



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
AGENDA
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

January 25, 2024
6:30 PM
15516 SW Osceola St Suite B, Indiantown, Florida 34956
Indiantown, FL 34956

VILLAGE COUNCIL
SUSAN GIBBS THOMAS, MAYOR
ANGELINA PEREZ, VICE MAYOR
CARMINE DIPAOLO
GUYTON STONE
JANET HERNÁNDEZ

ADMINISTRATION
TARYN KRYZDA, VILLAGE MANAGER
LARHONDA MCBRIDE, VILLAGE CLERK
WADE C. VOSE, ESQ., VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Civility: Being "civil" is not a restraint on the First Amendment right to speak out, but it is more than just being polite. Civility is stating your opinions and beliefs, without degrading someone else in the process. Civility requires a person to respect other people's opinions and beliefs even if he or she strongly disagrees. It is finding a common ground for dialogue with others. It is being patient, graceful, and having a strong character. That's why we say "Character Counts" in Indiantown. Civility is practiced at all Village meetings.

Special Needs: If anyone attending this meeting requires a reasonable accommodation, please contact LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk, by telephone at (772) 597-9900 or by email at lmcbride@indiantownfl.gov at least 48 hours in advance.

Quasi-Judicial Hearings: Some of the matters on the Agenda may be "quasi-judicial" in nature. Village Council Members are required to disclose all ex-parte communications regarding these items and are subject to voir dire by any affected party regarding those communications. All witnesses testifying will be "sworn" prior to their testimony. However, the public is permitted to comment, without

being sworn. Unsworn comment will be given its appropriate weight by the Village Council.

Appeal of Decision: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Village Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceeding, and for that purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes any testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based.

Consent Agenda: Those matters included under the Consent Agenda are typically self-explanatory, non-controversial, and are not expected to require review or discussion. All items will be enacted by a single motion. If discussion on an item is desired, any Village Council Member, without a motion, may "pull" or remove the item to be considered separately. If any item is quasi-judicial, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda to be heard separately, by a Village Council Member, or by any member of the public desiring it to be heard, without a motion.

ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for E. Thelma Waters Day
2. Proclamation House of Hope 40th Anniversary

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES EACH)

*-The public is invited to comment for up to 3 minutes **on any item not on the Agenda**. Questions are typically deferred to staff, and if civility is not practiced, the Mayor may rule the person out of order, and may require the person be removed from the meeting.*

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes Regular Village Council Meeting January 11, 2024

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS (ITEMS MAY ALSO BE UNDER ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2023:** A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD;

PROVIDING FOR CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS, MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD, ABSENCES AND VACANCIES, AND STAFF TO THE BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Discuss Having a Workshop on Affordable Housing
6. Approval of Amendment 2 to FDEP SRF Loan Agreement WW430310, to Authorize Leasing of Land Purchased with SRF Loan
7. Annual Evaluation of the Village Manager

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT REGULAR MEETING (ANNOUNCE TIME, DATE AND LOCATION)

ADJOURNMENT

**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Proclamation for E. Thelma Waters Day

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Proclamation for E. Thelma Waters Day 2024

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For informational purposes only

PREPARED BY: Renae Cherry DATE: 1/19/2024

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

E. Thelma Waters Day 2024

Proclamation



E. Thelma Waters Day (January 28, 2024)

WHEREAS, E. Thelma Waters was a resolute advocate who fought for the civil rights of all of those in Indiantown who were oppressed economically and politically; and

WHEREAS, her indomitable spirit not only made her a leader in the community, her tactical and unwavering personality drove her to target causes that required a divergent thinker like herself to solve problems for women, children, and Indiantown's migrant workers; and

WHEREAS, E. Thelma Waters was a leading force for civil rights, her mission wasn't just to exist in Indiantown, she worked tirelessly to bring positive and uplifting changes to her surroundings by educating farm workers on their health, providing childcare for their children, fighting for affordable housing, sitting on numerous boards and committees, working to establish a voting precinct and political representation, and advocating for a much needed health clinic; and

WHEREAS, she wanted to see others thrive and always saw those who were most in need of being seen, she enjoyed making a positive impact on their lives. It is no wonder Ms. Waters was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 2020, she exemplified what a true community organizer does, help make life better and bring people together.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Susan Gibbs Thomas, Mayor of the Village of Indiantown, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2024, as E. Thelma Waters Day in the Village of Indiantown, Florida, and encourage all residents to join me and the Village Council in recognition and celebration of her, her work, and her positive impact in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Indiantown, Florida to be affixed this 25th day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

Susan Gibbs Thomas
Mayor

**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Proclamation House of Hope 40th Anniversary

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Proclamation House of Hope 40th Anniversary

FISCAL IMPACT N/A
STATEMENT:

RECOMMENDATION: For informational purposes only

PREPARED BY: Renae Cherry

DATE: 1/19/2024

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Proclamation House of Hope 40th Anniversary

Proclamation



House of Hope's 40th Anniversary 2024

WHEREAS, House of Hope is a community service agency, founded in 1984, that empowers Martin County residents to overcome hunger and hardship; and

WHEREAS, House of Hope provides support for basic needs including food, clothing, and financial assistance, as well as life skills through programs and classes in education, health and nutrition, job readiness, the arts, and more; All of their services and support from their four locations throughout Martin County in Stuart, Hobe Sound, Indiantown, and Jensen Beach, are always at no cost to those who need them; and

WHEREAS, in the past 40 years, House of Hope has grown from a small group of volunteers and a single shelter to serving Martin County residents through its four pantries, three enrichment centers, three thrift stores, five gardens, a produce farm, and a packing house; Through all of its programs and services across Martin County, House of Hope now reaches over 8,000 people each month directly, as well as another 13,000 people via its food bank partners. House of Hope also provides case management, financial assistance, work, and career support, as well as housing support; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year 2024, House of Hope is celebrating its 40th anniversary of empowering our community, Martin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan Gibbs Thomas, Mayor of the Village of Indiantown, Florida do hereby congratulate the staff and volunteers of House of Hope upon their 40th anniversary. Further, the Village of Indiantown, Florida commends House of Hope for the services they provide to those most in need in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Indiantown, Florida to be affixed this 25th day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

Susan Gibbs Thomas
Mayor

**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Approval of Minutes Regular Village Council Meeting January 11, 2024

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Approval of Minutes Regular Village Council Meeting January 11, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Minutes Regular Village Council Meeting January 11, 2024

PREPARED BY: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

DATE: 1/19/2024

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes January 11, 2024



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2024
6:30 PM**

**15516 SW Osceola Street, Suite C
Indiantown, FL 34956**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Susan Gibbs Thomas, Vice Mayor Angelina Perez, Council Member Janet Hernández, Council Member Carmine Dipaolo, and Council Member Guyton Stone
Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Utilities and Public Works Director Patrick Nolan, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Renae Cherry Assistant to the Village Clerk.

INVOCATION: Phyllis Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gibbs Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of Martin County on Village of Indiantown Projects

Martin MPO Administrator Beth Beltran gave a presentation on the organization and its current projects.

Council Member Stone thanked Ms. Beltran for her presentation.

Council Member Hernández thanked the MPO staff for their work to improve Indiantown's infrastructure.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas spoke regarding the importance of expanding State Road 710 and thanked the MPO for their diligence and attention to this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Nycum requested that the Council Members solicit feedback on their individual progress from the public.

Phyllis Brown announced that the upcoming Annual Community Clean-Up would be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Interested volunteers can register online. She added that there would be a live jazz band in the park on Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Gibbs Thomas wished all a Happy New Year and apologized for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the special meeting that she had called in December to appoint a utilities liaison with Sedron and conduct a Council site visit.

Council Member Stone wished all a Happy New Year.

Council Member Hernández wished everyone a Happy New Year. She spoke regarding HB 2595 (Indiantown Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plan) and the efforts of the Council and Village staff to improve water quality in the Village. She spoke regarding the proposed bills HB 7015, HB 7017, and HB 7019, which propose homestead exemptions, and requested information on how they would impact Indiantown's ad valorem taxes. She thanked the Staff for their hard work, thanked Mayor Gibbs Thomas for going to the Martin County delegation.

Council Member Dipaolo had no comments.

Vice Mayor Perez wished all a Happy New Year. She thanked the Staff for their help at last week's Park It Market through the Treasure Coast Food Bank, which had served 60 families, and advised that a second event would be held on January 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. She requested that more lighting be installed at Post Family Park.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas advised that on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, she, and Village Manager Kryzda would be in Tallahassee advocating for Indiantown. She added that it is great to see clean water in the Village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Kryzda relayed a request from Kasey Ingram with the Martin County Fair Association for a fee waiver to put banners up at local parks to promote the fair.

Consensus was reached to approve the fee waiver.

Village Manager Kryzda added that she and Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan had visited Seattle to gather information and would circulate an informational memo to the Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Council Member Stone. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Dipaolo and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

2. Letter to the US Transportation Secretary in support of raising the height of the Florida East Coast Railway bridge over the Okeechobee Waterway during construction of the new bridge.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 14, 2023
4. Right-of-Way Easement from Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Village of Indiantown Lease with Beaver EcoWorks, LLC

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Ted Astolfi and Sanjeev Jakhete with Beaver EcoWorks spoke regarding their water treatment technology.

Discussion ensued regarding the lease payment amounts, timeline, and warranty.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan spoke in support of continuing to work with Beaver EcoWorks.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas stated that the improvements are evident when touring the water plant.

Council Member Dipaolo thanked the Beaver EcoWorks representatives for their expertise.

Motion was made to approve a lease with Beaver EcoWorks, LLC, by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member

Hernández and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 40, “UTILITIES,” ARTICLE VII, “WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL CONNECTION FEES,” OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS FACTORS FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 01-2024 on second reading by Council Member Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Hernández and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. Discussion on Indiantown Community Trust Fund

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item and advised that there was \$52,000.00 available.

Village Attorney Vose spoke regarding the stipulations of the initial Trust Agreement from 1991.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas requested more information about the requirements of the Trust Fund committee.

Village Attorney Vose advised that per the 1991 agreement, the committee should include two representatives of Indiantown Cogeneration or Florida Power & Light, one member of the Village Council, and four residents, with one being from Booker Park and one being from Indianwood.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas stated that recipients should submit biannual performance reports for the grant period and asked whether any records of such reports were available from past recipients.

Council Member Hernández stated that these had been submitted.

Village Attorney Vose confirmed that he recalled seeing submitted reports from applicants.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that the Staff has struggled with record-keeping due to personnel changes.

Linda Nycum stated that she had served on this committee in 2017 and 2018 and has a file at home with copies of the original agreement, applications put in by resident nonprofits, and deliberations at the meetings. She stated that much needs to be updated regarding the application process, eligibility requirements, and timeline of repayment.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that she would confer with Staff and advise the Council on next steps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Perez announced that the Treasure Coast Food Bank would be in town on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Gibbs Thomas added that volunteers should arrive at 7:30 a.m. or earlier.

Council Member Hernández announced that the City of Stuart was holding a celebration on behalf of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that Indiantown resident Steven Dove would be honored at the parade.

Vice Mayor Perez announced that Indiantown High School is holding open registration for the 2024-2025 school year and advised interested parents to visit their website.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 25, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA

LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

Susan Gibbs Thomas,
Mayor

Date

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2023:** A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS, MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD, ABSENCES AND VACANCIES, AND STAFF TO THE BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUMMARY OF ITEM: This resolution creates a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ("PRAB"). The creation of the PRAB implements Policy R1.1.5 of the Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan, which calls for the creation of a board with the duties to be assigned to the PRAB.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will serve in an advisory capacity to the Village Council and Parks and Recreation Department to provide citizen involvement regarding public park and recreation decisions, including evaluating sites to be included in the Village's long-range plans for parks, planning and implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and making recommendations on programs, services, acquisition and use of parkland, sports and recreational facilities, as well as other such duties as may be assigned by the Village Council.

As established by the resolution, the PRAB will consist of 5 members, each directly appointed by a Council Member, with a term coinciding with that of the appointing Council Member. Meetings will be scheduled as determined by the PRAB in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Director.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan has projects that are presently not funded, and future funding allocations that exceed the Village's abilities from a taxation standpoint. The Master Plan will allow staff to apply for grants that can fund or partially fund the projects reflected.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Village Council approve the attached resolution to create the Village of Indiantown Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Staff also recommends the Village Council approve the Parks Master Plan as a document for the established Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to review and make recommendations accordingly.

PREPARED BY: Deborah Resos, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation DATE: 6/23/2023

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Resolution No. XXX-2024 - Establishing PRAB
Parks Master Plan Final

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD, TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS, MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD, ABSENCES AND VACANCIES, AND STAFF TO THE BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Policy R1.1.5 of the Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan provides:

POLICY R1.1.5

The Village of Indiantown shall establish a citizen's advisory committee (by 2022) to secure citizen involvement regarding public park and recreation decisions including evaluating sites to be included in the Village's long-range plan for parks. The citizen's advisory board shall meet on a regular basis to:

- a) Evaluate the maintenance of existing sites, facilities, and programs
- b) Recommend the expansion or retraction of recreational facilities and programs
- c) Evaluate the capital needs required to maintain the Village's recreational Level of Service
- d) Provide input to the Village of Indiantown's five-year Capital Improvements Plan

and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is consistent with and implements Policy R1.1.5 of the Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village Council to allow for an ongoing formal process for public access to the planning, development and programming of the Village Parks and Recreation system; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal guidelines as well as industry best practices call for ongoing and formal input in planning, acquisition and development; and

WHEREAS, an advisory board is able to assist the Village Council and the Parks and Recreation Department to achieve the goals of establishing services which meet community needs through public input; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Indiantown is committed to enhancing the quality of life of its residents and visitors through the Parks and Recreation system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Council of the Village of Indiantown, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals and “Whereas” clauses are hereby included as legislative findings by the Village Council of the Village of Indiantown, and are otherwise fully incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. CREATION AND DUTIES. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (“PRAB”) is hereby created. Pursuant to Policy R1.1.5 of the Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan, the duties of the PRAB shall include serving in an advisory capacity to the Village Council and Parks and Recreation Department to provide citizen involvement regarding public park and recreation decisions, including evaluating sites to be included in the Village’s long-range plan for parks, and shall meet on a regular basis to:

- a) Evaluate the maintenance of existing sites, facilities, and programs;
- b) Recommend the expansion or retraction of recreational facilities and programs;
- c) Evaluate the capital needs required to maintain the Village’s recreational Level of Service; and
- d) Provide input to the Village of Indiantown’s five-year Capital Improvements Plan.

The duties of the PRAB shall also include advising the Village Council on the planning and implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and making recommendations on programs, services, acquisition and uses of parkland, sports, and

recreation facilities, as well as such other duties as may be assigned by the Village Council.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, AND TERMS. The PRAB shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member of the Village Council shall directly appoint one member. Each member shall serve a term that coincides with the term of office held by the Village Council Member that appointed the member. Members may be removed by the Village Council upon written charges at public hearing.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS. Meetings of the PRAB shall be held on a schedule as determined by the PRAB in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Director. Special meetings may be called by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee. The agenda for each meeting shall be established by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee. Any member of the PRAB may place matters on the agenda. The PRAB shall keep minutes of its proceedings, indicating the attendance of each member, and the decision on every item. Copies of all PRAB minutes, reports, and exhibits shall be filed with the Village Clerk. A quorum is required to hold a meeting or take any action. Three members shall constitute a quorum. Each decision of the PRAB must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is in attendance and voting.

SECTION 5. ORGANIZATION. The PRAB shall by majority vote elect from its membership a Chair and Vice Chair at its first regular meeting of the calendar year. The term of office for any officer shall be one (1) year.

In case of resignation or vacancy in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the PRAB shall elect from its membership a new officer at the next regular meeting.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings and sign all documents relative to action taken by the PRAB. When the Chair is absent, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair. When both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, those members who are present shall select a temporary chair.

SECTION 6. ABSENCES AND VACANCIES. In the event that any member fails to attend three of the regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, such member shall cease to be a member of the Board. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member in the same manner the office was previously filled.

SECTION 7. STAFF TO THE BOARD. The Parks and Recreation Director, or

designee, shall serve as staff to the PRAB.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Resolution are deemed severable. In the event that any word(s), phrase(s), portion(s), sub-sub-section(s), sub-section(s), or section(s) of this Resolution is for any reason whatsoever held to be invalid, illegal, unconstitutional, contrary to law, or against public policy, by any court, administrative agency, or other body with competent jurisdiction, such word(s), phrase(s), portion(s), sub-sub-section(s), sub-section(s), or section(s) of this Resolution shall be null and void, and shall be deemed severed, and a separate, distinct, and independent provision from the remaining provisions of this Resolution, and such holding shall in no manner affect the validity of the remaining words, phrases, portions, sub-sub-sections, sub-sections, or sections of this Resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect. This Resolution shall be construed in a manner to accomplish, to the greatest extent legally possible, the purposes of this Resolution as expressed herein.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTS. All resolutions and parts of resolutions and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 25th Day of January, 2024.

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

LARHONDA MCBRIDE
VILLAGE CLERK

SUSAN GIBBS THOMAS
MAYOR

REVIEWED FOR FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:

WADE C. VOSE
VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Indiantown Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Prepared for: The Village of Indiantown, Florida

Prepared By: WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.
1075 Big Shanty Road
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144



September 2023



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Indiantown Village Council

Susan Gibbs Thomas, Mayor
Guyton Stone, Vice Mayor
Janet Hernandez, Council Member
Carmine Dipaolo, Council Member
Angelina Perez, Council Member

Taryn Kryzda, Village Manager

Indiantown Parks and Recreation Department

Deborah Resos, Director
Scot Chevrier, Supervisor
Laura Andres, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Gaines, Park Ranger

WSP Team

Ron Huffman, ASLA, AICP
Gregg Hudspeth, ASLA, LEED AP
Lee Walton, AICP
Meagan, Matechak
Ted Parks

Introduction

The purpose of a parks and recreation master plan is to plan for a comprehensive system of public and private recreation and open space sites which are available to the public. Open space shall be defined as any parcel or area of land set aside, dedicated, designated or reserved for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

A parks and recreation master plan is a reflection of the community's objectives, needs and priorities for the provision of park space and supporting facilities. As such, it serves as a guide for the formulation of local policy and supports the decision-making process to address both the quality and location of recreational opportunities to meet the needs of Indiantown's population in the future.

Existing Inventory

The Village of Indiantown currently maintains three public parks totaling 30.72 acres:

- Post Family Park (5.06 Acres)
- Booker Park (5.36 Acres)
- Big Mound Park (20.3 Acres)

There is one privately owned public golf course in the Village:

- Indianwood Golf Club

Martin County maintains a regional park within the Village of Indiantown:

- Timer Powers Park (37 Acres)

Martin County and the Village of Indiantown provide a combined 67.72 acres of parks within the city limits of the Village of Indiantown. Based on a current population of 6,590, the result is a level of service of 10.3 acres per 1,000 population.

Planning Process

The process that has been used to prepare the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the Plan) was designed to address the following six topics:

- Community Profile
- Facilities Inventory
- Goals and Policies
- Survey Results and Needs Assessment
- Recommendations
- Financial Implementation

The **Community Profile** includes a demographic profile, based on the most current U.S. Census data as well as information from the 20-year Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan. Demographic factors affect recreation participation and are therefore included in this section, including population growth, age distribution, race, income and educational levels.

The **Facilities Inventory** section provides a summary description of the location and types of amenities at each existing facility in the Indiantown recreation system. Other local facilities owned by Martin County are also inventoried, as they contribute to the parks and recreation opportunities available to village residents. This section

serves as the basis for the needs assessment and for recommendations regarding improvements to existing parks and for new parks and facilities.

The **Goals and Policies** section is the basis for the plan's recommendations. Goals, policies and strategies are intended to guide Indiantown in the future development and enhancement of its recreation facilities and programs. They are based on demographic trends, an analysis of existing facilities and demand, as well as input from stakeholders, staff and the public.

In the **Needs Assessment** section of the Plan, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards for system-wide recreation acreage and facilities are compared with Indiantown's recreation system. The NRPA standards are used in conjunction with local information to develop specific standards for Indiantown.

