

8.0 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Open Space Element identifies existing and projected public and private sites which are available to the public, analyses leisure trends and the nature, scope, and cause of any recreation and open space problems; and develops appropriate plans and program policies to achieve the required recreation and open space.

8.2 GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

8.2.1 Introduction

The appearance and quality of City facilities can greatly impact the quality of life within the community. Because of the significant number of citizens who generally come in contact with the recreation program facilities, it is apparent that their condition and appearance will have a direct impact on their utilization. Therefore, in order to improve conditions and appearance of Parks and Recreation Facilities, the following goals, objectives and policies should be accomplished during the next five years.

GOAL 1: The City of Hallandale Beach shall continue to upgrade public park and recreation facilities in an effort to assure a positive quality of life for all residents of the City.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: The City shall establish a Parks and Recreation Improvement Plan in 2010 which explores the park and recreational needs of the community. This plan will be updated annually.

POLICY 1.1.1: The City shall institute parks and recreation facility planning which has been identified in the Parks and Recreation Improvement Plan to meet the needs of the community.

POLICY 1.1.2: The City shall maintain and enhance recreation and open space by implementing a recreation open space standard of 3.25 acres per 1,000 permanent residents. For the purpose of calculating this ratio, 28.44 acres of the Golden Isles Waterway shall be included in the inventory.

POLICY 1.1.3: The City shall continue to coordinate public and private resources to ensure the recreational and open space needs of all City residents are met.

POLICY 1.1.4: The City shall continue to only permit those uses within designated park and recreation areas that are identified in Section 2.3 of the Future Land Use Element for Public Parks.

OBJECTIVE 1.2: The City shall implement annually a comprehensive replacement

program for parks and recreation related capital items and facilities.

POLICY 1.2.1: The City shall identify and then replace or renovate obsolete or deteriorated parks and recreation facilities within five years.

OBJECTIVE 1.3: The City shall continue to prepare manuals, checklists and schedules with standards for maintenance of parks and recreation facilities to ensure that facilities and capital items are continuously in working order.

POLICY 1.3.1: The City shall provide for recreation and open space programs within its five (5) year Capital Improvement Program.

OBJECTIVE 1.4: The City shall continue to enhance the amount and quality of recreational and open space areas and opportunities to provide for the existing and future needs of the community.

POLICY 1.4.1: The City shall pursue additional land areas for Recreation and Open Space uses, through either acquisition, redevelopment, lease arrangement, or acceptance of dedication.

POLICY 1.4.2: The City shall continue to explore the feasibility of bikeways, pathways, internal connections, and walkable streets that lead to and around park and recreation facilities within the City.

POLICY 1.4.3: Ample and secure bicycle parking shall be provided at schools, libraries and park and recreation facilities throughout the City.

POLICY 1.4.4: The City shall insure that park and recreation facilities are accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

GOAL 2: The City shall continue to identify the recreational program needs of the community.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: The City shall continue to institute appropriate programs and add new programs as needed.

POLICY 2.1.1: The City shall identify new programs to meet the needs of City residents that are identified in the City's Strategic Planning Process.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: The City shall continue to promote public awareness of Parks and Recreation programs and activities through the distribution of public information highlighting park programs and facilities.

POLICY 2.2.1: The City shall develop and distribute brochures, and special event flyers to citizens, and utilize local news media to promote recreational programs.

GOAL 3: The City shall develop balanced and stable sources of revenue for park and recreation facilities.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: The City shall continue to implement an equitable system of fees and charges for use of public recreation and open space facilities.

POLICY 3.1.1: The City shall make periodic review of comparable services in the area (other local governments as well as the private sector) to determine recommended fees and charges.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: The City shall research alternative funding sources on an ongoing basis for recreation and open space.

POLICY 3.2.1: Donations and grants shall continue to be pursued to offset some of the costs for the purchase and/or development of new recreation and open space.

POLICY 3.2.2: The City shall continue to enforce through its Codes and Ordinances that development provide for or pay its fair share of the Cost of providing for the recreational needs of the City's residents through the development review process.

