



RECREATION & LEISURE

Recreation and Open Space & Library

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GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

Goal R&L-1: Parks and Recreation

~~GOAL #2~~—Provide a variety of parks, recreational facilities and programs, and open space areas ~~available~~ to all residents and visitors of Citrus County.

~~Park and Recreation Facilities~~

Objective R&L-1.1: ~~Objective 2.1~~ Park and Recreation Facilities

~~The Citrus~~ County shall periodically review its current facilities inventory to meet the needs of the population ~~through the year 2040~~.

Policy R&L-1.1.1: ~~Policy 2.1.1~~ Level of Service Standards

~~The Citrus~~ County shall adopt the following level of service standards for new development for park facilities:

Parks ~~(County/City)~~ – ~~53~~ acres per 1,000 population

~~Regional (Federal/State) – 10 acres per 1,000 population~~

Boat Ramps – 1 lane per 5,000 population

Policy R&L-1.1.2: ~~Policy 2.1.2~~ Individual Park Plans

~~The Citrus~~ County shall develop individual park plans and recreational facilities suitable to the needs of residents in the impact fee districts based upon user needs and demand, population projections, and availability of existing facilities and resources.

Policy R&L-1.1.3: ~~Policy 2.1.3~~—Fort Island Gulf Beach Expansion

Citrus County shall further review the potential for ~~Prior to~~ expanding ~~sion of~~ Fort Island Gulf Beach, appropriate state agencies shall be consulted regarding wetland and archeological concerns.

Policy R&L-1.1.4: ~~Policy 2.1.4~~—Deficiency Review

On an annual basis, ~~the~~ the Parks and Recreation Section shall periodically review existing deficiencies in park and recreational facilities ~~and shall identify corrective actions or capital improvements to address identified deficiencies.~~

Policy R&L-1.1.5: ~~Policy 2.1.5~~—Alternative Funding

The ~~Citrus~~ County shall ~~review seek~~ alternate means (e.g., grants, partnerships, donations, impact fees, etc.) to find funding to meet ~~pParks (County/City)~~ needs.

Policy R&L-1.1.6: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Citrus County shall create and maintain a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that provide long-term, data-driven assessment of recreational needs, facility conditions, and capital investment priorities, consistent with the County's adopted level of service standards.

Policy R&L-1.1.7: ~~Policy 2.1.6~~—Resident Input

During the preparations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, ~~The Citrus~~ County shall consider ~~citizen resident~~ input in order to assess parks and recreation community needs.

Policy R&L-1.1.8: ~~Policy 2.1.7~~—Civic Engagement

~~The Citrus~~ County shall develop and encourage civic engagement and volunteer opportunities in community projects that promote community health.

Policy R&L-1.1.9: Park Service Area Equity

Citrus County shall identify neighborhoods and communities lacking adequate access to public parks within a three-mile service area and shall prioritize land

acquisition, park improvements, and partnerships to address identified gaps as funding becomes available.

Policy 2.1.8—The County shall encourage reduction in exposure to secondhand smoke by prohibiting smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (a/k/a vaping) on government property outside of specifically designated areas. [NOT NECESSARY TO BE MAINTAINED IN COMP PLAN.]

Open Space

Objective R&L-1.2: Objective 2.2 Open Space

The Citrus County shall provide-ensure that adequate open space areas are preserved to satisfy population growth.

Policy R&L-1.2.1: Policy 2.2.1—Open Space Acquisition

The Citrus County shall continue to coordinate efforts with the appropriate governmental agencies to secure the purchase and planning of designated open space areas.

Policy R&L-1.2.2: Policy 2.2.2—Open Space Management Plans

The Citrus County shall coordinate with federal, state, regional, and local governments in the development of management plans of open spaces, preserves, and reserves.

Policy R&L-1.2.3: Policy 2.2.3—Cross Florida Greenway Coordination

The Citrus County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Office of Greenways and Trails in the development of plans, agreements, and the usage of Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway properties for recreation sites and facilities.

