

PARKS AND RECREATION SPENDING IN FLORIDA CITIES AND COUNTIES - FY18

	Personnel Exp	Operating Exp	Other	Total	Pop (2017)	\$ per capita
Broward County	\$ 27,466,590	\$ 10,293,490	\$ 25,000	\$ 37,785,080	1,935,878	\$ 19.52
Ft. Lauderdale	\$ 25,165,802	\$ 21,422,259		\$ 46,588,061	180,072	\$ 258.72
Combined				\$ 84,373,141		\$ 43.58
Miami-Dade County	\$ 48,351,160	\$ 44,631,840		\$ 92,983,000	2,751,796	\$ 33.79
Miami	\$ 30,699,000	\$ 15,005,000		\$ 45,704,000	463,347	\$ 98.64
Combined				\$ 138,687,000		\$ 50.40
Orange County	\$ 16,906,892	\$ 17,102,450		\$ 34,009,342	1,348,975	\$ 25.21
Orlando	\$ 21,415,440	\$ 15,484,672		\$ 36,900,112	280,257	\$ 131.67
Combined				\$ 70,909,454		\$ 52.57
Hillsborough County	\$ 11,518,033	\$ 13,933,115		\$ 25,451,148	1,405,566	\$ 18.11
Tampa	\$ 29,766,066	\$ 13,445,005		\$ 43,211,071	385,430	\$ 112.11
Combined				\$ 68,662,219		\$ 48.85
Leon County	\$ 1,699,937	\$ 1,336,123		\$ 3,036,060	290,292	\$ 10.46
Tallahassee	\$ 13,165,566	\$ 8,260,984		\$ 21,426,550	191,049	\$ 112.15
Combined				\$ 24,462,610		\$ 84.27
Pinellas County				\$ 20,867,850	970,637	\$ 21.50
St. Petersburg	\$ 23,632,711	\$ 10,856,872		\$ 34,489,583	266,255	\$ 129.54
Combined				\$ 55,357,433		\$ 57.03
Sarasota County	\$ 13,996,267	\$ 14,892,051		\$ 28,888,318	419,119	\$ 68.93
Sarasota	\$ 4,241,380	\$ 2,832,247		\$ 7,073,627	56,994	\$ 124.11
Combined				\$ 35,961,945		\$ 85.80
Palm Beach County	\$ 45,582,420	\$ 24,792,643		\$ 70,375,063	1,471,150	\$ 47.84
West Palm Beach	\$ 10,508,552	\$ 7,054,684		\$ 17,563,236	110,222	\$ 159.34
Combined				\$ 87,938,299		\$ 59.78
Consolidated Jax	\$ 11,298,214	\$ 15,623,119		\$ 26,921,333	892,062	\$ 30.18

Combined \$ per capita represents combined city/county park expenditures divided by county population

Population estimates from U.S. Census Bureau for 2017

Departmental budgets adjusted for comparability to remove non-parks and rec functions (i.e. non-park right-of-way and median landscape maintenance, senior services, children's services, environmental quality, etc.)

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Broward County	\$ 27,466,590	\$ 10,293,490	\$ 25,000	\$ 37,785,080	1,935,878	\$ 19.52		
Ft. Lauderdale	\$ 25,165,802	\$ 21,422,259		\$ 46,588,061	180,072	\$ 258.72		
Combined				\$ 84,373,141		\$ 43.58	\$ 13.41	44.4%
Miami-Dade County	\$ 48,351,160	\$ 44,631,840		\$ 92,983,000	2,751,796	\$ 33.79		
Miami	\$ 30,699,000	\$ 15,005,000		\$ 45,704,000	463,347	\$ 98.64		
Combined				\$ 138,687,000		\$ 50.40	\$ 20.22	67.0%
Orange County	\$ 16,906,892	\$ 17,102,450		\$ 34,009,342	1,348,975	\$ 25.21		
Orlando	\$ 21,415,440	\$ 15,484,672		\$ 36,900,112	280,257	\$ 131.67		
Combined				\$ 70,909,454		\$ 52.57	\$ 22.39	74.2%
Hillsborough County	\$ 11,518,033	\$ 13,933,115		\$ 25,451,148	1,405,566	\$ 18.11		
Tampa	\$ 29,766,066	\$ 13,445,005		\$ 43,211,071	385,430	\$ 112.11		
Combined				\$ 68,662,219		\$ 48.85	\$ 18.67	61.9%
Leon County	\$ 1,699,937	\$ 1,336,123		\$ 3,036,060	290,292	\$ 10.46		
Tallahassee	\$ 13,165,566	\$ 8,260,984		\$ 21,426,550	191,049	\$ 112.15		
Combined				\$ 24,462,610		\$ 84.27	\$ 54.09	179.2%
Pinellas County				\$ 20,867,850	970,637	\$ 21.50		
St. Petersburg	\$ 23,632,711	\$ 10,856,872		\$ 34,489,583	266,255	\$ 129.54		
Combined				\$ 55,357,433		\$ 57.03	\$ 26.85	89.0%
Sarasota County	\$ 13,996,267	\$ 14,892,051		\$ 28,888,318	419,119	\$ 68.93		
Sarasota	\$ 4,241,380	\$ 2,832,247		\$ 7,073,627	56,994	\$ 124.11		
Combined				\$ 35,961,945		\$ 85.80	\$ 55.62	184.3%
Palm Beach County	\$ 45,582,420	\$ 24,792,643		\$ 70,375,063	1,471,150	\$ 47.84		
West Palm Beach	\$ 10,508,552	\$ 7,054,684		\$ 17,563,236	110,222	\$ 159.34		
Combined				\$ 87,938,299		\$ 59.78	\$ 29.60	98.1%
Consolidated Jax	\$ 11,298,214	\$ 15,623,119		\$ 26,921,333	892,062	\$ 30.18		
Total Combined except Jax.				\$ 566,352,101	12,527,039	\$ 45.21	\$ 15.03	49.8%

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Planning District Two Park Inspections

COMMUNITY PARKS

Bruce Park. 6549 Arlington Road. The park appears to cover about 5-6 acres. Parking is limited. A lot at northwest corner will hold eleven cars. There is also parking to the west on the opposite side of Sprinkle Drive in front of an apartment complex. The park surrounded by chain link fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on Rogero Road and the other on Arlington Boulevard. A sign on the Arlington Road side gives name of park.

Coming in from the west side, there is a basketball court with five basket stands and a 20' four-tier bleacher, and two bike stands. Going eastward, there is a combination roofed picnic pavilion/rest room facility with two tables. The restrooms were locked. Next is a second roofed picnic pavilion with two tables. There were a couple of shopping carts with filled plastic bags at this location. It appears to be used by homeless people. To the south is another basketball court with two basket stands; two tennis courts and what appears to be a court that would accommodate two volley ball games. To the north is another tennis court which is in bad shape and apparently unused.

For young children, there is a kiddy playground with a slide and jungle gym. The equipment looks fairly new. Further on, on the Arlington Road side, there is an old SCL caboose that needs painting. (Get after CSX?) At the far east end is a doubled-ended baseball park with stadium lighting. It is in good repair and apparently is being used.

There are three newly painted metal benches and a sufficient number of trash cans distributed throughout the park. Sidewalks are located in all heavy traffic areas and are in good repair. There was a good number of middle school children in park

Sunny Acres. 9424 Ft. Caroline Road. There are two road entrances; one on Ft. Caroline and the other on Merrill Road. There are parking lots at either end that can accommodate perhaps fifty cars each.

Proceeding south from the Fort Caroline entrance, there is a single-wide dwelling which does not show any signs of occupancy; a baseball field with a backstop fence that has a bent post on the left side that needs repair and a basketball court. A section of sidewalk by the basketball court is badly broken and needs replacing.

Continuing south, to the right there is a kiddy playground with two slides and swings. These look fairly new. There are two storage sheds in good condition. Further to the southeast, there is a dilapidated wooden shed that should be torn down. Next is a community building about 75' x 25' that looks in fairly decent shape, but which I have never seen in use. (I bring my dog here for exercise). To the immediate south of the building is a picnic pavilion with five tables, three grills and three trash cans. (These are the only trash cans I saw in the park.) There is an erosion problem on the east side of the pavilion slab that needs attention.

Next is a fenced swimming pool and bath house. There is water in the pool, but I have never seen it in use. Pool equipment is housed in the bath house, and I could hear an electrical motor running. The bath house is a substantial, but does not appear to have been maintained. There is trash and broken junction boxes on the west side. The women's washroom was locked, but the doors to the men's washroom were wide open. Two of the four fluorescent lights in that room were on.

There is a sidewalk leading from the southeast side of the community building to a pond of perhaps an acre located about 150 yards to the southeast. The sidewalk terminates at the pond in a wooden walkway and observation desk. Both have a 3.5' fence and are in good repair. The pond is surrounded by a high chain link fence. Around the pond and inside the fence is an informal pathway.

There is an opening on the south side of the fence that leads directly into a field of about 1.5 acres. The field is mowed, but has no apparent use.

I saw an accumulation of trash on the west side of the pond fence between it and the picnic pavilion.

The overall impression was that this park receives little use and that some of it is poorly maintained.

Southside Estates Elementary School Park. 9827 Jupiter Court North. This, in essence, is two separate parks, one north and one south. The southern one appears to be the oldest. The entire park is surrounded by a perimeter fence.

There is a small parking lot just to the left of the southern entrance. It will hold about fifteen cars. The road leads to a base ball field that is equipped with night lights. To the right of the field is a large parking lot which will hold fifty-plus cars. Between the field and the parking lot is a swing frame, but with no swings. The road and parking lots have many holes and need repaving. There is a lot of trash on the ground in this area.

The north entrance is reached from the parking lot of the Southside Estates Elementary School which is located on Ivey Road. At this end there is a basketball court with four basket stands that appear to be little used. There is play ground equipment. The two slides and eight swings appear relatively new. The jungle gyms and climbing bars are made of steel piping and are rusty and need repainting. There were three metal benches that have been recently painted. There was one trash can. Playground areas around swings and slides have been newly mulched.

Fort Caroline Club. 4131 Ferber Road. The facilities consist of a large, well maintained masonry clubhouse, a fenced swimming pool and a kiddy playground near the river. Everything was in good shape and the clubhouse had lighted Christmas trees in the lobby and a list of up-coming activities for January. It appears to be used regularly. Parking is limited to about 10-12 cars. Concrete sidewalks connect all of the activity areas.

Huffman Boulevard Park. 2775 Huffman Boulevard. The park is located on the east side of the street just beyond a traffic circle. The park entrance is a road. It is flanked by two masonry pillars and a 6' high black aluminum fence. The other boundaries of the park are enclosed by a 6' chain link fence.

Upon entering the park there is a parking lot ahead that will hold about 20 cars. To the immediate right, there is a masonry restroom facility. It could do with pressure washing on the lower portions. Proceeding south, there is a kiddy playground with two jungle gyms. The larger has five slides and for other, two slides. Further to the left (east) is a swing set with 6 swings. At the far east end is a pavilion with two steel-frame picnic tables. There is a sidewalk circling the kiddy playground. Four painted steel benches are distributed at intervals on the sidewalk. The playground area, proper, is mulched.

