181.4
Travertine Island MA	95.0
Weedon Island Preserve*	3677.8
Grand Total:	15436.8

*Mapes includes the entire mapped area (SWP coverage includes a 400' buffer from the SWP).



ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS DIVISION LANDS

PROPERTY	ACRES
Allen's Creek MA	32.94
Alligator Lake MA	61.13
Anclote Islands MA	14.94
Brooker Creek Preserve	8246.00
Brooker Creek-Leased	38.48
Cow Branch MA	85.77
Joe's Creek MA	370.20
Lake Seminole by-Pass MA	97.36
Lake Tarpon NE MA	38.62
Long Branch MA	16.36
Mariner's Point MA	76.45
Mobbly Bayou WP*	396.37
Ozona MA	8.01
Shell Key Preserve**	2181.36
Travatine Island MA	95.02
Weedon Island Preserve***	3677.80
Grand Total	15436.81

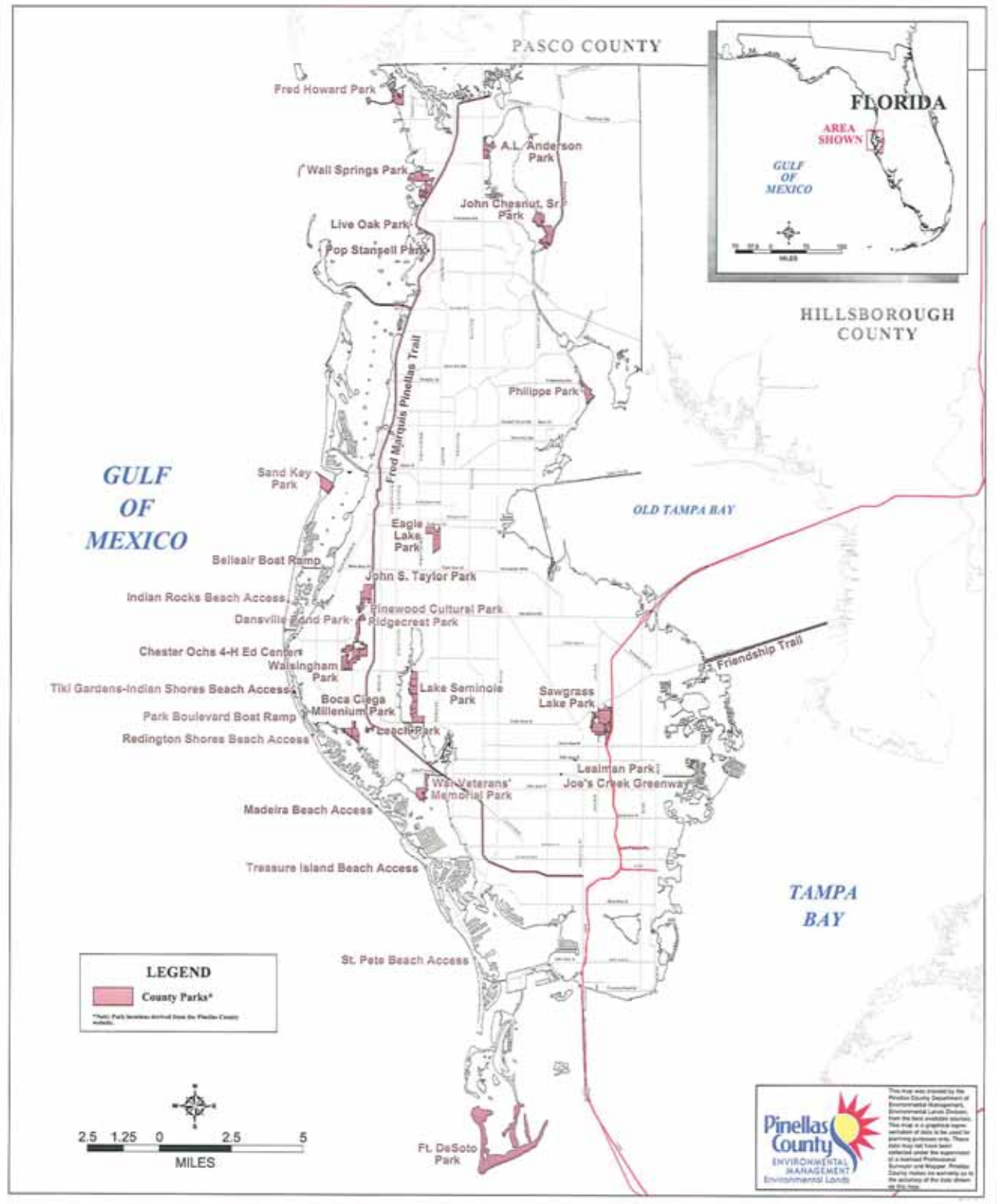
NOTES:

*Mobbly Bayou WP includes lands owned and managed by the County; owned by the County but managed by Oldsmar; jointly owned but managed by the County or managed by Oldsmar; Oldsmar owned and managed; Oldsmar owned but managed by the County; and State-owned lands.

**Shell Key Preserve acreage includes all area within the Preserve Boundary. Acreage of parceled area alone is 1294 acres.

***Weedon Island Preserve acreage includes the 400 foot buffer from the MHWL also managed by the County. Acreage without inclusion of the buffer is 2547.7.

PINELLAS COUNTY PARKS



		Acreage Indicated by Planning Dept	Acreage GIS Verified by Park Dept
Property	Parcel ID	Acreage	Acreage
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000350		15.6
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000460		18.4
A.L. Anderson Park	192716000001200200		29.1
A.L. Anderson Park	192716000001200100		1.0
A.L. Anderson Park	182716000004300100		4.5
A.L. Anderson Park	182716897840000010		1.8
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000390		10.9
A.L. Anderson Park	192716894420000131		3.3
A.L. Anderson Park	192716894420000130		2.5
A.L. Anderson Park	192716000001200300		5.9
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000330		4.2
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000361		4.7
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000413		3.8
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000410		3.8
A.L. Anderson Park	122715899821390000		17.7
A.L. Anderson Park	182716894240000140		18.6
		135.7	145.7
Belleair Boat Ramp Park	322915000002300100		8.1
Belleair Boat Ramp Park	312915000001300100		5.6
		5.0	13.7
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	333015000002300100		20.4
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	333015000002300200		25.9
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	333015000002200100		34.6
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	323015000001400100		44.9
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	323015000001100100		32.5
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	283015000003300200		14.9
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	283015000003300300		2.1
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	283015000003300100		0.9
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	283015000003300400		3.0
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	323015000001200100		7.8
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	323015000001200300		0.5
		184.6	187.6

Crystal Bch Live Oak	342715000001400100		1.9
Crystal Bch Live Oak	352715198720560010		1.2
Crystal Bch Live Oak	352715198720560090		0.9
		no-#'s	3.9
Eagle Lake Park	262915000001200000	156.1	156.8
Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail Park		342.0	
Fred Howard Park	102715891900000130		98.7
Fred Howard Park	102715891900000220		61.6
Fred Howard Park	032715891720000061		0.7
		155.0	161.1
Fort De Soto Park	053316000001000000	1,136.0	1,037.8
Indian Rocks Beach Access Park	013014420300220010	1.5	1.6
Indian Shores Tiki Gardens Be	243014429120060030		6.4
Indian Shores Tiki Gardens Be	243014429120050010		0.2
		9.9	6.6
John Chesnut, Sr. Park	332716000002400100		251.2
		255.0	251.2
John S. Taylor Park	043015000001200200		106.4
John S. Taylor Park	043015704523000300		12.8
John S. Taylor Park	043015704523001300		38.3
		156.5	157.4

Lake Seminole Park	263015000003100100		79.9
Lake Seminole Park	263015707402002100		38.9
Lake Seminole Park	263015707402001100		17.0
Lake Seminole Park	263015707402000500		21.4
Lake Seminole Park	273015000001100100		414.9
Lake Seminole Park	273015707584000100		34.6
		258.7	606.8
Lealman Park	343016000004300100		3.0
Lealman Park	343016000004300110		0.7
		no-#'s	3.7
Leach Park	283015000004302200		6.4
Leach Park	333015000001200310		6.3
Leach Park	333015000001200300		2.5
Leach Park	283015000004301400		2.1
Leach Park	333015000001200100		2.6
Leach Park	283015000004302100		0.7
Leach Park	333015000001200400		1.6
		no-#'s	22.1
Madeira Beach Access Park	093115000004400200	1.5	1.6
Park Blvd Boat Ramp Park	303015000003200100	6.5	12.6
Phillippe Park	352816000002300100	122.0	92.3
Pop Stansell Park	012815885600220001		11.3
Pop Stansell Park	012815885600630001		6.2
Pop Stansell Park	352715198720560090		0.9
Pop Stansell Park	342715000004000100		1.9
		no-#'s	20.2
Redington Shores Beach Access P	313015525060020010	3.5	3.5

