



Pasco County

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2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Executive Summary



Introduction

This Master Plan is intended to be used by all parties involved with the planning, design, programming, management, and maintenance of the Pasco County Parks and Recreation System. As a comprehensive resource for planning of parks within the County, this Master Plan will assist users in the formation of priorities and long range visioning for the planning and design of new and existing parks, greenways, blueways and trail facilities.

This document has been developed in a linear progression beginning with an assessment of existing conditions followed by a needs and priorities assessment. These were then used to develop a long-range vision for the system and an implementation plan to fulfill that vision.

The approach for the Pasco County Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes a variety of assessment, public outreach, and documentation tasks accomplished over a 14 month schedule by a project team consisting of County staff and a consultant team led by AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM). The assessment, outreach and documentation tasks collectively included pre-planning/project coordination, existing data and inventory collection, existing conditions analysis, needs assessment, long-range vision development, implementation and action plan development, and Master Plan preparation and presentation.

CHAPTER 2: EXISTING CONDITIONS
OVERVIEW

CHAPTER 3: NEEDS AND PRIORITIES
ASSESSMENT

CHAPTER 4: VISION

CHAPTER 5: IMPLEMENTATION

Following is a list of these tasks:

- **Pre-Planning/Project Coordination**
- **Existing Data and Inventory Collection**
- **Existing Conditions Analysis**
- **Needs Assessment**
- **Long-Range Vision Development**
- **Implementation and Action Plan Development**
- **Master Plan Preparation and Presentation**



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Existing Conditions Overview

Using a four-part approach in establishing the context and existing conditions of these facilities, the Existing Conditions chapter includes an assessment of the resource and planning context, analysis of population and demographic characteristics, documentation of the current structure and composition of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department, and an overview of the existing park facilities based on observations of all existing parks.

Resource Planning Context

Situated within the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area, Pasco County is located in west central Florida. Pasco County is an ecologically diverse County with a rich cultural heritage, and contains more than 100,000 acres of land owned by governmental and/or natural resource oriented non-profit organizations for conservation, parks and recreations, and/or large scale wellfields. Much of this acreage is devoted to resource conservation and/or resource compatible use.

Guiding Documents

One of the core initiatives of this Master Plan is to build upon previously adopted plans and studies that could influence the development and implementation of this Master Plan. This document analyzes 11 planning efforts and studies that have been completed for or by Pasco County over the last 10 to 15 years, providing an overview of each document and a description of the relevance to this Master Plan.

Market Areas

An important aspect of Pasco County's geoeconomic organization is the presence of five distinct Market Areas developed based on recommendations from a 2008 report from Urban Land Institute (ULI). These Market Areas provide a framework for addressing the concerns the County faces from the preceding decade of high growth. These Market Areas provide a more fine-grained approach to planning, economic development, transportation improvements, and natural resource protection to accommodate the differing demographics and characters of different parts of the County. The five Market Areas are as follows:

- West Market Area (Harbors)
- South Market Area (Gateway Crossings)
- Central Market Area (Midlands)
- East Market Area (Highlands)
- North Market Area (Countryside)

Population and Demographics Overview

Pasco County continues to grow and diversify. Historical trends in population growth may mean the County needs to 'catch up' to its needs in areas that experienced significant previous and ongoing growth. The County's changing age profile is important when considering access and renovations to existing parks and facilities as the County has an aging population and fewer children. Demands for specific facilities and services may change over the next ten years to reflect a growing Baby Boomers segment and fewer young families with children.

Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department Overview

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department has developed into a considerable recreation service provider, with a wide variety of parks, facilities and program offerings. Since its small beginnings, the Department has steadily grown and acquired new parks and taken the steps to plan and build for the future. As the County continues to grow, and the area experiences an economic recovery, more opportunities for growth and development will present themselves.