The sidewalk branches off to the right by the restroom. About 50' to the west is a concrete 8' path that circles the park at a distance of 30-40 feet from the boundary perimeter fence. Most of the area between the path and the boundary is wooded and the path itself is shaded. There are two or three steel-frame picnic tables located on concrete pads to the right of the path. Metal fixed trash cans are at strategic locations around the path. The path is illuminated by street-type lights.

Going east on the path, I noticed a stack of six metal 20' pipes lying next to the boundary fence. They appear to have been forgotten.

Looking to the north are two soccer fields. One has a 40'5-tier bleacher at each goal end. The north side of the path parallels the soccer fields. Turning west, there are two parking lots, one behind the other. The westernmost lot has a sidewalk around it with two fixed metal trash cans and a drinking fountain that could do with some cleaning and repainting. The lots also need restriping. Looking south towards the middle of the park, there are two tennis courts with windscreens. Each has a wooden bench. Continuing west, there is a double basketball court. Down the middle on a strip separating the courts, are three painted metal benches.

The whole northeast quadrant of the park has stadium-type lighting.

Beachwood Park. 11758 Marina Drive. There is a sign at the entrance identifying the park and a short entrance drive with parking on either side. The parking area, which is unpaved, will handle about fifteen cars. Fencing on either side of the road was painted 6' aluminum. At the north-east corner was a porta-potty

To the right (south) is a 60'x 60' building with a few covered windows. There is a sign in front reading, "Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency" and language indicating that SNAP stamp applications and Medicaid registration was handled there. Although the sign seemed relatively new, the building had an unused look about it. In the rear was junk which should be removed

Going to the left (north) through a pedestrian gate which had a stucco waste container on either side, there was a playground with a jungle gym with two slides and a climbing apparatus. The playground

was mulched. Continuing north, there was a pavilion with three metal picnic tables, a grill and a plastic trash can. To the immediate west was a basketball court with two basket stands. The court was flanked by two tall, stadium type lights. There were two metal benches facing the basketball court and a little beyond, a swing set with four swings. The ground under the swings was mulched.

Further north to the left was what appeared to be a ball field. It was surrounded by an 8' chain link fence and had the usual high chain link back stop. However, there were no other signs that it has been actually used as a ball park. There was not the usual clay infield. There was no home plate and the grass growing in what would be the infield was indistinguishable from that in what would be the outfield.

El Faro at Dames Point Park. 9101 Dames Point Road. The park has an identity sign at the entrance. Inside, to the left is a double-wide residence. It does not appear to be occupied. There is a small parking lot. To the left (east) there are two pavilions, each with a picnic table. In the same area there is a plastic trash can, a bike rack and to the north, a restroom facility. South, toward the river, there is a memorial to the crew of the El Faro which sank in a hurricane in 2017. The park is quite small, but it is in good shape

Roundette Park. 3500 Roundette Lake Road. The entrance to the park is on Fort Caroline Road. The identity sign at this location needs pressure washing. The entrance road goes about a quarter of a mile through a wooded (and apparently unused) to a parking area for parallel parking. It has no striping. All of the park facilities lie to the west. Further south is a large parking lot. The striping is in good condition. At the northeast corner of the lot is a truckload of red clay, apparently for the ball fields. At the far south end of the parking lot is an occupied double-wide residence.

Going toward the west, the walkway passes between two ball fields to the south and three to the north. Each ball field has two 20' five tier bleachers two covered structures with benches for the playing teams. One has a large score board. The fields all have stadium lighting. Located along the walkway towards the middle is a concession stand/storage building restroom facility and a drinking fountain.

Continuing west beyond the ball fields, there is a large, roofed building about 100' x 50', open to all sides, with the sides covered by chain link fence to the outside and netting to the inside. The inside is divided into three or four compartments by netting and the floor is of AstroTurf. As near as I can tell it is a batting cage. Toward the south there is a second cage that would accommodate two batters, but has only fencing at the top and sides. It has an AstroTurf floor. A third, one batter, cage is located further south.

I saw no pavilions, picnic tables or playground equipment. The park is entirely oriented towards baseball.

Victory Park. 3781 University Club Boulevard. The driveway from the road passes through several small parking lots. All could do with striping. There is a pile of trash at the southeast corner of the east parking lot.

Beginning at pedestrian entrance at far east end and going north, there is a wide sidewalk 5-6'. Ahead is a bike rack. Further, there is a masonry men's rest room to the right and a similar women's rest room to the west. There is a drinking fountain mounted on the side of the men's rest room. Next is a pavilion with seven steel frame picnic tables. Beyond the pavilion there is a mulched playground on either side of the walk. Each has a jungle gym with two slides and a separate smaller slide.

The side walk goes in a circle back to the rest rooms. At regular intervals, to the outside of the walk, are benches with steel frames, but wooden slats. The slats look as if they have been newly painted. However, several of the benches have loose slats; the wood appears to have rotted where the slats are attached by bolts to the frame. In my opinion, the all of the slats should be replaced. The sidewalk splits into a T with the restrooms on the east side, and some metal bars and climbing apparatus and a loop trail through a grove of trees to the west.

Returning to the east parking lot and proceeding west, there is a large field (600' x 200') that has been plowed recently. This might be the soccer field. To the right is a baseball field with two roofed structures and wooden benches for the teams. Further on, to the left are two tennis courts. The courts themselves look in pretty good shape, but the windscreen netting is in tatters.

Warrington Park/Woodland Acres. 325 Bowlan Street. Beginning at the east side entrance, there is a large unstriped parking lot. It has trash on it. To the immediate north is a large, well-kept swimming pool. However, the posts for the 8' chain link fence that surround the pool are rusty and need painting.

The sidewalks inside the park are wide (5'-5.5') and in good shape. Continuing west, toward the north, there is a basketball court with two basket stands. The baskets need nets and the floor markings are badly faded and should be repainted. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides that is enclosed by a perimeter sidewalk. Two picnic tables are located on pads toward the outside of the perimeter walk. Six fixed metal trash cans are distributed along the walk.

Looking north, there are two tennis courts with stadium type lighting. They need pressure washing and restriping and probably should be resurfaced. There is grass growing in cracks in the court floors. The courts also need wind screens.

Continuing west, there is a pavilion with five metal picnic table. At the far end of the park is a large masonry/glass building. It is in poor condition and looks abandoned. The address plate read 465. On the north side there was a sign reading, "Woodland Area Health Center, City of Jacksonville."

Returning east to my car along the north side, there are two small parking lots. Both need striping. Next is a pedestrian entrance leading a short distance to a large masonry building with a sign reading Warrington Park. The sign needs pressure washing. The building looks abandoned but not in as bad shape as the first building. Walking around on the southside I noticed several pieces of soffit that had come loose from the roof. Other pieces of junk lay about. On the east side of the building were two shuffle board courts. They have not been used in years. Grass is growing in the cracks and the board markings are indistinguishable. Proceeding eastward, I saw two metal picnic tables located on pads near the basketball court. Further on, at the far northeast end of the park, was a small monument dedicated to the founders of the park. The metal plaque can barely be read and needs to be pressure washed.

Victoria Park. 2948 Knights Lane West. This park is bound on the west side by Lovelace Park, on the north side by two schools and on the east side by Drew Park. The schools have fairly elaborate playgrounds suitable for everyone from kindergarten to middle school. Drew Park is referred as a "soft ball complex" in park literature. Lovelace park is a really nice residential park.

I circled this Victoria Park three times, but found only one vehicle entrance. This was on the west side across the street from Lovelace Park. The entrance has a double gate. The one on the south side is broken and needs to be replaced. This entrance has a gravel road that went east perhaps 100' and then

ended. There is a east-west fence about 50' north of the road which, apparently, marks the extreme north boundary of the park.

I saw three pedestrian entrances, two on the south side and one on the west side. I could not find any formal general-purpose parking areas anywhere in the park although the area on the southside between the sidewalk and the park fence might accommodate ten cars. In addition, there was a three -car parking lot for the disabled next to the southeast pedestrian entrance.

Beginning at the southeast pedestrian entrance, the gate is padlocked. Immediately inside are restrooms and a sidewalk headed north. Next is a picnic pavilion with two picnic tables and six plastic trash cans. To the right (east) is a small ball field. It looks too small for adults—Little League perhaps?

Beginning at the southwest pedestrian entrance, which was open, are two pavilions. The first has one metal picnic table which has been damaged by vandals who bent both ends down, a grill and a plastic trash can. The second pavilion had two metal picnic tables. The roof of the second pavilion was supported by four pressure-treated 4' x 4'. These were weathered and should be painted with sealer. To the north was a ballpark with stadium-type lighting and roofed bullpens. The perimeter fences had windscreens. There were two 20' five tier bleachers.

Next was a tennis court. There is a plastic trash can at the entrance. The court looked in fair shape, but the floor needs pressure washing and the fencing needs a new windscreen. At present only two-thirds of the west fence has a windscreen and it is tattered.

In my opinion the school playgrounds should be consolidated with the park and a substantial parking lot provided with a vehicle entrance.

Brookfield Elementary School Park. 10441 McAleer Road. This park is difficult to access, perhaps because of the construction of the 295 Beltway.

The parking lot is located at the entrance and will hold about thirty cars. It is unstriped. There was no park sign visible. There was part of an elevated sign by the park fence at the southeast corner. Half of the sign and a post was laying on the ground inside the fence. The entrance to the park is through a one-piece vehicle gate. The bottom corner of the gate is rusted through and the gate should be replaced. At the northeast corner of the lot was a pile of dirt—approximately two truck-loads

Inside the fence, to the right (north) is a batting cage. There were vines growing in it. Continuing to the west, there is a ballpark with stadium lighting (all ballparks here have stadium lighting) and two roofed bullpens. There is a bleacher frame, 20' four-tier, with wooden seats, several of which are missing. Next is a two-story building, the lower half is masonry, the upper, wood. The lower half is a restroom. The front wall is covered with graffiti. The upper half of the building needs repair. Several of the siding board and part of the eaves are rotted out. On the back (south side) is a broken light fixture hanging out of the wall and the remains of an air conditioner. A more serviceable-looking air conditioner is on a wooden platform. After the repairs are finished, the whole structure including the platform should be painted.

Next, to the left is a 20' five-tier metal bleacher and five plastic trash cans. Further west and to the left is another masonry building. It has a steel door that is rusted through at the bottom. To the right is a double batting cage. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides and a climbing net. Behind It is a swing set with

four swings. The play area, which is mulched, is surrounded by a low concrete curb. To the north is a basketball court with four baskets. The floor has grass growing in the cracks and the markings have faded away.

There is a ballpark west of the playground with roofed bullpens and wind screens on the perimeter fences. This field has a 20' five-tier bleacher with wooden planks for seats. At least one plank is rotten and loose. There is what appears to be a T-ball field in the northwest corner. It has roofed bullpens and a metal 20' five-tier bleacher.

