

CHAPTER VII
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

This Chapter presents goals, objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element pursuant to §163.3177(6)(e), F.S. that requires a comprehensive system of public and private sites for recreation, including, but not limited to, natural reservations, parks and playgrounds, parkways, beaches and public access to beaches, open spaces, waterways, and other recreational facilities. However, unlike the other Comprehensive Plan Elements wherein Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 9J-5 establishes minimum criteria for each Comprehensive Plan Element's required data and analysis and goals, objectives and policies, the minimum criteria for the Recreation and Open Space Element were repealed in February 1996. Therefore, the town can achieve its vision of meeting it's recreational needs without having to comply with state imposed criteria.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Goal 1: Continue to 1.—Provide a high level of active and passive recreational opportunities for the permanent and seasonal residents of Ponce Inlet, of Ponce Inlet; maintain a high level of accessibility to the unique natural resource-based recreation areas of Ponce Inlet.

Objective 1.1 Maintain.—By 1991, a park level system of service standard open space and recreation facilities meeting the demands of 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents. the Town's population shall be in place.

Policy 1.1.1.—No development shall be permitted by the Town if the resulting impact will exceed the town's adopted level of service standard for recreational facilities, unless land dedicated to the Town is provided to mitigate the impact and ensure concurrency compliance.

Policy 1.1.2. The Town hereby adopts the level of service (LOS) standards for user-oriented recreation sites contained in Table VII-2 as a measurable expression of demand. capacity of the existing open space and recreation facilities.

Policy 1.1.24.1.3.The Town shall review its recreational impact fee ordinance annually to insure that the fee structure is adequate to maintain its level of service standard. fund this open space and recreation element.

Goal 2: Provide adequate management resources to offer park and recreation services to residents of all ages.

Objective 2.1 Policy 1.1.4.—The Town shall maintain existing Town-owned open space and recreational facilities through proper management techniques funded from the Town's operating budget.

Policy 2.1.1 Develop and maintain a capital improvement program that specifies a five (5) year schedule for improvement of park and recreation lands.

Policy 2.1.2 Maintain a park operating budget reflective of the town's needs and available resources.

Policy 2.1.3 Evaluate town-sponsored programs annually in terms of cost, public benefit, and all levels of established program criteria.

Policy 2.1.4 Actively seek outside sources of revenue for the acquisition, development, and improvement of park and recreational facilities.

Policy 2.1.5 Periodically review park and recreation preferences, needs and trends through household surveys, public meetings and other public input sources.

| (Reserved for Figure VII-1, Existing Open Space and Recreation Facilities)