Existing Parks and Facilities Overview

To observe system wide successes and opportunities, representatives of the County staff and the project team visited each of the parks and facilities operated by the County Parks and Recreation Department and completed an evaluation form for each site. The following are examples of these opportunities and successes:

Successes	Opportunities
Social and Economic Sustainability	Universal Accessibility and Linkage
Condition, Comfort and Image	Environmental Sustainability
Effectiveness, Design and Construction	General Improvements to Amenities and Conditions

Needs and Priorities Assessment

Through the compilation of findings from various research techniques, a number of parks and recreation needs have emerged. The table below is an overview of the findings from each analysis technique, which were further refined based on additional public input and analysis during the Visioning Phase of the project.

and priorities assessment process: observational, qualitative, and quantitative. Together these three types of research provided eight techniques to cross-check results and better determine an accurate understanding of Pasco County residents' needs and priorities for parks and recreation facilities. Priority themes include:

Three types of research were utilized in a mixed methods, triangulated approach as part of this needs

- Increase **equity of parks and recreation facilities in all Market Areas;**
- Provide better **safety, connectivity and accessibility** through community via greenway trails, bike facilities and sidewalks;
- **Balance and variety** of active and passive recreation opportunities;
- Provide **sports and cultural events** throughout the year;
- Parks as **economic development catalysts**
- Improve existing and provide more community centers throughout community;
- Dedicated funding for **operations and maintenance;**
- Establish **partnerships;**
- Provide a variety of programs to serve all residents;
- Provide **quality, well-designed** recreation facilities and amenities;
- Promote **health and wellness;**
- Preserve and connect **natural resources;**
- Increase **water access;**
- Maintain **existing facilities,** especially the improvement of **long-term maintenance;**
- Each Market Area should have a **civic or cultural center** with performance space and meeting rooms;
- Conservation of **natural areas with better coordination** between the County and other managing agencies.



		Needs Assessment Techniques							
		Existing Conditions Review	Stakeholder Workshop	Community Meetings	Stakeholder Interviews	Citizen Opinion and Interest Survey	Acreage Level of Service Analysis	Facility Level of Service Analysis	Access Level of Service Analysis
Facilities	Natural Areas and Trails	●		●	●	●	●	●	
	Boat Ramps	●		●		●		●	●
	Paddling Craft Access	●		●	●	●			●
	Campgrounds	●		●		●		●	●
	Swimming Areas	●			●	●		●	●
	Aquatics	●	●			●		●	●
	Splash Pads		●	●		●			
	Paved Multi-use Trails	●		●	●	●			
	Off-road Bike Trails	●		●		●			
	Heritage and Historic Sites	●		●		●		●	
Activities	Youth Sports			●	●	●			
	Environmental/Nature Education			●	●	●			
	Special Events			●	●	●			
	Outdoor Activities			●		●			
	Art, Dance, Performing Arts			●		●			
	Seniors			●		●			
	Camping			●		●			
	Baseball			●					
	Adult Classes		●			●			
	Adult Sports			●		●			

Needs and Priorities Assessment

2014 LOS Needs

West Market Area

- LOS of **7.05** Acres/ 1000 pop. **above** County-wide level
- Need for **9** baseball/softball fields, **4** basketball courts, **3** football fields and **3** soccer fields to meet County-wide levels
- Need for improved **access** to **specialized athletic facilities and pools**

Central Market Area

- LOS of **3.51** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** County-wide level
- Need for **121** acres to meet County-wide acreage LOS
- Need for **4** baseball/softball fields, **3** basketball courts, **1** swimming pool and **5** tennis courts to meet County-wide levels
- Need for **6,093** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents
- Need for improved **access** to **resource-based facilities, specialized athletic facilities, playgrounds and pools**

North Market Area

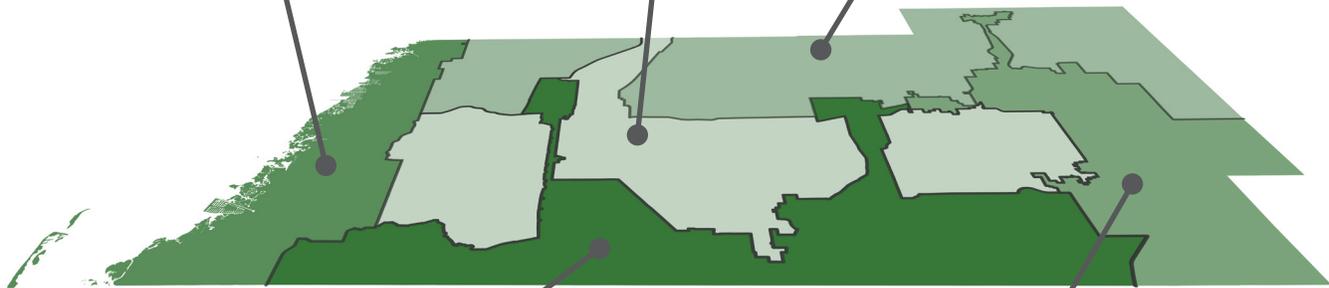
- LOS of **2.51** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** County-wide level
- Need for **93** acres to meet County-wide acreage LOS
- Need for **1** swimming pool and **2** tennis courts to meet County-wide levels
- Need for improved access to **specialized athletic facilities and pools**