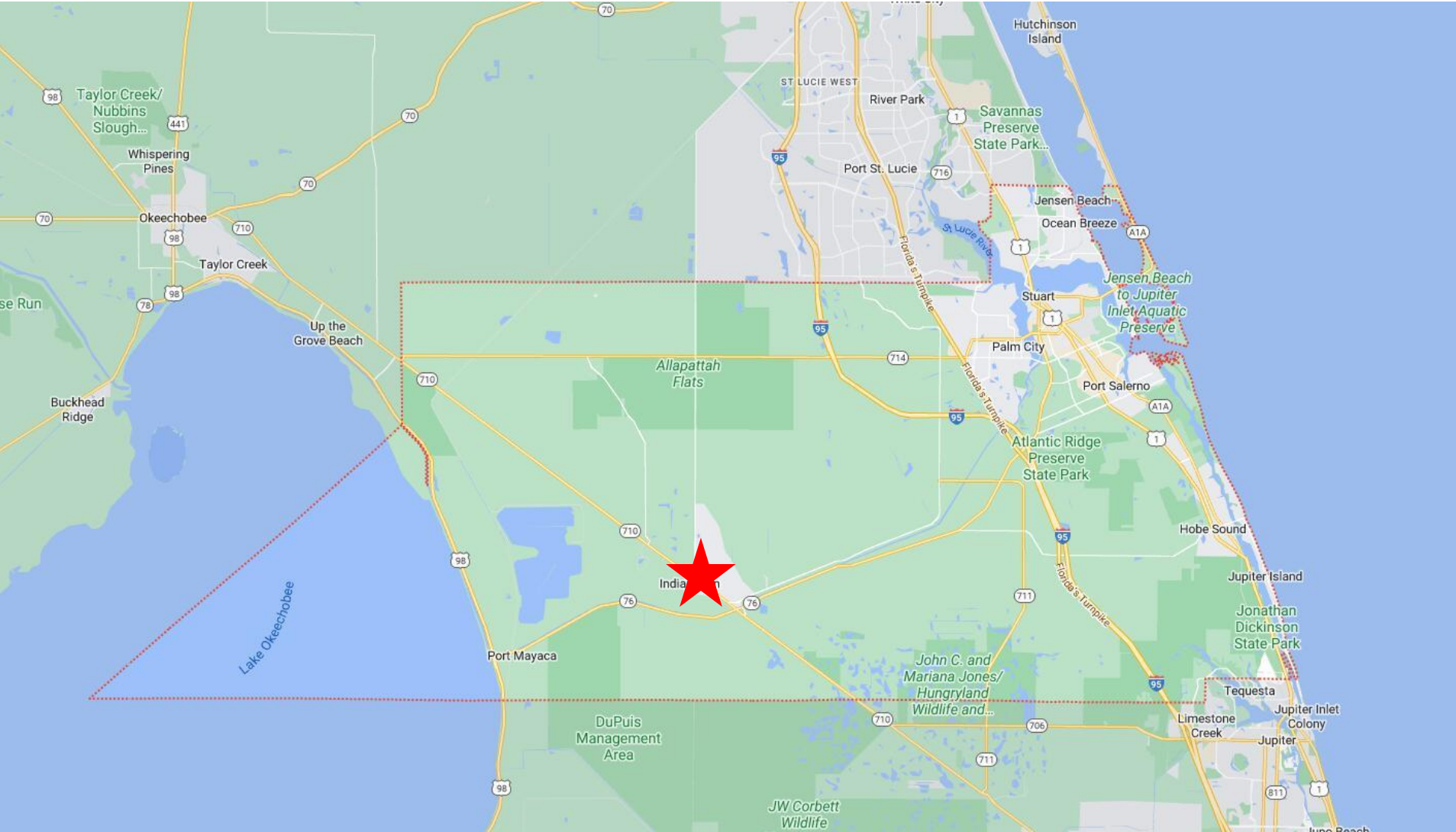
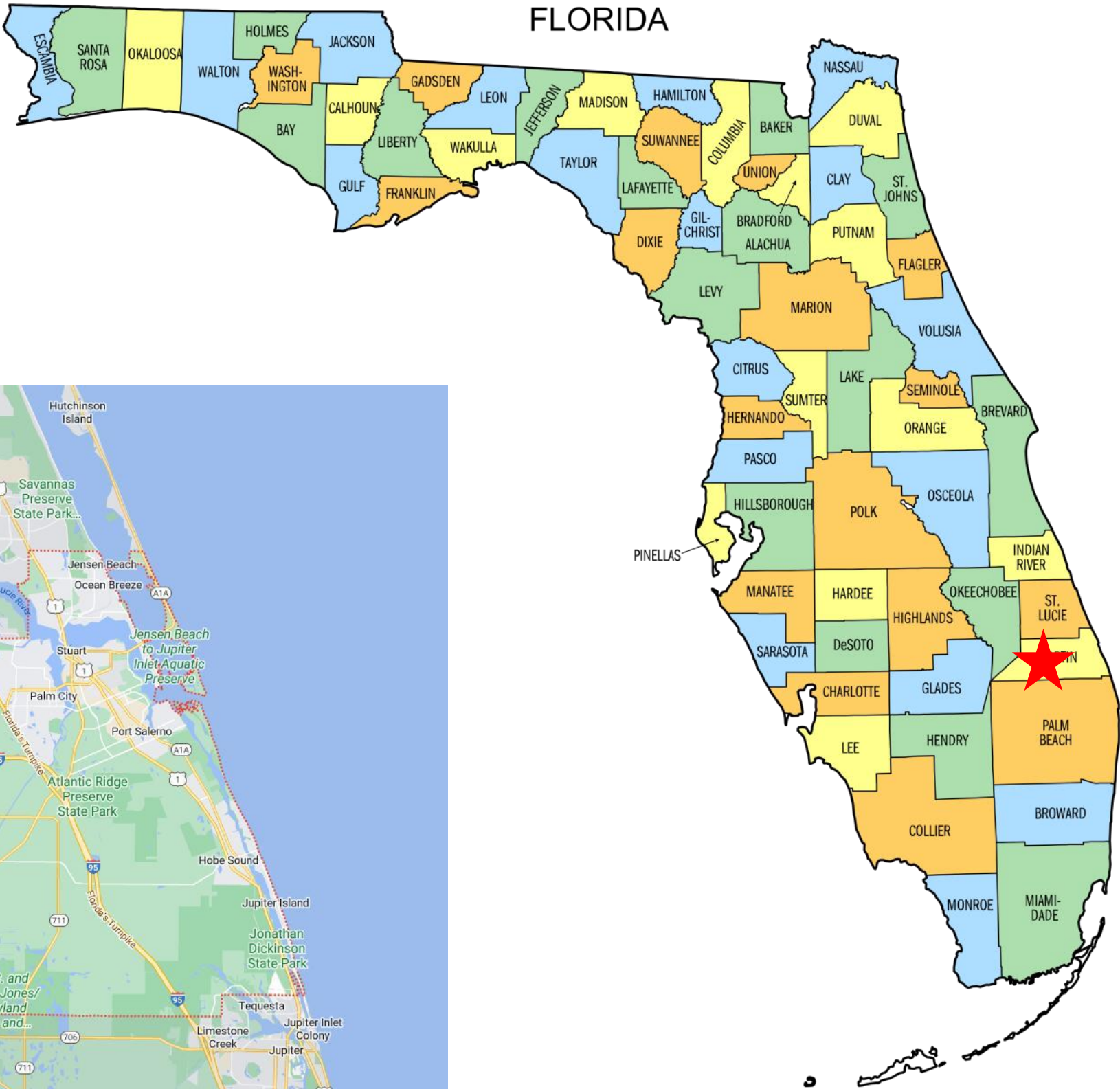
The **Recommendations** section is based on the community vision expressed in the previous section, and addresses improvements to existing parks; new parks and facilities; multi-use trails system; land acquisition; staffing and maintenance.

The **Recommendations** section also includes a conceptual villagewide recreation master plan that recommends park and recreation projects. The overall master plan is supported by several illustrative concept plans that depict specific recommendations for the village's recreation system.

The **Financial Implementation** section includes estimated costs of system-wide improvements, which are intended to be implemented over the next 20 years. Potential funding sources (federal, state, and local) are also identified.

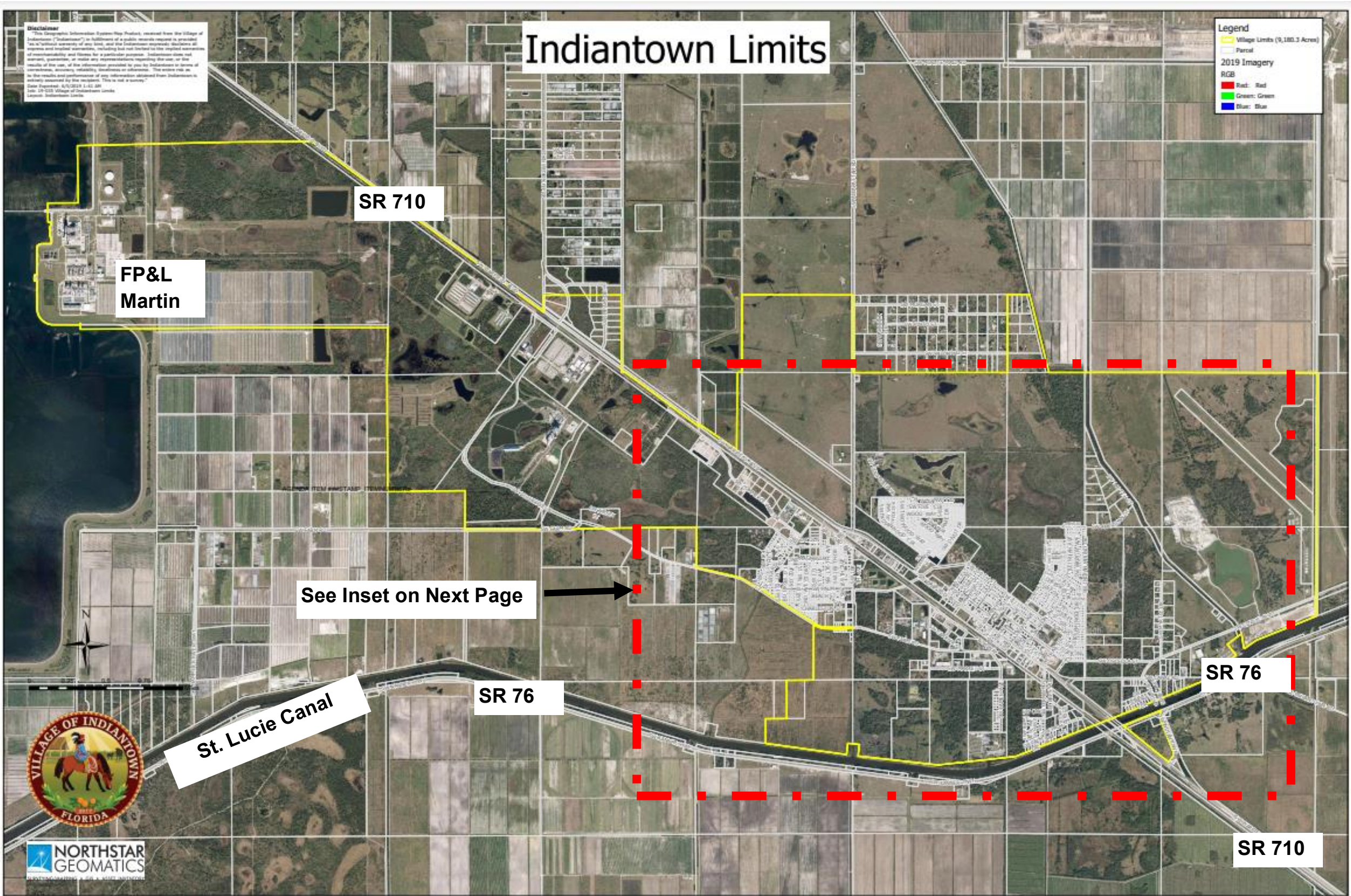
Community Profile - Project Location

Indiantown is a small quiet village originally settled by the Seminole Indians. Indiantown is located in Martin County, Florida. Located in the southeastern portion of the state, Indiantown is just a few miles east of Lake Okeechobee and approximately 35 miles from West Palm Beach. Lake Okeechobee is the second –largest freshwater lake located entirely within the US.



Community Profile - Project Location

Indiantown is located in the west central portion of Martin County. The village limits stretch along the St. Lucie Canal to the FP&L lakes adjacent to Lake Okeechobee to the west. The St. Lucie canal links Lake Okeechobee to the Atlantic Ocean. Indiantown is located at the crossroads of State Highway 710 which runs NW/SE and State Highway 76 (SW Kanner Highway) which runs East/West.



Community Profile - Project Location

Shown to the right is a close-up view of the residential and commercial areas of Indiantown. Indiantown’s three primary parks are shown with the green stars as is the golf course. Timer Powers Park is shown along the St. Lucie Canal to the eastern edge of the enlarged area. Post Family Park is close to the center of the village and is walkable from the commercial downtown of the village.

Booker Park, Post Family Park and Big Mound Park are classified as “Community Parks” and have a service radius of 1 to 2 miles. As development occurs in the city the northern areas around the golf course and the southern areas near the canal would benefit from new community parks.

Timer Powers Park is a regional park with a service radius greater than 20 miles.



Community Profile

Indiantown was incorporated as the Village of Indiantown on December 31, 2017. Shown below is a snap shot of Indiantown demographics as excerpted from the US Census and is based on the 2021 American Community Survey. The current 2023 population is only slightly higher than the 2020 Census. The majority of Indiantown residents are Hispanic or Latino (69%). Compared to Florida, Indiantown residents are younger, have a larger family size and have a higher rate of home ownership.

Indiantown

Homeownership Rate

73.8% ± 7.8%

Homeownership Rate in Indiantown village; Florida

67.4% ± 0.3%

Homeownership Rate in Florida

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Indiantown Demographics at a Glance



Community Profile

Indiantown was incorporated as the Village of Indiantown on December 31, 2017. As a result, historical population data does not pre-date 2018. In the past 5 years, Indiantown has experienced a slight population decrease. In contrast, Martin County has seen an 8.3% population increase since 2010 and a 25% growth since 2000. However, recent residential developments have been approved which exceed 1,000 residential lots. Therefore, for planning purposes, the parks and recreation master plan forecasts a 20 year aggressive growth rate between 50 -75% or approximately an additional 4,000 to 5,000 new residents by the year 2040.

Indiantown Age and Sex

31.4 ± 5.7
Median Age in Indiantown village; Florida

42.8 ± 0.2
Median Age in Florida

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*Indiantown - Historical Population (Incorporated December 31, 2017) and Projected 2040 Population Growth

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2040
6,707	6,728	6,560	6,580	6,590	+10,500

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

*2010-2020 Percent Population Change

Martin County	Florida	United States
8.3%	14.6%	7.4%

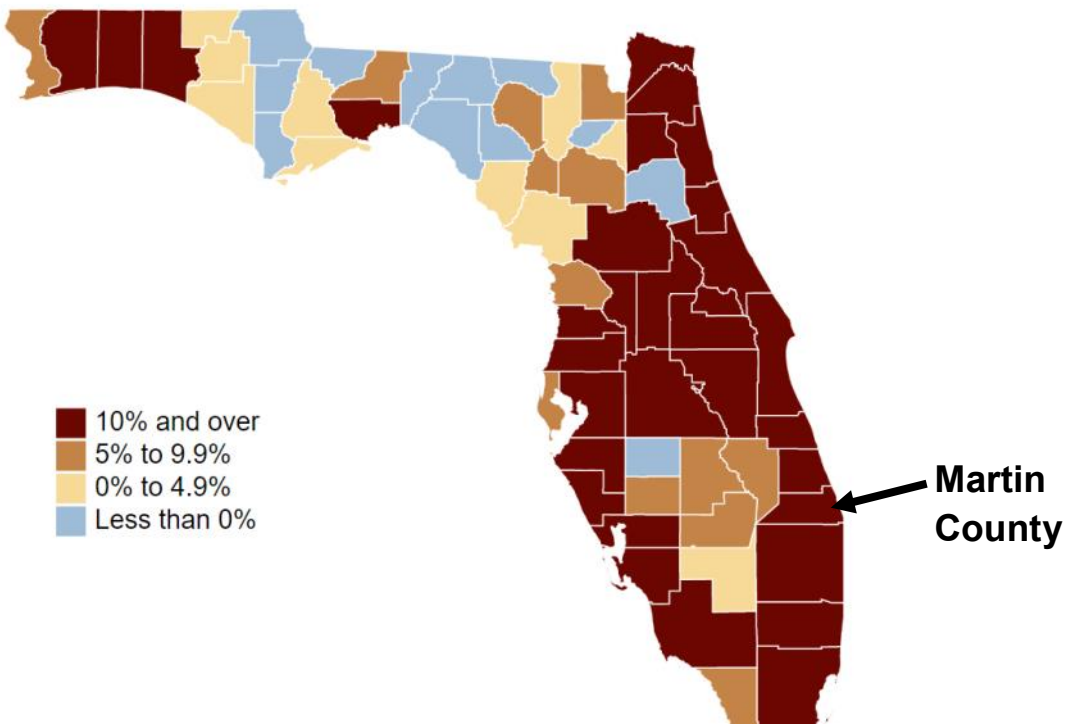
* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

*Martin County Percent Population Change from 2000

2000-2010	2010-2020	2020-2022
15.5%	8.3%	2%

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

Percent Population Change from 2010 to 2020



Community Profile

*Martin County - Historical Population and Population Projections

2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
126,731	146,318	158,431	169,731	178,007	184,366

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

*Martin County Population Projections by Race and Hispanic Origin

	2021	2030	2040	2050
Martin County	146,318	158,431	169,731	178,007
White	122,301	125,816	128,484	130,578
Black	9,659	11,062	12,143	12,961
Hispanic	24,560	29,969	34,213	37,441

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

Martin County has grown 25% between 2000 and 2020. However, the growth rate is forecasted to slow to 12.4 % between 2020 and 2040. Due to the recent incorporation of Indian-town, historical population growth models will not be applicable. However, the MPO has forecasted for areas of growth including high growth in and around Indiantown. It is anticipated that Indiantown can expect population growth between 50-75% by the year 2040. Residential developments have been planned within the village to include more than 1000 new resi-dential units. However, the village does not currently have the water and sewer capacity to support the new developments. With water and sewer treatment plant expansions (in pro-gress) growth could exceed 1,000 units and result in the addition of more than +4,000 new residents in the village in the next 20 years.

Community Profile

For recreation planning purposes, age data can be useful in supporting new programs especially programs for senior and youth. Historically, Martin County ranks in the top tier of Florida Counties with 31.5% of the population over age 65. Conversely, Martin County ranks in the bottom tier with only 15.6% of the population under the age of 17. The largest age groups in Indiantown are below age 20. Nearly 25% of the population falls in the 10-14 and 15-19 age groups.

Average Household Size

	2021	2010
Florida	2.47(2021)	2.48 (2010)
Martin County	2.24 (2021)	2.23 (2010)

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

*Martin County Rankings as of 2021

- For reference, there are 67 Counties in Florida.
- Martin County ranks 32nd for total population in Florida
- Martin County ranks 7th for population over 65 at 31.5%
- Martin County ranks 62nd for population under age 17 at 15.6%
- Martin County ranks 62nd in Black population at 6.6%
- Martin County ranks 22nd in Hispanic population at 15.4%

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

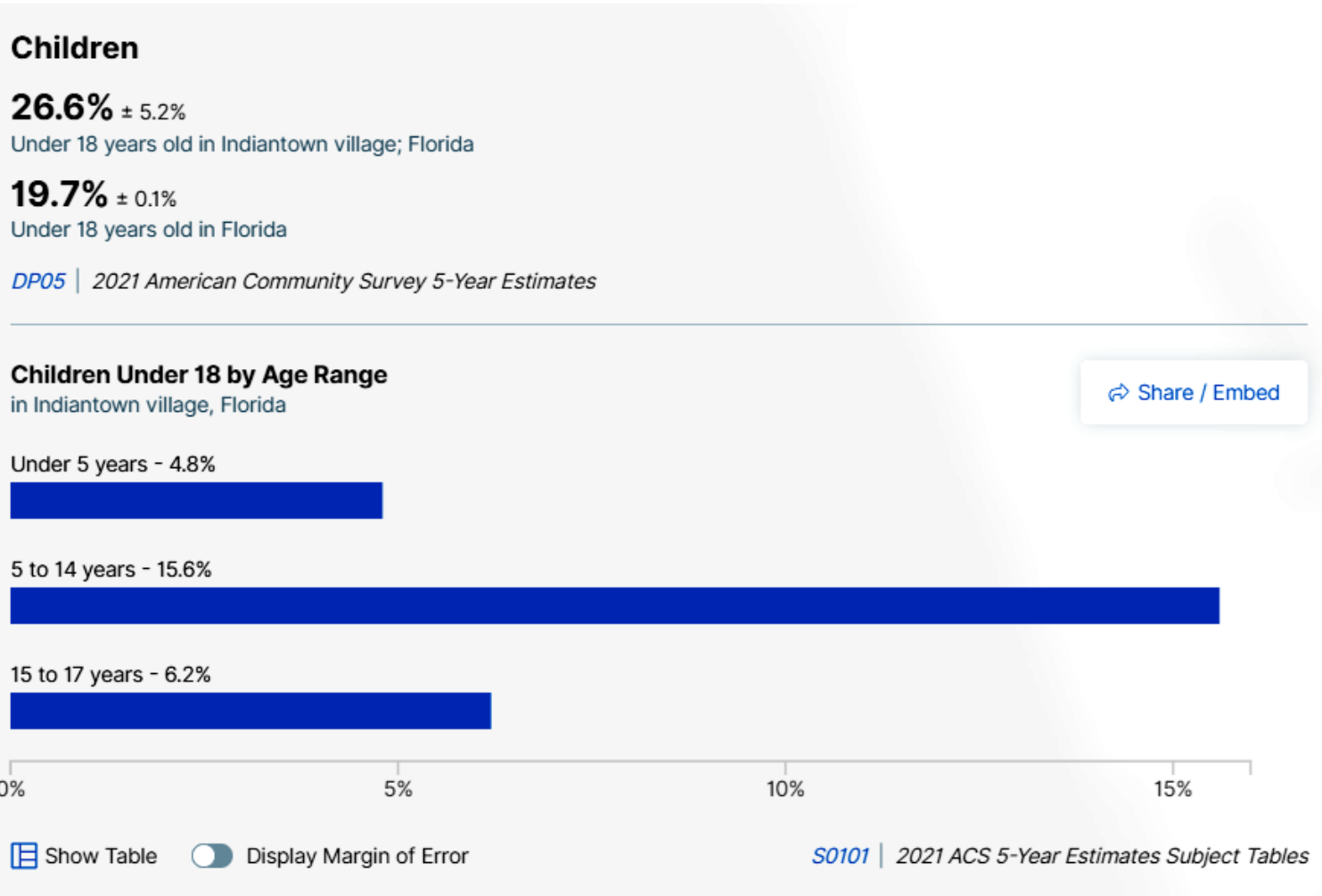
Population by Age and Sex in Indiantown



* Source - 2021 American Community Survey

Community Profile - Indiantown Children and Older Population

For recreation planning purposes, age data can be useful in supporting new programs especially programs for senior and youth. As shown below, Indiantown has a large population of children under age 18. This number is expected to grow with the addition of new planned residential developments. Programs for youth ages 5-14 will be a critically important aspect of future recreation programming. Indiantown has a smaller number of citizens older than 65 on average than the rest of Florida. However, programming for active seniors has become an increasingly important aspect of most city recreation programs.



Community Profile - Florida Population Change 2010-2020

* Source - Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research

The maps below depict the change in Population across Florida between 2010-2020. Martin County has experienced a slower rate of growth when compared to the nearby counties in southeast and central Florida.