8.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS

8.3.1 EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITIES

8.3.1.1 Inventory

The City of Hallandale Beach owns or leases and maintains the following recreational areas:

1. Foster Park
2. O.B. Johnson Park and Hepburn Center
3. B.F. James Park
4. Joseph Scavo Park
5. North City Beach
6. South City Beach
7. Golden Isles Tennis Center
8. Golden Isles Park
9. Bluesten Park and Municipal Pool
10. Ingalls Park
11. Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center
12. Dedicated Public Waterways
13. NE Neighborhood Park
14. SW Neighborhood Park

The City of Hallandale Beach has a Reciprocal Use Agreement with the Broward

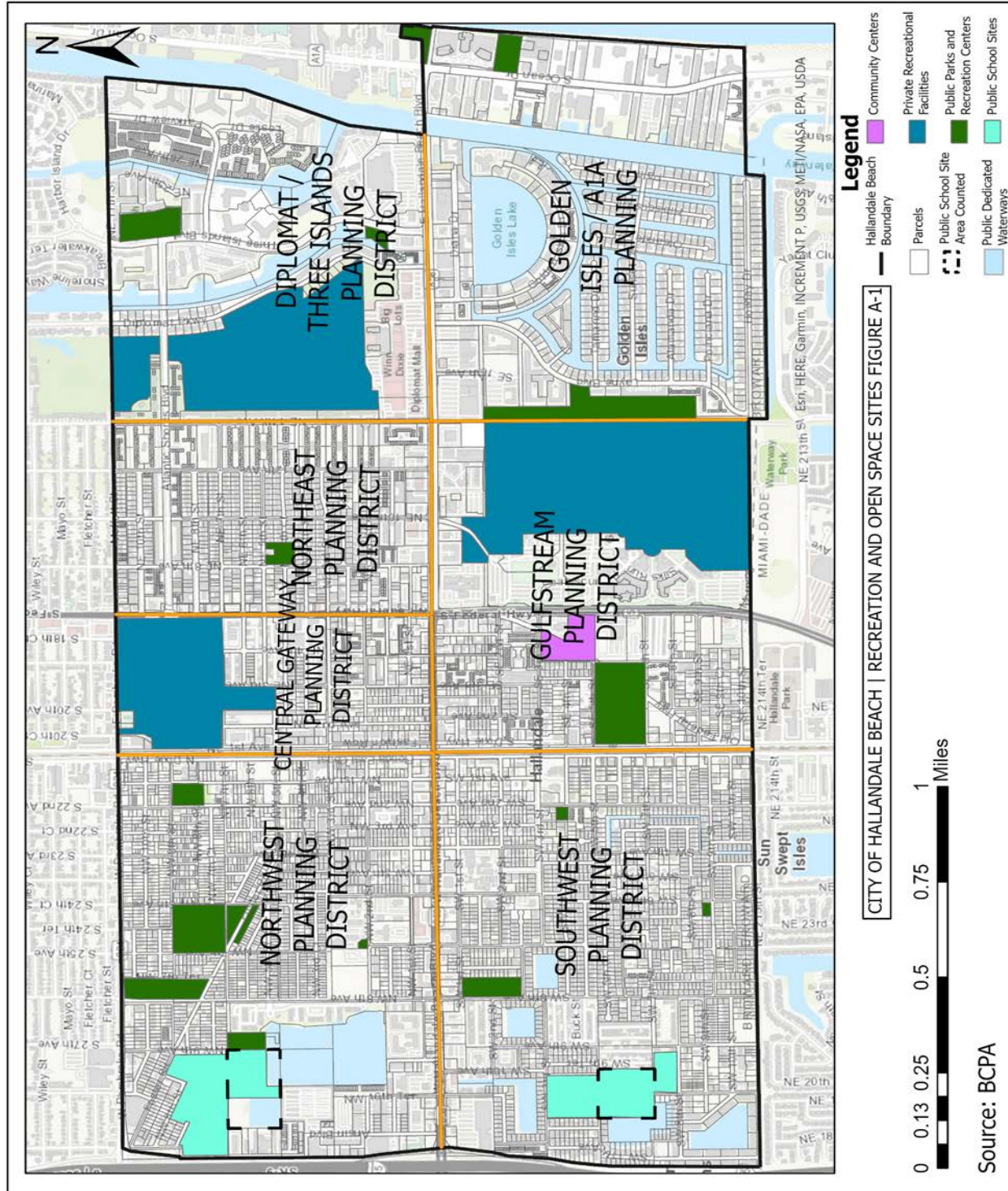
County School Board for City use of the following school sites within the City:

1. Hallandale High School
2. Hallandale Elementary School
3. Gulfstream Middle School
4. Hallandale Adult Center and Community School

The inventory of existing facilities is described below by Neighborhood Planning District. The recreational areas in the city are shown on Figure 8-1.