South Market Area

- LOS of **1.96** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** County-wide level
- Need for **380** acres to meet County-wide acreage LOS
- Need for **4** baseball/softball fields, **1** football field and **5** soccer fields to meet County-wide levels
- Need for improved **access** to **resource-based facilities, specialized athletic facilities, playgrounds and pools**

East Market Area

- LOS of **11.56** Acres/ 1000 pop. **above** County-wide level
- Need **1** swimming pool
- Need for **634** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents
- Need for improved **access** to **specialized athletic facilities, playgrounds, and pools**



Needs and Priorities Assessment

Acres and Facility LOS Needs Based on Growth (2025)

West Market Area

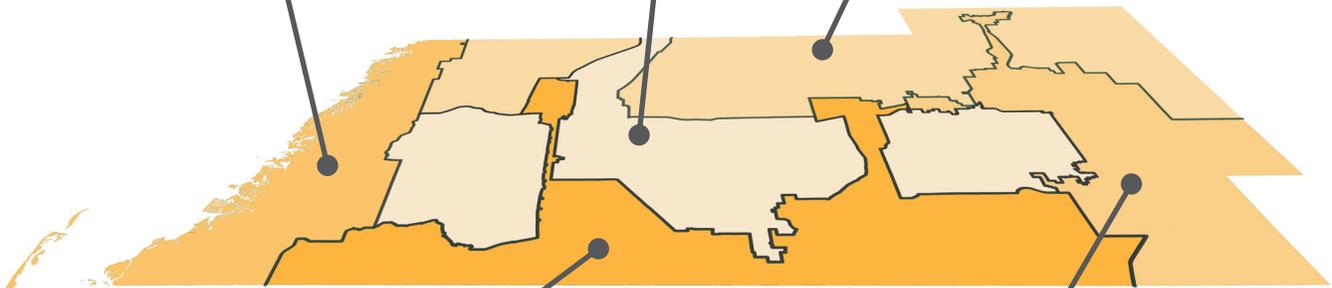
- LOS of **6.24** Acres/ 1000 pop. **above** current County-wide level
- Need for **13** baseball/softball fields, **6** basketball courts, **3** football fields and **5** soccer fields to **maintain** County-wide levels
- Need for **1,236** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents

Central Market Area

- LOS of **2.39** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** current County-wide level
- Need for **311** acres to meet current county-wide acreage LOS in 2025
- Need for **10** baseball/softball fields, **6** basketball courts, **1** swimming pool, **7** tennis courts and **2** soccer fields to **maintain** County-wide levels
- Need for **11,048** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents

North Market Area

- LOS of **1.73** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** current County-wide level
- Need for **177** acres to meet current county-wide acreage LOS in 2025
- Need for **1** basketball court, **1** swimming pool and **3** tennis courts to **maintain** County-wide levels



South Market Area

- LOS of **1.55** Acres/ 1000 pop. **below** current County-wide level
- Need for **820** acres to meet current county-wide acreage LOS in 2025
- Need for **18** baseball/softball fields, **7** basketball courts, **2** football fields, **1** swimming pool, **3** tennis courts and **13** soccer fields to **maintain** County-wide levels
- Need for **7,767** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents

East Market Area

- LOS of **9.72** Acres/ 1000 pop. **above** current County-wide level
- Need for **1** football field and **1** swimming pool to **maintain** County-wide levels
- Need for **1,894** total SF of Community/ Recreation Centers at 0.13 sf/1000 residents

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Vision

The Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department conducted a vision workshop to better understand the community's aspirations for its parks, recreation and cultural and natural resources system. As a result, a comprehensive vision for the future County Parks and Recreation System was developed by the community and participants in the vision workshop. The Vision Chapter describes these results.

The Parks and Recreation System can help accomplish the County's strategic objectives through a framework of nine distinct "subsystems": neighborhood, community, and district parks; sidewalks, bikeways, trails, and transit; recreation programs and special events; boat ramps and water access; joint use of public schools; regional parks and natural areas; community recreation centers; and aquatics centers, pools, and splash pads; and special use facilities.