Policy R&L-1.2.4: Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation in Park Design

Citrus County shall integrate resiliency and hazard mitigation strategies into the planning and design of park facilities, particularly those located in or near flood-prone areas. Strategies shall include nature-based shoreline stabilization, resilient construction techniques for waterfront facilities, low impact development methods, and green infrastructure approaches where appropriate. **[NEW POLICY]**

Private/Public Sector

Objective R&L-1.3: Objective 2.3 Public/Private Sector

~~The Citrus County shall require, during the development planning stage,~~ adequate park, recreational, and open space facilities during the development planning stage, and shall coordinate with public and private entities to expand recreational opportunities for residents meet the needs of the particular development and to promote active living. **[COMBINING LANGUAGE WITH OBJ 2.4]**

Policy R&L-1.3.1: Policy 2.3.1—Residential Recreation Dedication

~~The Citrus County will shall assure ensure~~ that all residential development dedicate or provide active recreation and open space areas with operable facilities at the point of subdivision to promote active living ~~as important to success.~~

Policy R&L-1.3.2: Policy 2.3.2—Recreation Area Calculation

The calculation of recreation and open space areas by a development shall not include drainage retention areas, buffer areas, or related utilitarian facilities that do not provide active recreation, unless otherwise approved in a Planned Unit Development as outlined in the ~~Future Land Use Element~~ Growth & Development Chapter.

Policy R&L-1.3.3: Policy 2.3.3—Private Recreation Maintenance

~~The Citrus County shall require~~ that recreation and open space areas retained in private ownership be adequately operated and maintained.

Policy R&L-1.3.4: Policy 2.3.4 Impact Fee Credits

~~The Citrus~~ County ~~will~~ shall provide impact fee credits for park facilities in accordance with the County Impact Fee Ordinance.

~~Objective 2.4 The County will continue to coordinate with all levels of government and the private sector to provide and improve recreational opportunities for all residents.~~

[COMBINED WITH OBJ 2.3]

Policy R&L-1.3.5: Policy 2.4.1 School Board Agreement

~~The~~ Citrus County Board of County Commissioners shall maintain a working agreement with the Citrus County School Board for the general public's use of recreational facilities at County schools and for the collocation of parks during the school siting process.

Commitment to Access

Objective R&L-1.4: Objective 2.5 Commitment to Access

~~The Citrus~~ County shall provide access at public recreational sites, facilities, beaches, and shorelines for all.

Policy R&L-1.4.1: Policy 2.5.1 Access-Way Design Standards

All new public and private parks and recreational facilities shall be designed and constructed with appropriate ~~access-ways~~ accessways.

Policy R&L-1.4.2: Policy 2.5.2 Beach and Shoreline Access

~~The Citrus~~ County shall maintain or improve public access to beaches and shores.

Policy R&L-1.4.3: ~~Policy 2.5.3~~ Public Information Program

The Parks and Recreation Division ~~will~~shall continue to update its information and ~~awareness~~promote its programs and disseminate information to all segments of the County's population.

Policy R&L-1.4.4: ~~Policy 2.5.4~~ Signage Design

The Parks and Recreation Division ~~will~~shall continue to implement a comprehensive wayfinding and signage design for all County operated recreation facilities.

Policy R&L-1.4.5: ~~Policy 2.5.5~~ ADA Accessibility

The Parks and Recreation Division shall provide ~~handicapped~~accessible and facilities at all County maintained recreation sites.

Policy R&L-1.4.6: ~~Policy 2.5.6~~ Property Acquisition Procedures

~~The Citrus~~ County shall develop procedures to facilitate the acquisitions of properties which contain special features and/or shoreline and water-use access and establish criteria for selection and funding.

Policy R&L-1.4.7: ~~Policy 2.5.7~~ Barge Canal Boat Ramp

~~The Citrus~~ County shall continue to work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails to establish a regional boat ramp on the Barge Canal to provide access to the Gulf of Mexico.

Policy R&L-1.4.8: ~~Policy 2.5.8~~ Impact Fee Appropriation

Proceeds collected from the Park component of the Impact Fees shall be considered for the appropriation for all park facilities, including boat ramps designed as a regional recreational facility, ~~when the projected usage extends beyond the immediate Parks Benefit District.~~

Policy R&L-1.4.9: Passive Recreation for Aging Populations

Citrus County shall ensure that park improvements and new facilities incorporate passive recreational amenities appropriate for residents of all ages and abilities, including shaded seating, walking loops, low-impact fitness equipment, and overlooks, while maintaining ADA compliance. [NEW POLICY]

Policy R&L-1.4.10: Waterfront Facilities Improvement Plan

Citrus County shall establish a boat ramp and waterfront facilities improvement plan which shall take inventory of all existing facilities, determine future needs, and provide adequate funding for acquisition, construction, and maintenance.