Figure 8-1

Parks/Recreational Facilities



8.3.1.2 NORTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT

Foster Park

Foster Park is a 1.82 acre park located at 609 NW 6th Avenue. The current facilities at Foster Park include:

- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 2 belt swings
- 1 basketball court (no lights)
- benches
- parking
- gazebo

The City has recently expanded the size of Foster Park and is planning to change and improve the park's facilities in the coming fiscal years.

O.B. Johnson Park and Hepburn Center

O.B. Johnson Park and the Hepburn Center site is a 6.17 acre neighborhood park, recreation center and human services center. O.B. Johnson Park and the recreation center are located at 900 NW 8th Avenue while the Hepburn Center is located at 750 NW 8th Avenue. Administration offices for the Human Services Department are also housed within the Hepburn Center. The current facilities at O.B. Johnson Park include:

O.B. Johnson Park

- a playground for 2-5 year olds
- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 2 belt swings and 2 bucket swings
- 1 basketball court (with lights)
- 2 tennis courts (with lights)
- 2 racquetball courts (with lights)
- 1 skating area (with lights)
- athletic fields (with lights and bleachers)
- 1 batting cage
- restroom facilities
- benches and picnic tables
- parking

Recreation Center / Audinasium

- 2 basketball courts
- 4000 square feet auditorium space that seats 150 with table and chairs or seats 400 in theatre style seating and stage

- a teen center / meeting area
- kitchen and restroom facilities
- staff offices

Hepburn Center

- 3 classrooms
- 1 multi-purpose room
- outdoor space / community garden
- staff offices

In addition to the park and recreation facilities at O.B. Johnson Park, the park also offers youth athletic and camp programs. The facilities at the park and audinasium can be rented for private and special events and be used for community meetings.

B.F. James Park

B.F. James Park is a 2.35 acre park located at 101 NW 9th Street. The park facilities include:

- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 2 belt swings and 2 bucket swings
- a pavilion with 4 tables and seating for 32
- 2 basketball courts (no lights)
- 1 ball field with bleachers
- restroom facilities
- benches
- parking

Hallandale High School

Hallandale High School is a 34.9 acre school site located at 720 NW 9th Avenue which the City has a reciprocal use agreement with the School Board which allows the City to use the school's facilities during mutually agreed upon times. Hallandale High School's facilities include:

- athletic fields (with lights)
- running track
- gymnasium
- auditorium
- class room/meeting room space
- parking

8.3.1.3 GOLDEN ISLES / A1A PLANNING DISTRICT

North City Beach

The 1.09 acres of North City Beach is located at SR A1A and Hallandale Beach Boulevard. This beach is open to the public for swimming and attracts people from Broward County, Miami-Dade County, seasonal residents and tourists. The facilities at the beach include:

- a concessions facility (not City managed)
- restroom facilities / outdoor showers
- lifeguard stand and lifeguard office
- community room and space in the adjacent City fire station
- picnic tables and benches
- parking

South City Beach

The 3.52 acre South City Beach is located just south of the Beach Club Condominium complex. It attracts people from Broward County and Miami-Dade County as well as seasonal residents and tourists. The facilities at this location include:

- a concession trailer (not City managed)
- a chickee hut with 6 tables and seating for 48
- 2 bocce courts
- playground for 2-12 year olds
- outdoor shower and restroom facilities
- lifeguard stand
- picnic tables and benches
- parking

Golden Isles Tennis Complex

The Golden Isles Tennis Complex is a 4.80 acre facility located at 100 Egret Drive. This facility draws users citywide and from neighboring communities for its tennis tournaments, camps and lessons. The Tennis Complex includes the following facilities:

- 10 tennis courts (6 with lights)
- 3 bocce courts (with lights)
- a pro shop
- practice wall
- sheltered court viewing areas
- restroom, locker and shower facilities
- parking

Golden Isles Park

Adjacent to the Golden Isles Tennis Complex is the Golden Isles Park located at Egret Drive and Layne Boulevard which is 1.62 acres. The facilities at this park include:

