

## RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

### GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

#### GOAL 1: DIVERSE, EQUITABLE AND UNIQUE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE.

TO PROVIDE, MAINTAIN, AND PRESERVE A DIVERSE PARK, RECREATIONAL, AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES EQUITABLE ACCESS AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE'S UNIQUE NATURAL ASSETS AREAS FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE THAT WILL BENEFIT THE ALL RESIDENTS OF BELLE ISLE.

**OBJECTIVE 1.1: PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-PLANNED PARK SYSTEMS.** The City shall ~~require~~ continually seek to improve the City's unique parks and recreational assets and ensure that public access be provided for its residents and visitors. ~~City and County recreation areas in Belle Isle.~~

**Policy 1.1.1:** The Future Land Use Map, or a separate Park, Recreation Open Space Master Map, shall indicate all recreation areas within the City, including all access points to the Conway Chain of Lakes.

**Policy 1.1.2:** The City shall prepare and maintain a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to inventory and guide the future planning, design, protection and maintenance of new and existing infrastructure and amenities in both the natural and built environments.

**Policy 1.1.23:** The City shall continue to seek grant funding to enhance, acquire, and develop parks and open space, as well as a ~~master~~ Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

**Policy 1.1.34:** ~~After January 1, 1992, the~~ The City shall require the provision of sidewalks and bikeways between all new residential areas and recreation sites as development occurs.

**Policy 1.1.45:** The City shall maintain the adopted pedestrian, bikeway, and ~~canoe~~ waterway access plans as part of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

**Policy 1.1.6:** The City will maintain a master sign or park information policy to ensure uniform public information standards for all public parks.

**OBJECTIVE 1.2: COORDINATED PARKS SYSTEMS.** The City shall coordinate the provision of recreation sites, facilities and open space with other public ~~entities~~ agencies via the Intergovernmental Element and private resources through the implementation of the following policies:

**POLICY 1.2.1:** The City shall coordinate the provision of recreation sites and facilities with Orange County to reduce duplication of services and improve the City's LOS Level of Service.

**OBJECTIVE 1.3: MAINTAIN LEVELS OF SERVICE FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL**

**FACILITIES.** The City shall coordinate the provision of recreation sites, facilities and open space with other public entities and private resources through the implementation of the following policies to maintain established Levels of Services.

**POLICY 1.3.1:** The Land Development Codes (LDC's) shall include definitions of the following terms:

- a) resource based parks (~~passive parks~~);
- b) activity based parks (~~none in Belle Isle~~);
- c) active recreation
- d) passive recreation
- e) park service areas; and
- f) open space, which shall include all natural resource areas which protect natural amenities, all buffer areas within residential or commercial areas, and all passive recreation areas.

**POLICY 1.3.2:** The City shall adopt a Level of Service for activity and resource-based parks of 1 acre per 1,000 people and will monitor this LOS through the creation of a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

**POLICY 1.3.3:** The LDC's shall include standards for development and dedication of parks and open space by private entities for public ownership and use.

**GOAL 2: MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE CHAIN OF LAKES RECREATIONAL ASSETS.** The City of Belle Isle shall provide active and passive recreational opportunities while protecting and improving its environmentally sensitive areas and natural resources and. ~~Furthermore, the City shall ensure residents and visitors continued public access to the Conway Lake Chain Chain of Lakes.~~

**OBJECTIVE 2.1: ENHANCE LAKE ACCESS.** The City shall require public boat ramps based on a Level of Service standard of one public boat ramp per 3,000 residents and public canoe launches based on the Level of Service standard of one public canoe launch per 1,500 residents.

**POLICY 2.1.1:** To encourage public access, ensure active and passive public recreation opportunities, and to facilitate environmental education, informational signs will be posted at all City parks and boat ramps regarding the presence of the Conway Lake Chain of Lakes canoe trails. An element of the signs will be information for all watercraft regarding safety and, in particular, safe use of powerboats within the designated canoe trails where self-propelled craft will be used. This effort will be coordinated with adjacent jurisdictions.

**Policy 2.1.2:** The City will maintain a public boat ramp map within the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to ensure all users are aware of availability and access options.

**POLICY 2.1.23:** The City will continue maintenance and enhancement of park and open space features such as benches, tables, fountains and exercise equipment at all ~~active~~ city parks.

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