There is a sidewalk running north and south along the west perimeter fence. There is a masonry building about 20' x 10' without windows whose function is unknown. Further south is a small masonry building into which a heavy electrical cable runs. The steel door to the building is badly bent. It is chained and padlocked, but there is enough room for a small person or child to get in. This is a definite safety hazard.

At the far southwest end of the park there is a padlocked vehicle gate. The park continues to the east outside the gate. There are several painted concrete posts to the east that block vehicular movement. The posts need repainting.

Leonard Abess Park. 12743 Abess Road. The park lies to the north of Abess Road. There is a park sign at the entrance. Inside is a parking lot that will hold about thirty-five cars. To the west is a basketball court with four stands. It is well-marked. North of the basketball court is a tennis court equipped with wind screens. A drinking fountain (that needs cleaning) is at the southeast corner of the tennis court. Continuing north down the west side, is a metal bench and a bike rack. The bench needs painting. The bike rack is rusty and at least one of the two wooden posts on which it is mounted is rotting,

There is a 5' sidewalk going north on the east side of the parking lot. At the end of the parking lot there is a masonry restroom facility on the west side. The metal doors of the facility are scratched and faded. They need to be repainted. An eastern branch springs off the sidewalk. It leads to a 150' wooden bridge that crosses a small stream and ends at a soccer field. The bridge, which is of pressure treated wood, needs to be painted with sealant. There is trash on the ground on either side of the bridge which should be picked up.

There is a sidewalk that runs down the west side of the field for a distance of about 50' beyond the goals.

A 20' five-tier bleacher is located half-way down the west side of the field. A considerable amount of trash has accumulated under the bleacher.

The soccer field is separated from the roads by a 8' fence. On the northeast side part of the fence has been bent considerably, probably as the result of an automobile accident.

Returning across the bridge to the sidewalk by the restroom, to the left there is a kiddy park with a jungle gym, climbing net, hobby horse and a set of four swings. This area is mulched and enclosed by a concrete strip.

To the right (east) there are four picnic tables with wooden tops and a metal bench. The tables need to be repainted. A fifth table, further east, also needs painting. Passing through a gate to the west, there is

a ballfield to the right (north). It has two roofed bullpens, two 20' five-tier metal bleachers and four plastic trash cans. It has stadium lighting and a parking lot.

At the far northwest corner of the park was a residential double-wide. It had some rust stains on the side, a back window with a sheet of plywood on it and a considerable amount of leaves on the roof. However, there was a SUV and a pickup truck parked in front, so it may be occupied. The pickup, however, appears abandoned. It has a flat left rear tire and no license plate. Leaves have accumulated on the hood and between the hood and the windshield.

Arlington Lions Club Park. 1 Richard Denby Gatlin Road. Entering the park there is on the left (south) a double-wide residence. It is occupied and appears to be in good shape. Next, on the right are two benches with wooden seats and metal stands and a kiddy playground with three play apparatus—slides, ladders, etc.—all relatively new and in good shape. The benches need paint and sealant.

The 8' chain link perimeter fence to the right (north) needs substantial repairs. It was damaged by falling trees during the 2017 hurricanes.

Continuing west, is Pavilion 3, supported by wood pillars, has 2 grills, 3 picnic tables with wooden tops and metal bottoms, 1 metal picnic table and two masonry trash containers. The pillar supports and the wood table tops need sealant.

Further west, there are to the right a number of back-in trailer parking places for boat trailer. Next is pavilion 2 which is similar to pavilion 3. It has one grill, 2 wood tables with metal frames, 1 metal table and one all wood table. The wooden portions of the tables and roof supports need sealant or paint.

Next is the boat complex which consists of a large concrete parking lot for cars and trailers, two piers and a concrete ramp. Lighting is provided by three stadium-type fixtures. To the right is Pavilion 1 which is somewhat smaller than the others and has only one wooden picnic table. The table and wooden roof supports need sealant/paint and the trim on the roof edges needs paint. To the left is an elevated wooden walkway that runs along the river all the way to Blue Cypress Park. It was damaged by the hurricanes and is closed. Excepted as just noted, the boat complex is in fine shape.

Returning to the west there is a road branching to the south which leads to a parking lot with a small masonry restroom on the left and a drinking fountain. The bottom area of the restroom needs pressure washing but is otherwise in good shape.

Continuing to the south is a trail and sign which indicates that a nature trail is to the left(south) and a picnic area to the right. There is absolutely **no nature trail**. The trail is paved with asphalt and in good shape for about 400' to a point where there is to the right (north) an entrance to the wooden walkway paralleling the river. Beyond that point the asphalt on the path is in terrible shape. At the end of the path is a large octagonal pavilion (4) with wooden supports and one wooden picnic table. The supports and the table need sealant/paint.

The pavilion is encircled by 6 benches located about 75' distance. Five benches have wooden seats mounted in metal frames and the sixth is metal. The metal frames need paint and the wooden seats need sealant or paint. Incidentally, this area appears little used.

West of the pavilion, a short distance through the woods is the wooden walkway. Here about 100' of it has been destroyed by the hurricane.

BOAT RAMPS

Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp. 4131 Ferber Road. The boat ramp is located immediately adjacent to the east side of Fort Caroline Club and shares the same address. This facility is large and well-maintained. There is a concrete walkway along the river bank between it and the kiddy playground next door and a wooden fishing pier/dock that extends about 100' into the St. Johns River. The pier/dock has ample exterior lighting for night operation. Painted metal benches are located along the walkway. The parking lot, which is paved, will accommodate 9-10 cars and trailers.

Fulton Road Landing. The landing is located on the St. Johns River at the end of Fulton Road. The 50' between the end of the road and the river is unpaved. There was a truck load of dirt piled on the right (east) side. There is signage with the name of the landing at the entrance to the landing and one trash can near the river.

The river at this location is quite shallow and in my judgment, the landing is adequate only for canoes and kayaks.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Tidewater Acres Park. 7140 Berry Avenue. This park is located on the street corner and measures approximately 150' x 150'. It is surrounded by a 3.5' aluminum fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on the north side and the other on the east side. Starting at the north side of the park, there is a picnic pavilion with four tables, two grills and 2 metal trash cans. The four metal uprights supporting the roof need repainting. There rust spots on the interior of the pavilion roof. This portion should also be repainted. Next is a kiddy playground with a jungle gym/double slide and a swing frame with four swings. This area is mulched and the equipment is in good condition.

The park has a concrete sidewalk which runs from the north to the east entrance and circles the kiddy playground. It is in good condition. There is a wooden structure at the southeast corner. It looks like a large dog house and is padlocked. It is in poor condition and needs to be repainted and the shingles on the roof replaced.

No parking is available within the park. However, there is little traffic on the street and park goers can park there.

Holiday Road Park. 6798 Holiday Road North. The park is accessible off the driveway of the Holiday Hill Elementary School. It is surrounded by a 6' chain link fence. The entrance gate was padlocked. From the outside, the park measures about 300' x 300'. The grass was short and apparently is mowed regularly. There is a grove of pine trees toward the rear, but absolutely no equipment.

This park is classified as "neighborhood" in the list of parks. However, it is classified as "undeveloped" in the park website. The latter is the more appropriate classification.

Gerrie's Park. 6629 Ft. Caroline Road. This park is located on the south side of Fort Caroline. The lot measures 300' x 300 and is surrounded by a 3.5' black aluminum fence on all but the north side. The north side has a 6' chain link fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on the east side and the other on the south side. There is parallel parking available on the east side of the—I estimate it would hold about 20 cars. From the entrance, there is a plastic trash can on the left. Then, again on the left, there is a picnic pavilion with a grill, three tables and a fixed metal trash container. Ahead is a stand that will accommodate three bikes, an upright drinking fountain and a metal-frame table.

Next is the playground area, proper. There is a perimeter concrete sidewalk around the central part with two metal-frame tables on pads adjacent to and outside of the walk. The central playground area has a jungle gym with two slides. On the right side are two swing frames, one with two swings and the other with six swings. On the left is a wooden jungle gym. The playground area is mulched.

There is a historical plaque at the Ft. Caroline entrance that gives some information about the early owners and plantations in this part of Arlington.

The park is shaded. I counted eight large oaks and two palm trees. It is in good condition and I did not see any items that needed maintenance except perhaps for the sign showing park rules. The sign has an accumulation of algae and could be pressure washed.

Alimacani Elementary School Park. 2051 South San Pablo Road. This park is adjacent to the south end of the school. The pedestrian entrance (which appears to be the only public entrance) is on the northwest corner. Parking is in the school parking lot. The sign at the th entrance identifies it as "Council Park." The park is enclosed by 6'-8' chain link fencing

This is a large park. I would estimate it to be 300' x 900'. From the entrance: To the left, playground equipment—two swing frames with two swings each; a small trampoline; two small spring riding toys ; two metal benches; two jungle gyms both with two slides each and one with a rope climbing net; a separate small slide; two more metal benches; two basketball courts with a total of seven baskets; and a large picnic pavilion with nine metal-frame picnic tables and two fixed metal trash containers. The playground is mulched.

Going south—a soccer field dead ahead; to the left (beyond the playground equipment) two tennis courts; a baseball field, and what appears to be a volley ball court; and to the right a

tree-shaded double handball/racket ball court with two metal benches. At the far southwest corner there is a small pavilion with one picnic table. There is an asphalt running/walking track around the park perimeter south of the playground equipment.

The park is generally in good shape. The handball court could do with repainting of the wall and some resurfacing and restriping of the floor.

The park is classified as a residential park. Given its size and array of features, I think it would be more appropriately classified as a community park.

Cesery Park. 2601 Cesery Boulevard. This park is approximately .75 acres. Jungle gym with twin slides are located toward the south end. There is a pavilion with three metal frame picnic tables and two trash containers. There is a concrete sidewalk from the entrance that lead is to the pavilion and then circles the playground. The playground is mulched. Three painted metal benches are located on concrete pads abutting the outside of the sidewalk that circles the playground. The perimeter fence consists of 3.5" painted aluminum. There are seven sizable oak trees in the park. Car parking is on the street. The park was in good condition.

Buck Park. 11128 McCormick Road. This a large park—perhaps five-six acres. There is a parking lot in front of the entrance that will accommodate 20 cars. The entrance has a side walk flanked by brick columns and a 6' painted aluminum fence. The kiddy playground has one large and one small jungle gyms connected by a bridge. Each has two slides. There is swing set with four swings. The playground is mulched, but the area under the swing needs more mulch. The sidewalk forms the perimeter of the playground and the are three metal benches on concrete pads abutting the outside of the sidewalk. At the south end of the playground is a water fountain that needs cleaning and general refurbishing.

There is a pavilion with four metal frame picnic tables, two grills, two metal and one plastic trash cans. This area has street-type lighting fixtures and a rack that will accommodate seven bikes.

Continuing south there is a double (four basket) basketball court. Further on is a baseball field with a 20', five-tier bleacher. There is a roofed area with benches for ball team members. The wood trim around the roof and the benches need painting.

The ball field has 8' chain link fence and a double gate at the northwest end on the road on which the Holly Oaks Forest Community complex is located. The gate was open and the west leaf was badly bent. It needs to either be repaired or replaced and locked.