Figure 1. Population Change, 2010 to 2020

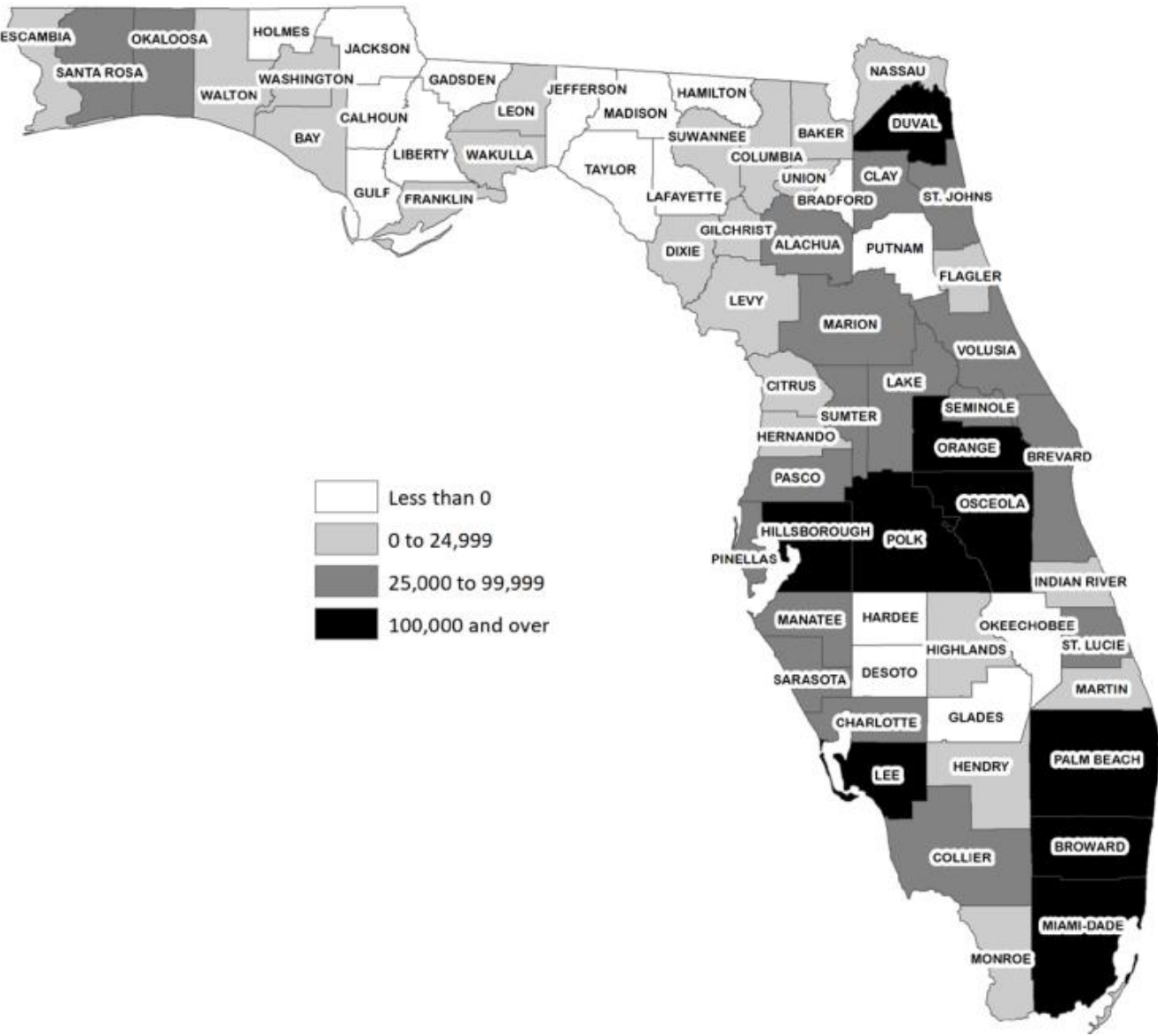
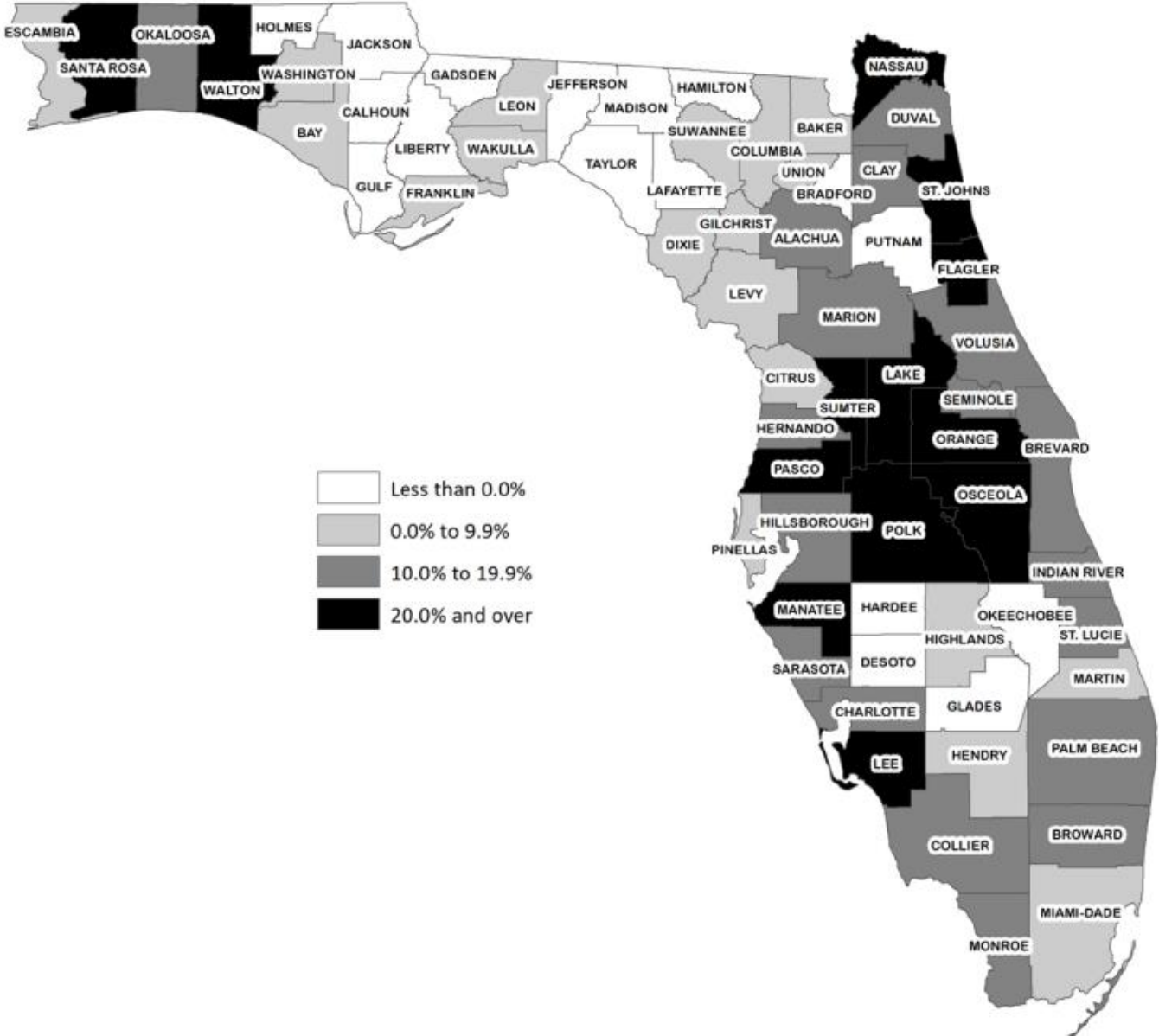
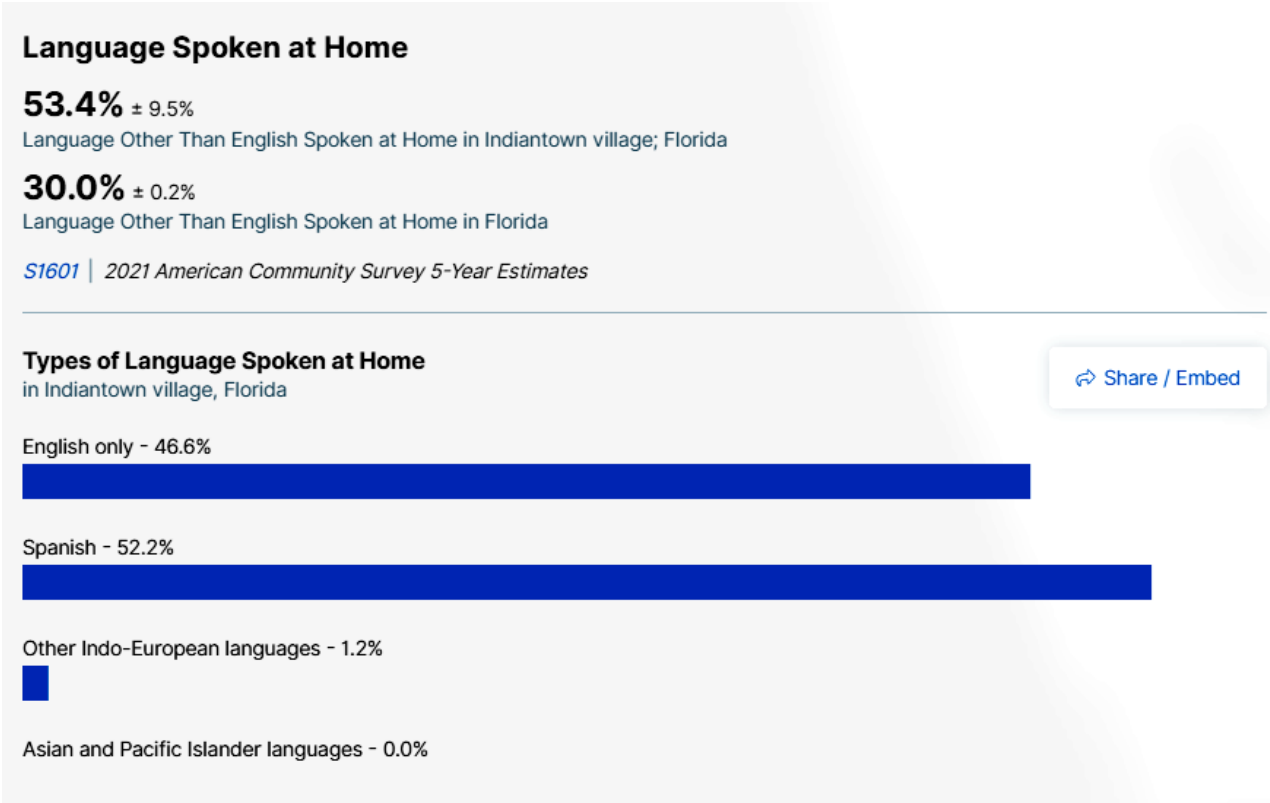
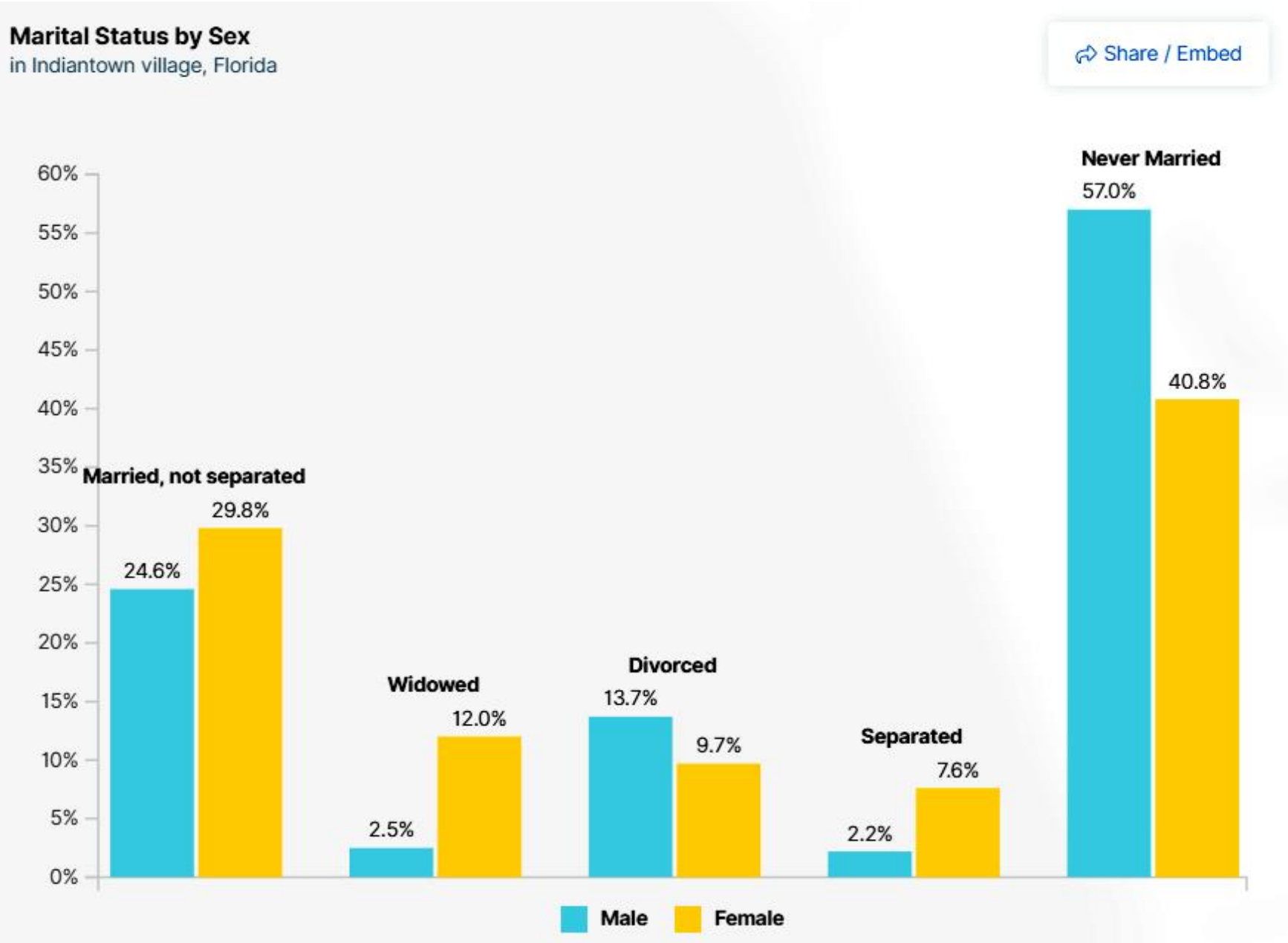


Figure 2. Percent Change in Population, 2010 to 2020



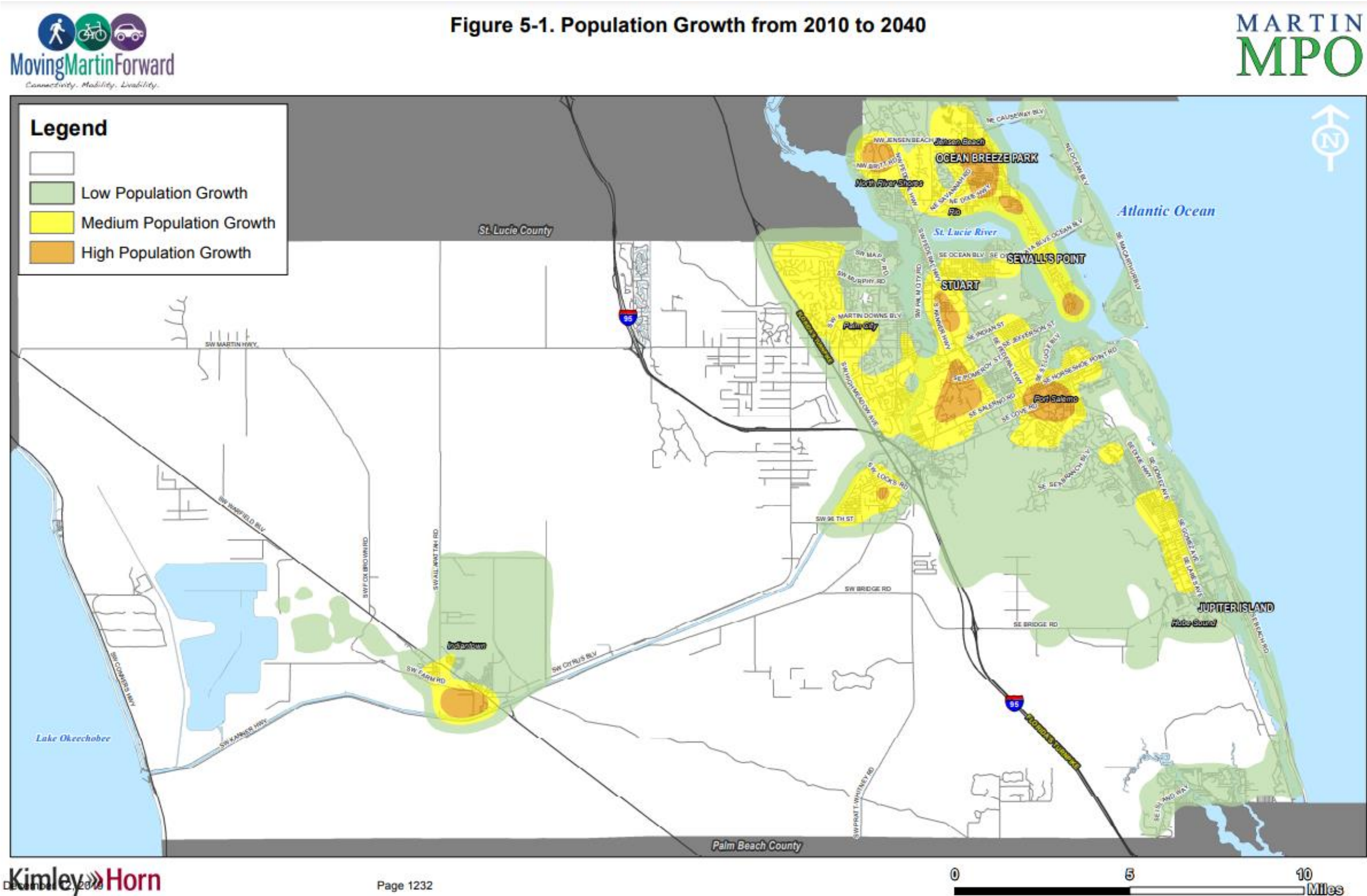
Community Profile - Indiantown Marital Status and Spoken Language

For recreation planning purposes, marital status and spoken language can give an indication of future needs for recreation programs. As an example, a high number of single parent households can help to identify needs for afterschool programs. Transportation assistance may also be needed in single parent households. Spoken language may indicate the need for varying cultural programs. The majority of Indiantown residents speak another language at home other than English.



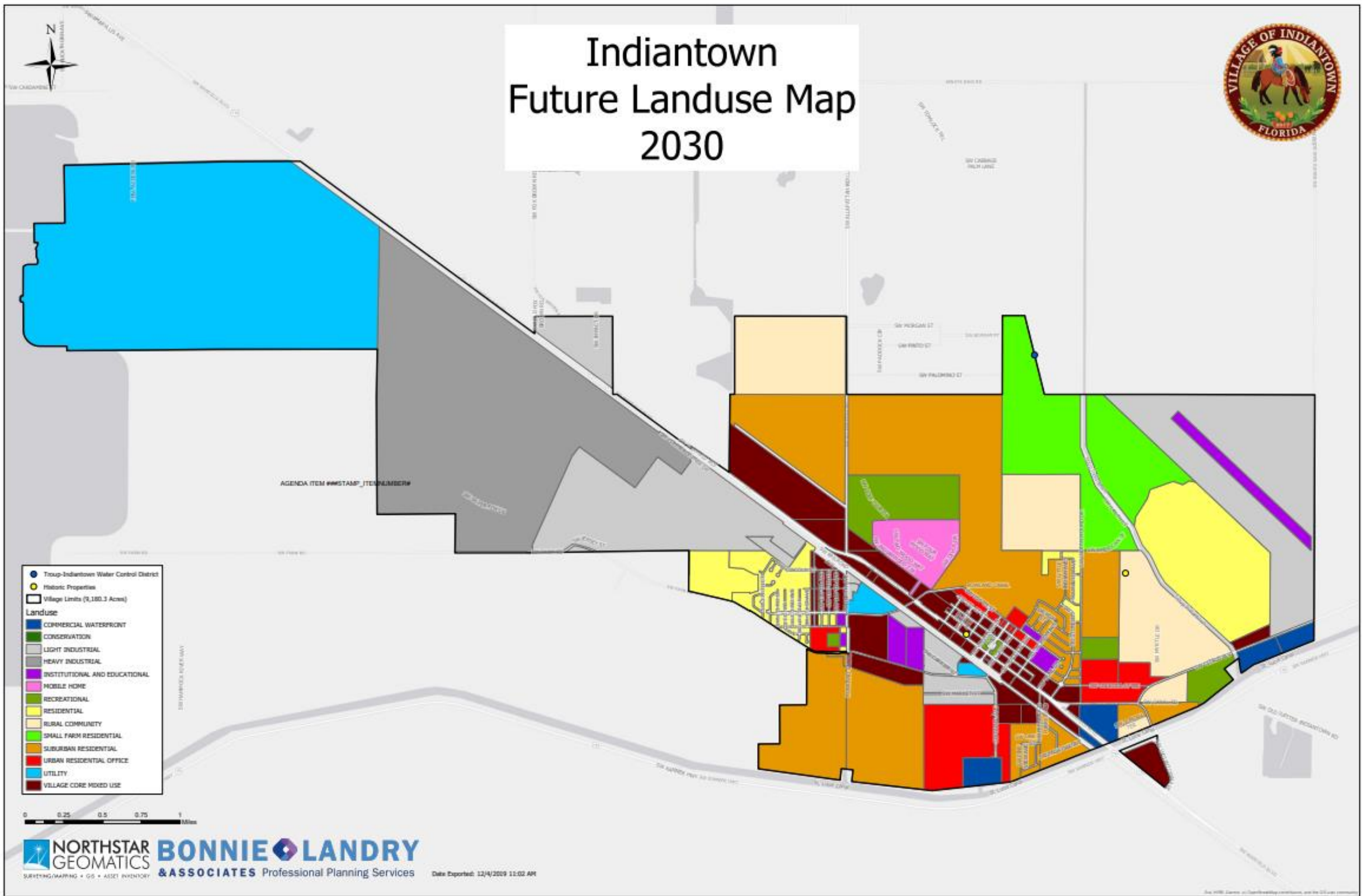
Community Profile - Martin County Population Growth 2010 to 2040

The Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has forecasted population growth in Martin County. In addition, the MPO has forecasted growth around Indian-town including areas of high and moderate growth. Based on discussions with village staff, there are planned residential developments in excess of 1000 lots expected to be developed in the next 20 years or sooner if infrastructure improvements can be made.