- a playground for 2-5 year olds
- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 2 belt swings and 2 bucket swings
- a pavilion with 3 tables and seating for 24
- 1 basketball court (no lights)
- a 1/8 mile walking trail
- parking
- future dog park site

8.3.1.4 GULFSTREAM PLANNING DISTRICT

Peter Bluesten Park and City Municipal Pool

Peter Bluesten Park is a 8.28 acre parcel of land located at 501 SE 1st Avenue. The park site also includes the City's municipal pool. The facilities at the Bluesten Park include:

Outdoor Park Facilities

- playground for 2-5 year olds
- playground for 5-12 year olds
- 4 belt swings, 1 bucket swing, 1 ADA swing
- 3 basketball courts (with lights)
- 2 tennis courts (with lights)
- 2 racquetball courts (with lights)
- 2 sand volleyball courts (with lights)
- athletic fields (with lights and bleachers)
- 1 batting cage
- a 1/8 mile walking trail
- restroom facilities
- a concessions stand
- picnic tables and benches
- parking

Indoor Park Facilities

- 2072 square feet of space that can be setup with tables and chairs to seat 90 or theatre style seating for 190
- a full kitchen
- restroom facilities

- meeting room and staff offices

Municipal Pool

- 6 lane heated lap pool
- an activity pool with 3 play pieces
- lounge chairs and picnic tables
- lifeguard stands
- 3 outdoor showers
- locker rooms with shower and restroom facilities
- staff offices

The City has purchased 8.68 acres of adjoining property to Bluesten Park and is planning to expand park facilities in the next several fiscal years.

In addition to the park and recreation facilities at Bluesten Park, the park also offers youth athletic and camp programs. The facilities at the park can be rented for private and special events and be used for community meetings. The City Municipal Pool offers swimming lessons and classes.

Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center

The Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center is located at 410 SE 3rd Street. The Center is located on 1.95 acres and includes a 10,604 square foot, state of the art cultural community center, that offers programs and classes for the performing and visual arts, as well as entertainment and social events. The facility includes the following:

- a 4,700 square foot auditorium that can be set up to seat 250 with tables and chairs or 400 in theatre style seating
- a full kitchen
- 3 multipurpose rooms
- restroom facilities
- parking
- staff offices

The facility is available for rent for private events such as parties, weddings, meetings, dinners, dances, and other activities as requested. The administrative offices of the Parks and Recreation Department are also housed at this location.

8.3.1.5 SOUTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT

Ingalls Park

Ingalls Park is a 4.63 acre park located at 735 SW 1st Street. Ingalls park is primarily a passive recreation facility with a multipurpose building. A detailed list of facilities

include:

Park

- a playground for 2-5 year olds
- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 4 belt swings and 4 bucket swings
- a ¼ mile walking trail with exercise equipment
- a large pavilion with 8 tables and seating for 64
- a small pavilion with 4 tables and seating for 32
- a gazebo
- a pond
- restroom facilities
- benches
- parking

Building

- 1,352 square feet that can seat 90 with tables and chairs
- limited kitchen
- staff offices

Ingalls Park offers a senior exercise program through Aventura Hospital and park facilities can be rented for special events and community meetings.

Hallandale Adult Center and Hallandale Elementary School

The Hallandale Adult Center and Community School and the Hallandale Elementary School are located on a combined site of 22.75 acres. The Hallandale Adult Center and Community School is located at 1000 SW 3rd Street and the Hallandale Elementary School is located at 900 SW 8th Street. The City has a reciprocal use agreement with the School Board which allows the City to use both schools' facilities at mutually agreed upon times. School facilities include:

- classroom and meeting space
- auditoriums and gymnasiums
- athletic fields and play areas
- parking

Gulfstream Middle School

The Gulfstream Middle School is located a 120 SW 4th Avenue and is located on 6.86 acres. The City has a reciprocal use agreement with the School Board which allows the City to use the school's facilities at mutually agreed upon times. School facilities include:

- classroom and meeting space
- auditorium and gymnasium
- athletic fields and play areas
- parking

8.3.1.6 DIPLOMAT/THREE ISLANDS PLANNING DISTRICT

Joseph Scavo Park

Located within the Three Islands Section is a seven acre parcel of property that was deeded to the City for recreation use. The park is primarily a passive park and includes the following facilities:

- a playground for 5-12 year olds
- 2 belt swings, 1 bucket swing and 1 ADA swing
- a 1/3 mile walking trail
- benches
- parking

8.3.1.7 PROPOSED NEW PARK FACILITIES

In addition to the park improvements and additions that are discussed above for Foster Park and Bluesten Park, the City is also proposing a 0.33 NE Neighborhood Park at 800 NE 5th Street which would be located within the Northeast Planning District; a 1.00 acre City Marina Site located on Three Islands Boulevard just north of the City Fire Station in the Diplomat/Three Islands Planning District; and a 0.47 acres SW Neighborhood Park at 814 SW 6th Avenue in the Southwest Planning District. Lastly, the City is seeking to acquire vacant land from Gulfstream Park east of the existing complex and west of Layne Boulevard.

8.3.2 EXISTING PRIVATELY OWNED FACILITIES

8.3.2.1 Residential

Privately owned facilities account for the majority number of available recreational areas in the eastern sector of the City. Private condominium developers have included recreational and open space facilities within their properties. The City has previously inventoried these facilities and are listed below:

The privately owned facilities in the Northeast, Diplomat / Three Islands, Golden Isles / A1A Planning Districts, include approximately:*

- . 90 swimming pools
- . 45 shuffleboard court facilities
- . 80 recreational buildings

40 tennis court facilities

*Source: Hallandale Beach Planning Department, May, 1988. Several new developments have been constructed since 1988 that have increased the total.

Note: It should be noted that within the Golden Isles Planning District, many of the large single family homes have private swimming pools which provide recreational opportunity for those in the Golden Isles Planning District. (Not included in given total.)

8.3.2.2 Commercial Recreation Land

Within the City there are approximately 292 acres of privately owned commercial recreation land which provides additional open space and recreation opportunities to the residents of the city. This type of recreational land accounts for approximately 10.3% of the City's total land area. The major commercial recreation lands are shown in Figure 8-1.

Golf Course and Country Club Facilities

The Diplomat Country Club and Golf Course, is located at 501 Diplomat Parkway and is approximately 96 acres, although not deed restricted at this time, is one of the major open space areas in the City.

Racetrack and Casino Facilities

The Gulfstream Park Racetrack and Casino is a thoroughbred racing facility and Casino of approximately 140 acres. In 2006 with State and voter approval, Gulfstream Park added a casino to their venue. In addition, as part of a joint venture the City approved a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) in 2007 for the Village at Gulfstream Park - a 60 acre mixed-use "lifestyle center" on the west portion of their property abutting US 1. The Mardi Gras Racetrack and Casino is located at 831 North Federal Highway on approximately 50 acres, and like Gulfstream Park has added a casino to their property with State and voter approval. Both of these two major recreational facilities provide a unique and important function in the recreational activities and tourist economy for the City and Broward County. These facilities have provided and will continue to provide other recreational activities which benefit the residents of Hallandale Beach as well as other Broward County residents; for instance, art shows, concerts, carnivals, plant shows, etc.

8.3.3 EXISTING REGIONAL PARKS

The State of Florida, Broward County and Miami-Dade County have regional parks which provide open space and recreational opportunities for residents of southeast Florida including Hallandale Beach.

A regional park as defined by the State of Florida, Division of Recreation and Parks is a large, resource-based area that serves two or more communities or counties and is usually located within an hour's driving distance of the residents it serves and ranges in size from a minimum of 250 acres to as much as several thousand acres.

Below is a listing of Florida, Broward and Miami-Dade County Parks which meet the definitions.

8.3.3.1 State of Florida

1. Oleta River State Recreation Area - 850 acres
2. Cape Florida State Recreation Area - 400 acres
3. John U. Lloyd State Park - 243.6 acres
4. Hugh Taylor Birch State Park - 180 acres

8.3.3.2 Broward County

Broward County has seven (7) regional parks within an hour's driving distance for Hallandale Beach residents with a minimum of 250 acres each.

1. West Lake – 1,390 acres
2. Markham Park - 542 acres
3. Tradewind Park - 540 acres
4. Quiet Waters Park - 430 acres
5. C.B. Smith Park - 299 acres
6. Tree Tops Park - 256 acres
7. Fern Forest - 254 acres

Broward County has also classified the following parks as regional even though they are less than 250 acres each. These parks are within an hour's drive for Hallandale Beach residents.