REGIONAL PARKS

Patton Park. 2850 Hodges Boulevard. This is a large park, but practically all of he space is taken up by twelve soccer fields. There is also supposed to be a football field, but I couldn't find it.

At the entrance, immediately to the north is a park "enclave." Entering it, to the left is an occupied doublewide. Ahead is a mulched kiddy park with a two-slide jungle gym. The side

walk surrounds this park and to the left is a pavilion with one metal framed picnic table and a metal trashcan. There are two painted metal benches on pads abutting the outside of the perimeter walk. The sidewalk continues north and then branches to the west. The west branch loops around soccer fields 11 and 12 and returns to have to the starting point.

Returning to the entrance road and proceeding west—to the right are multiple soccer fields and one field with night lighting, 100' five tier bleachers and an enclosed, elevated observation cabin. This may be the football field, but I saw no goal posts. One other field has two prefab structures that appear to be locker rooms. Another has two 20' five tier bleachers. There was nothing of note at the others. The fields are connected on their south ends by a broad sidewalk and road. Metal benches are located at intervals along the side walk. There is a large parking lot and to the right there is a masonry restroom with open, roofed picnic ports at either end. There are two steel frame picnic tables under the east port and four under the west. At the far west end of the road there is a circular turnabout. This turnabout area is also used to store park equipment and material.

There obviously is no need for twelve soccer fields. I suggest, instead, that all but three or four be used for other purposes. This should include one or two baseball field with at least one with night lighting, basketball courts, a Frisbee course and a field for flying kites, model planes and drones. The parking lots also need striping.

Blue Cypress Park. 4012 University Boulevard North. There are two highway entrances to this park. At the southern entrance, there is to the north a large masonry community center building with parking along the north side of the road and in a sizable lower lot. The road winds around the park to the far north, but is currently blocked by locked gates. Concrete posts along the road need repainting.

To the immediate west of the parking lot there is a triangular piece of ground about 300' on each that is and enclosed by roads. It has holes, mud and standing water in various places and should be filled, leveled and landscaped.

There is a large retention pond between. the north and south entrances.

The north entrance is roughly one-half mile from the south entrance. This is where the usual park facilities are located. There is a nine-hole golf course with a pro shop. The pro shop was closed and the building needs fresh paint and a general cleaning. There are two tennis courts with wind screens, asphalt walking paths; a kiddy park with a jungle gym and slides, a picnic pavilion with two metal frame tables. The parking lot needs striping.

There is a masonry restroom facility with metal doors. The doors have rust holes at the bottom and should be replaced. The lower portion of the building should be pressure washed.

Ed Austin Regional Park. 11751 McCormick Road. There are three vehicle entrances to the park; one on McCormick Road and two on Monument Road. Beginning on the north entrance on Monument Road, there is a 6' wide asphalt path circling the park. To the left (north) there is a standing drinking fountain

and a washing area for dogs. The water fountain needs cleaning and painting. The facet in the washing area is broken and needs to be repaired or replaced. Further north, there is a dog park which is divided into two sections, one for large dogs and the other for small dogs. It covers about four acres.

The section for large dogs needs holes filled and gravel graded so that it does not get on sidewalk. Bare areas need dead leaves and grass clippings as coverage.

To the right of the north Monument Road entrance is a parking lot and, beyond that, a baseball complex consisting of four fields and associated structures. The parking lot needs to be restriped. Informal pathways between the lot and the north section of the park need to be paved. There are three batting cages in the baseball complex. Each has AstroTurf floors that are torn or worn out. The door to the women's restroom facility is damaged and will not lock. Looking inside, the floor needs to be painted. The transparent doors to the bulletin board on the south side of the restroom are missing. Going further south, there is a masonry equipment storage building that needs to be pressure-washed and the broken wood trim around the doors replaced.

The sidewalk which goes around the south side of the baseball complex is broken in several places. It is obvious that heavy trucks are to blame.

There is an erosion problem in the drainage area to the southeast of the PAL building. Something needs to be done to hold the soil. The PAL parking lot needs to be restriped.

The west end of the Senior Center building has several bare spots that need to be painted.

The restroom facility near the west end playground needs to be pressured washed and its doors repainted.

Repaint the big maintenance shed at the far northwest corner of the park.

The restroom near the playground needs to be pressure-washed and the doors repainted. The parking lots in this area need to be restriped.

PARK PROBLEMS

Community Parks

Bruce Park. Homeless apparently are staying in one picnic pavilion. Tennis court in bad shape and apparently unused. Caboose needs repainting.

Sunny Acres Park. Bent post in baseball field backstop should be replaced. Repair section of broken sidewalk by basketball court. Dilapidated wooden shed should be torn down. Community building appears to be unused. Swimming pool is unused and bathhouse and toilet facilities are wide open and deteriorated. These should either be restored to use or torn down. Field on south side of pond is mowed, but has no apparent use. Erosion problem on east side of picnic pavilion needs to be addressed.

Southside Estates Elementary School Park. Entrance road on south end and parking lot in bad shape. Many potholes in both and the parking lot is unstriped. A repaving job is needed. A lot of trash on ground. A swing set at this location, which has no swings, either needs to be removed or repaired.

Huffman Boulevard Park. Exterior of restroom needs to be pressure washed. Parking lots need restriping. Drinking fountain needs cleaning and repainting. What appears to be a baseball field shows no signs of use. Either use or repurpose.

Roundette Park. Pressure wash entrance sign. Stripe small parking lot at end of entrance road. Consider adding pavilion, picnic tables and play equipment. There is none at present.

Victory Park. Restripe parking lots. Remove trash from southeast corner of east parking lot. Repair or replace wooden benches. Many bench slats are rotten and loose. Replace tattered wind screens in tennis courts.

Warrington Park/Woodland Acres. Restripe parking lots and pick up trashes. Paint rusty posts on swimming pool chain-link fence. Put nets on basketball stands and repaint markings on the basketball court. Resurface tennis courts and put windscreens on the court fences. Either find a use for the old Health Center building and make necessary repairs or tear it down. Pressure wash entrance signs at pedestrian entrance on the north side. Make repairs, particularly to the soffit, and remove trash from back of building at this entrance. This building appears to be unused. If no use can be found for it, it should be torn down. Repair deteriorated shuffle board courts (2) or remove them. They obviously have not been used for years. Clean up the metal plaque dedicated to the park founders. It is barely readable.

Victoria Park. Put in a regular parking lot and open a vehicle entrance for park users with a road leading to the lot. Replace damaged south side of double vehicle entrance

gate on west end of park. Replace damaged metal picnic table in the first pavilion at the southwest pedestrian entrance. Treat with sealant wooden posts supporting the second pavilion. Pressure wash tennis court floor and install new wind screens. Consider consolidating the entire park with the well-equipped adjacent school playgrounds at the north end of the park.

Brookfield Elementary School Park. Post a sign identifying the park at the vehicle entrance. Restripe the parking lot. Replace the rusted-out gate between the parking lot and the park, proper. Clean and restore batting cage nearest the entrance. Replace all missing or rotten wooden boards on bleachers. The wooden second-story of the building that houses the restroom facilities in bad shape with rotten siding and eaves and a broken light fixture. The masonry first floor has graffiti on the front and needs pressure washing and painting. A steel door on a second masonry building is rusted through at the bottom and should be replaced. The basketball court needs resurfacing, painting and basket nets. Replace the damaged steel door on a small masonry building near the west perimeter fence. There is a large electrical cable running into this building and the door is so bent that a small person could get in despite the chain and padlock. Repaint the concrete posts that bar vehicles from entering the south side of the park from the west.

Leonard Abess Park. Clean drinking fountain by tennis court. Repaint bench beside tennis court. Replace wooden rotting posts supporting bike rack and paint rusty metal bike rack. Paint wooden bridge with sealant. Pick up trash on either side of the bridge. Pick up trash under bleachers at soccer field. Replace bent piping on perimeter fence along Kernan Road. Repaint steel doors to restroom facility. Repaint wooden tops of five picnic tables.

Replace window and clean up double-wide residence at far northwest corner of park. Pick up trash at this location and remove what appears to be an abandoned truck.

Arlington Lions Club Park. Repaint wooden picnic tables and the wood tops of other picnic tables. Paint metal frames of benches and use sealant or paint on the wooden seats. Put sealant on wooden supports of the pavilions.

Repair the wooden walkway along the river. Pressure wash the restroom facility. Repave the worn-out section of the path leading to the south picnic pavilion. Either put in a nature trail or correct the sign at the south end of the south parking lot.

Tidewater Acres Park. Repaint rusty interior of pavilion roof. Repair (shingle and paint) or remove wooden structure at southeast corner of park.

Holiday Road Park. Change classification from "neighborhood" to "undeveloped." The gate was padlocked and there is no equipment or facilities in the park.

Gerrie's Park. Pressure wash sign showing park rules.

Alimacani Elementary School Park. Repaint handball courts walls and refinish floors. The park is classified as a residential park. Given its size and array of features, it would be more appropriately to classify it as a community park.

REGIONAL PARKS

Patton Park. Restripe parking lots. Repurpose enough of the twelve soccer fields to provide another pavilion with picnic tables, a double basketball court, a baseball field and a field for flying model planes, drones and kites.

Blue Cypress Park. Repaint concrete posts along road at south end. Fill and level triangular piece of ground at south end. Restripe parking areas. Clean up and repair golf pro shop at north end. Replace rusted-out doors on the north end restroom facility and pressure-wash the lower half of that facility.

Ed Austin Regional Park. Restripe all parking lots where lines are absent or barely visible. Clean and repaint standing drinking fountain along trail at north east of park. Repair or replace the faucet of the dog-wash at the same location.

The section for large dogs needs holes filled and gravel graded so that it does not get onto the sidewalk. Bare areas need dead leaves and grass clippings as coverage.

At the baseball complex: Put in new Astroturf in the batting cages; replace the door to women's restroom; replace the doors to the bulletin board on the southside of the restroom; pressure wash the equipment storage building and replace the broken wood trim around the doors; and repair the sidewalk on the south side so that it is protected against breakage from heavy trucks. Suggest that truck crossings of the sidewalk be established at strategic locations and the new sidewalk there be reinforced with rebar and made thicker (6" to 8") so that it can handle the heavier loads without breaking.

Repaint the west end of the Senior Center.

Pressure wash the restroom facility near the west playground and repaint the facility doors.

Repaint the big maintenance shed at the far northwest corner of the park.

Dog park users say they would like a perimeter gravel or crushed stone path around the inside of the big dog section, a 250' extension of the west big dog section water line and a fixed metal trash container near the south- end of the small dog section and the west end of the big dog section. The gravel near the entrance of the big dog section needs to be graded so that it stops spreading over the concrete walkway. Users also would like a shelter pavilion in the small dog and the big dog sections.