Policy R&L-1.4.11: Public Access Study

Citrus County shall create a public access study to analyze and include provisions for providing and maintaining adequate public access sites; shall be consistent with the public access requirements of the Chapter 161, Florida Statutes and shall include an analysis and requirements for adequate parking, vehicular access, public restrooms, and handicapped access. [FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT]

Policy R&L-1.4.12: Water-Based Recreation Access

Citrus County shall seek to expand and diversify public water-based recreational access by pursuing development of additional boat ramps, kayak and canoe launches, boardwalks, and small craft access points, and by improving wayfinding, safety, and support amenities at existing water access facilities. [NEW POLICY]

Commitment to Interconnected Trail System

Objective R&L-1.5: ~~Objective 2.6~~ Commitment to Interconnected Trail System

~~The~~ Citrus County shall maintain a Trails Master Plan and, as part of its annual Capital Improvement Plan, prioritize trail projects consistent with the Plan for all residents and tourists. [COMBINED WITH OBJ 2.7]

Policy R&L-1.5.1: ~~Policy 2.6.1~~—Drainage Area Joint Use

Development of regional drainage areas shall include joint-use features that incorporate passive recreational, trails, and trail heads.

~~Objective 2.7 The County shall, as part of its annual Capital Improvement Plan, prioritize projects that are consistent with the Trails Master Plan.~~ **[COMBINED WITH OBJ 2.6]**

Policy R&L-1.5.2: Policy 2.7.1—Intergovernmental Trail Coordination

~~The Citrus~~ County shall coordinate with the cities of Crystal River and Inverness and with adjacent and nearby cities and counties, as well as regional, state and federal agencies, as applicable, with regard to prioritization, connectivity, cost and resource sharing, as well as promotion of a regional trail network.

Policy R&L-1.5.3: Policy 2.7.2—Trail Funding Sources

Funding for projects identified in the Trails Master Plan may be secured through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funding prioritizing process, or such projects may be funded fully or partially through ~~the~~ grants; public-private partnerships; mobility fees; multi-modal and/or recreational impact fees as appropriate; or other public or private funding sources. Highest priority shall be given to projects providing connectivity to or extension of existing multi-jurisdiction trails.

Policy R&L-1.5.4: Policy 2.2.4—Blueways Coordination

~~The Citrus~~ County shall coordinate with the appropriate agencies for blueways ~~canoe trails of along~~ the Chassahowitzka River, Crystal River, Homosassa River, Coastal Estuarine, and the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes. **[MOVED TO OBJ 2.6/2.7 – TRAIL OBJECTIVE]**

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

Goal R&L-2: Library

~~GOAL #21~~—Provide quality library service by meeting the educational, informational, cultural, professional, and recreational needs of the residents of Citrus County in a creative and positive manner.

~~Collection Development~~

~~Objective R&L-2.1: Objective 21.1~~Collection Development

~~Citrus County shall d~~Develop collections of material in an array of formats that are responsive to the needs of all patrons utilizing library services in Citrus County. ~~through:~~
1) ~~Analysis of demand for materials by format type and subject area through circulation data, patron requests, and surveys;~~ 2) ~~Analysis of community demographics and statistical projections;~~ and 3) ~~Planning and development to enhance the availability and accessibility of the collections and resources.~~ [STRUCK LANGUAGE CONVERTED TO POLICIES]

Policy R&L-2.1.1: Circulation and Patron Data Review

~~Citrus County shall regularly analyze circulation data, patron requests, and survey results to assess demand for library materials by format type and subject area.~~

Policy R&L-2.1.2: ~~Policy 21.1.1~~ Demographics and Demand Analysis

~~Citrus County shall r~~Regularly review ~~the available data on the community demographics and population projections of the surrounding service area~~ for each library ~~facility~~service area to inform collection planning and development.

Policy R&L-2.1.3: ~~Policy 21.1.2~~ Targeted Collection Development

~~Citrus County shall r~~Regularly ~~focus on~~analyze how the collection is utilized by each segment of the community and establish targets for focused development of the

collections to ensure that a broad array of subject areas and formats is available and easily accessible.