Community Profile - Indiantown Future Land Use Map 2030

The majority of the undeveloped land around the center of the village of Indiantown has been designated as suburban residential in the 2030 future land use map.



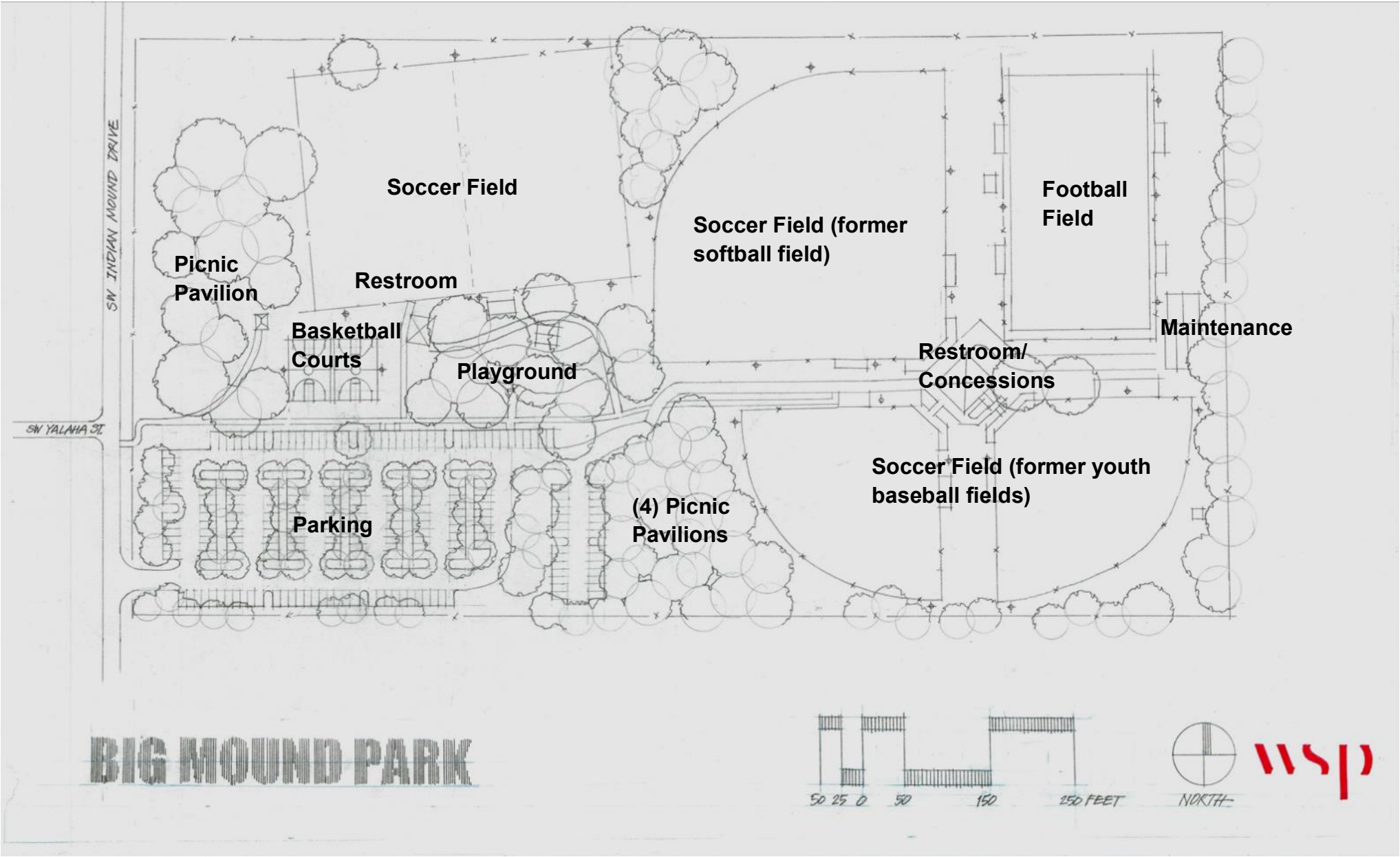
Facilities Inventory - Big Mound Park (Community Park)

20.3 Acres



Big Mound Park is the largest village park. A little larger than 20 acres, Big Mound Park is a community park that contains two youth baseball fields (converted for use for youth soccer), a softball field converted into soccer fields, a football field, a large soccer field, two basketball courts, 6 picnic pavilions, a restroom building, a restroom/concessions building, maintenance buildings and storage shed, a playground, and parking. Park furnishings included picnic tables, benches, grills, trash receptacles and bike racks. All of the athletic fields were lighted for nighttime use.

Facilities Inventory - Big Mound Park



Big Mound Park is well maintained. At the time of this assessment, the softball and baseball fields infields were growing grass as part of the conversion of the fields for soccer use. The basketball courts were in good condition and no surface cracking was observed. The sports fields were mowed and irrigated. The large central concessions/restroom was closed and was not accessible. There was a nice tree shaded parking lot with appropriate designated handicap parking spaces. Field fencing looks in good condition. No hazardous fencing was observed.

Facilities Inventory - Booker Park (Community Park)

5.36 Acres



Park Sign



Park Office



Playground



Booker Park is the home of the Parks and Recreation Department Offices. The offices are housed in the former Booker Park Fire Station that has been converted for offices. The former fire truck bays have been adapted to house parks and recreation maintenance equipment. Booker Park is a small community park that also includes a multi-purpose field (former baseball field), two basketball courts, a playground, picnic pavilion and limited off-street parking. The park is split into two parcels by SW 169th Avenue.

Facilities Inventory - Booker Park



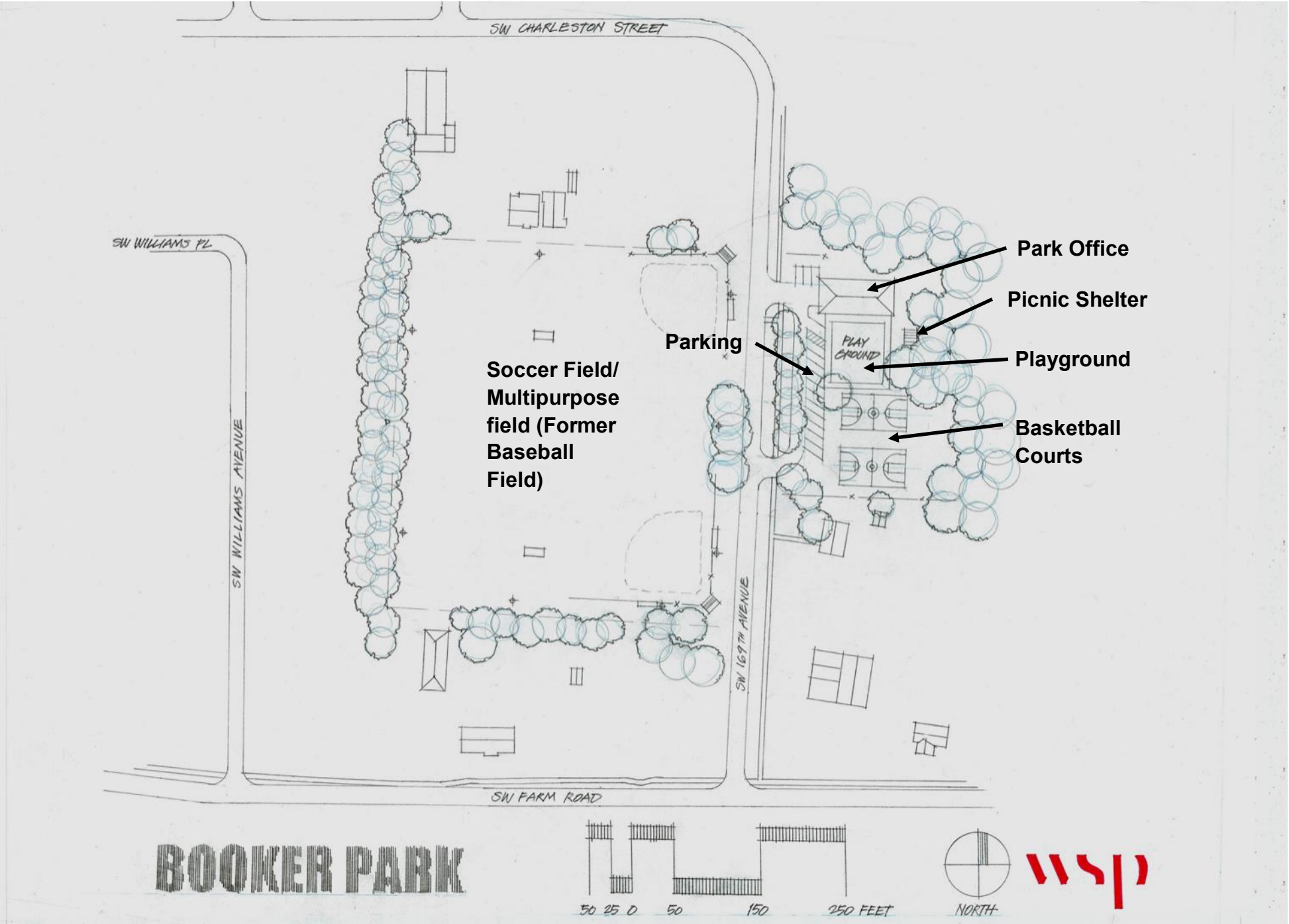
Basketball Court



Multi-purpose Field



Vacant Adjacent Lot



Booker Park is a well-maintained park. The basketball courts do not show any cracking, the playground is small but is in good condition. There is some bleaching of the playground plastics. The large multi-purpose field is being used for soccer programs. The former baseball dugouts are solid but the benches are deteriorating. The sports field lighting looks to be in good condition. Off-street parking is insufficient for large events. Parking for the multi-purpose field occurs along the road edge.

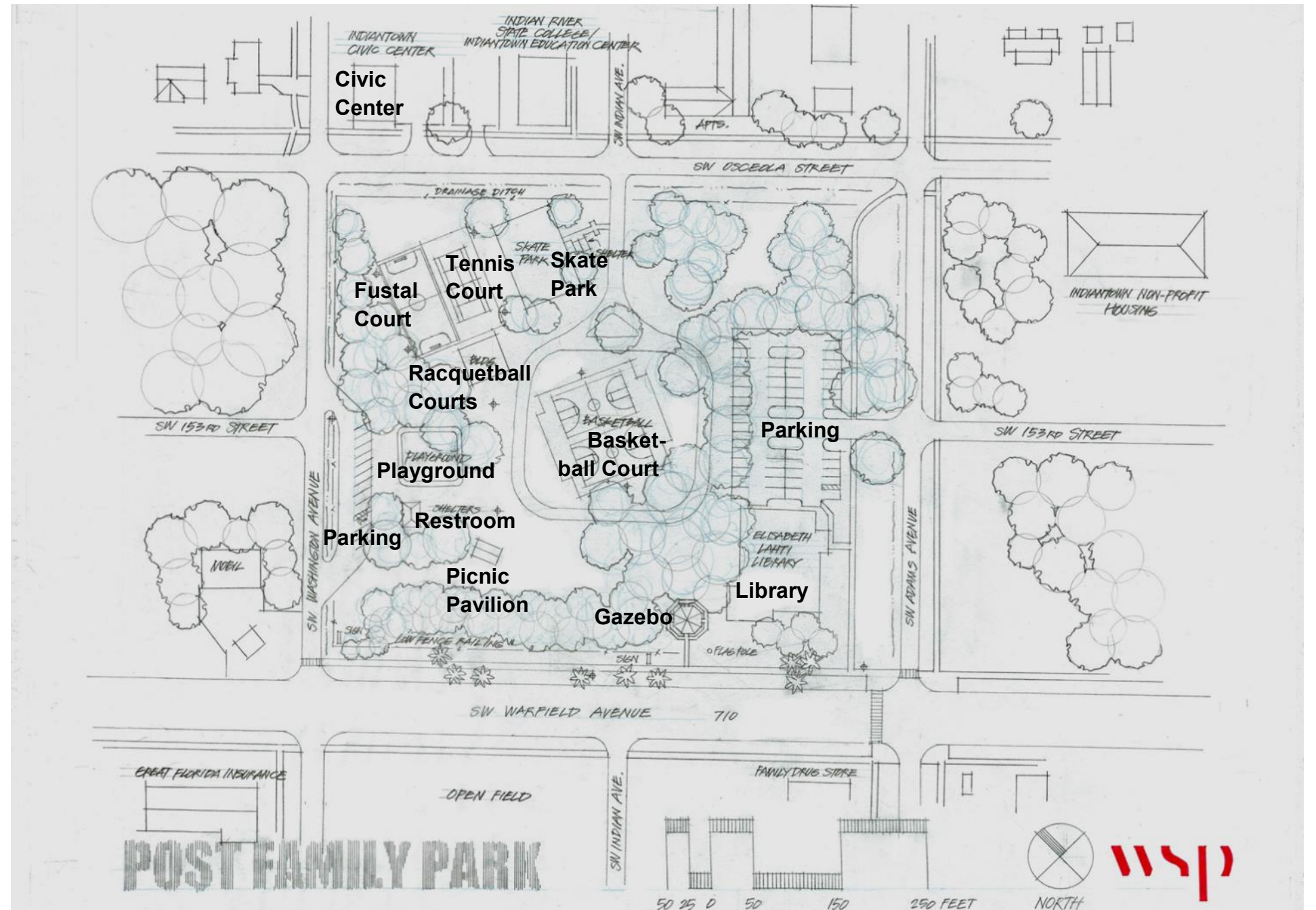
Facilities Inventory - Post Family Park (Community Park)

5.06 Acres



Post Family Park is a community park located in the heart of downtown Indiantown. There are a wide variety of facilities located at the park including the Elizabeth Lahti Library on the southern corner (Martin County). Other facilities include 2 basketball courts, a skate park, two racquetball courts, a tennis court, a futsal court, a playground, walking trails, a picnic pavilion and a gazebo. There is also a small restroom and limited off-street parking.

Facilities Inventory - Post Family Park



Post Family Park is a well-maintained park. Fencing and court surfacing were in good condition with the exception of the skate park. The skate park was closed and much of the modular equipment was showing signs of degradation. The site features a nice landscape with overstory trees providing plenty of shade.

Facilities Inventory - Post Family Park



Freestanding restroom along the Washington Avenue side of the park.



Picnic Pavilion adjacent to the playground along the Washington Avenue side of the park.



Playground along the Washington Avenue side of the park.



The historic park gazebo located adjacent to the Elizabeth Lahti Library.



Asphalt walking trail and access road located around the perimeter of the basketball courts.



The Indiantown Civic Center located adjacent to the park at the corner of Washington Avenue and Osceola Streets.

Facilities Inventory - Timer Powers Park (Martin County - Regional Park)

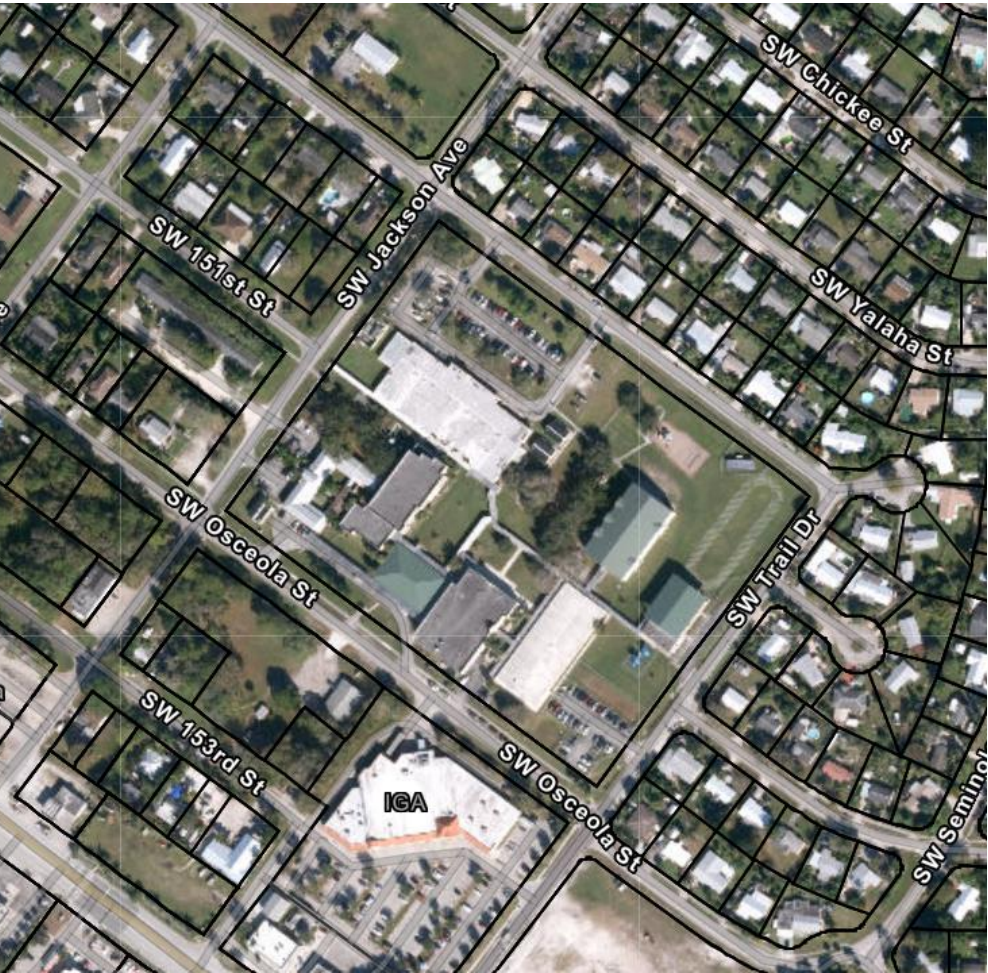
37 Acres



Facilities Inventory - Public Schools and Library

Warfield Elementary School

Existing facilities at Warfield Elementary school include a covered basketball pavilion, a walking track and a couple of small playgrounds.



Basketball Pavilion



Playground

Indiantown Middle School

Existing facilities at the Indiantown Middle school include a 400 meter running track, a multi-purpose athletic field for soccer and football and 2 multi-purpose hard surface courts for basketball and pickleball/net games.



Elizabeth Lahti Library (Martin County Library System)

The Elizabeth Lahti Library is located within Post Family Park at the corner of SW Warfield Boulevard (Hwy710) and SW Adams Avenue.



Library Signage



Library viewed from the park

Facilities Inventory - Community Facilities

Boys and Girls Club

Built in 2014, the Bill & Barbara Whitman Branch features a full-size gymnasium, performing arts space, learning and technology labs, and a kitchen. Programs offered include Education & Career Development, Character Leadership, Health & Life Skills, Arts, Sports, and Fitness. The club is part of a public-private partnership between Habitat for Humanity of Martin County, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, the Martin County Board of Commissioners, and the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency.



YMCA of the Treasure Coast

The Indiantown YMCA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Programs offered include aquatics, arts and humanities, camping and outdoor enrichment, before school, after school and early learning, family strengthening, health and well-being.



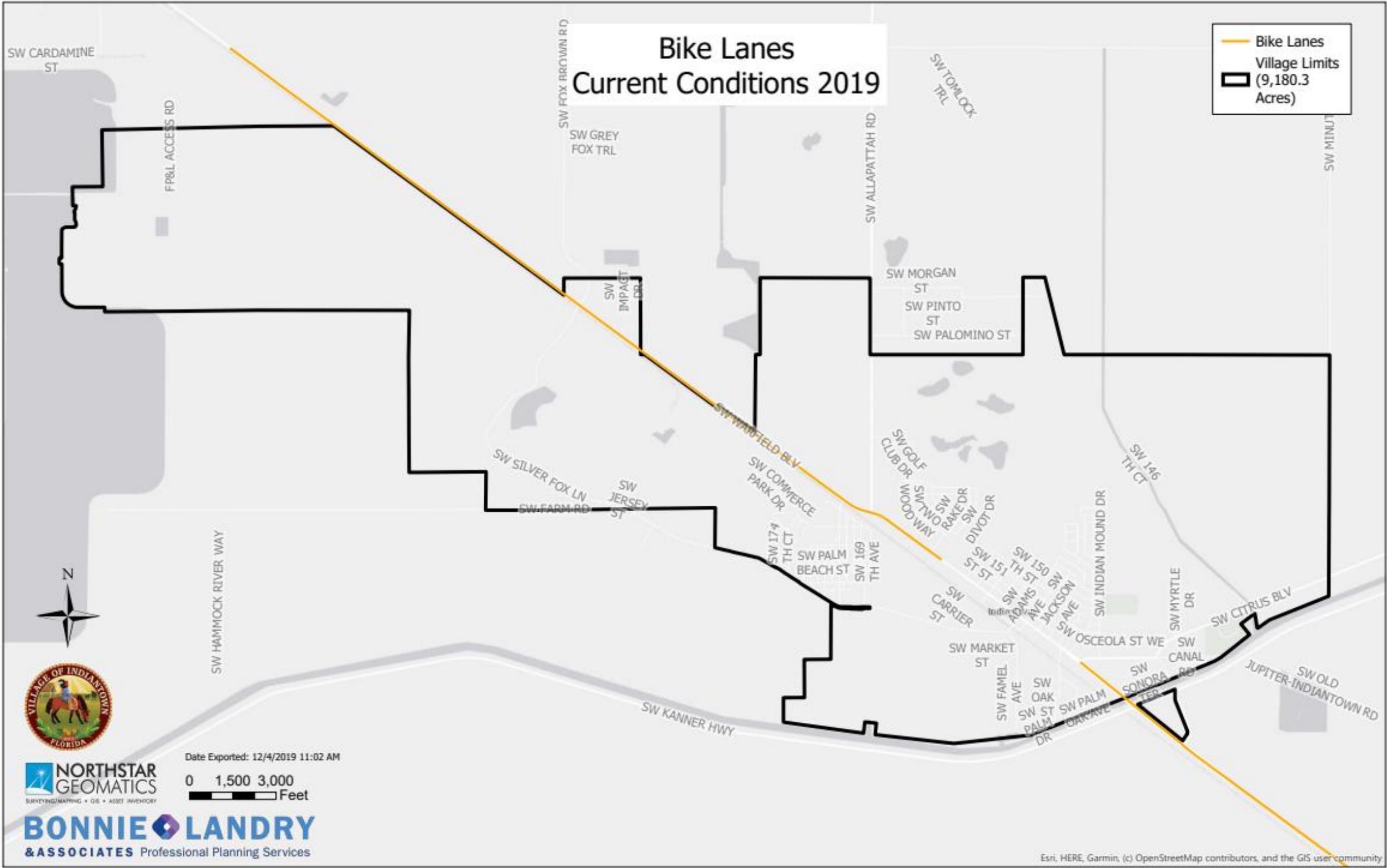
Indianwood Golf and Country Club

The Indianwood Golf and Country Club features a par-70, 18-hole championship golf course designed by Ted McAnlis. The Country Club features a 5,000 SF clubhouse, pro-shop, driving range, pool and a bar & grille.