Boat Ramps

Fulton Road Landing. This landing is really unimproved. Suggest either dredging out a portion of the river and constructing a ramp that would allow launching of <20' boats or a small pier from which kayaks and canoes could be launched without the users having to wade in the river.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Anna Lopez Brosche
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FROM: The Honorable Scott Wilson
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SUBJECT: Special Committee on Parks

The Special Committee on Parks was charged with evaluating our park system for access, maintenance and youth development. In 2003, the City of Jacksonville retained a consultant to develop The Master Recreation Improvement Plan. The Master Plan identifies: planning for our future, quality control, funding and operations as recommendations. The Master Plan encourages the City to update the Master Plan every five years establishing future capital improvement and maintenance priorities. The Master Plan established and maintains a ranking of the current condition of all parks. In 2004, former Mayor John Peyton appointed a Parks Task Force of community stake holders. The Parks Task Force recommended an independent group of private citizens assist in setting park policy, advocate for park funding and search for public/private park partnerships. Almost a year ago, the Special Committee on Parks was established. The following findings and recommendations are a result of the Special Committee on Parks' work.

1. **Maintenance.** The Department uses a park mode model classifying each park to determine maintenance standards. Every park receives a base level of maintenance. Additional maintenance services are allocated according to use and demand. The Department also uses a park and facility assessment program to identify park assets needing improvement. Based on the assessments, the Department initiates a maintenance program specific to each park and facility. And, that maintenance work is prioritized by assets with the greatest need. When possible, the Department engages community partners and volunteers who contribute to the overall maintenance of the City's park system. Through the park and facility assessment program and ensuing maintenance levels provided, park conditions will improve and provide safe and engaging facilities for youth, families and citizens of all ages in our community. Consequently, the Special Committee on Parks would like to see a more comprehensive plan for maintenance addressed in future budgets. Additionally, the Committee recommends improved signage notifying citizens how and where to report maintenance needs.
2. **Security and Safety.** As a result of the work of the Special Committee on Parks, the Department has developed and will implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Live-on Security program. The SOP will address officer selection, duties and request for assistance. The officer

selection SOP will address the needs of each park and will include incentives for service in the most distressed areas. The duties SOP will clarify the goals and objectives of the Live-on Security program and eliminate duplication of duties between park Live-on Security and JSO zone Officers. The request for assistance SOP is designed to improve communication with park patrons and reduce incident response times. In parks where there is no Live-on Security but persistent security issues remain, the Department is implementing a park security patrol program where non-residential security offices inspect parks in a coordinated loop pattern. The goal of this program is to increase park security presence, increase citizens' enjoyment of parks, reduce crime, reduce park rule violations and protect park facilities and other valuable park assets. In addition to developing and implementing the officer selection, duties and request for assistance SOP, the Committee recommends the Department create signage explaining how citizens report issues in the park.

3. **Comprehensive Plan.** Staff should draft revisions to Recreation and Opens Space Element (ROSE) policies listed under Objective 1.2. to require development of a ranking criteria or a matrix to determine future priorities for maintaining our existing park system and planning for new capital improvement projects. Staff should draft revisions to ROSE Goal 2 to expand the requirement for the provision of recreation and open space in residential development to include all areas, not just the suburban and rural areas. Individual solutions may apply differently to different parts of town. Staff should also draft revisions to ROSE policies listed under Objective 2.2 to require all new single-family subdivisions (3 lots or more) and multi-family residential developments to provide active recreation parks, a monetary contribution to park facilities or dedicate land to the City. The dedication of land option will apply only with the approval of the Parks Department. Staff shall re-evaluate the monetary contribution fee associated with these policies and recommend modification based on current costs to develop and maintain park facilities. All multi-family units regardless of the number should participate with 2.2.2. Staff should draft revisions to the Future Land Use Element, ROSE and Chapter 656 definitions for the terms open space and active recreation areas.
4. **CPAC Recommendations.** Based on the input of all CPACs, several common themes emerged regarding areas of improvement for the Department. The list includes: maintenance, marketing, partnerships, programming, project design and security. The Department will be proactive in addressing the CPAC Recommendations list. And, two of the items on the CPAC Recommendations list, security and maintenance, are priority items resulting from the work of the Special Committee on Parks.

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Special Committee on Parks

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Parks Maintenance

o Parks, Facilities and Public Spaces Maintained:

405	Number of Parks
36,811	Total Acres Managed by Parks Dept.
207	Acres of Bermuda Turf Mowed
103	Football / Soccer Fields
248	Baseball / Softball Fields
195	Playgrounds
209	Miles of Walking Trail
183	Tennis Courts
96	Basketball Courts
290	Picnic Shelters / Pavilions
57	Community Centers
25	Boat Ramps
35	Swimming Pools

Parks Maintenance

○ Staffing:

137	Total Parks Maintenance Staff
114	<i>Maintenance Team Members</i>
	Tradesmen
4	<i>Electricians</i>
4	<i>Plumbers</i>
5	<i>Special Project Maintenance</i>
3	<i>Carpenters</i>
7	<i>Pool Mechanics</i>

Maintenance Modes

Mode 1 – High Use

MODE 1 – GREEN: MOST INTENSIVE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE DUE TO HIGH USE AND DEMAND

Parameters:

Park Types:	Regional & Specialty Parks
5 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week
Weekly (Bi-Weekly in Winter)	Mowing Bermuda Athletic Fields
5 Treatments	Bermuda Turf Fertilization Per Year
5 Days	Trash Removal & Litter Pick Up
Annually	Tree Trimming
Weekly	Irrigation Systems Testing
Quarterly	Pressure Wash Playground Equipment / Pavilions

Mode 2 – Moderate Use

Maintenance Modes

MODE 2 – YELLOW: *APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE FOR MODERATE USE AND DEMAND*

Parameters:

Park Types:	Neighborhood & Community Parks
3 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week
Weekly (Bi-Weekly in Winter)	Mowing Bermuda Athletic Fields
5 Treatments	Bermuda Turf Fertilization Per Year
3 Days	Trash Removal & Litter Pick Up
Annually	Tree Trimming
Bi-Weekly	Irrigation Systems Testing
Twice Yearly	Pressure Wash Playground Equipment / Pavilions

Maintenance Modes

Mode 3 - Low Use

MODE 3 - ORANGE: APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE FOR LOW USE


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
Park Types:	Passive & Pocket Parks
1 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week
1 Day	Trash Removal and Litter Pick Up
Annually	Tree Trimming
Annually	Pressure Wash Amenities

Maintenance District 1

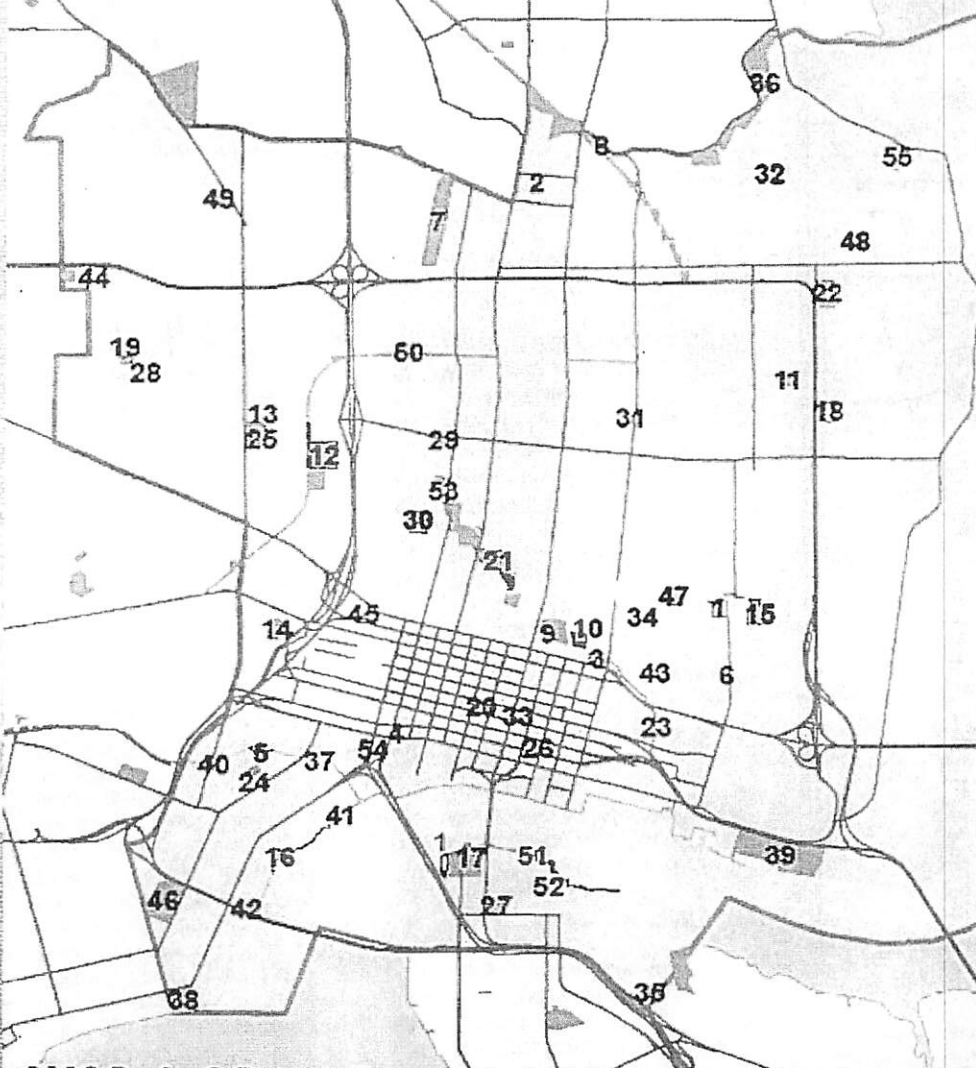
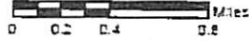
JaxParks District 1 Map

Legend

 JaxParks Properties

 Preservation Properties

 Park District 1



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| 1. A. Phillip Randolph Park | 28. J. N. McPherson Park |
| 2. Andrew Jackson Pool | 29. Julius Guinyard Park |
| 3. Armory Building | 30. Liberty Park |
| 4. Bay & Broad Pocket Park | 31. Longbranch Park |
| 5. Brooklyn Park | 32. Main Street Pocket Park |
| 6. B. Ford Checkerboard Park | 33. Manson "Bull" Felder Park |
| 7. C. Hester McNair Park | 34. Marjenhoff Park |
| 8. Cemetery Park | 35. May Mann Jennings Park |
| 9. Confederate Park | 36. McCoy's Creek Blvd Park |
| 10. Edwards Park | 37. Memorial park |
| 11. Emmett Reed Park | 38. Metropolitan Park |
| 12. E. M. Glover Playground | 39. Myrtle Avenue Park |
| 13. Florida C. Dwight Park | 40. Northbank Riverwalk |
| 14. Flossie Brunson Eastside Park | 41. Nbank Riverwalk Artists Square |
| 15. Forest St Park (Gefen) | 42. Oakland Park |
| 16. Friendship Fountain | 43. Raymond E. Davis Park |
| 17. Glen Myra Park | 44. Ritz Pocket Park |
| 18. Grunthal Park | 45. Riverside Park |
| 19. Hemming Park | 46. Robert F. Kennedy park |
| 20. Henry J. Klutho Park | 47. R. "Bill" Cook Jr. Park |
| 21. H. L. Brown Kooker Park | 48. Simonds-Johnson Park |
| 22. Hogan's Creek Greenway | 49. S-Line Rail Trail |
| 23. J. S. Johnson Park | 50. Southbank Riverwalk |
| 24. J. P. Small Park | 51. St. Johns Park |
| 25. J. B. Smith Pocket Park | 52. W. W. Schell Jr. Memorial Park |
| 26. Jessie Ball DuPont | 53. Water & Broad St. Pocket Park |
| 27. Joe James Center | 54. Wigmore Park |