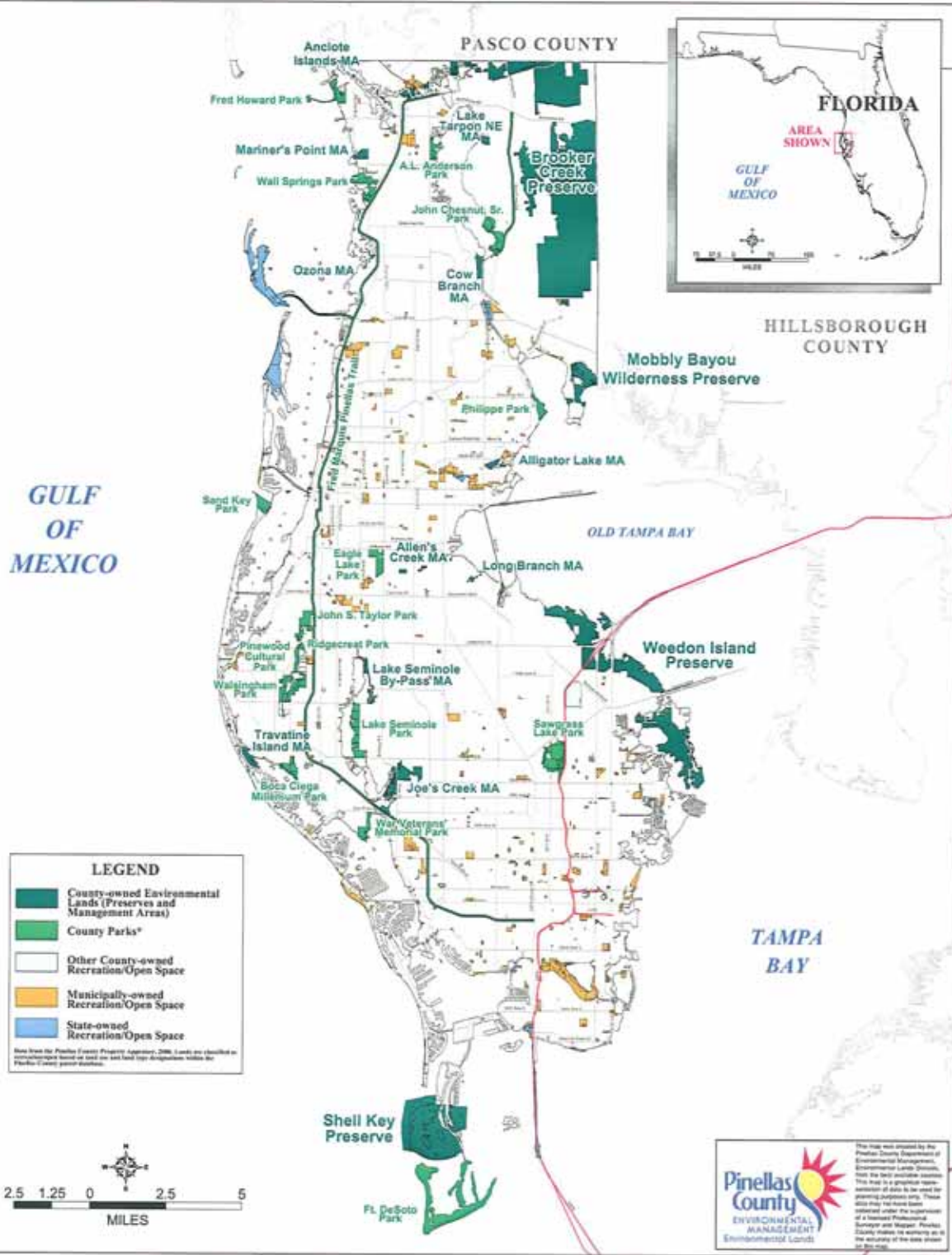
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Heritage Village	093015000002300100		21.0
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		no-#'s	217.5
Sand Key Park	172915000003200000		101.1
Sand Key Park	172915000003201000		3.7
		95.0	104.8
Sawgrass Lake Park	263016000003300100		287.2
Sawgrass Lake Park	263016000001100200		20.6
Sawgrass Lake Park	263016000002400400		10.0
Sawgrass Lake Park	263016000004400100		27.1
Sawgrass Lake Park	353016000001100100		22.8
Sawgrass Lake Park	353016000001200100		25.6
Sawgrass Lake Park	353016000002100300		2.8
Sawgrass Lake Park	353016000002100600		2.8
Sawgrass Lake Park	353016209362100200		2.6
		390.0	401.6
St. Pete Beach Access Park	063216000003301100	5.5	5.2
Treasure Island Beach Access Park	233115919260110070		0.5
Treasure Island Beach Access Park	233115918000000011		0.5
		1.0	1.0