County Parks

The Vision for the County's parks is to 1) substitute the term "County parks" for the current nomenclature of "neighborhood, community and district parks"; 2) eliminate the distinctions between the park types; and 3) determine the types of facilities and programs to be offered at each park based on the needs, priorities, demographics, and (LOS) within each Market Area of the County. The County will continue to monitor overall LOS through such indicators as "parkland acreage per capita" and "park service area" within each Market Area. However, the proposed vision provides

the County with the flexibility to provide the most appropriate size and type of parks or recreation facility in response to the specific needs of a particular area.

Bikeways, Trails, and Transit

The primary elements of the Vision include:

- A connected network of "complete streets" with sidewalks, 8'-10' wide, shaded (tree-lined) paths, and 4- 5' bike lanes
- A connected network of off-road, paved, multi-use trails
- Bus routes that connect to major County parks, with covered bus shelters at each park
- Connecting sidewalks and cross walks into the park entrances
- ADA accessible trails and pathways within the parks
- Blue ways (water trails) that connect destinations via boat, canoe, or kayak
- Unpaved nature, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails within parks and natural areas

Recreation Programs and Special Events

The Vision for the County's Recreation Programs and Special Events is to create a pro-active, funded Program Plan based on 1) residents' needs and priorities, and 2) the Board of County Commissioners goals regarding program cost recovery. Most programs are subsidized



Wesley Chapel District Park



Anclote River Park

Vision

to some extent, and there are no policies to establish appropriate user fees to recover costs. The future Parks and Recreation vision also includes a new full time Programs and Special Events Coordinator to plan and implement the County's Program Plan

Boat Ramps and Water Access

Public water access currently provided by the County includes deep water boat ramps, small boat/kayak launches, freshwater boat ramps, boardwalks and docks, and bank access. Proposed new water access for County facilities includes:

- A deepwater, 7-lane boat ramp at Sunwest Park.
- The State Park system is also installing a kayak launch at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park.

Potential sites for additional water access include:

- Withlacoochee River in NE Pasco on Endicott Road
- Old roadside park on Withlacoochee River along US Route 98 in Peterson Park
- Hillsborough River and SR 39
- Perrine Ranch road bridge area for upper Anclote River

Joint Use of Public Schools

The County's Vision is to utilize the joint use of school facilities and parks wherever possible. For example, the Starkey K-8 School will be designed as a joint-use facility with a shared cafeteria, library, gymnasium, black box theater, school grounds, and parking. The school maintains the theater, while the County maintains the building and grounds. Revenues from facility rentals will be deposited into an escrow account that helps to pay for operations and maintenance.

Natural Areas

The vision for the County's natural lands is to continue to acquire and manage natural areas for resource protection, while also providing public access where possible. The County's natural areas subsystem includes greenways, preserves, Critical Linkages defined in the comprehensive plan, and publicly-owned conservation lands. Public access can take many forms, including

the provision of resource-based recreation facilities such as trails, nature centers, fishing piers and camping areas. Public access can also include the provision of environmental education and recreation programs, as well as non-traditional, low-impact programs to attract more residents to the County's natural areas. The County's Environmental Lands Manager and (proposed) Program and Special Events Coordinator should collaborate in the development of the County's Program Plan to include the preserves.

Community Recreation Centers

The County's Vision is to provide at least 0.5 square foot of indoor recreation center space per resident of Pasco County, with access (distance) based on Market Areas and an baseline status of 0.25 square foot per resident. The County's Vision is to be an *affordable* provider of health, fitness, and recreation facilities accessible to every resident. Residents within the urban Market Areas can expect to have access to a recreation center with 3 miles of their home for example, while residents in the suburban Market Areas can expect a recreation center within 5 miles mile of their home. The typical recreation center will be approximately 20,000 square feet, including multi-purpose meeting/ class rooms, locker rooms, and a gymnasium.



J.B. Starkey Wilderness Park

Vision

Aquatics Centers, Pools and Splash Pads

The County will partner with other agencies to build, operate, and maintain these types of facilities on a case-by-case basis. Potential partners include municipalities, the Swimming Clubs, St. Leo University, the YMCA, and/or other providers. Analysis of potential partnership agreements would include the desired level of service within each Market Area; projected levels of use by County residents vs. other users; estimated capital, operations and maintenance costs; and projected cost recovery through user fees, sponsorships, grants, and/or other revenue sources.