Physical Facilities

Objective R&L-2.2: ~~Objective 21.2~~——Physical Facilities

Citrus County shall provide County residents with well-maintained facilities that are accessible, of adequate size and provide for functional and flexible use of space as determined through analysis of community needs in each library facility's service area.

Policy R&L-2.2.1: ~~Policy 21.2.1~~ Demand for New Facilities

Citrus County shall regularly evaluate the need for new facilities in each region of the County.

Policy R&L-2.2.2: ~~Policy 21.2.2~~ Library Maintenance

Citrus County shall regularly evaluate the condition of each library facility to determine current and future maintenance needs and ensure that all facilities remain attractive, up-to-date, and public-service oriented.

Policy R&L-2.2.3: ~~Policy 21.2.3~~ Functional Interior Spaces

Citrus County shall regularly evaluate how the functional interior spaces in each library facility are utilized for the provision of services and for flexibility in correlation with the use of public space and of the collections in all formats.

Policy R&L-2.2.4: Expansion

Citrus County shall explore opportunities to develop additional libraries or increase library square footage.

Policy R&L-2.2.5: Library Level of Service

Citrus County shall strive to provide 0.60 square feet per capita of library facility.

Community Education

Objective R&L-2.3: Objective 21.3——Community Education

Citrus County's libraries shall sServe all residents of Citrus County as centers for lifelong learning, ~~and~~ ensuringe equal and open access to information and resources that support personal and professional development.

Policy R&L-2.3.1: Policy 21.3.1 Educational and Cultural Programs

Citrus County shall pProvide access to quality educational and cultural programs, classes, and materials that enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Policy R&L-2.3.2: Policy 21.3.2 Adult Literacy

Citrus County shall cContinue to develop adult literacy as a primary area of service to the community and provide access to the necessary programs, classes and other learning resources.

Policy R&L-2.3.3: Policy 21.3.3 Digital Literacy

Citrus County shall sSupport digital literacy through programs and classes that focus on the community's needs for educational resources and the training necessary for the effective use of common and emerging technologies.

Policy R&L-2.3.4: Policy 21.3.4——Children and Youth Programs

Citrus County shall dDevelop and maintain children and youth programs that ~~focus on the necessity of~~ foster exploration and creative expression to build reading readiness and literacy skills.

Policy R&L-2.3.5: Policy 21.3.5 School and Organizational Partnerships

Citrus County shall eEstablish and maintain relationships with local schools and other organizations that support and promote learning in the community.

Policy R&L-2.3.6: Annual Review

Citrus County shall annually evaluate the services provided and determine if the balance of library programs is appropriate to the needs of the community.

Technology

Objective R&L-2.4: ~~Objective 21.4~~——Technology

Citrus County shall sServe all residents of Citrus County as a community center for equal and open access to computers, the ~~Internet~~internet and other technologies that are required to access and utilize information digitally.

Policy R&L-2.4.1: ~~Policy 21.4.1~~ Computer Access

Citrus County shall pProvide public access to computers and the internet as a core function.

Policy R&L-2.4.2: ~~Policy 21.4.2~~——Mobile Access to Library Resources

Citrus County shall cContinue to develop support of wireless and mobile devices for citizen access to the library's digital resources.

Policy R&L-2.4.3: ~~Policy 21.4.3~~——Special Needs Equipment

Citrus County shall eExpand and maintain special needs equipment which provide reading and listening devices to assist visually and hearing impaired individuals.

Planning and Funding

Objective R&L-2.5: ~~Objective 21.5~~——Planning and Funding

Citrus County shall cContinue to broaden the base of support and funding for Library Services in Citrus County by identifying, evaluating, and pursuing supplemental funding sources.

Policy R&L-2.5.1: Friends of the Library

~~Policy 21.5.1~~Citrus County shall sSupport and promote the Friends of the Library fundraising activities throughout the County.

Policy R&L-2.5.2: State and Federal Funding Opportunities

~~Policy 21.5.2—Citrus County shall m~~Maximize opportunities provided through State and Federal funding sources and other grants.

Policy R&L-2.5.3: Library Foundation Fund

~~Policy 21.5.3—Citrus County shall c~~Continue to develop long-term fundraising options through the Library Foundation fund.