Walsingham Park	173015000001400100	354.0	374.8
War Veterans' Memorial Park	023115000004000000	122.0	119.9
Wall Spring Park	262715000004200100		41.4
Wall Spring Park	262715000002400100		8.0
Wall Spring Park	262715000001301200		6.8
Wall Spring Park	262715000001300200		13.5
Wall Spring Park	262715000001300100		17.3
Wall Spring Park	262715304020010000		3.8
Wall Spring Park	262715304020060010		3.1
Wall Spring Park	262715304020020030		0.4
Wall Spring Park	262715000002200110		30.3
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Wall Spring Park	262715000002200100		2.0
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Wall Spring Park	262715304020030000		0.9
Wall Spring Park	262715000001300500		0.1
Wall Spring Park	232715058320000760		0.4
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Wall Spring Park	262715893160000031		0.6
Wall Spring Park	262715999990000003		1.0
		354.0	220.8

*** Note**

AN/CO/EMS/PI/P2000 = ANIMAL SHELTER/CO-OP/EMS/PINEWOOD CULTURAL
(includes parts of GULF COAST MUSEUM/HERITAGE/P2000)

PINELLAS COUNTY RECREATION & OPEN SPACE



Guidelines for Review and Discussion



Guidelines for Forum Review

Some Suggested Guidelines for Project Review:

- What will be the environmental impact of the proposed action (including the immediate neighborhood, municipality, county, and region); that is, what might be the limiting environmental and human components of the proposed project?
- Are there any adverse environmental effects that cannot be avoided should the project be implemented (i.e., a comprehensive risk assessment using the best available science)?
- What alternatives exist to the proposed action?
- Are there any irreversible and/or irretrievable commitments of resources (natural and human) that would be involved should the project be implemented?
- What is the life expectancy of the project should it be implemented?
- What species of flora and fauna and/or types of local ecological communities are likely to be affected should the project be implemented?
- Are there any questions about the implementation or methodologies to be resolved before the project can be implemented?
- Who are the user-groups likely to be affected (directly and indirectly) should the project be implemented?
- What is the overall monetary cost of such a project (including continued maintenance) should the project be implemented?
- Describe the breadth and scope of non-County organizational support (including testimonials, grants, and media campaigns) for the project.
- For lengthy projects, is there a regular evaluation process for the project's incremental successes? a final evaluation of the project's overall success?
- Are there other aspects outside the above list to be addressed?

Suggested Guidelines for Forum Meetings

- Everyone has equal standing and voice
- Maintain the self-esteem and self-confidence of others
- Accept the individual's right to their own feelings and perspectives
- Offer feedback "constructively" – No personal attacks
- Separate the person from the position or issue
- It is okay to disagree; productive debate is encouraged
- Treat one another respectfully, including their right to be heard
- Don't interrupt or talk over others
- Everyone's participation is welcome; no one dominates
- Honor time limits and day's agendas
- Keep an open mind
- Limit sidebars, stay focused on group objectives

Assignment Matrix



Current Issues



EXAMPLE PROJECTS

(Information to be available on a Web link)

Brooker Creek Preserve Pumping

Brooker Creek Therapeutic Horseback Riding Facility

Aquifer Storage and Retrieval at John Chesnut Sr. Park

Maintenance Building at Brooker Creek Preserve

Australian Pine Removal on Shell Key

Progress Energy's Re-energizing of Bartow Power Plant

Blending Facility

Recreation Fields at Brooker Creek Preserve

Howard Park Beach Renourishment

Wall Springs McMullen Tract

Rehydration of Wetlands in Brooker Creek Preserve

Forest Canopy Walkway at Brooker Creek Preserve

Tarpon Woods Flood Control

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