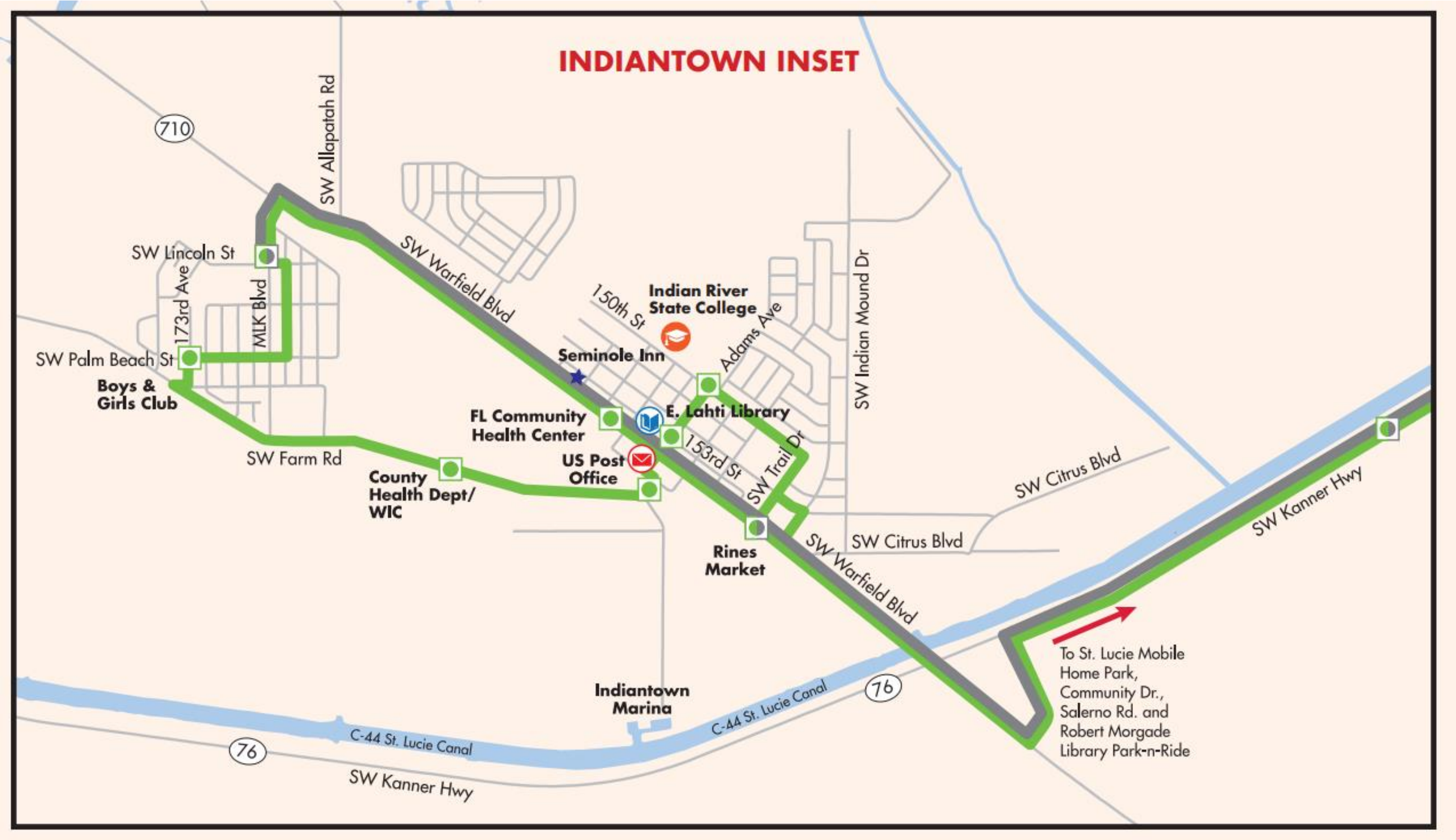


Facilities Inventory - Bike Lanes

There is a designated bike lane along SR 710 but it is not continuous through downtown Indiantown.



Facilities Inventory - Transit



Recreation Goals and Policies

The Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December 2019. Excerpted below are the goals, policies and objectives presented in Chapter 4, Recreation and Open Space Element.

The Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan was prepared pursuant to Florida Statute 163.3177. The goals, objectives and policies within the plan guide future decisions made by the Village of Indiantown. The purpose of the plan is to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life for all citizens in the Village of Indiantown. The plan encourages and supports economically sound residential, educational, employment, cultural, recreational, commercial and industrial opportunities for the citizens.

The Village of Indiantown Comprehensive Plan is a guidance document covering two planning periods: a short-term planning period beginning in 2020 and ending in 2025 and a long-term planning period beginning in 2020 and ending in 2040.

Mission Statement

“The Village of Indiantown is dedicated to creating a sustainable community with friendly neighborhoods, civic engagement, and economic prosperity while proudly maintaining our small-town feel and sense of community.”



The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to ensure adequate recreational opportunities for the citizens of the Village of Indiantown through the provision of a comprehensive system of public and private park facilities. These facilities may include, but are not limited to, natural reservations, parks and playgrounds, trails, and public access to open spaces, and waterways.

Definitions

Open Space: Any open piece of land that is undeveloped and is accessible to the public.

Park: Area of natural, semi-natural or planted space set aside for the human enjoyment and recreation or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats.

Pocket Parks: Parks intended to provide children’s playgrounds and passive areas within close proximity to residences. Pocket Parks are intended to serve areas where there are insufficient demand to justify a neighborhood park. Specifically, they will be used to serve areas with average densities below 1,000 persons within a 1/2 mile radius.

Neighborhood Parks: Parks intended to provide activities that, overall, are used more frequently and have a shorter duration of use. They should be located close to the area served. Neighborhood parks are typically smaller and are not highly visible from main roadways. They usually provide little to no parking and are typically used most heavily by the immediate surrounding neighborhood.

Community Parks: Due to the larger size, community parks can provide a larger variety of active and passive recreation opportunities, as well as, the same functions of a neighborhood park.

They should be centrally located to serve the largest population within the community and should be located on an arterial or collector street. Since they accommodate more intensive recreative activities, buffering from adjacent residences should be considered. Community parks typically serve a larger community and often times will contain a community center. These parks are typically larger in size, more visible to passersby, and are frequented by users from further away who may actually drive to use the park.

Recreation Space: For the purpose of Level of Service, “recreation space” means publicly owned space that is open to the public. It does not include lands such as private golf courses or marinas.

Regional Parks: Regional parks are large, highly visible parks. They service the County and communities outside of the County. They are typically commuted to by users from all over the County and beyond for use of their specific facilities such as baseball fields, tennis courts, RV campground, golf course or other specific amenities. They Typically offer a wide variety of activities and amenities for a large range of user types. Timer Powers Park is an example of a regional park that is located in the Village of Indiantown.

Special Use Facilities: In many cases, recreation is a secondary function. Some of the uses that fall into this classification include resource-based parkland and schools.

Multi-use Bike-Pedestrian Trail: Trails are designed to provide walking, bicycling and other non-motorized means of linking various parts of the community. To be distinguished from unimproved paths, trails shall contain at least 6 feet in width of a stabilized base.

Recreation Goals and Policies

Goals - Summary

1. Recreation

The Village of Indiantown shall provide an exemplary system of recreational programs, sites and facilities. These facilities will be appropriately sized and designed considering their context and will be convenient to citizens of all age, social and economic groups.

2. Open Space

The Village of Indiantown shall provide an exemplary system of green space and open spaces.

3. Healthy Living

The Village of Indiantown shall provide opportunities for its residents to experience active and healthy lifestyles.

4. Clean Environment

The Village of Indiantown shall increase and promote recycling in its recreation and open spaces.

5. Funding for Parks and Open Space

The Village of Indiantown shall seek to ensure that programs and facilities for parks and open space are adequately funded.



Goal 1. Recreation

The Village of Indiantown shall provide an exemplary system of recreational programs, sites and facilities. These facilities will be appropriately sized and designed considering their context and will be convenient to citizens of all age, social and economic groups.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall meet the growing demand for recreation by providing suitable sites, facilities and programs for those who live and work in the village of Indiantown.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall maintain recreational and open space lands to adequately meet the needs of current and future residents which will be measured by adopted recreation level-of-service standards.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall maintain a system wide average of 10 acres of recreation space per 1,000 residents.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall continually evaluate recreational sites and programs to identify any unmet needs. During this evaluation process, the Village of Indiantown shall provide an opportunity for public input.
- D. The Village of Indiantown shall develop a long-range plan for parks which will recommend the future location of more recreational facilities.
- E. The Village of Indiantown shall establish a citizen's advisory committee to secure citizen involvement regarding public park and recreation decisions including evaluating sites to be included in long-range plans.

The Citizen's advisory board shall meet on a regular basis to:

- Evaluate the maintenance of existing sites, facilities, and programs;
- Recommend the expansion or retraction of recreational facilities and programs;
- Evaluate the capital needs required to maintain the Village's recreational Level-of-service; and
- Provide input to the Village of Indiantown's five-year Capital Improvements Plan.

F. As resources permit, the Village of Indiantown shall monitor and pursue opportunities to make waterfront land available for public recreational use.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall improve public access to recreational opportunities.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall preserve public access to water areas by protecting public ownership of street rights-of-way.
- B. As resources permit, the Village of Indiantown shall inventory road rights-of-way that dead-end at the waterfront or other permanent barriers, or otherwise those which are not expected to be developed into streets for the purpose of installing pathways.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with Martin County Public Transit and the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization to promote including of the Village of Indiantown's recreational sites on the system's bus routes thereby increasing the public's access to recreational sites.

Recreation Goals and Policies

- D. Village of Indiantown shall design park, recreation and open space facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and equip playground areas with accessible equipment.
- E. All Parks and recreational facilities shall be accessible to all citizens, regardless of their age or ability. Parks in the Village of Indiantown will be designed to meet requirements of the American with Disabilities Act by providing accessible parking spaces and barrier-free entrance's and pathways.
- F. The Village of Indiantown shall complete an annual inventory of existing recreation facilities that are accessible to the disabled. If the inventory reveals deficiencies in the number of recreation facilities for the disabled, the Village of Indiantown shall plan appropriate improvements and funding within its capital improvements program to remedy the deficiency.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall initiate a maintenance program for park facilities located within its boundaries.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate a maintenance program for parks located in the Village of Indiantown with staff, private contracts and/or interlocal agreement(s) with Martin County.

Goal 2. Open Space

The Village of Indiantown shall provide an exemplary system of green space and open spaces.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall maximize the preservation, enjoyment, and accessibility of natural open spaces, especially those along the waterfront.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown's Development Regulations shall include preservation standards in order to preserve municipally owned environmentally sensitive lands. These standards will be based in part on locally determined criteria.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall seek funding for projects that increase public access to waterfront views and fishing opportunities such as piers and/or river walks on public and private lands.
- C. The Village of Indiantown's Land Development Regulations shall include incentives for development applications that provide public open space areas that preserve views, vistas, and/or native vegetation.
- D. Resource management areas are large, resource based areas that serve two or more communities or counties and are recognized for their significant contribution to local outdoor recreation. The Village of Indiantown shall have an optimal level of service of 20 acres for each 1,000 population. This LOS shall not be required for concurrency purposes as these areas are outside of the management of local government. Resources Management Areas include critical habitats, marine sanctuaries, national parks, nature conservancy lands, and wildlife refuges.

Typical facilities provided at a resource management area include water-based recreation, camping areas, nature trails, and other facilities not requiring intensive development.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall maintain or increase the acreage of publicly accessed open space. The Village of Indiantown shall promote preservation of environmentally sensitive land.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall encourage the preservation of environmentally sensitive land. The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate opportunities for public open space that will be protected and maintained in perpetuity.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall require that environmentally sensitive lands set aside for preservation will require a Future Land Use designation of Conservation.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall not divert existing park land to other non-park, non-recreational or non-cultural uses except in cases of overriding public interest.
- D. A super majority of no less than four (4) members of the Village Indiantown Council shall be required to convert publicly owned park land to other uses. In such circumstances the Village of Indiantown shall also adopt a plan that identifies equivalent new parks or park site relocation.

Recreation Goals and Policies

- E. The Village of Indiantown shall maintain existing park lands through the use of proper management and funding techniques. The Village of Indiantown shall assure that park lands are well managed and well maintained, designed to promote public safety and to discourage crime, and are accessible and convenient for park patrons.
- F. The Village of Indiantown shall maintain open space areas and remove invasive, and nuisance vegetation from protected native habitats and conservation areas.
- G. The Village of Indiantown shall evaluate the implementation of green infrastructure, including parks and native plants, to capture and retain storm water and encourage on-site retention.
- H. The Village of Indiantown’s Land Development Regulations shall include a requirement that new developments within the urban core will provide and maintain publicly accessible civic open space and associated features to enrich the urban environment.
- I. The Village of Indiantown shall explore locations for bioswales and native plants, including their use in pocket parks as part of a flood-control management system.
- J. The Village of Indiantown shall prioritize the use of a reclaimed water system to all parks.
- K. The Village of Indiantown shall design park and open spaces to preserve stands and clusters of native trees, mature trees, and require planting of appropriate and storm resistant species.

- L. The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to develop a Greenways Trail System that provides the public opportunities to access a safe and convenient trail system in the Village of Indiantown. This system should incorporate public lands, right-of-way, easements on private lands, and open space designated lands to achieve this goal. The trail system will connect to the maximum extent possible existing and future residential areas to employment, education, and activity centers.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall support natural, historical and cultural resource management to seek to ensure high quality outdoor recreation experiences for the Village’s resident’s and visitors.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown’s Land Development Regulations shall include best practices that seek to ensure sustainable use of recreational and open space land.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall promote restoration and rehabilitation efforts for all water bodies by highlighting the importance of clean water to outdoor recreation and tourism in the village.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall encourage the protection of all properties that are listed on the local and National Register of Historic Places.
- D. The Village of Indiantown shall encourage the preservation of all historic properties.

Goal 3. Healthy Living

The Village of Indiantown shall provide opportunities for its residents to experience active and healthy lifestyles.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall develop and maintain ongoing programs and infrastructure designed to support sustainable community health.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall promote a healthy community by encouraging and supporting access to recreation and physical activity through a network of activity-based parks and access to resource-based recreation facilities.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall seek to increase the number of outdoor programs and opportunities for its citizens.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall promote a healthy community by planning for and implementing a connected system of walkways and bikeways which will provide alternative modes of transportation while also encouraging recreation, physical activity and exposure to the natural environment. The Village of Indiantown shall provide multimodal connections and accessibility to parks and open space areas that is safe for all users.
- D. The Village of Indiantown shall develop and encourage volunteer opportunities in community projects that promote community health, Examples of such programs include neighborhood clean-ups; walk-to-school groups, and helpers for the elderly or citizens with special needs.

Recreation Goals and Policies

- E. Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with appropriate local, county and state agencies to develop effective parks and recreation programs that educate the community on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.
- F. The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate with Florida Community Health, the Martin County Health Department and other Healthcare providers to develop an educational campaign regarding the benefits of healthy foods and beverages.
- G. The Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with community partners to identify suitable locations for community gardens and urban farms.
- H. The Village of Indiantown shall support creative approaches to managing community gardens, such as support by educational institutions or volunteer management by community organizations.
- I. The Village if Indiantown shall collaborate with community partners to reduce any barriers that prevent citizens from accessing physical and mental healthcare.
- J. The Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with Florida Community Health, the Martin County Health Department and other healthcare providers to develop programs that seek to decrease chronic illness and obesity rates in its citizens.
- K. The Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with Florida Community Health, the Martin County Health Department and other healthcare providers to increase mental health through promoting early intervention measures.
- L. The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate with private and not for profit organizations to facilitate a green market for residents to buy, sell, and/or trade produce or other locally sourced items.

- M. The Village of Indiantown shall annually monitor its recreation programs to assure that an adequate diversity of programs addresses the recreation interests of different age and ethnic groups, particularly children, teenagers, disabled, and the elderly.
- N. The Village of Indiantown shall facilitate park programs that educate youth on the natural environment and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- O. The Village of Indiantown shall collaborate with the public library and local volunteers to provide a “sharing library” in parks to promote literacy and increase access to reading materials for all ages.
- P. The Village of Indiantown shall support bike safety education programs offered by the Martin County Sheriff, the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization and other agencies for both children and adults.
- Q. The Village of Indiantown will seek to facilitate recreation programs in Spanish as funding allows.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall promote the economic benefits of outdoor recreation and eco-tourism.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall promote findings of economic impact studies that highlight the importance of outdoor recreation tourism to the economy.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall identify and reduce the number of cultural and architectural barriers in existing facilities.

Goal 4. Clean Environment

The Village of Indiantown shall increase and promote recycling in its recreation and open spaces.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall coordinate with appropriate local, county, regional and state agencies to develop or adopt a sustainable recycling program to encourage private businesses, institutions, schools, public organizations and citizens to increase recycling in order to reach Florida’s recycling goal of 75 percent by 2020.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown’s Land development Regulations shall include guidelines that address sea level rise for the protection of natural, historic and cultural resources.
- B. The Village of Indiantown shall promote the utilization of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Business Recycling Tracking Tool for organizations to track, compare and report their recycling efforts. Through the website, which includes free registration, organizations can track different types of recycling efforts and produce reports on how those efforts are helping to shrink their carbon footprint.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall provide educational materials on proper recycling techniques, ways to reduce contaminating recycling, and the importance of recycling for future generations.

Recreation Goals and Policies

Goal 5. Funding for Parks and Open Space

The Village of Indiantown shall seek to ensure that programs and facilities for parks and open space are adequately funded.

Objective

The Village of Indiantown shall leverage local tax dollars by pursuing other funding mechanisms that can be used to expand and/or improve its parks and open space programs.

Policies

- A. The Village of Indiantown shall fund operating budgets and proper management techniques to preserve and maintain existing parks and recreation facilities.
- B. As part of the Capital Budget processes, the Village of Indiantown shall conduct an annual review of the active recreation facilities needs.
- C. The Village of Indiantown shall develop a policy for joint use or license agreements with private sector and non-profit organizations to expand programming at private amenity locations.
- D. The Village of Indiantown shall implement actions to improve coordination between the public and private sectors in matters relating to the provision of recreational opportunities in efforts to avoid duplication of efforts.
- E. The Village of Indiantown shall partner with other community organizations, including religious and social organizations, to join in the effort to provide leisure programs and activities for the community.

- F. The Village of Indiantown shall encourage programs such as “adopt-a-street” and “adopt-a-park” to help maintain and beautify its parks.
- G. The Village of Indiantown shall explore grant funding opportunities offered by state and federal agencies such as the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Florida Inland Navigation Fund, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, and other grant funding sources to expand its park system.
- H. The Village of Indiantown shall conduct an impact fee study by 2025 to explore the feasibility of implementing a Parks Impact Fee as a means to provide adequate recreational capital facilities.
- I. The Village of Indiantown shall develop a policy to promote land swaps to protect environmentally sensitive land.
- J. The Village of Indiantown shall seek funding to provide and maintain public use outdoor exercise equipment.
- K. The Village of Indiantown shall prioritize funding resources to enable the promotion and development of eco-tourism.
- L. The Village of Indiantown shall support creative approaches to managing community gardens, such as support by educational institutions or volunteer management by community organizations.
- M. The Village of Indiantown shall seek funding sources for materials, containers and resources needed to implement the recycling objective.



Survey Results and Needs Assessment

Public Survey

To gain a better understanding of residents recreation needs, a 12-question public survey was created. The on-line survey was posted on the Village website for 4 months (May 3 –August 18) and paper copies were made available through City Hall and the Recreation Department. A bilingual (Hispanic version) was also made available on-line and in-person. A summary of survey responses is provided in this section.

Indiantown Recreation Survey

1. How long have you lived in Indiantown?

o Less than 3 months

o 3-12 months

o 1-5 years

o More than 5 years

o I do not live in Indiantown.

2. How many people in each age group live in your household?

a. 0-5 years old01234 or more

b. 6-12 years old01234 or more

c. 13-18 years olds01234 or more

d. 19-25 years old01234 or more

e. 26-50 years old01234 or more

f. 51-64 years old01234 or more

g. +65 Years old01234 or more

3. Which parks and recreation facilities in Indiantown do your household use? (Check all that apply)

o Post Family Park

o Booker Park

o Big Mound Park

o Timer Power Park

o Local Trail System

o We do not use parks facilities in Indiantown.

4. Are there park and recreation facilities not located in Indiantown that your household uses?

o Yes

o No

If yes – Please provide the name and location of the park facility.

5. How do you currently get to a park or recreation facility? (Please check all that apply)

o Car

o Bicycle

o Walk

Other – Please specify

6. The following activities/programs are currently available at recreational facilities in Indiantown. Please indicate the activities/programs in which members of your household currently participate or would like to participate. (Please check all that apply)

o Little league baseball

o Softball

o Soccer

o Football

o Free play tennis

o Free play youth playground

o Free play basketball

o Pickleball

o Racquetball

o Skateboarding

o Picnicking

o Fishing

o Walking/Jogging

o Biking

o Senior Programs/activities

o Horseback riding

Other (please specify)

7. Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational program currently offered in the Village of Indiantown. (Please circle your choice)

a. Little League BaseballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

b. SoccerHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

c. Youth footballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

8. How would you rate the recreational programs offered in Indiantown?

o Above average

o Average

o Below average

o No opinion

9. Please list the top three recreational activities/programs that you or members of your family would participate if provided in Indiantown?

a.

b.

c.

10. Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility included in Indiantown parks.

a. Little league baseballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

b. SoftballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

c. SoccerHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

d. FootballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

e. Free play tennisHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

f. Youth playgroundHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

g. Free play basketballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

h. PickleballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

i. RacquetballHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

j. SkateboardingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

k. PicnickingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

l. FishingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

m. Walking/JoggingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

n. BikingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

o. Senior ProgramsHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

p. Horseback ridingHave EnoughNeed MoreNo Opinion

11. How would you rate the following with regard to existing park and recreation facilities in Indiantown?

a. Hours of operationExcellentGoodFairPoor

b. CleanlinessExcellentGoodFairPoor

c. Condition of equipmentExcellentGoodFairPoor

d. Availability of equipmentExcellentGoodFairPoor

e. Amount of spaceExcellentGoodFairPoor

f. Safety conditionsExcellentGoodFairPoor

g. Physical attractivenessExcellentGoodFairPoor

h. Variety of programsExcellentGoodFairPoor

i. Helpfulness of staffExcellentGoodFairPoor

j. Parking availabilityExcellentGoodFairPoor

k. RestroomsExcellentGoodFairPoor

l. Convenience to homeExcellentGoodFairPoor

m. Amount of supervisionExcellentGoodFairPoor

12. What do you feel is the most important need regarding parks and recreation in Indiantown?

o Providing more facilities

o Providing more programs

o Buying more land for future needs

o Improving existing facilities

Other (please specify)

Survey Results and Needs Assessment

Public Input

In an effort to solicit additional public input into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Department set up tables in the historic gazebo at Post Family Park during the annual back to school bash for residents of the Village on the morning of August 5. We shared draft master plan documents and draft master plan drawings for each of the city’s community parks. Hard copies of the on-line survey were provided in English and Spanish. The morning event drew a large crowd and approximately 20 additional surveys were completed by local residents. Councilwoman Hernandez provided support and assistance for the Hispanic residents as she guided them in the completion of surveys.



On the afternoon of August 5, the Parks and Recreation Department set up tables under a tent in the Booker Park neighborhood for a second back to school bash. This event was also very successful and included displays of drawings, plan documents and surveys. An additional 10 surveys were completed during this event.

In general, the display of plans and plan documents was very well received by the residents of the Village. There was much enthusiasm for improvements at all of the Village’s community parks.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

 **YOUR INPUT MATTERS**

PARKS MASTER PLAN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 05

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH	POST FAMILY PARK 15700 SW WARFIELD BLVD	9:00AM - 12:00PM
BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE	BOOKER PARK 14850 SW Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	1:00PM - 4:00PM



Come join us

 The Parks Department would like to get the community's input on the Parks Master Plan. Your feedback is very important as we reflect on our goals. The Parks Department will have a table set up at each event listed. Please use this opportunity to share your input.



Survey Results and Needs Assessment

A total of 124 responses were received from the on line survey.

Summary conclusions per question are shown below:

1. How long have you lived in Indiantown?

Overwhelming majority longer than 5 years.

2. How many people in each age group live in your household?

Under age 18 and 26-50 had the largest number of responses.

3. Which parks and recreation facilities in Indiantown do your household use?

Timer Powers Park and Big Mound receive the most responses.

4. Are there park and recreation facilities not located in Indiantown that your household uses?

Majority response is no. But the yes responses listed a few common parks - Halipatiokee Park, Downtown Stuart and Sandsprit Park

5. How do you currently get to a park or recreation facility?

Car received the largest response but walking was notable.

6. Please indicate the activities/programs in which members of your household currently participate or would like to participate.

Walking and Jogging received the highest response followed closely by soccer, basketball, playgrounds, fishing, biking and picnicking.

7. Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational program currently offered in the Village of Indiantown.

Baseball, soccer and youth football were equally rated as “needing more”.

8. How would you rate the recreational programs offered in Indiantown?

Large majority rates programs below average.

9. Please list the top three recreational activities/ programs that you or members of your family would participate if provided in Indiantown?

Soccer received the highest response. Also received high response to basketball, baseball, volleyball and softball.

10. Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility included in Indiantown parks.

Playgrounds, baseball and softball received the highest response. Although most on the list received nearly equal response.

11. How would you rate the following with regard to existing park and recreation facilities in Indiantown?

Majority rated hours of operation, convenience to home and parking availability as good. All other lists were rated fair.

12. What do you feel is the most important need regarding parks and recreation in Indiantown?

Improving existing facilities received the highest response followed closely by providing more programs.

Conclusions

The community profile and the survey do indicate trends and future needs.

Land

Based on expected population growth due to planned developments, the Village should plan on purchasing 30-40 acres of parkland to meet a level of service of approximately 10 acres per thousand population by 2040.

Programs

Currently most programming is offered by the Indiantown Community Athletic Association. Village facilities are available for a wide variety of programs. Soccer appears to be the most popular program and will continue to grow. Other programs that show growing interest include youth football, volleyball, baseball, basketball and softball. A general desire for more and diverse programs was shown in the survey. According to NRPA, 87% of recreation agencies offer their own programming.

Facilities

New facilities needed to meet NRPA level of services standards (see page 40) include:

Walking trail (up to 3 miles)

Tennis courts

Volleyball courts

Baseball fields

Soccer

Swimming pool

Recreation Center for indoor activities

There is also equal survey response for improving existing facilities.

Survey Results and Needs Assessment

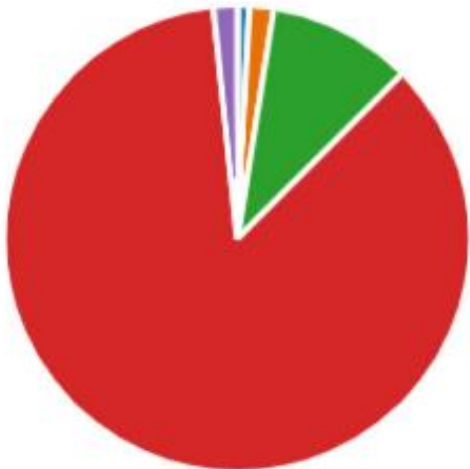
The summary of the online survey results is discussed on page 36. On this page and the following pages are a few graphic examples of results for questions 1, 3, 6, 8 and 12. The results were easily tabulated and portrayed as a pie chart or colored table.

Question 1 clearly indicates that most respondents are overwhelmingly long term residents of the Village.

Question 3 portrays a balanced response to the usage of the Village parks. However, Timer Powers Park, operated by Martin County, received the highest response.

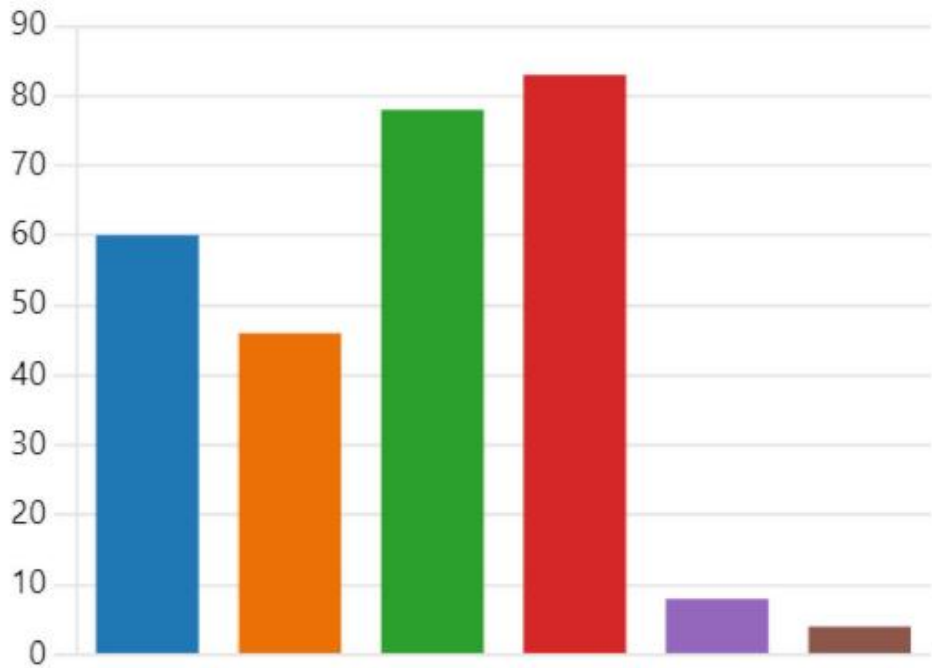
1. How long have you lived in Indiantown?

Less than 3 months	1
3-12 months	2
1-5 years	12
More than 5 years	103
I do not live in Indiantown.	2



3. Which parks and recreation facilities in Indiantown do your household use? (Check all that apply)

Post Family Park	60
Booker Park	46
Big Mound Park	78
Timer Power Park	83
Local Trail System	8
We do not use parks facilities in ...	4

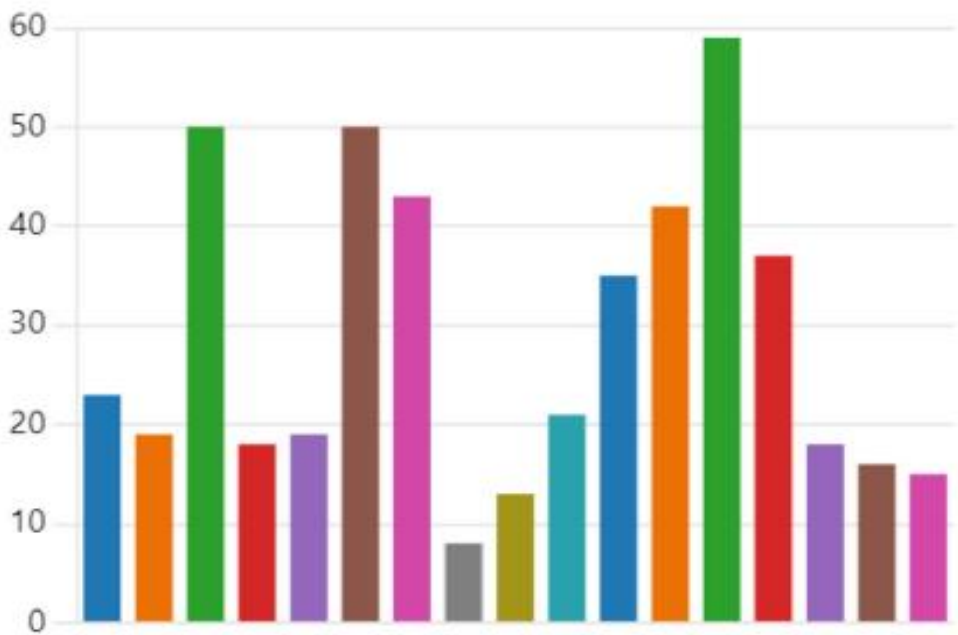


Survey Results and Needs Assessment

The summary of the online survey results is discussed on page 36. On this page, the response to question 6 is shown in a bar chart. With the exception of walking/jogging the response is well balanced across a wide range of recreational activities especially soccer, playgrounds, basketball, fishing, biking and picnicking.

6. The following activities/programs are currently available at recreational facilities in Indiantown. Please indicate the activities/programs in which members of your household currently participate or would like to participate. (Please check all that apply)

Baseball	23
Softball	19
Soccer	50
Football	18
Free play tennis	19
Free play youth playground	50
Free play basketball	43
Pickleball	8
Racquetball	13
Skateboarding	21
Picnicking	35
Fishing	42
Walking/Jogging	59
Biking	37
Senior Programs/Activities	18
Horseback riding	16
Other	15



Survey Results and Needs Assessment

The summary of the online survey results is discussed on page 36. On this page the response to questions 8 and 12 are shown as pie charts.

Question 8 indicates a strong trend toward a below average rating for recreation programs in the Village.

Question 12 shows almost equal interest in improving existing facilities and providing more programs.

8. How would you rate the recreational programs offered in Indiantown?

Above average	2
Average	33
Below average	74
No opinion	11



12. What do you feel is the most important need regarding parks and recreation in Indiantown?

Providing more facilities	15
Providing more programs	34
Buying more land for future nee...	18
Improving existing facilities	41
Other	13



Survey Results and Needs Assessment

Introduction

The purpose of a needs assessment is to determine the adequacy of system-wide acreage and facilities and to identify present and future needs. This is accomplished by evaluating existing acreage and facilities, assessing previous plans’ findings and recommendations, and identifying needs based on stakeholder and Village staff input as well as public survey results.

Supply Analysis: ACREAGE

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) suggested guideline for system-wide recreation acreage (local, close-to-home space) is 6.25-10.50 acres per 1,000 persons. “Local, close-to-home space” is developed open space used primarily for active recreational purposes; it does not include pure passive use parks. Excluding Indianwood Golf and Country Club, “local, close-to-home space” in Indiantown totals **71.5 acres**.

Based on the 2020 U.S. Census population of **6,560 residents**, there are **11 acres** per 1,000 persons. If no additional acreage is added to the system in the next 20 years, there will be approximately **6.8 acres** per 1,000 persons based on population projections of **10,500 residents** for the year 2040. Planned developments and improved infrastructure could push the population projections beyond 10,500 residents by 2040 with a resulting further drop in the level of service. To maintain minimum recommended levels 20 years from now, a total of **30-40 acres** of local, close-to-home space would be needed.

Supply Analysis: FACILITIES

NRPA guidelines for recreation facilities are shown in the table below. As with the guidelines for recreation acreage, the recreation facilities standards are intended to be used as a guide when identifying Indiantown-specific goals and needs.

According to the guidelines, existing facilities that could be expanded are tennis, baseball, trails, soccer fields, volleyball courts, and basketball courts. The guidelines include facilities that are not currently owned by Indiantown but are located in the Village (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club) as being popular with residents. These are: recreation centers/gyms and aquatics.

Facility Type	NRPA Guideline	Current Inventory	2040 Need (Based on Project- ed Pop. +10,500)
Baseball Fields/Softball Fields	1 Per 5,000	2	1
Tennis Courts	1 Per 2,000	1	4
Playgrounds	No Guideline	4	0
Multi-Purpose Trail System	.5mi per 1,000	0	5 mi.
Park Trails	1 per park	2	1
Pavilions	No Guideline	13	0
Community Center	1 per 20,000	0	1
Recreation Center/Indoor Facilities (includes gyms)	1 Per 20,000	0	1
Soccer Fields	1 Per 10,000	1	1
Multi-Purpose Fields	No Guideline	2	0
Football Fields	1 Per 20,000	1	0
Basketball (outdoor)	1 Per 5,000	6	0
Volleyball Courts	1 per 5,000	0	2
Swimming Pool	1 Per 20,000	0	1
Skate Park	No Guideline	1	0
Handball Court	No Guideline	2	0
Boat Ramp	No Guideline	1	0
Horse Arena	No Guideline	1	0

Stakeholder Interviews

Donna Carman, Executive Director, Indiantown Chamber of Commerce

June 6, 2023

The top priority of parks and recreation in the Village should be on long maintenance and upkeep.

The Village would benefit from a splash park potentially located at Post Family Park.

Would love to see football and baseball programs brought back. Demographic changes have led to a loss of interest in football and baseball. Also, funding and volunteers are needed to run new programs.

Planned developments could change the demographics again but limited water and sewer capacity at the plant limits growth.

There needs to be more parking around Post Family Park. There is an extreme shortage of parking to support special events.

July 4th celebration and fireworks is held at Timer Powers Park but paid for by the Village.

A new fire station complex is planned.



Janet Hernandez, City Councilwoman

June 6, 2023

The top priority should be to upgrade existing parks including adding shade and parking.

There is an obesity problem in elementary age children that would benefit from improved parks and expanded facilities including walking tracks, exercise equipment and shaded playgrounds.

An indoor soccer facility with a level playing field. The current outdoor soccer fields have dips in them that cause injuries.

Playground equipment should be covered or shaded

Need a covered basketball pavilion.

Big Mound Park and Booker Park could be redesigned to accommodate new uses and address concerns with shade, parking and new facilities.

Should close the road at Booker Park.

Need more parking at Post Family Park.

A splash park in a central location like Post Family Park would be very popular.

There is no lighting in parking areas. Need to add security lighting in all parking lots.

The restroom at Post Family Park is too small. It should be upgraded or replaced with more restrooms.

Would like to see something welcoming added to each park.

Playground equipment needs to be expanded and upgraded.

Taryn Kryzda, Village Manager

June 6, 2023

Due to shifting demographics, soccer has become the primary recreational sport. The Village has converted former softball and baseball fields into soccer fields. There was a women’s softball league some years ago. Due to the potential for large PUD’s being constructed in the Village, will pickleball become the next important program?

Concern on how the village will pay for recreation.

The Skate Park is actually active on weekends even though it is officially closed. Kids are sneaking onto the facility.

Concern in the village on how to be effective with recreation programs. Feels that multi-use fields may be the best alternative to accommodate today’s needs but allow for flexible reuse as the population shifts with new development.

Would like the recreation master plan to provide a sustainable guide for the Village council.

There are two distinct areas of the Village- Booker Park and Uptown. Booker Park residents tend to want their own facilities as evidenced in the recent brownfield meeting.

Concern for maintenance and operations costs for all the parks facilities and programs.

Likes the idea of exercise equipment and basketball pavilions.

The Village has already approved 1000 new units as part of PUD’s. Potential for more than 3,000 units in the next 20 years. The Village has water permit approval for the first 1000 units.

Stakeholder Interviews

Taryn Kryzda, Village Manager (Continued)

June 6, 2023

The Village population has the potential to double in the next 20 years.

The brownfield consultant is looking at the Booker Park area as the first phase. Adjacent to Booker Park was a FEMA site that may have been contaminated with Asbestos. There was also a former car repair site and the adjacent fire station (now used as the park HQ).

The FEMA site is most likely to be developed with affordable housing.

The site immediately north of Booker Park fields is being considered for Habitat Housing.



Guyton Stone, Vice Mayor

June 14, 2023

Immediate needs are for more football and soccer fields. Multi-purpose fields would also be OK.

The football field in the back area of Big Mound park is too small (only 80yards).

Would like to see the Indiantown Non-profit Housing land adjacent to Booker Park added to Booker Park. Approximately 10 acres could be used for a sports field complex with additional soccer and football fields. The additional land would create a nice community park similar to Big Mound Park.

The Village needs to take care of the existing parks in the inventory but also need to look forward to the future.

Programs need to be addressed. Would like to see a basketball program including an indoor basketball court. A covered basketball pavilion is also a nice idea. Likes the idea that the pavilion can have multiple uses.

Indiantown would like to host tournament sports like soccer, football and basketball. Currently there is only one soccer field in town (at Big Mound Park). The other fields at Booker Park are only used for practice.

Would like an indoor recreation center with a swimming pool and gym. The only pool in the city is at Indianwood Golf and Country Club. The YMCA pool has been closed.

The recreation center needs to be state of the art. Indiantown has been forgotten by Martin County.

Outdoor exercise areas are needed with static equipment. Under a pavilion or shaded with shade sails.

Guyton Stone, Vice Mayor (Continued)

Walking trails around sports fields or around parks is needed to accommodate demand for exercise walking.

Think about Indiantown as building a recreation program from scratch. They want parks that would address diverse needs of the community.

Indianwood Golf and Country Club has just been sold to outside investors.

Growth is coming to the Village. They have recently approved 5,000 new homes in various land plans. Expects the Village to be 15,000 population in 10 years. Infrastructure expansion plans are being prepared.

The Viillage has reached out to Martin County to implement impact fees.

Consider talking with local churches to learn more about recreation needs. Suggested Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Catholic Church.

New programs will only work if Indiantown is in the lead. If the Village promotes the program then they can recruit volunteers. But the Village needs to be accountable.

The Village could take the lead in offering soccer, basketball, football, softball, and baseball. The Village has the facilities already in place to support those programs.

Consider adding pickleball and dodge ball.

Swmapfest and the Swamp Homecoming are large events that draw several thousand people. Generally held at Booker Park but has expanded into surrounding streets. Includes food trucker, music, etc...

Consider adding space for food trucks, a farmers market and outdoor movies at Post Family Park.

Stakeholder Interviews

Darin Homer, Special Olympics Florida

July 12, 2023 (email)

Hello Mr. Huffman,

Thanks for inviting my suggestions. There are many charming parks and courts in the Indiantown area. There is a great sense of pride in the town. People want to recreate and enjoy their limited free time at a nominal charge. I see people moving to our area from South Florida and other parts of the country. They want to know what services and programs are available. When people visit a potential town to reside in, they look at the schools, access (transportation), and recreation.

I am not a resident of Indiantown. I grew up playing community sports programs and pick-up games in a small, similar town.

There are no facilities designed for Special Olympics Florida programs. We use sailing facilities, county, and city pools, parks, fields, YMCA, equestrian stables, and golf courses. These are all located in the Stuart area.

There is no “Miracle Field” in Martin County. The nearest one is in Brevard County.

We would need some bocce courts and lighted athletic fields and courts. We want to partner with a local school for an indoor court. We would welcome a partnership with the YMCA when their pool is completed.

As a Ten Year plan adding another pool to support the growing autism population. According to the National Autism Association, accidental drowning accounts for 91% of deaths reported in children with ASD who are 14 years old and younger. These deaths must be reduced, and we need more swim training for all of Florida’s’ children!

The success of programs is finding dedicated coaches. We would welcome a partnership with Indiantown Community Athletic Association to promote unified sports.

Considering people’s economic situation, I suggested many of these sports due to the ease of equipment and affordability in the five and ten-year plans.

Five Year Plan

- Bocce Courts
- Cornhole Cement
- Pickleball

Mini Pitches for soccer. I see courts being used in the area already.

Ten Year Plan

- Pump Track
- Skate Park (St. Lucie and Indian River Counties have these)
- Additional Pool

I hope that you find my suggestions helpful to you. We aim to promote recreation programs for individuals with IDs, and others work together for the joy of sport!