1. Brian Piccolo Park - 180 acres
2. Topeekeegee Yugnee Park - 130 acres
3. Miramar Park - 110 acres
4. North Beach Park - 56 acres

8.3.3.3 Miami-Dade County

Miami-Dade County has two (2) regional parks within an hour's driving distance of Hallandale Beach residents and a minimum of 250 acres each.

1. Crandon Park - 900 acres
2. Amelia Earhart Park - 515 acres

Miami-Dade County has also classified the following parks as regional, even though they are less than 250 acres. These parks are within an hour's drive for Hallandale Beach residents.

1. Greynolds Park - 220 acres
2. Haulover Park - 177 acres

Even though the state and county park acreage does not satisfy any of the requirements for Hallandale Beach recreation and open space, these sites are in close proximity of Hallandale Beach and are utilized by Hallandale Beach residents. Hallandale Beach is a member of the South Broward Parks District. These facilities serve City residents and the City is taxed for them.

In addition to the State and County parks that serve the residents of Hallandale Beach, the City is fortunate to be in close proximity to three large national parks including the Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve and Biscayne National Park.

8.4 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

8.4.1 Introduction

The analysis of existing conditions for the park and recreation facilities within the City of Hallandale Beach is conducted by reviewing the existing facilities in the City and within each Planning District and comparing that with 2000 U.S. Census figures for resident population and age of population. The City's Level of Service standard for parkland is based on the Broward County Land Use Plan requirement of 3 acres of parkland for every 1,000 permanent persons.

8.4.2 Existing Conditions By Planning District

8.4.2.1 NORTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT

The Northwest Planning District is 506 acres in area. The dominant use of the land is residential (29.0%), followed by streets (20.2%), community facilities (12.6%), vacant land (10.6%), and commercial (10.3%). 1.5% of the total acres is devoted to public recreation.

The 2000 U.S. Census population for the district is 4,137. Ages can be characteristically

grouped as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	1,112	26.8%
15-19	331	8.0%
20-34	783	18.9%
35- 64	1,345	32.5%
65+ years	566	13.7%

The Northwest Planning District has the highest percentage of youths in the City and the youth population increased slightly over the last 10 years. The noticeable change in demographics in the 2000 U.S. Census for the Northwest Planning District is the increase in adult population between 35 and 64 years of age and the decrease in the senior adult (65+) population. The Northwest Planning District is fortunate to house many City park and recreation facilities including 3 parks, a recreational center, a human services center, a school site and Chaves Lake. The planning districts park and recreation facilities have a combined acreage of 80.24 acres.

8.4.2.2 CENTRAL GATEWAY PLANNING DISTRICT

The Central Gateway Planning District is approximately 184 acres. The dominant usage of the area is residential (29.4%) followed by commercial (private) recreation (26.9%), streets (23.5%), and commercial (16.9%). The Central Gateway District is the most developed district in the City with only 1.0% of the district remaining vacant. There is no land in this district devoted to public recreation.

The 2000 U.S. Census population of the Central Gateway Planning District is 845 1,291. The age distribution can be grouped as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	166	12.8%
15-19	40	3.1%
20-34	266	20.6%
35-64	553	42.8%
65+ years		20.6%

This is the only planning district in the City that had its youth population remain relatively the same from 1990 to 2000 while its senior population (65+) increased during the same time period. There are no public recreation facilities in the planning district. However, since the planning district is centrally located within the City, it is close to facilities in neighboring planning districts.

8.4.2.3 NORTHEAST PLANNING DISTRICT

The Northeast Planning District is approximately 243 acres. The dominant use of the area is residential (62.2%), followed by streets (23.2%), business and commercial (9.8%), and community facilities (1.6%). There are currently no public recreational facilities, but the City is planning to locate a playground in a small neighborhood park at 800 NE 5th Street. The district is only 3.2% vacant.