Preservation Waterfront Properties
1. St. Johns Marina

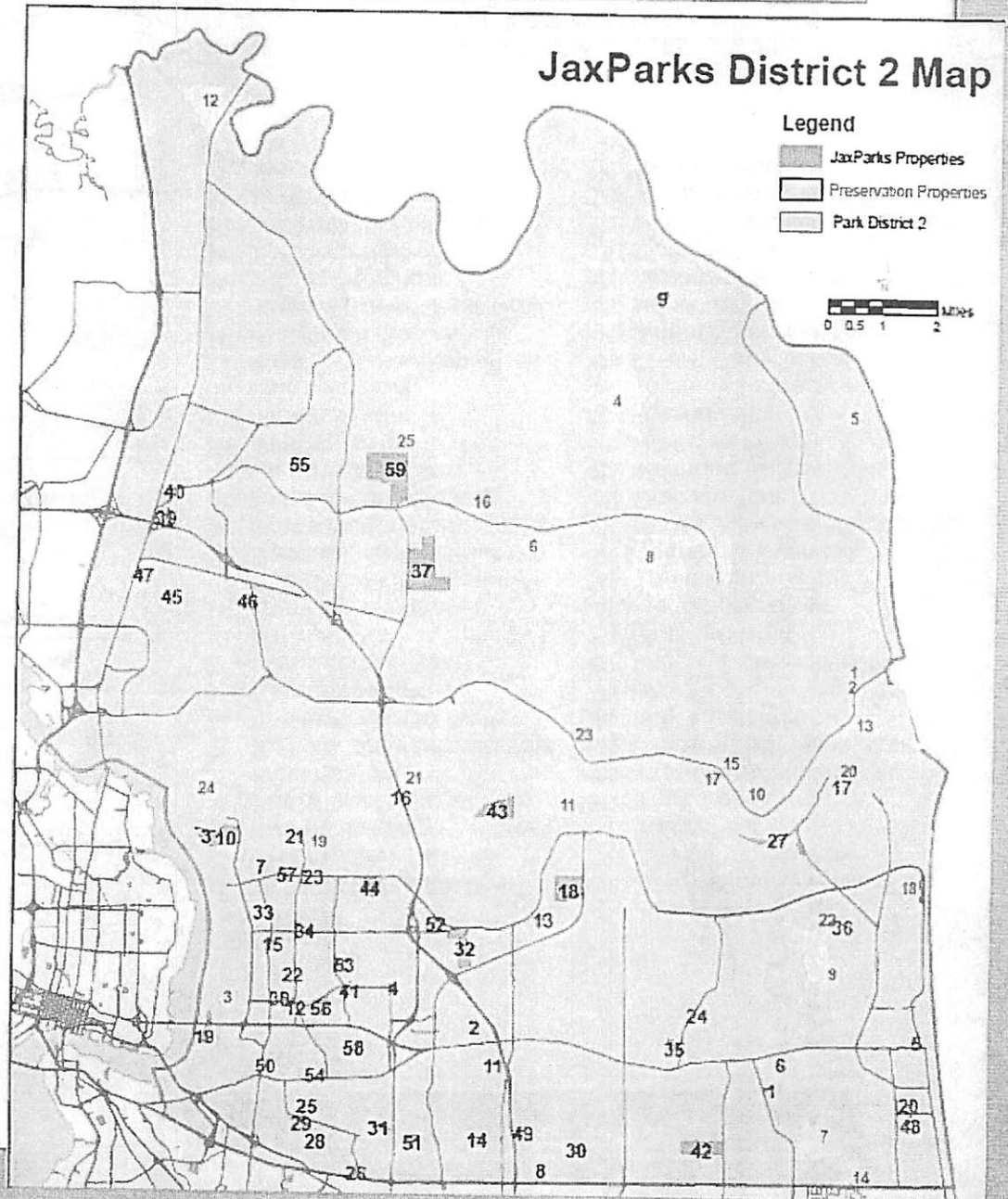
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| 1. Alimacani Elem Park | 31. Ivey Road park |
| 2. Archie Dickinson Park | 32. Jax Arboretum & Gardens |
| 3. Arlington Lions Club Park | 33. Justina Rd Elem Park |
| 4. Arlingwood Park | 34. Lake Lucina Elem Park |
| 5. Atlantic Beach Elem Park | 35. Leonard Abess Park |
| 6. Atlantic Highlands Park | 36. Modesky Park |
| 7. Bayorcor Property | 37. New Berlin Model Airplane Field |
| 8. Beachwood Center / Park | 38. Norman Studios |
| 9. Black Hammock Island Park | 39. Oceanway Center / Park |
| 10. Blue Cypress Park | 40. Oceanway Fire Station Park |
| 11. Brookview Elem Park | 41. Parkwood Heights Elem Park |
| 12. Bruce Park | 42. Patton Park |
| 13. Buck Park | 43. Reed Island |
| 14. Carol Road Park | 44. Rondette Park |
| 15. Cesery park | 45. San Mateo Elem Park |
| 16. Darnes Point Park | 46. San Mateo Little League Park |
| 17. David Wayne Pack Park | 47. San Mateo Neighborhood Park |
| 18. Ed Austin Regional Park | 48. San Pablo Elem Playground |
| 19. Exchange Club Island Park | 49. Sandalwood Jr/Sr High Pool |
| 20. Fletcher High School Pool | 50. Saratoga Lake Park |
| 21. Fort Caroline Club | 51. Southside Estates Elem Park |
| 22. Gamewell Tot Lot | 52. Sunny Acres |
| 23. Genie's Park | 53. Terry Parker Pool / Park |
| 24. Girvin Road Park | 54. Tidewater Acres Park |
| 25. Glynlea Park | 55. Tom Marshall Park |
| 26. Grove Park | 56. Tree Hill Nature Center |
| 27. Helen Cooper Floyd Park | 57. Victory Park |
| 28. Holiday Hill Park | 58. Warrington Park |
| 29. Holiday Road Park | 59. Wm F. Sheffield Regional Park |
| 30. Huffman Blvd Park | |

Preservation Waterfront Properties

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| 1. Alimacani Boat Ramp | 15. Jim King Boat Ramp @ Sisters Creek |
| 2. Alimacani Park | 16. Jim Wingate Park |
| 3. Arlington Boat Ramp | 17. Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp @ Sisters Creek |
| 4. Betz-Tiger Point Preserve | 18. Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park |
| 5. Bird Island | 19. Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp |
| 6. Bogey Creek Landing | 20. Michael B. Scanlon Boat Ramp |
| 7. Castaway Island Preserve | 21. New Berlin Boat Ramp |
| 8. Cedar Point Preserve | 22. Oak Harbor Boat Ramp |
| 9. Dutton Island Preserve | 23. Palms Fish Camp |
| 10. Fanning Island | 24. Reddie Point Preserve |
| 11. Fulton Road Landing | 25. Verdie Forest |
| 12. Half Moon Island Park | |
| 13. Huguenot Memorial Park | |
| 14. Intracoastal Boat Ramp | |