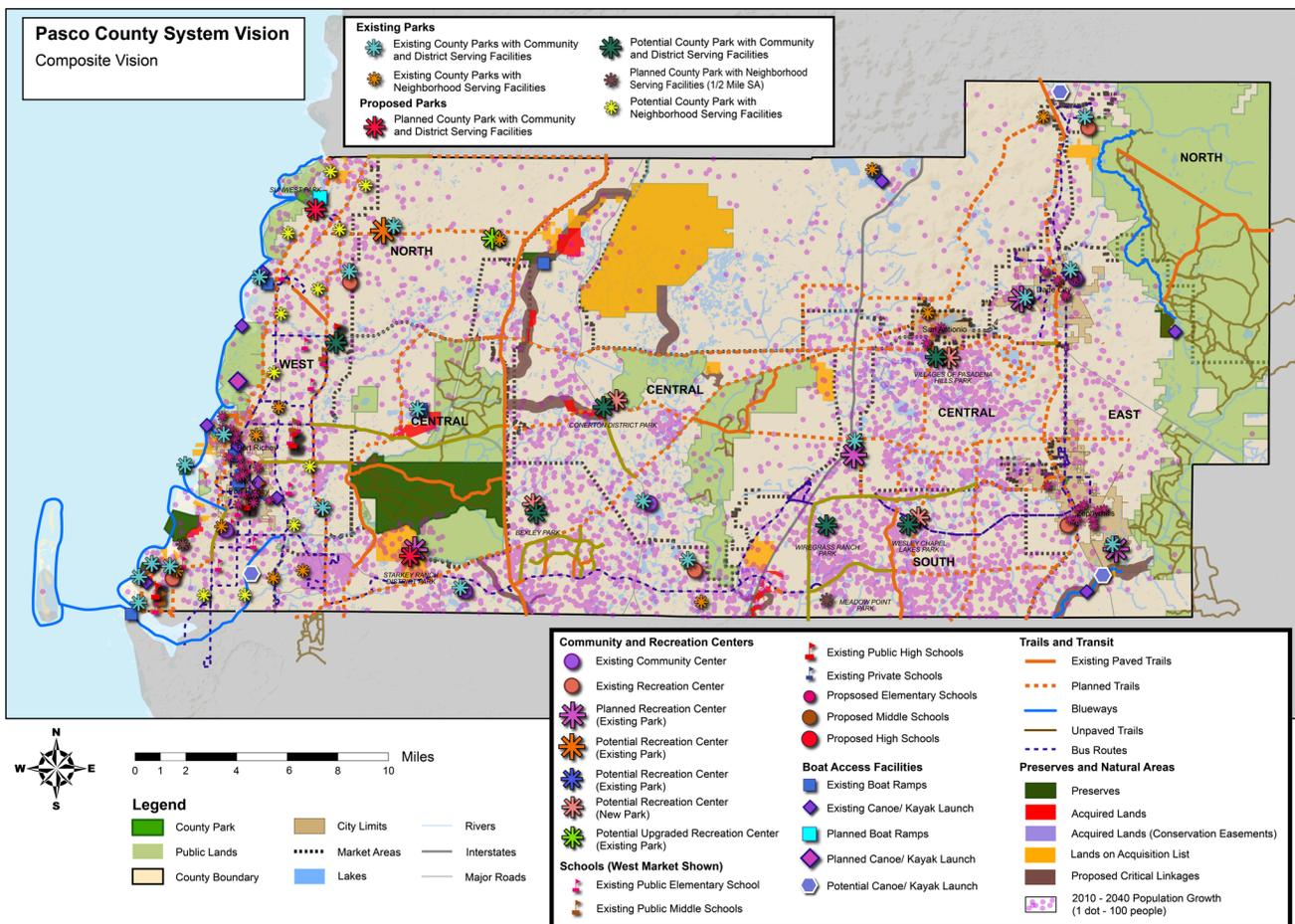
Special Use, Value-Added Facilities

This plan does not propose specific locations for any special use facilities, as they were not considered high priority needs by County residents. However, the County and its partners may choose to fund

and operate some of these special use facilities to promote the County's "brand"; to promote economic development; and/or to attract new residents, visitors, or businesses. A feasibility study should be completed for each potential special-use facility to estimate capital, operating, programming, and maintenance costs; fees and charges; projected revenues or other benefits; cost-recovery expectations; and long range return-on-investment.

