

***RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT***

**GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

**GOAL 1:**

To provide areas for recreation and open space that will benefit the residents of Belle Isle.

**OBJECTIVE 1.1:**

The City shall require that public access be provided for City and County recreation areas in Belle Isle.

**POLICY 1.1.1:**

The Future Land Use 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 continue to seek grant funding to enhance, acquire, and develop park and open space.

**POLICY 1.1.3:**

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

**POLICY 1.1.4:**

The City shall maintain the adopted pedestrian, bikeway, and canoe plans.

**OBJECTIVE 1.2:**

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.

**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.

**OBJECTIVE 1.3:**

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:

**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) park service areas; and
- d) open space 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.

**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:**

The City of Belle Isle shall provide active and passive recreational opportunities while protecting and improving its environmentally-sensitive areas and natural resources. Furthermore, the City shall ensure residents and visitors continued public access to the Conway Lake Chain.

**OBJECTIVE 2.1:**

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 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.

**POLICY 2.1.2:**

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.