JaxParks District 2 Map

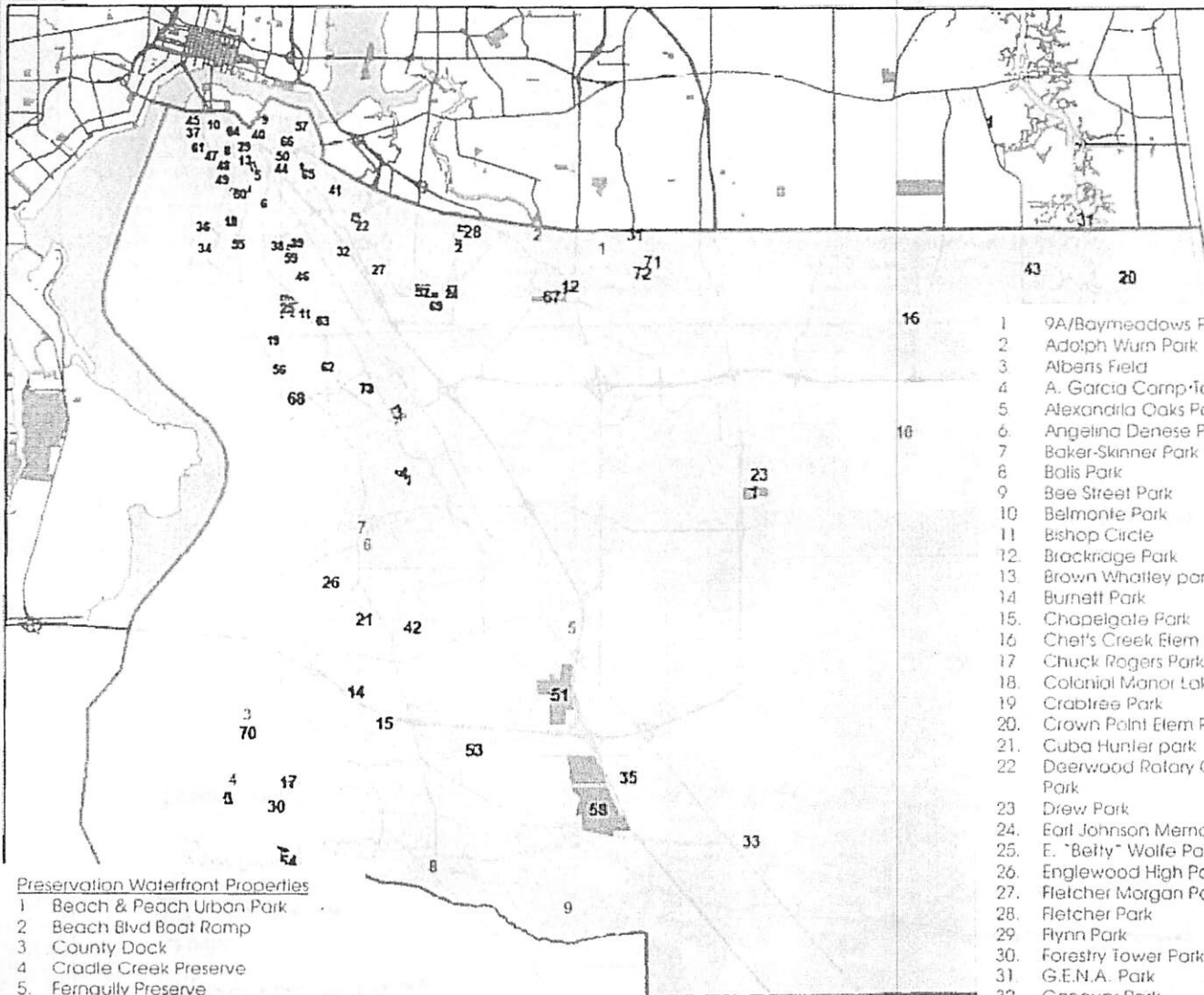


Maintenance District 3

JaxParks District 3 Map

Legend

-  JaxParks Properties
-  Preservation Properties
-  Park District 3



Preservation Waterfront Properties

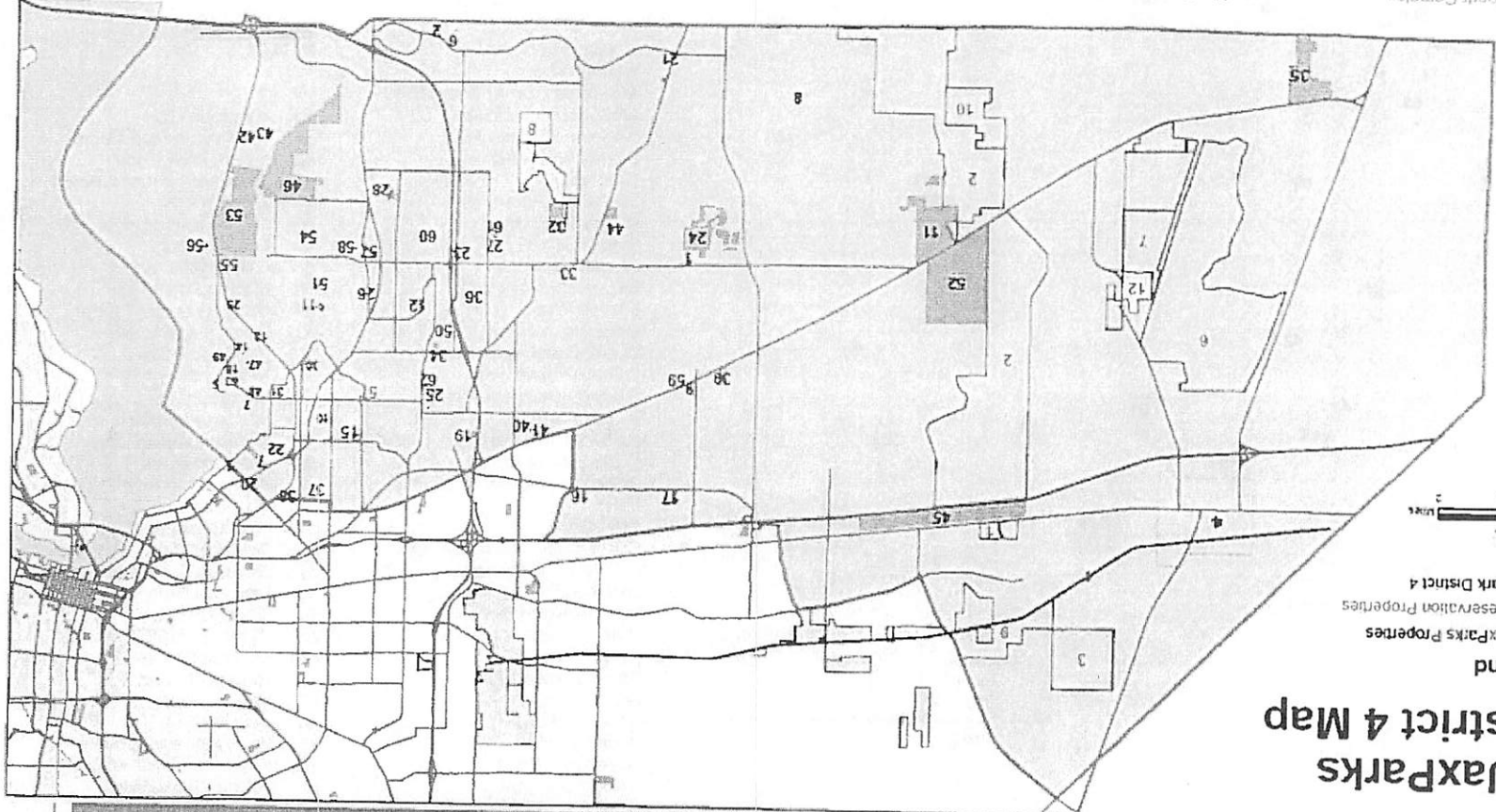
- 1 Beach & Peach Urban Park
- 2 Beach Blvd Boat Ramp
- 3 County Dock
- 4 Cradle Creek Preserve
- 5 Ferngully Preserve
- 6 Freedom Commerce Center
- 7 Goodby's Creek Preserve
- 8 Goodby's Lake Boat Ramp
- 9 Hood Landing Boat Ramp
- 10 Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve
- 11 Pablo Creek Preserve

- 1 9A/Baymeadows Park
- 2 Adolph Wurm Park
- 3 Alberts Field
- 4 A. Garcia Camp-Tomahawk
- 5 Alexandria Oaks Park
- 6 Angelina Denese Park
- 7 Baker-Skinner Park
- 8 Ballis Park
- 9 Bee Street Park
- 10 Belmonte Park
- 11 Bishop Circle
- 12 Brackridge Park
- 13 Brown Whalley park
- 14 Burnett Park
- 15 Chapelgate Park
- 16 Chet's Creek Elem Park
- 17 Chuck Rogers Park
- 18 Colonial Manor Lake Park
- 19 Crabtree Park
- 20 Crown Point Elem Park
- 21 Cuba Hunter park
- 22 Deerwood Rotary Children's Park
- 23 Drew Park
- 24 Earl Johnson Memorial Park
- 25 E. "Betty" Wolfe Park
- 26 Englewood High Pool
- 27 Fletcher Morgan Park
- 28 Fletcher Park
- 29 Flynn Park
- 30 Forestry Tower Park
- 31 G.E.N.A. Park
- 32 Genovar Park
- 33 Granada Park
- 34 Greenland Park
- 35 Greenridge Park
- 36 Greenscape Celebration Park
- 37 H. T. Jones Community Center
- 38 H. T. Jones Park (Pine Forest)
- 39 Historic Kings Road Park

- 40 Huguenot Park
- 41 Huntington Forest Park
- 42 Isle of Palms Park
- 43 Jerusalem & White Park
- 44 Jim Rink Park
- 45 Joe Davis Memorial Park
- 46 Landon Park
- 47 Largo Well Park
- 48 Lillian S. Davin Park
- 49 Lillian Saunders Center
- 50 Losco Regional Park
- 51 Lovelace Park
- 52 Mandarin High Pool
- 53 Mandarin Park
- 54 Mickey King Park
- 55 Nathan Krestul Park
- 56 Palmer Terrace
- 57 Palmetto Leaves Reg. Park
- 58 Pine Forest Elem Park
- 59 River Oaks Park
- 60 Riverfront Park
- 61 San Jose Acres Park
- 62 San Jose Elem Park
- 63 Southside Park
- 64 St. Nicholas Playground
- 65 St. Nicholas Train Station Park
- 66 Touchlon Road Park
- 67 Verona Park
- 68 Victoria Park
- 69 W. Jones Historical Park
- 70 Windy Hill Center / Park
- 71 Watson High Pool

Maintenance District 4

JaxParks District 4 Map



Legend
 JaxParks Properties
 Preservation Properties
 Park District 4



2018 Parks & Recreation

1. HSP Sports Complex
2. Ayo Forest Park
3. Sugar Poin
4. Baldwin Middle/High School Pool
5. Bates Park
6. Briarwood Park
7. Boone Park
8. Bannan Field Park
9. Cabd Field
10. Cardinal Park
11. Cecil Field (Gym, Golf, Firewell, Newmon)
12. Cedar Hills Park
13. Columbus Park
14. Corner Park
15. Criswell Park
16. Crystal Springs Elementary
17. Crystal Springs Road Park
18. Dorsio Park
19. Ed White High School Pool
20. Edgewood Park 1, 2, 3, 4
21. Enterprise Park
22. Firwater Park
23. Forest High School Pool
24. Golf Club of Jacksonville
25. Hyde Grove Elementary Park
26. J.B. Stuart School
27. Jacksonville Heights Elementary Playground
28. James Road Park
29. John Stockton Elementary Park
30. Lakeshore Middle School
31. Lakeside Park 1 & 2
32. Lew Brantley Park
33. Lynn Park
34. Mary Leno Gibbs Community Center
35. Maxwell Park
36. Melvin Park
37. Murray Drive Playground
38. Murray Hill Playground
39. Normandy Boulevard Sports Complex
40. Normandy Center
41. Normandy Park
42. Ortega Hills Park
43. Our Community Club
44. Pope Duval Park
45. Ringhofer Park
46. Sontola Park
47. Stinson Park
48. Stockton Park
49. Sweetwater Playground
50. Tara Woods Park
51. Tave Brown Regional Park
52. Tille K. Fowler Regional Park
53. Truquan Elementary Park
54. Truquan Park
55. Venolia Elementary Park
56. Westconnet Elementary Playground
57. Westconnet Park
58. Westidge Park
59. Westwood Park
60. Wheat Road Park
61. Wiley Road Playground
1. Brandy Branch Rainhead Reserve
2. Cecil Field Conservation Corridor
3. International Paper
4. Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail
5. Lighthouse Marine Boat Ramp
6. Lochlochy Kingdton Preserve
7. Lochlochy Park
8. McGirts Creek Park Expansion
9. Otis Road Trailhead
10. Sol Taylor Creek Preserve
11. Worme B. Steven Boat Ramp
12. Yellow Water Trailhead

