

City of Davenport

Polk County, Florida



"Gateway to the Ridge"

2030 Comprehensive Plan

Recreation and Open Space Element

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

- GOAL:** TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL SITES AND FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE AREAS TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF DAVENPORT.
- OBJECTIVE 1:** THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PERIOD, ENSURE ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF DAVENPORT. [9J-5.014(3)(B)1]
- Policy 1.1:** Provide appropriate signage clearly indicating the location of new and existing recreational sites. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]
- Policy 1.2:** Consider adding bicycle racks in public recreational facilities lacking them in order to improve accessibility via bicycle. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]
- Policy 1.3:** As part of the Transportation Element, identify and designate bicycle and/or pedestrian routes along local streets linking public recreational facilities. In addition, provide the appropriate signage along such routes to improve accessibility. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]
- Policy 1.4:** Through the development approval process, the City will encourage new development to provide pedestrian interconnectivity within the project and to areas external to the project such as the Town's parks and recreation system.
- Policy 1.5:** The City may work to identify and establish incentives, guidelines, and potential funding for the development of community gardens.
- OBJECTIVE 2:** THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PERIOD, THE CITY SHALL COORDINATE WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS RESIDENTS. [9J-5.014(3)(B)2]
- Policy 2.1:** Coordinate with the owners of private recreational facilities in order to continue their policies of public usage of their recreational facilities. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]
- Policy 2.2:** Provide input to the Polk County Parks and Recreation Division regarding the development and location of future County, community, and regional

parks. Coordinate future park development with the Polk County Parks Division in order for the recreational needs of Davenport residents to be provided in a more efficient manner. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]

Policy 2.3: Support the Polk County School Board and Polk County in maintaining their agreement regarding the use of recreational facilities by county residents. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]

Policy 2.4: Coordinate recreation programs and use of facilities with surrounding municipalities in order to maximize recreational opportunities. [9J-5.014(3)(c)5]

Policy 2.5: The City will coordinate with the County and municipalities to coordinate future trails connecting Davenport to other parts of the county.

OBJECTIVE 3: **THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PERIOD, ENSURE THAT PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR BY MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING EXISTING PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**

Policy 3.1: The following level of service standard for parks and recreation is hereby established:

5.5 acres per 1,000 population

Any land permanently dedicated or available to the public for recreation, regardless of provider, may be used to meet the level of service standard. [9J-5.014(3)(c)4]

Policy 3.2: The City shall ensure, through its Concurrency Management System, that no development order will be issued for any development or redevelopment that would result in the failure of the City's recreational facilities to meet the adopted level of service standards. [9J-5.014(3)(c)4]

OBJECTIVE 4: **THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PERIOD, THE CITY SHALL ENSURE THAT OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION AREAS, AND NATURAL RESERVATIONS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES.** [9J-5.014(3)(B)4]

Policy 4.1: The City shall include in its Land Development Regulations, specific open space definitions and standards. Land Development Regulations will also address the protection of conservation areas and natural reservations as well as the use of open space for buffering incompatible land uses. [9J-5.014(3)(c)1]

Policy 4.2: The City shall adopt Land Development Regulations which ensure the provision of open space within future development. *[9J-5.014(3)(c)2]*