Summary

The nine subsystems outlined in this chapter combine to form a comprehensive, system-wide vision that provides a diverse collection of resources for the citizens of Pasco County to enjoy. The synthesis of the subsystems shows the vision for the Pasco County Parks system, and provides the base for the development of a community will not only attract people to the County, but improve the lives of residents.



Composite County Vision with Future Population Growth

Implementation

Probable Cost Option

Based on costs derived from current market trends and similar projects within Pasco County and Central Florida, the complete implementation of the vision is estimated to cost approximately \$222 Million. The vision includes improvements to establish and maintain baseline parks delivery within the next ten years, consistent with the growth anticipated in the County, as well as premier improvements that could be implemented over the next 25 years. This overall cost estimate includes the following cost breakdown for several subsystem components:

Subsystem	Estimate of Probable Costs (2014 dollars)
County Parks	\$151,971,900
Community and Recreation Centers	\$63,500,000
Water Access	\$2,030,000
Trails	\$4,220,000
Total:	\$221,721,900

2014 Estimates

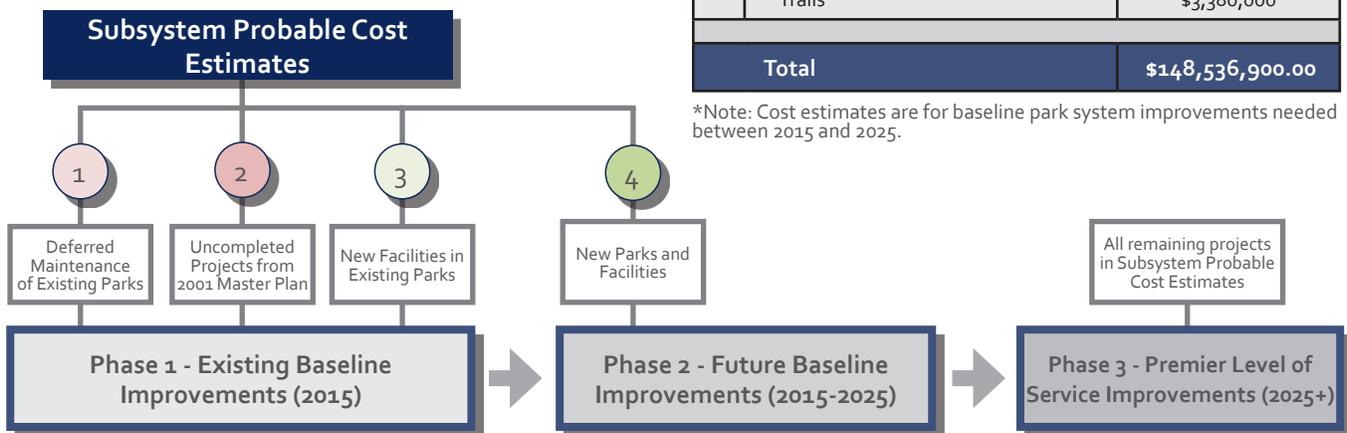
In addition to being broken into subsystems, the cost estimates for Pasco County were assigned a category based on the type of improvement or new construction the project entails. These categories are intended to assist the county in prioritizing projects, and aligning these projects with available funding.

These categorized projects total \$149 Million of the \$222 Million identified for the overall Probable Cost

Estimate and are needed over the next ten years to provide the baseline park system that addresses historical and projected growth rates. The remaining \$73 Million in projects are those that will complete the full vision build-out of the County Parks system, which are included in the Premier Level of Service Improvements Phase of the Phasing Strategy.

Cost Estimates Categories by Subsystem		
1	Deferred Maintenance Total	\$14,092,400
	County Parks	\$10,332,400
	Centers	\$3,500,000
	Water Access	\$0
	Trails	\$260,000
2	Uncompleted Facilities from 2001 Master Plan	\$14,498,000
	County Parks	\$3,898,000
	Centers	\$10,000,000
	Water Access	\$600,000
	Trails	\$0
3	New Facilities in Existing Parks	\$7,708,500
	County Parks	\$5,778,500
	Centers	\$0
	Water Access	\$1,350,000
	Trails	\$580,000
4	New Parks and Facilities	\$112,238,000
	County Parks	\$88,778,000
	Centers	\$20,000,000
	Water Access	\$80,000
	Trails	\$3,380,000
Total		\$148,536,900.00

*Note: Cost estimates are for baseline park system improvements needed between 2015 and 2025.