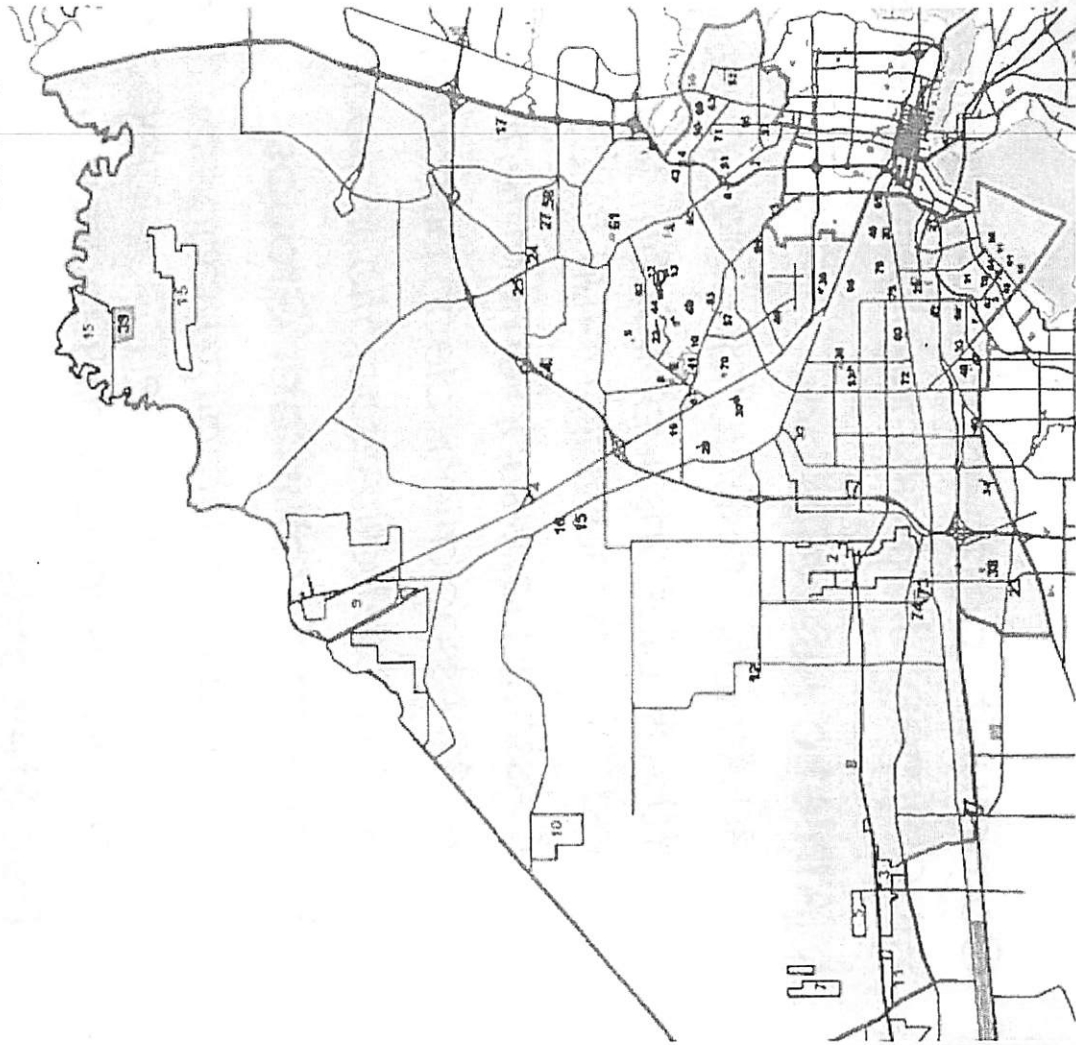
Maintenance District 5

Joint Parks Properties

Preservation Properties

Park District 5

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1. Adams Park
2. Barney Browning Park
3. Bevedera Park
4. Bethesda Park
5. Beverly Hills Park
6. Bob Hayes Soccer Complex
7. Cameron Park
8. Cavill Park & Pool
9. Charles (Boobie) Clark Park & Pool
10. Charles Reeve Memorial Park
11. Cherry Street Park
12. Cisco Gardens Park
13. Clarence T. Brown Park
14. Concord Park
15. Dinwiddie Center and Park
16. Dinwiddie Playground
17. Edna Park H. Napoleon Park
18. Elizabeth Park
19. Elizabeth R. Powell Park
20. Eugene Butler Pool
21. Forest Center and Park
22. ForestView Park
23. Fourcker Park
24. Garden City Elementary Playground
25. Garden City Park
26. Hammond Park
27. Highways Madole School Pool
28. Holybrook Park
29. Home Gardens Park
30. J. Gardner "Big" Sons Memorial Park
31. James and Downing Park
32. James Hicks Park
33. Jasmine Park
34. John D. Livermore Park
35. John Murray Forbes Park
36. Johnnie Walker Park
37. Joseph Leo Center
38. Joseph Stillwell Middle School Park
39. Lanna Road Park
40. Lem Merritt Park
41. Lorne C. Miller Park
42. Madison Park and Center
43. Madison Park
44. Martin Luther King Elementary Park
45. McCoy's Creek Boulevard Park
46. Mitchell Center and Park
47. Murray Hill Art Center
48. Murray Hill Four Corners
49. Nalley Park 1 & 2
50. Northshore Park
51. Norwood Park
52. Panama Park
53. Paxon High School Pool
54. Peace Memorial Park
55. Peck St. Park
56. Powers Park
57. Raines High School Pool
58. Ray Greene Park
59. Ribault High School Pool

60. Ribault Scenic Drive Park
61. Riverview Park
62. Robert E. Lee High School Pool
63. Rolliston Park
64. Royal Terrace
65. Rutledge Peardon Center
66. Ryder Park
67. S.A. Hall Elementary School Park
68. Scott Park
69. Signal Park
70. Singleton Park
71. Telulah Park
72. Terrace Park
73. Thomas Jefferson Elementary Park
74. Thomas Jefferson Park
75. Westbrook Center and Park
76. Westside Park
77. Whitehouse Park
78. Willowbranch Park
79. Willowbranch Rose Garden
80. Woodstock Park
81. Yacht basin Park
82. Yancy Park
83. Zeta Phi Beta Park

Preservation Properties

1. Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp
2. Bullies Bay Preserve
3. Camp Milton Historical Preserve
4. Dinwiddie Boat Ramp
5. Ellis Property
6. Habriview Boat Ramp
7. International Paper
8. Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail
9. Kings Road Historic Preserve
10. Monticello A
11. Way Otis Road Trailhead
12. Ribault River Preserve
13. Ribault River Preserve Expansion
14. K. Stokkes Boat Ramp
15. Thomas Creek Preserve and Fish Camp
16. Trout River Pier

Park Partnerships

Community partnerships with groups and associations help supplement JaxParks maintenance efforts

o **Athletic Associations**

- 32 Athletic Associations @ 45 Parks
- 10 Associations supplement turf maintenance by providing additional mowing of turf fields
- 6 Associations supplement fertilization programs
- All 32 Associations clean park restrooms in season
- All 18 baseball Associations groom infield clay in season

o **Friends and Volunteer Groups**

- Assist with park maintenance by directing park clean up days, assisting with maintenance projects (painting, light carpentry) and landscape maintenance

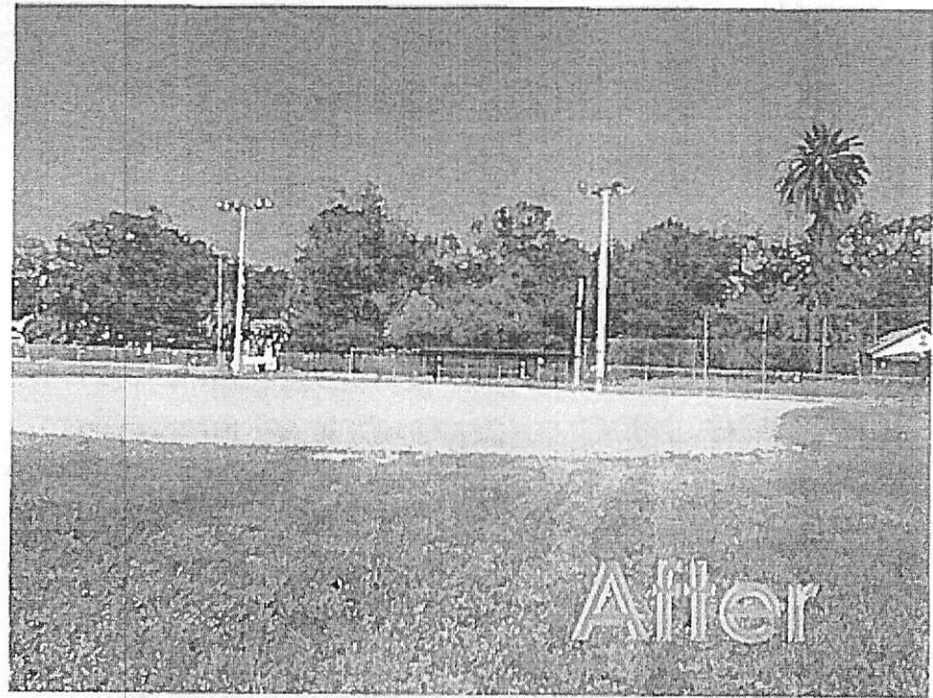
o **Tree Stewards**

- Provide regular tree trimming at several parks

Before & After



Infield completely overgrown with grass was cleared and groomed



Before & After

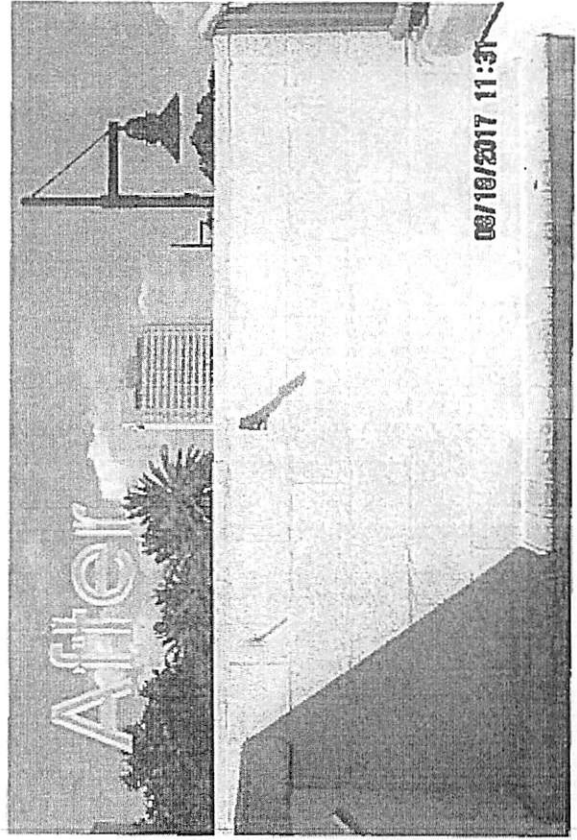


Erosion of waterfront bulkhead was quickly and safely mitigated



Before & After

Same Day Removal of Graffiti
Deters Other Offenders



development may be used to encourage the redevelopment of deteriorated or blighted areas

- Suggestion: In CBD and possibly Urban area, there must be an in lieu contribution option and City parks should be developed to serve the needs of residents in these areas where land is limited
- Suggestion: All multi-family should participate consistent with 2.2.2. Remove the 100 units or more language.

Issue # 7. Are this Goal and Objective 9.1 and the associated policies being implemented? Clearly there was an intention to prioritize maintenance. Is the current language still desirable?

GOAL 9

The Recreation and Community Services Department shall establish minimum standards for park maintenance and equipment repair and bring all parks up to this standard within five years.

Objective 9.1 The Recreation and Community Services Department shall consider for the future the allocation of funding maintenance and equipment repair equally with capital outlay for existing and new facility developments.

Policies

9.1.1

The Recreation and Community Services Department shall maintain a procedure for the rating of park facilities using a four-level semantic differential scale (excellent, good, fair, and poor) as outlined in the Master Recreation Improvement Plan (MRIP) plan.

9.1.2

The Recreation and Community Services Department shall rate all of its parks every five years. Each park will be identified by the type of rating received.

9.1.3

All parks receiving the lowest rating will be improved by the Recreation and Community Services Department to at least the next higher rating level within five years of the last rating.

The Master Recreation Improvement Plan - A professionally developed document encompassing the identification of the recreational needs of the community. The document includes specific demographic and inventory data appropriate to identify and track these needs. It establishes criteria and standards for park maintenance and new park development, discussions of program and service issues, priority needs issues, management issues, and implementation strategies.

- Suggestion: Leave the language as is but address implantation. *implement*