

**EAR REVIEW CHECKLIST
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

Potential Amendments/Tools for Evaluation from the EAR	Work Plan	Recommendation for Action
<p>1. Revise objectives and policies to implement the adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan.</p>	<p>Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and polices to address implementation of recommendations of Parks and Recreation Master Plan approved by BOCC in April 2001.</p>	<p>Update Support Document with data and analysis from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (see updated Support Document).</p> <p>New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Goal 1 revision, Policy revision to REC 1.1.1, 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7, 1.1.8, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.7, 1.4.2, 1.5.1, 1.5.3, 1.6.4, and 1.6.5, Table 5-1, and Table 5-2, page 5-2 of GOPS).</p> <p>New map of existing and proposed parks (see MAP 5-1, page 5-12 of Support Document).</p>
<p>2. Revise objectives and policies to reflect the collection of park and recreation impact fees and new park land development/ dedication requirements.</p>	<p>Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and polices to address current County park and recreation impact fee and park land dedication requirement.</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see revised Objective REC 1.3 and Policies REC 1.3.1, 1.4.1, 1.4.2, and 1.4.3).</p>
<p>3. Develop a recreational trails master plan. Establish greenways/trails program consistent with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Plan. Map trails in existing planned communities.</p>	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies that call for the development of a recreational trails master plan and develop map of existing and planned trail network in the County coordinated with the MPO trail efforts.</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies and new map of existing and proposed trails in the County for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see New Objective REC 1.6 and Policies REC 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 1.6.4, 1.6.5, 1.6.6, 1.6.7, 1.6.8; and MAP 5-4, page 23 Support Document).</p>
<p>4. Establish greenways/trails committee through the Parks and Recreation Department.</p>	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies that call for the establishment of a greenways/trails committee.</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.6.7).</p>
<p>5. Identify linear parks as a component of the recreation program.</p>	<p>Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and policies to identify linear parks</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies and map of existing and proposed trails for the</p>

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	as part of the parks and recreation program.	Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.6.6 and New Objective REC 1.7 and Policies REC 1.7.1, 1.7.2, 1.7.3, 1.7.4; and MAP 5-1, page 5-13 GOPS and MAP 5-4, page 23 of Support Document).
6. Expand definition of parks to include “blueways” and “greenways.”	Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and policies to include “blueways” and “greenways” as a park.	New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.6.6).
7. Evaluate Best Management Practices for golf courses.	White Paper. Identify current best management practices (BMP) for golf course maintenance. Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and polices, encouraging BMP for golf courses.	Update Support Document with golf course BMP research (see page 5-24 of Support Document) New objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element. (Objective REC 1.8, Policies REC 1.8.1 and 1.8.2).
8. Review/evaluate appropriate land use designations for golf courses.	White Paper. Identify appropriate golf course land use designations and use as open space. Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies that indicate relationship of golf courses to land uses.	Update Future Land Use Support Document with golf course land use research. New objectives and policies for the Future Land Use Element. Coordination with Recreation & Open Space policies as needed once draft is complete. (Note: to be completed as a part of the Future Land Use Element Amendments).
9. Pursue partnership options with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for acquisition of potential lands.	Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and policies to reflect critical nature of need to partnership with SWFWMD in acquisition of lands.	New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policies REC 1.2.1, 1.3.3, 1.5.2, 1.10.1, 1.10.2, and 1.10.3).

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10. Enhance appropriate public access to coastal areas.	<p>Research. Identify existing and potential coastal public access points. Plan Amendment. Revise objectives and policies to provide for enhanced public access to coastal areas.</p>	<p>Identify existing and potential coastal public access areas (see page 5-14 Support Documentation, beginning with 6th paragraph and MAP 5-2 page 16 of Support Document). New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policies REC 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, and 1.5.4)</p>
11. Develop a wayfinding program (signage) for county parks.	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies for a wayfinding (signage) program for County parks.</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policies REC 1.2.4 and 1.6.9).</p>
12. Evaluate needs for special use facilities.	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft policy that establishes timeframe for the County to evaluate needs for special use facilities.</p>	<p>New policy for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.1.7).</p>
13. Encourage connectivity of trails to schools and libraries.	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies that encourage connectivity of trails to schools, libraries, and parks.</p>	<p>Map of existing and proposed trails in relation to schools, libraries, and parks. New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.6.1 and MAP 5-4 page 23 of Support Document).</p>
14. Encourage external linkages of trails between developments.	<p>Plan Amendment. Draft objectives and policies to encourage external linkages of trails between developments.</p>	<p>New and/or revised objectives and policies for the Recreation and Open Space Element (see Policy REC 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, and 1.6.7).</p>