The 2000 U.S. Census indicated that the Northeast Planning District had a population 4,431. The age distribution is categorized as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	336	7.6%
15-19	103	2.3%
20-34	716	16.2%
35-64	1602	36.2%
65+ years	1,674	37.8%

The Northeast Planning District experienced significant population changes between 1990 and 2000 according to the U.S. Census. The youth population (0-19 years of age) increased from 5% to 9.9% and its adult population (20-64 years of age) increased from 31% to 52.4% of the total population. During the same time period the senior (65+) population decreased from 64% to 37.8%. Currently this district has no parks or open space. However, the City recently acquired property at 800 NE 5th Street and plans to build a neighborhood park with a playground. In addition, many condominiums in this area and private homes have pools and other recreational facilities.

8.4.2.4 DIPLOMAT / THREE ISLANDS PLANNING DISTRICT

The Diplomat / Three Islands Planning District is 424 acres in area. The present dominant use of the land in this district is residential (41.8%), followed by recreation (26.0%) of which the majority is private, water bodies (10.2%), streets (8.3%), and commercial (12.6%).

The 2000 U.S. Census indicated that the Diplomat / Three Islands Planning District population was 6,193, with the highest age percentage being elderly. The age distribution in the Diplomat / Three Islands District is as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	278	4.5%
15-19	83	1.3%
20-34	844	13.6%
35- 64	2,078	33.6%
65+ years	2,910	47.0%

During the time period from 1990 to 2000, the Diplomat / Three Islands Planning District saw its senior (65+) population decrease from 71% to 47% while the adult population (20-64) increased from 26% to 47.2%. The youth population (0-19) also increased but not as significantly as the adult population. Currently, there is one park of 7.02 acres in the district. Again, however, private recreational facilities are abundant in this planning district and should not be overlooked when considering recreational opportunities in this district. The Diplomat Country Club and Golf Course is one of those private recreational facilities in the planning district and is over 100 acres in size.

8.4.2.5 GOLDEN ISLES / A1A PLANNING DISTRICT

The Golden Isles / A1A Planning District has a total of 515 acres. The dominant usage of the area is residential (51.0%), followed by water bodies (25.2%), streets (10.9%), vacant land (3.0%), general business and commercial (5.5%), community facilities (2.3%), and public recreation (2.1%).

The 2000 U.S. Census indicated that in the Golden Isles / A1A Planning District had a population of 9,373. This district has the highest percentage of elderly residents with 56.0% of its population age 65 or over. Ages can be characteristically grouped as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	333	3.6%
15-19	131	1.4%
20-34	763	8.1%
35-64	2,894	30.9%
65+ years	5,252	56.0%

During the time period from 1990 to 2000, the Golden Isles / A1A Planning District saw its senior (65+) population decrease from 79% to 56% while the adult population (20-64) increased from 19% to 39%. The youth population (0-19) increased from 2% to 5% but not as significantly as the adult population. As already discussed, this planning district has the highest percentage of seniors. In addition, it also has the highest actual number of seniors with 5,252 persons 65 or older according to the 2000 U.S. Census. The Golden Isles / A1A Planning District includes 2 City beachfront parks, a tennis center, a neighborhood park with playground, and public dedicated waterways for a total of over 105 acres of recreational opportunities. This planning district too, has a proliferation of private residential recreational facilities which add to the recreational opportunities in the district.

8.4.2.6 GULFSTREAM PLANNING DISTRICT

The Gulfstream Planning District has a total area of approximately 416 acres. The

dominant land use of the area is recreation (35.2%), of which the majority is private recreation, followed by residential (18.2%), streets and railroad 11.6%), and vacant land (3.9%). Public recreation accounts for 1.8% of the total Gulfstream Planning District area.

The 2000 U.S. Census indicated that the planning district had a population of 2,640. The age distribution characteristics are as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	353	13.4%
15-19	81	3.1%
20-34	574	21.7%
35-64	1,040	39.4%
65+ years	592	22.4%

Similar to other planning districts in the City, the Gulfstream Planning District also saw its adult (20-64) and youth (0-19) populations increase while its senior (65+) population decreased during the time frame from 1990 to 2000. Currently, the planning district's park and recreation facilities include the Cultural Community Center and approximately 8.28 acres of public recreational facilities at Bluesten Park. The City has recently acquired additional acreage adjacent to Bluesten Park and plans to enlarge the park and its facilities.

8.4.2.7 SOUTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT

The Southwest Planning District is 544 acres in area. The dominant use of the land is residential (56.5%), followed by streets (18.2%), vacant land (2.9%), water bodies (6.1%), community facilities (7.5%), and general business and commercial (7.9%). Public recreation occupies only 0.9% of the total area.