Implementation

Funding Analysis

Historic Funding

Historically, Pasco County has used a combination of bond referendum funds and impact fees to renovate existing facilities and build new parks. The last voter-approved bond referendum came in 1986, and resulted in \$13,000,000 that was used to renovate two (2) existing parks, and build new parks. Additionally, the 2001 Master Plan led to the establishment of an impact fee funding system that was designed to fund new park improvements needed to address population growth through an impact fee on new development within the County. The County has also utilized grants to fund park improvement projects, receiving over \$13 Million from a variety of grants over the last 30 years.

Current Funding

The following figures identify the available funding currently projected for implementation of the vision through the use of the County's funding sources.

- Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)
- Penny for Pasco
- Impact Fees
- Capital Maintenance Program

Based on the \$149 million cost estimate for projects needed in the next 10 years, funding needs will be approximately \$14.9 million per year to fund the park system improvements over the next ten years. At this rate of funding, additional sources of funding will need to be utilized in order to meet the priority needs of residents within the next ten years.

Alternative Funding Sources

Alternative funding opportunities should be evaluated for providing necessary funding for priority projects. Potential funding from sources outside of the County were identified for a broad range of projects, including:

- Park land acquisition
- Community Parks
- Recreation/Community Centers
- Stormwater/ Emergency Management

- District Parks
- Greenways and Trails
- Nature/ Interpretive Centers
- Boat and Water Access
- Arts, History, Culture Facilities

Over two dozen alternative funding sources were identified for projects proposed in the vision, with a potential total (not including any leveraging) of approximately \$12 million. To fully leverage grant programs available and increase the potential for winning competitive grants, additional staff may need to be hired to prepare grant applications or supplemental support from a grant-writing consultant may be required. Utilizing multiple funding sources has become the most effective way of maximizing the amount of funding a community can obtain. Known as "Grant Stacking", this allows a project to draw funding from several sources.

Implementation Comparables

As part of the preparation of the implementation plan, the project team conducted a review of comparable parks or park systems in Central Florida. Conducted on February 4th and 5th, 2015, this review consisted of meetings with representatives from Brevard and Orange counties and site reviews at the following parks:

Brevard County

- Viera Regional Park
- Wickham Park

Osceola County

- Shingle Creek Regional Park

City of Kissimmee

- Kissimmee Lakefront Park

Orange County

- Barnett Park
- Silver Star Park
- George Bailey Park
- West Orange Park

City of Orlando

- Blue Jacket Park

Results provide insight into the budgeting, funding sources, and project implementation strategies that can be utilized by Pasco County in the implementation of the vision.

Implementation

Phasing Strategy

The Phasing Strategy is comprised of three different phases, each with different funding sources:

Existing (2015) Baseline Improvements to address Deferred Maintenance / Equitable Access - approximately **\$37million**

- Use existing funds/sources
- Partnerships
- Impact Fees for Uncompleted 2001 Master Plan projects
- County-wide MSTU
- Modify CIP funding annual amounts

Future (2025) Baseline Improvements to address Growth – approximately **\$112 million**

- Modified Impact Fees
- Multi-Agency Funding
- County-wide or Market Area MSTU
- Grant Funding

Premier Park System Improvements – approximately **73 million**

- MSTU by Market Areas
- Grant Funding
- Partnerships

The two Baseline phases are intended to address needed maintenance, inequitable distribution of facilities, and maintenance of the current County levels of service for access, facilities, and acreage as the County grows over the next 10 years

Phase 1 - Baseline Improvements

The first phase of implementation will focus on stabilizing and funding the “baseline” parks and recreation services provided by the County. The parks and recreation system has accumulated projects and maintenance needs in recent years due to budget cuts, resulting in deferred maintenance; closed facilities; and inequitable access to parks and recreation services.

Initial Phase 1 improvements have been identified in 24 parks within the County and include a variety of replacement or new facilities ranging from the replacement of boardwalks and playgrounds to new community centers. Approximately \$16 M of available funding has been identified for existing baseline projects over the next ten years, primarily from General Fund CIP Funding, FBIP, and Park Impact Fees.

