

CHAPTER 8. RECREATION ELEMENT

RECREATION ELEMENT GOAL:

Provide adequate recreation and open space facilities to serve the Village's residents.

Objective 1: Access to recreation sites.

In general, ensure public access for Village residents to identified recreation sites. In particular, protect public access for Village residents to existing recreation sites.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The Village shall conduct an inventory and assessment of the facilities and the appropriateness of access methods. Progress towards meeting this objective shall also be measured by the implementation of the following policies:

Policy 1.1:

The Village shall ensure adequate bicycle, vehicular and pedestrian access to Miami Shores recreation facilities.

Policy 1.2:

The Village shall provide barrier-free access for the handicapped to public recreation facilities.

Policy 1.3:

Bicycle parking facilities shall be provided at appropriate parks and recreation facilities.

Objective 2: Public-private coordination.

In general, coordinate public and private resources to meet recreation demand.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The Village Manager, or appointed designee, shall attend appropriate meetings to ensure coordination between various public and private recreation providers. This objective shall also be measurable by the implementation of its supporting policy.

Policy 2.1:

The Village shall work with public agencies (such as Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources the Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection) and private sector organizations and corporations, through the zoning process, to enhance and improve existing recreation/open space facilities in the Village.

Objective 3: Adequate and efficient provision of public recreation facilities and open space.

In general, ensure that parks and recreation facilities are adequately and efficiently provided. In particular, maintain a system of public park and recreation lands which provides a minimum of 1.25 acres of park land and recreation areas per one thousand (1,000) permanent population.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The Village shall regularly monitor recreation and park lands capacity and demand. The Village shall implement improvements and renovations to these facilities as needed.

Policy 3.1:

The Village shall reserve for recreation the following Village-owned land facilities: 1) Miami Shores Village Community Center, 2) Miami Shores Village Aquatics Center, 3) Brockway Library, 4) Biscayne Bay Park, 5) Memorial Park, 6) Optimist Park, 7) Constitution Park. These facilities shall remain as public recreation facilities unless comparable facilities are provided to replace them.

Policy 3.2:

The Village shall give priority to maintaining and upgrading existing public recreation sites over acquiring new facilities.

Policy 3.3:

The Village shall continue its practice of systematic park facility maintenance.

Policy 3.4:

The Village shall utilize the level of service standard set forth in Objective 3 to provide public recreation and open space for anticipated future development.

Policy 3.5:

The Village shall consider acquisition of additional recreation land if such becomes available.

Policy 3.6:

If annexation results in a substandard recreation level of service, the Village shall require recreation land to be dedicated, acquired, or funds for its acquisition committed as soon as budgeting and Village resources permit.