The 2000 U.S. Census for the Southwest Planning District indicated a population of 6,216. The age distribution can be grouped as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
0-14	1,293	20.8%
15-19	373	6.0%
20-34	1,161	18.7%
35-64	2,387	38.4%
65+ years	1,002	16.1%

During the time period from 1990 to 2000, the Southwest Planning District saw its age of population remain largely unchanged compared to other planning districts in the City. The only significant change was the increase from 28% to 38.4% in adults aged 35 to 64 and the decrease from 29% to 16.1% in senior adults (65+). It should be noted that the Southwest Planning District has the most balanced age of population within the City

and the largest number of children (1,666). The Southwest Planning District is home to Ingalls Park, 3 school sites and several dedicated lakes and waterways. The City is currently developing a new SW neighborhood park at SW 6th Avenue and SW 9th Street.

8.4.2.8 WATERWAYS

Hallandale Beach has 142.68 total acres of public, dedicated waterways. These waterways were included in the 1978 and 1997 certified Recreation and Open Space Plan and provide access to aquatic leisure opportunities for City residents. The following waterways are dedicated for public use.

. Rolan Acres Canal	1.51 acres
. Schaffer Park Canal	1.23 acres
. Sunset Lake Park	5.05 acres
. Golden Isles Waterways (except Parcel K)	94.80 acres
. Diplomat Golf Estates (DeSoto Waterway)	4.09 acres
Chaves Lake	35.00 acres

8.4.2.9 CITY - WIDE

Hallandale Beach's required park and open space acreage is 102.8 acres as per the level of service standard adopted in the Broward County Land Use Plan of 3 acres per 1,000 permanent persons. Currently the City has 108.56 existing acres of public parks and open space, and 142.68 acres of public waterways, therefore, providing a total of 251.24 acres of recreational land for City residents, a surplus of 148.44 acres, based upon the 2000 U.S. Census population total for the City of 34,282. However, the location and distribution of parks and recreational facilities is not balanced geographically to all residents and some facilities are undersized; therefore, the City will continue to look at opportunities to acquire additional land.

Table 8-1, gives the required acreage for projected future City populations.

8.4.2.10 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS

The existing recreation and open space needs are based on the 2000 U.S. Census population of 34,282 and the park standards as outlined on the Broward County Land Use Plan. Future recreation and open space needs are based on population projections for the City provided by Broward County Urban Planning and Redevelopment Department, Planning Services Division.

TABLE 8-1
SUMMARY OF RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS
CITYWIDE

	2000	2006	2010	2015	2020
Population	34,282	34,622	39,406	43,996	48,493
Required Acreage	102.8	103.9	118.2	132.0	145.5
Surplus Acreage	148.44	147.34	133.04	119.24	105.74
(based on 251.24 available acres)					

8.4.3 IMPLEMENTATION

The City will continue to meet the park and recreation needs of the City residents by continuing to implement the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the City has been working on a City-wide Strategic Plan, a Master Plan and a City for a Lifetime Plan. All of these planning processes have helped the City formulate a park and recreation program for the City which offers a wide variety of facilities and programs for its current and future populations. In the last several years the City has acquired several new park sites and acquired additional parkland at several existing parks. Major park facility expansions are currently being planned for Foster Park in the Northwest Planning District and Bluesten Park in the Gulfstream Planning District.

A specific outcome of the Strategic Plan process has been the creation of a City committee charged with developing a 2008 Park and Recreation Improvement Plan. The committee includes City employees from the City Departments of Parks and Recreation, Human Services, Public Works, Development Services, the City Manager's Office and the Police Department including Police Athletic League (PAL). The committee is evaluating the current City parks and programs offered to determine the future needs of the community as it continues to grow and change demographically. The committee will develop a concept plan and will present it to the community for further vision, input and feedback. The final plan will then be implemented. Important park and recreation ideas and needs that the committee has already identified includes: increasing the number of athletic facilities and fields; increasing the opportunity for neighborhood pocket parks; incorporating special features and trends into parks such as dog parks; teen facilities and programs; health and safety needs of park patrons; parking issues; beach re-nourishment; and green/environmental practices at parks.