Thanks,
Darin



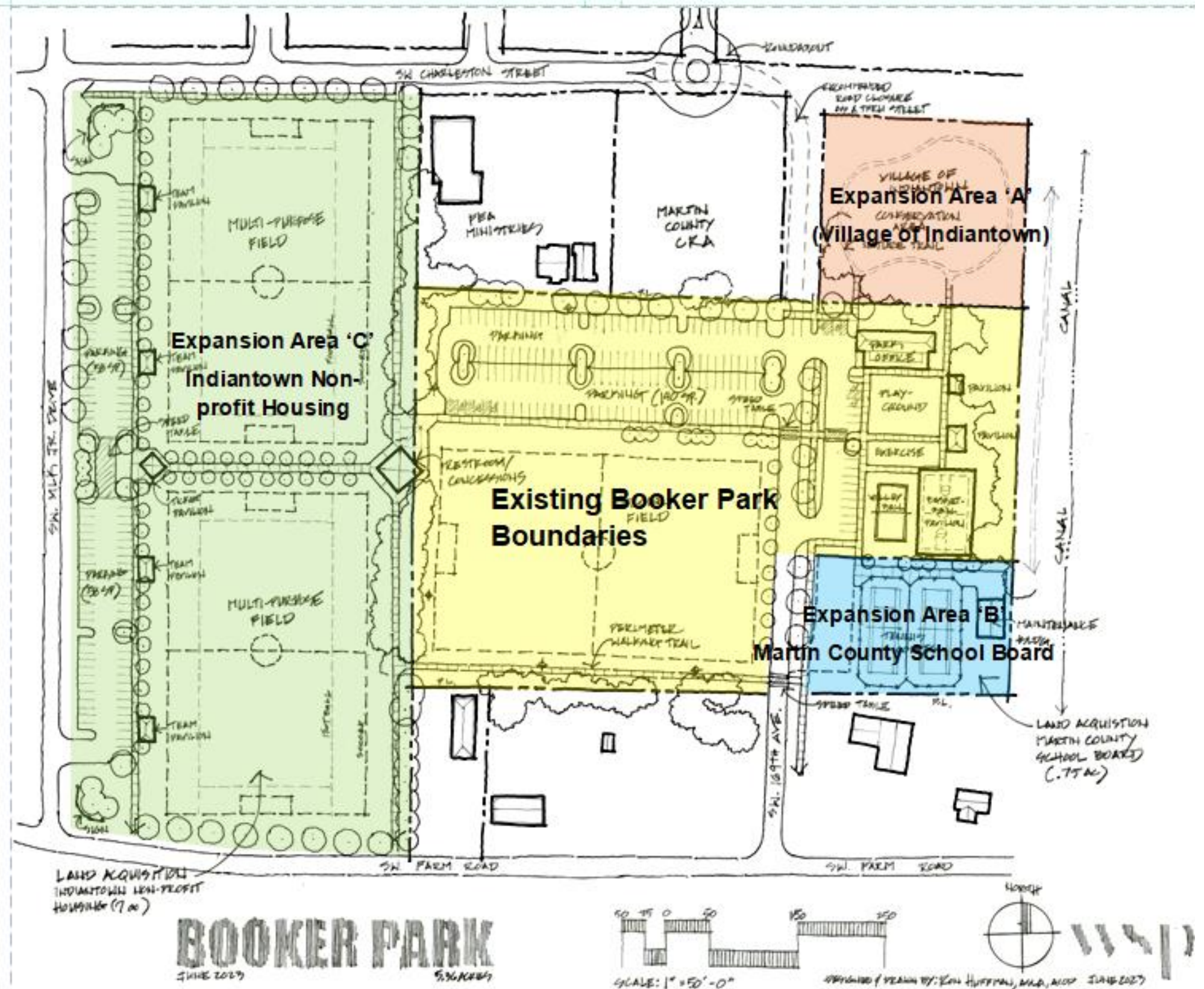
Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Booker Park

Refer to page 17-18 for existing conditions

Booker park is surrounded by underdeveloped and vacant land. Much of that land is publicly owned by the Village of Indiantown, Martin County or a non-profit. In order for Booker Park to truly serve as a community park, expansion will be necessary to accommodate the demand for new and expanding programs.

The master plan for Booker Park recommends the closing of SW 169th Avenue. A roundabout should be created on SW Charleston Street to the north of the park. Closing the street improves park safety by preventing through traffic conflicting with pedestrian crossings. The master plan recommends converting the former softball field into a regulation soccer field which allows for the expansion of off-street parking. A perimeter walking trail is shown around the soccer field. Other recommendations include the upgrading of the playground, the elimination of one basketball court to coincide with the addition of a covered basketball pavilion over one remaining court. A volleyball court and an outdoor exercise area would be added in place of one basketball court.

The expansion area to the north (shown in light orange) is currently fully wooded and would make an excellent nature trail and conservation area. The expansion area to the south shown in blue would allow for the expansion of court related recreation activities including two tennis courts that could also be striped for Pickleball. The expansion area in light green to the west opens huge potential for the park with the addition of two full-size multi-purpose fields with ample supporting parking, concessions, restrooms and pavilions. An alternate option would be to build a community/recreation center in the northwest corner (shown on the next page).



Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Booker Park

Option - 43,000SF Community Recreation Center (Dashed Line)

Includes 2 gymnasiums (2 Full Court Basketball, Pickleball courts, Volleyball courts), Mezzanine walking track, Multi-purpose classrooms, Meeting/Banquet Room for 300, Warming Kitchen, Staff Offices, Restrooms and Storage.

Summary List of Improvements (Not Prioritized)

- 1. Parking expansion
- 2. Establish a formal soccer field
- 3. Replace/expand the playground
- 4. Volleyball court
- 5. Basketball pavilion (one court)
- 6. Exercise equipment area
- 7. Perimeter walking trail (around soccer field)

Expansion Area 'A'

- 1. Designate for conservation
- 2. Add a nature trail
- 3. Add interpretive signage

Expansion Area 'B'

- 1. Parking expansion
- 2. Two tennis courts
- 3. Maintenance building

Expansion Area 'C'

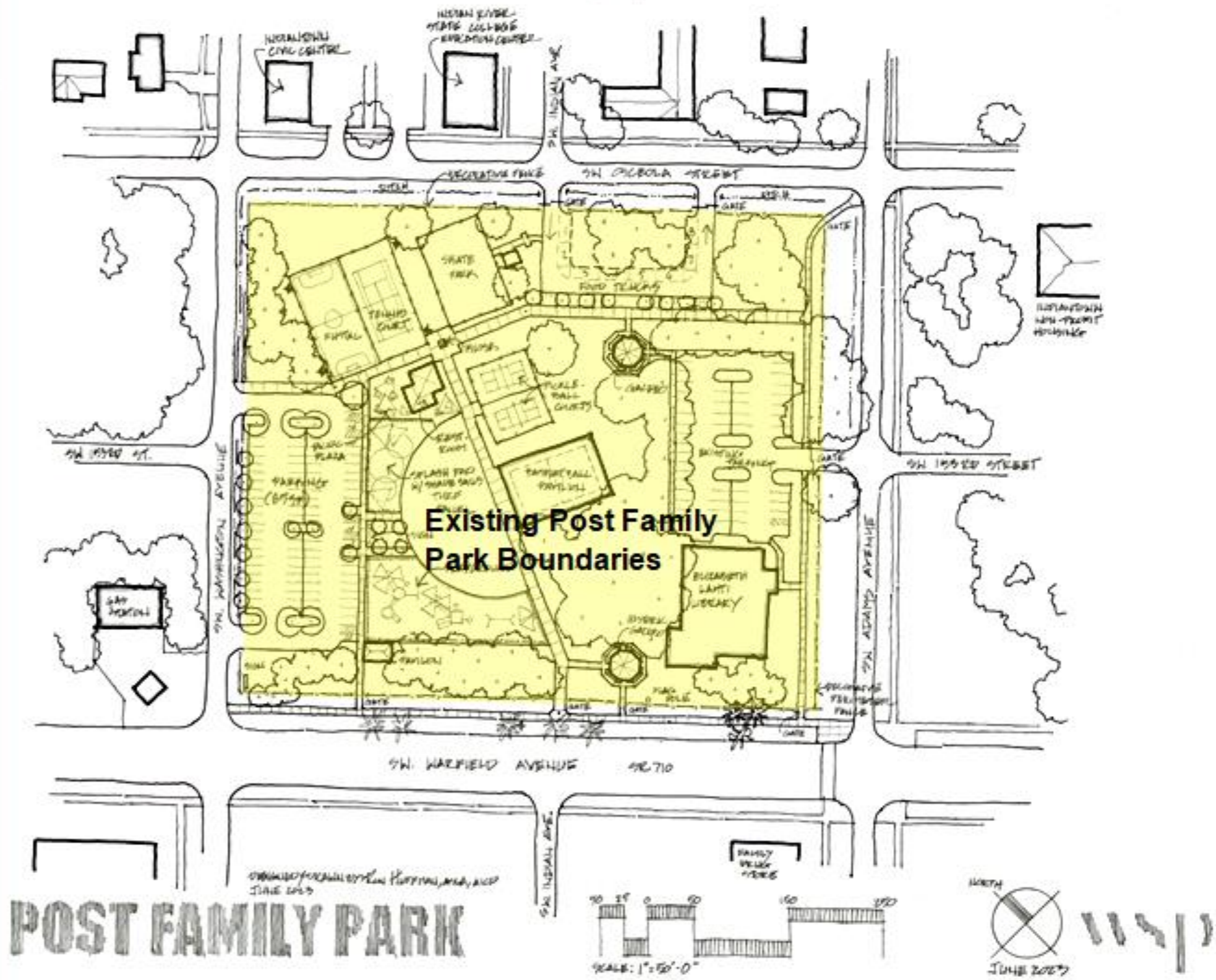
- 1. Add two multi-purpose fields
- 2. Parking expansion
- 3. Two team pavilions
- 4. Restroom and concessions
- 5. Perimeter landscape and tree planting
- 6. Park signage
- 7. Option - recreation center (shown as an orange shaded footprint with dashed line)



Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Post Family Park

Refer to page 19-20 for existing conditions

The Post Family Park master plan was designed to address a series of needs for this very popular park. The master plan recommends the expansion of parking along SW Washington Ave. The plans illustrates the addition of more than 70 spaces. As a result of the parking expansion, the master plan reorganizes existing and proposed facilities around a pair of east-west and north-south pedestrian spines. The existing futsal court, tennis court and skate park would be retained but the existing handball court and one basketball court would be removed. These adjustments create room for the addition of two pickleball courts, a splash pad, a new playground and a new restroom with an outdoor covered picnic area. The remaining basketball court is recommended to be covered with a pavilion. The master plan also organizes the day use facilities around a central lawn or turf panel. The turf panel can be used for outdoor event and concerts. The basketball pavilion can provide dual use as a covering for concerts and portable stages. The northeast corner of the park has been converted into an area for food trucks with direct connections to the park pedestrian network. The plan allows for up to 8 food trucks off-street. A Gazebo to mimic the gazebo along SW Warfield Avenue is included as a covered picnic spot for food truck patrons. The master plan also recommends decorative perimeter fencing to reflect the importance of the Park as a town square. New signage, gates and landscape are also recommended.



Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Post Family Park

Summary List of Improvements (Not Prioritized)

- 1. Parking expansion (SW Washington Ave)
- 2. Replacement and expanded playground
- 3. Splash pad
- 4. Replacement and enlarged restroom
- 5. 2 Pickleball courts
- 6. Picnic plaza with shade sails
- 7. Event lawn (Turf)
- 8. Food truck staging area
- 9. Additional gazebo
- 10. Perimeter walkway
- 11. Perimeter fence
- 12. Central walkway (N/S)
- 13. Central walkway (E/W)
- 14. New signage
- 15. New landscape planting

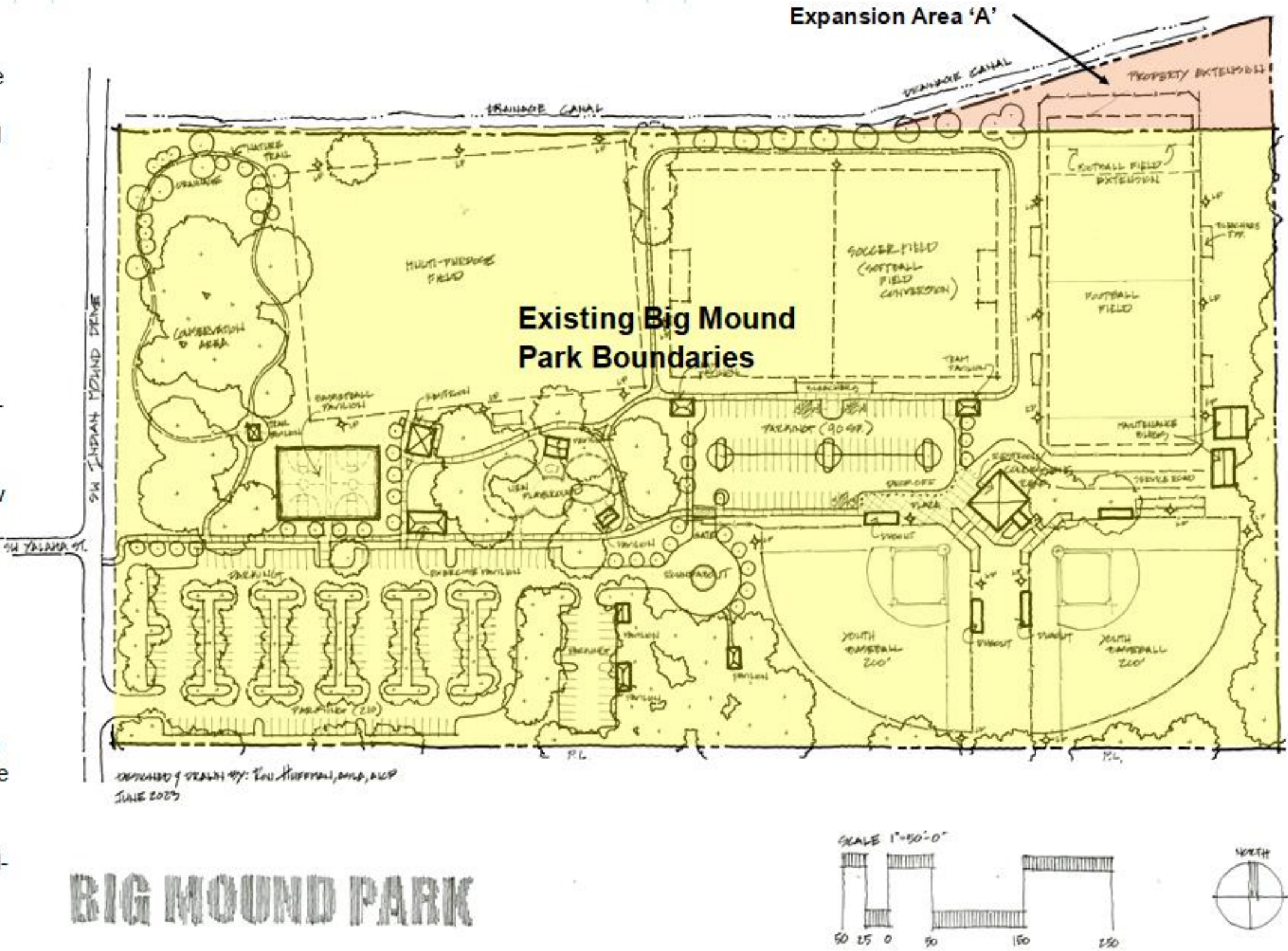


Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Big Mound Park

Refer to page 15-16 for existing conditions

The master plan for Big Mound Park builds on the current framework of the existing community park and expands the facility offerings. The master plan addresses current and future needs for soccer, football and youth baseball as well as adding alternatives such as walking trails and a nature trail. The master plan recommends that the park seek a small expansion towards the canal in the northeast. This addition allows for the expansion of the existing 80 yard football field into a regulation 100 yard football field. The existing softball field should be converted into a regulation adult soccer field. The conversion to soccer creates space that can be used for additional parking to support the sports fields. The two existing youth baseball fields should be renovated and preserved for baseball and the concession/restroom building renovated as well. A roundabout was added between the existing main parking area and the new expansion area. The roundabout can be used for drop-off/pick-up and provides a convenient location for access to the adjacent picnic pavilions.

The existing basketball courts are recommended to be covered with an open-sided pavilion. The pavilion covering allows for multi-use opportunities for covered concerts, weekend markets and other uses. The playground area should be expanded and upgraded. An exercise pavilion is also recommended between the basketball pavilion and the playground. The drainage area to the northwest along SW Indian Mound Road should be preserved and enhanced with native landscape plantings. A nature trail could be added in this area to celebrate the natural diversity of the Indiantown landscape.



Recommendations - Park Improvements @ Big Mound Park

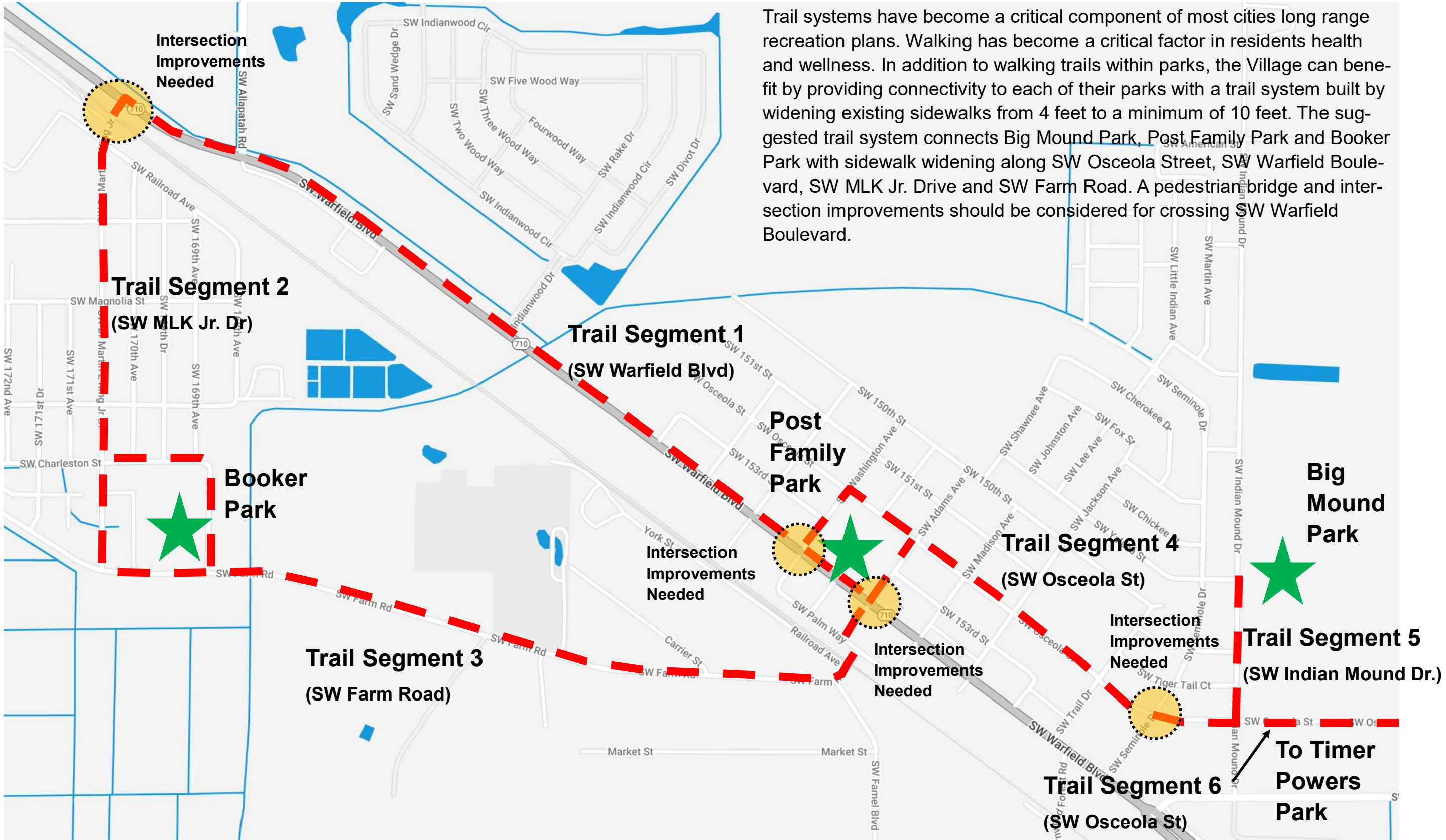
Summary List of Improvements (Not Prioritized)

- 1. Convert softball field into regulation soccer field with two team pavilions, bleachers, lights and irrigation
- 2. Expand parking
- 3. Acquire expansion area 'A' (property extension)
- 4. Extend football field to regulation length
- 5. Rehabilitate two youth baseball fields
- 6. Rehabilitate central concessions/restroom building
- 7. Replace and expand playground
- 8. Basketball pavilion
- 9. Designate a conservation area
- 10. Add a nature trail
- 11. Perimeter walking trail around regulation soccer field
- 12. Parking turnaround
- 13. Exercise pavilion
- 14. Additional picnic pavilion near playground
- 15. Additional landscape and tree planting



BIG MOUND PARK

Recommendations - Trail System



Recommendations - Staffing & Maintenance

Below and following is excerpted from the Indiantown FY 23 Budget

PARKS AND RECREATION	Staffing Complement		
	Revised	Adopted	Diff
	FY22	FY23	
	4	4	0

The basic function of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide year-round recreational activities that promote health and fitness, stimulates social interaction, and fosters community engagement to enhance quality of life. Parks provide green space that contributes to the Village's aesthetic enhancement and livability. The Parks and Recreation Department encompasses three (3) active parks: Post Family, Big Mound and Booker Park. The department is also responsible for the maintenance of the parks and facilities for both programmed and non-programmed activities and events. After assuming responsibility of these parks from Martin County in FY 2020, the Village has made many aesthetic and physical improvements to our fields, buildings, landscaping while improving our level of service and responsiveness to our residents.

Mission:

To continue implementing and providing improved services and maintenance standards, enhance recreation programs, activities and special events for youths, adults and senior residents while exceeding expectations for Village residents to enjoy safe and well-maintained parks, facilities and open spaces.