Parks with Phase 1 Improvements	
Aloha Gardens Park	Pinehill Park
Anclote Gulf Park	Robert K. Rees Memorial Park
Anclote River Park	Samuel W. Pasco Athletic Complex
John S Burks Memorial Park	San Antonio Athletic Complex
Crews Lake Park	Shady Hills (Elsie Logan Park)
Arthur F Engle Memorial Park	Stanley Park
J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex	J.B. Starkey Wilderness Park
Key Vista Nature Park	Robert Strickland Memorial Park
Land O'Lakes Recreation Complex	Turtle Lakes
W.H. Jack Mitchell, Jr. Park	Veterans Memorial Park
Moon Lake Park	Wesley Chapel District Park
Odessa Park	Withlacoochee River Park
Oakridge Park	Peterson Park

Existing Funds	
Expand, improve, and maintain public infrastructure	\$ 1,492,477
Impact Fee Funds - West (2015)*	\$ 8,048,932
Impact Fee Funds - Central (2015)*	\$ -
Impact Fee Funds - East (2015)	\$ 515,410
Existing Funds Subtotal:	\$ 10,056,819
Projected 10 Year Funding Available - Capital Improvements	
Projected Boat Improvement Funding	\$ 1,365,000
Continued CIP Funding	\$ 5,000,000
Projected 10 Year Funding Sources - Capital Subtotal:	\$ 6,365,000
Total Capital Improvements:	\$ 16,421,819

* Includes funds previously committed to parks included in this Master Plan

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Phase 2 - Future Baseline Improvements

Phase 2 Baseline projects include the new projects and facilities needed to continue providing the same baseline level-of-service to new County residents. Fourteen new projects have been identified to meet the needs of future residents, including:

Expanded Parks:

- Arthur F. Engle Park Expansion

New Parks:

- Bexley Park
- Connerton District Park
- Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex (County contribution)
- Pasadena Hills Park
- Meadow Pointe Park

New Canoe/Kayak Launches:

- Withlachochee River State Forest
- Peterson Park
- Hillsborough River at SR 39
- Perrine Ranch Road/Upper Anclote

The primary funding source(s) proposed for Phase 2 improvements is the County's Park Impact Fees, which are intended to fund the expansion of additional services due to growth; or a Countywide, Market Area or Special Area based MSTU.

Phase 3 - Premier Level of Service Improvements

While the County focuses on providing an equitable level of baseline services to all County residents, various communities (market areas) within the County may choose to tax themselves to provide a "Premier" level of service in keeping with the ultimate County-wide vision outlined in Chapter 4.

Premier projects are intended to enhance the existing baseline level of service by providing:

- Closer access to recreation centers
- Enhanced quality of experience (e.g. shade structures for playgrounds)
- More parks and green space
- Access to special-use value facilities such as aquatics centers, sports complexes, and equestrian centers

A total of 21 new Premier projects have initially been identified that would assist in increasing the level of service for facilities or parks and/or meeting the needs of residents.

Phase 3 projects are proposed to be funded by the residents who desire them. Residents who desire a higher level of service would agree to assess themselves through an optional (MSTU) for their specific Market Area.

Action Plan

The phasing strategy outlines an approach to implementing the various park facility improvements needed to address the vision. In addition to the park improvements, a variety of policy changes, organizational changes, funding methodologies, and partnerships will be needed to fully implement the vision for the parks system. These next steps include:

Next Steps
Near-Term Actions: 2016-2017
Impact fee study and proposed changes
Implementation of master site plan process
Develop/ update County-wide Design Standards
Cost Recovery Study
Develop Project Prioritization Criteria
Update Revenue Projections
Develop Master Schedule of Improvements
Maintain available grants list need to do MTSU Planning
Establish joint-use agreement with School Board
Develop plan for MTSU Implementations
Mid-Term Actions: 2018-2020
Updating Open Space Element of Comprehensive Plan
LDC Revisions
Establish Parks Improvement Plan (PIP)
Consolidated program plan for recreation activities and special events
Develop master plans for regional/multi-parcel parks
Staffing of Special Events Coordinator position
Wayfinding System Development
Update Revenue Projections
Implement MSTU Policies
Long-Term Actions: 2021-2026
LDC Revisions
Staffing of PIP Manager position
Update Revenue Projections
Develop Individual park Master plans

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