FY 2022 Major Accomplishments:

- Improved quality and condition of Village parks
- Maintained maintenance contracts for turf care, daily park maintenance, janitorial services, landscaping, tree trimming, irrigation, and electrical lighting repairs
- Improvements to several parks that included new signage, painting, improvements to concession stands, and maintenance of buildings

FY 2023 Major Projects and Initiatives:

- Continue improving the turf quality of all sports fields through fertilization, spraying and turf replacement
- Continue replacing playground outdated amenities such as basketball backboards, soccer goals, batting cage netting and turf, and miscellaneous field equipment
- Develop Master Plan for replacement of park playground systems
- Continue community business partnerships to improve recreation programs, activities, special events and sponsorship opportunities
- Create strategies to improve educational workshops, sports camps, summer camp programs and an after-school program
- Research and implement strategies to earn designation as Playful City

Staffing Levels:

There are no changes for FY2023.

Parks and Recreation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023 vs FY2022 (\$)	FY2023 vs FY2022 (%)
		Revised Budget	Adopted Budget		
572000 112 Employer Payroll Taxes (E	7,208	12,051	15,982	3,931	32.62%
572000 120 Wages	98,987	157,525	211,404	53,879	34.20%
572000 121 FRS-Retirement Contributi	2,274	15,752	25,178	9,426	59.84%
572000 123 Employees Health Insuranc	68	24,500	38,143	13,643	55.69%
572000 130 Temporary Staffing	1,414	-	-	-	0.00%
572000 Personnel Services	109,951	209,828	290,707	80,879	38.55%
572000 310 Professional Services	10,929	15,000	10,000	(5,000)	-33.33%
572000 349 Contractual Services	1,468	70,000	30,000	(40,000)	-57.14%
572000 400 Travel and per diem		4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
572000 411 Information and Technolog	848	-	-	-	0.00%
572000 415 Software >\$2,000		3,500	-	(3,500)	-100.00%
572000 420 Freight and postage	277	-	-	-	0.00%
572000 430 Utility Services	62,646	50,000	65,000	15,000	30.00%
572000 439 Fuel	758	3,600	3,000	(600)	-16.67%
572000 460 Repair and maintenance	496,328	305,000	325,000	20,000	6.56%
572000 461 Repair & Maintenance Offi	24	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
572000 471 Printing & Binding		1,100	1,100	-	0.00%
572000 510 Office supplies	606	-	1,200	1,200	0.00%
572000 511 Office Furniture & Equipm	242	-	3,000	3,000	0.00%
572000 520 Operating supplies	18,505	70,000	15,000	(55,000)	-78.57%
572000 524 Uniforms	170	500	2,000	1,500	300.00%
572000 540 Books, pub, sub, & member		2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
572000 550 Training	416	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
572000 Operating Expenditures	593,217	530,700	467,300	(63,400)	-11.95%
572000 640 Capital Outlay - Mach & E	57,676	29,000	-	(29,000)	-100.00%
572000 Capital Outlay	57,676	29,000	-	(29,000)	-100.00%
572000					
572000 Parks and Recreation Total	760,845	769,528	758,007	(11,521)	-1.50%

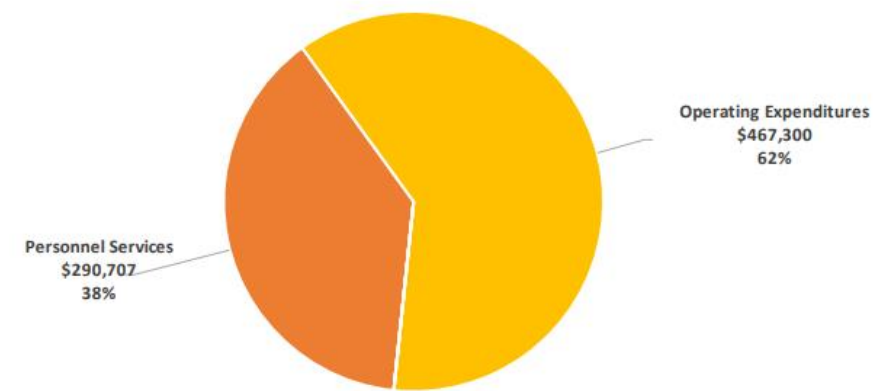
The current (at the time of this master plan) staff in the parks department consists of 3 full-time positions and 2 part-time positions.

- Parks and Recreation Director
- Parks and Facilities Supervisor
- 2 Park Rangers (part-time)
- Parks Administrative Assistant (Part-Time)

Recommendations - Staffing & Maintenance

Parks and Recreation

FY2023 Adopted Expenditures



Budget Summary:

Expenditure Category	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Revised Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Personnel Services	\$109,951	\$209,828	\$290,707	\$80,879	38.55%
Operating Expenditures	\$593,217	\$530,700	\$467,300	(\$63,400)	-11.95%
Capital Outlay	\$57,676	\$29,000	\$0	(\$29,000)	-100.00%
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Aids & Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Other Uses/Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Total	\$760,845	\$769,528	\$758,007	(\$11,521)	-1.50%

Budget Highlight:

Expenditures decreased by -\$11,521 or -1.50%. Personnel Services increased by \$80,879 or 38.55%, which is mostly due to the anticipated 5% merit and COLA and other employer benefit increases. Operating expenditures decreased by -\$63,400 or -11.95%, which is mostly due to the reorganization of expenditures throughout the other departments, such as utilities, fuel, and infomration technology expenses. Capital Outlay decreased by -\$29,000 as there are no anticiapted capital outlay purchases.

Department Summary

The Indiantown Parks and Recreation Department currently consists of 4 staff. There is a Director, a Supervisor and two part time park rangers. The administrative position is part-time. At this time, the staff are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of three community parks totaling more than 32 acres. Based on NRPA standards applied to the facilities (see next page), it is estimated to meet a level of service standard of “good”, that 5,235 manhours are needed for annual maintenance of the current parks. Roughly 2.7 (FTE) full time positions are needed exclusively for maintenance (based on 1920 hours per FTE).

Fees

Currently, the only fees received for Parks and Recreation facility usage are fees charged to reserve pavilions and athletic fields. Youth groups use the athletic fields at no charge. The Athletic Associations stripe the fields for their use using volunteers.

The NRPA 2021 Agency Performance Review data states that 87% of Recreation Departments run their own sports programs.

Most Recreation Departments rely on the support of a Citizen’s Advisory Board.



Recommendations - Staffing & Maintenance

Maintenance Staffing Standards

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has developed staffing standards for parks maintenance personnel. These standards may need to be modified to reflect local conditions but provide guidelines related to the level of service needed to provide acceptable parks maintenance. Table MM lists representative yearly standards.

Table MM NRPA Annual Staffing Standards for Parks Maintenance

Facility Type	Representative Staffing Standards
Athletic fields	300 hours per field
Courts	35 hours per court
Playgrounds	50 hours per playground
Picnic areas	30 hours per acre
Landscape areas	0.5 hours per 1,000 square feet
Turf areas	25 hours per acre
Buildings	1,500 hours per year per building
Walkways/trails	25 hours per 1,000 linear feet
Parking areas	30 hours per 50 spaces
Administrative support	1 staff per 10 maintenance personnel

Principals of Maintenance Management

- Maintenance objectives and standards must be established.
- Maintenance should be performed with economy of time, personnel, equipment and materials.
- Maintenance operations should be based on sound, written maintenance plans.
- Scheduling maintenance work must be based on sound policies and priorities.

- All maintenance programs should be developed with high emphasis on preventative maintenance.
- Park agencies must be provided with adequate fiscal resources to support the maintenance program.
- Park agencies must provide adequate personnel to carry out the required maintenance functions.
- The maintenance program must be designed to protect the natural environment.
- Maintenance should be one of the primary considerations in the design and development of new park facilities.
- Employees in the maintenance program are responsible for the public image of their associated agency.
- The maintenance program must assume the responsibility for both public and employee safety.

Planning and Organizing a Maintenance Program

There are several steps necessary to develop a successful maintenance program. Steps in this process include:

- Development of a complete inventory of the parks system.
- Development of a written routine maintenance plan that includes:
 1. Maintenance standards for all areas, facilities, and equipment items identified in the inventory.
 2. Identification and listing of specific routine maintenance tasks necessary to achieve the maintenance standards set by the Village for each facility.
 3. Procedures describing efficient work methods.

4. Maintenance task frequency.
5. Personnel necessary to accomplish identified tasks.
6. Tools and equipment required to accomplish tasks.
7. Material and consumable supplies necessary for task accomplishment.
8. Accurate task time estimates.

- A method should be created to systematically accomplish high priority, non-routine, non-recurring maintenance work (i.e. repair work, special events).
- Preventative maintenance should be determined by a systematically scheduled inspection program established by the Village.
- A schedule should be developed for assigning responsibility for each maintenance job. The schedule should include designation of individual, crew, contractor, and supervisory staff to determine that the work is done properly.
- A system should be developed for job design and planning, accurate scheduling of maintenance work, and work load controls.
- Large equipment (tool boxes) should be accommodated on service vehicles.

General Staffing and Maintenance Guidelines

- Develop a maintenance plan for all parks.
- Develop a maintenance facility within each community park.
- Add two additional maintenance personnel for each new community park, and .5 for each neighborhood park.
- Maximize use of volunteers for routine maintenance (e.g. Boy/Girl Scout projects, maintenance partnerships with local churches or civic groups, “2nd Tuesday” clean-ups by citizen support groups, etc.)

Financial Implementation

Introduction

The recommendations presented in this plan are proposed for implementation during the 20-year planning period. The following section includes order-of-magnitude cost estimates for recreation site development, potential funding sources, and a prioritized implementation program that recommends projects that should be pursued in the short-term (the next five years), and those that can be implemented at a later date.

Cost Estimates

Estimated costs for the recommended projects in this section are included on pages 57-58. These system-wide costs include costs associated with a “Future Community Park” (including property acquisition), should the Village decide to develop such a park to meet future recreation needs and residential growth. The tables on pages 57-58 include additional cost details, identifying specific amenities and associated costs for each park project.

Estimates are based on conceptual site plans (see pages 44-49) and are provided for planning purposes only. Unit costs were based on pricing from product suppliers, data published in the RS Means publication “Site Work and Landscape Cost Data”, FDOT published costs, and information provided by the Village of Indiantown. The expected accuracy for these costs is in the range of ±20%. However due to changing costs of labor, materials, equipment, services and market conditions, as well as potential variations in construction contractors’ methods of determining prices and uncertainty with a competitive bidding process, actual proposals, bids or construction costs may vary from the dollar figures provided.

Improvement	Estimated Cost
Proposed Parks Improvements	
Booker Park	\$3,259,550
Post Family Park	\$2,098,020
Big Mound Park	\$1,675,650
Sub-total	\$7,033,220
New Parks and Facilities	
Future Community Park	\$8,935,000
Sub-total	\$8,935,000
Multi-Use Trails (see trail map for locations of trail segments)	
Segment 1- 6,700 LF	\$435,500
Segment 2 - 3,400 LF	\$221,000
Segment 3 - 6,300 LF	\$409,500
Segment 4 - 3,000 LF	\$195,000
Segment 5 -1,500 LF	\$97,500
Segment 6 - 4,500 LF	\$292,500
Sub-total	\$1,651,000
Soft Costs and Contingency	
Parks and Trails Total	\$17,619,220
*Staff Costs (3.5 new staff) (\$75,000 ea. with benefits and insurance)	\$262,500
Engineering (10% of total fees)	\$1,761,922
Contingency (20%)	\$3,523,844
TOTAL	\$22,904,986

*1,715 manhours are estimated to be required for maintenance of new facilities planned for the three Village parks. 625 manhours are estimated for maintenance of a new trail system and 3,200 manhours are estimated for maintenance of a new community park. A total of approximately 5,530 additional manhours will be required for maintenance of new facilities. Based on 80% effective staff utilization, the net need will be for 6,912 manhours or approximately 3.5 new staff.

Potential Funding Sources

The following are examples of alternative funding sources which may assist the Village in financing projected capital and operational budgets for this plan’s proposed recommendations.

At the Federal and State levels, these funding sources typically take the form of grants, matching grants programs and loan programs. At the local level, funding sources may include the capital portion of the general fund, impact fees, local option taxes, dedicated millage rates, user fees, donations, bond referendums, foundation grants and public/private partnerships.

Federal Funding Sources

There are several available programs that offer potential for funding recreation projects in Indiantown, as identified below. Other smaller programs exist which could be applicable during the planning period, although it should be noted that funding amounts may be considerably less than the larger programs mentioned above. The National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program is a useful resource for these other programs (http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/helpfultools/ht_funding.html).

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) sponsored by the Department of the Interior has been an intermittent source of funding for outdoor recreation system improvements over the past decade. The LWCF provides 50% matching grants, which can be used for land acquisition and site development. The program is administered by the Florida Department of Environment and Protection (FDEP), and is highly competitive.

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In 2022, the guidelines for awarding LWCF grants were modified to align with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Criteria for LWCF disbursements will favor jurisdictions that:

- Have developed a thoughtful recreation plan;
- Demonstrate awareness of the outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation priorities in their communities;
- Show a direct relationship between proposed projects and their affect on health, fitness and livability, economic vitality and resource conservation;
- Create alternative approaches to funding and develop partnerships that leverage and supplement requested state and federal funds, and
- Demonstrate a need, but have little opportunity, to invest in outdoor recreation due to their economic condition.

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal program created through the National Recreational Trail Fund Act (NRFTA) as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). This program was reauthorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 1996. This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. By law, 30% of each state’s RTP funding must be earmarked for motorized trail projects, 30% for non-motorized trail projects and the remaining 40% for multi-use (diversified) motorized and non-motorized trails or a combination of the two.

The RTP program administered in Florida by the DEP, provides up to 80% federal funding on approved projects, and requires a minimum 20% non-federal funding match. Awards are generally announced within 180 days following the application deadline date.

Examples of eligible project activities include:

- Trail construction and rehabilitation;
- Restoration of areas adjacent to trails damaged by unauthorized uses;
- Construction of trail- related support facilities and amenities; and
- Acquisition from willing sellers of trail corridors through easements or fee simple title.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Ten percent of each state’s Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds authorized annually under SAFETEA-LU are reserved for Transportation Alternatives Projects (TAP). The reimbursable matching (80% federal/20% local) TAP Program makes available funding for non-vehicular projects that are related to the surface transportation system. The program is administered by FDOT. Projects implemented under the TAP Program must be one or more of the following activities:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists
- Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and cyclists
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites including historic battlefields
- Scenic or historic highway programs including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Historic preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or
- facilities including historic railroad facilities and canals
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails

- Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- Establishment of transportation museums

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

The CMAQ Program provides funding assistance to areas designated as non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Areas failing to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) receive funds to invest in projects that decrease transportation-related air pollutants. Funds are allocated to state DOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) based upon the severity of congestion and population within the non-attainment areas. These funds are spent on specific transportation projects that decrease emissions and improve congestion.

Community Development Block Grant

The Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsors the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). CDBG provides 100% grants for the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of certain public facilities. Grants are highly competitive and use of the funds is restricted to projects that would benefit lower and moderate-income persons. Though funds are more commonly expended for water and sewer projects, the CDBG program can be a viable funding source for community centers, and also potentially for recreation centers, trails and pedestrian facilities, and other recreation facilities.

Financial Implementation

Local Funding Sources

Local Option Taxes

Florida law authorizes local governments to impose several types of local option taxes. In some cases, the Florida Department of Revenue administers the tax for local government and in other cases the local government administers the tax. Nine different types of local discretionary sales surtaxes are allowed by law and are potential revenue sources for municipal government. Local government infrastructure is eligible for local option tax. A local option fuel tax can be used to meet requirements of the capital improvements element of an adopted local government comprehensive plan.

Dedicated Millage

Dedicating a portion of the millage rate for recreation operating budgets and capital projects is an additional method of funding system-wide improvements. The Village's current millage rate is \$1.6304 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A dedicated millage has not been used to fund recreation projects.

General Fund

A City/Village's general fund is typically a source of funding for recreation projects. Indiantown currently budgets \$758,000 for the maintenance and operation of its parks, utilizing existing staff which includes a Parks and Recreation Director, a Supervisor and 2 maintenance staff.

Parks and Recreation Impact Fees

Impact fees are payments required by local governments of new development for the purpose of providing new or expanded public capital facilities required to serve that development. Indiantown should develop an Impact Fee Methodology Report to determine a net amount that could be collected from new growth in the form of impact fees to fund needed parks and recreation projects.

User Fees

User fees are paid by recreation program participants, often with non-resident users paying somewhat higher rate than residents. In Indiantown, the Village receives minimal fees for pavilion and field rental.

General Obligation Bonds

General tax revenue bonds for parks and recreation is usually devoted to current operation and maintenance of existing facilities. For the purpose of paying debt on these bonds, the local government is empowered to levy a special tax. Total bonding capacities would be limited for parks and recreation to a maximum percentage of assessed property valuation.

Revenue Bonds

Revenue Bonds have become a popular funding method for financing high use specialties like golf courses, aquatic centers, ice rinks, tennis centers, and complexes for softball and soccer. The user and other revenue sources on-site pay for the revenue bonds.

Permits (Special Use Permits)

These special permits allow individuals to use specific park property for financial gain. The city either receives a set amount of money or a percentage of the gross service that is being provided.

Corporate Sponsorships

This funding source allows corporations to invest in the development or enhancement of new or existing facilities in the park system. Sponsorships are also highly encouraged for programs and events.

Public/Private Partnerships

Partnerships can result in a joint development funding source or an operational funding source between two separate agencies, such as government entities, a non-profit and a city department, or a private business and a city agency. Two partners jointly develop revenue producing park and recreation facilities and share risk, operational costs, responsibilities, and asset management based on the strengths and weaknesses of each partner.

Non-Profit Organizations

Non-profit organizations such as conservancies and land trusts can be viable sources for recreation projects. Such organizations often participate in developing linear parks, greenways and passive-use recreation facilities.

Foundation Grants

These funds are raised by a tax-exempt, non-profit organization established with private donations in promotion of specific causes, activities or issues. There are a variety of means to raise capital for projects, including capital campaigns, gift catalogs, fundraisers, endowments, sales of items, etc. Recreation-related grants are offered through the Gund Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Mott Foundation, Eastman Kodak, and Dupont among others. The Florida Municipal Association maintains information pertaining to foundation grants.

Establish a Linear Park/Greenway Utility

Linear park/greenway utilities are used to finance acquisition of greenways and development of the greenways by selling the development rights for the installation of underground utilities.

Naming Rights

Many cities and counties have turned to selling the naming rights for new buildings or renovation of existing buildings and parks to finance the development cost associated with the improvement.

Financial Implementation

Cell Towers

Cell towers attached to existing light poles or cellular tower ground leases in game field complexes is another source of revenue that the village could seek. Lease agreements vary but can be approximately \$500.00 per site per month.

Private Developers

Private developers lease space from Village-owned land through a subordinate lease that pays a set dollar amount plus a percentage of gross dollars for recreation enhancements. These could include restaurants, sports complexes, and recreation centers.

Licensing Rights

This revenue source allows the Village to license its name on all resale items that private or public vendors use when they sell clothing or other items with the city’s name on it. The normal licensing fee is six to ten percent of the cost of the resale item.

Capital Improvement Fees

These fees are on top of the set user rate for accessing facilities (such as golf courses, recreation centers and swimming pools) to support capital improvements that benefit the user of the facility.

Concession Management

Concession management is derived from retail sales or rentals of soft goods, hard goods, or consumable items. The Village either contracts for the service or receives a set gross percentage or the full revenue dollars incorporating a profit after expense.

Friends Association/ “Friends of the Park”

These groups are formed to raise money typically for a single purpose that could include a park facility or program that will better the community as a whole and the group’s special interest.

Advertising Sales

This revenue source is for selling advertising on park and recreation related items such as the program guides, scoreboards, dasher boards and other visible products or services that are consumable or permanent.

Easements

An easement is typically concerned when the Village allows utility companies, business or individuals to develop some type of an improvement above ground or below ground on city property for a set period of time and a set dollar amount to be received by the Village on an annual basis.

Irrevocable Remainder Trusts

These trusts are set up with individuals who typically have more than a million dollars in wealth. The individuals would leave a portion of their wealth to the Village in a trust fund that allows the fund to grow over a period of time. The Village is then able to use a portion of the interest to support specific park and recreation facilities or programs that are designated by the trustee.

Life Estates

This source of money is available when someone wants to leave their property to the Village in exchange for the right to live on their property until their death. The Village may use a portion of the property for park purposes while the person is living and then all of it after the person’s death. This revenue source is an appropriate option for individuals whose estate will be highly taxed upon their death. This allows the individual to receive a tax deduction yearly on their property while leaving a life estate. The benefit to the Village is the land is donated.

Implementation Program

The following table is a listing of park projects with recommended implementation timeframes; however it is intended to act solely as a guide in decision-making and is subject to change.

Proposed Park Improvements	Total Costs \$	Plan Years 1-5	Plan Year 6-10
Booker Park			
Parking Expansion	264,000		
Soccer Field	350,000		
Replace Playground	250,000		
Volleyball Court	30,000		
Basketball Pavilion	230,000		
Exercise Area	105,000		
Perimeter Walking Trail	67,500		
Nature Trail	12,600		
Interpretive Signage	5,000		
Subtotal	1,314,100	1,314,100	
Acquire Expansion Area B	xxx		
Parking Expansion	33,000		
2 Tennis Courts	240,000		
Maintenance Building	150,000		
Subtotal	423,000	423,000	
Acquire Expansion Area C	xxx		
2 Multi-purpose Fields	700,000		
Parking Expansion	211,200		
2 Team Pavilions	140,000		
Restrooms Concessions Building	425,000		
Landscape and Trees	26,250		
Signage	20,000		
Est. Additional Staff Maint. (1000 hours) (@\$37/Hr. loaded rate)	37,000	11,100	25,900
Subtotal	1,522,450		1,522,450
(Option –Recreation Center)	(8-10 M)		
Total	3,296,550	1,748,200	1,548,350
Total Per Plan Year		349,640	309,670

Financial Implementation

Proposed Park Improvements	Total Costs \$	Plan Years 1-5	Plan Year 6-10
Post Family Park			
Parking Expansion	184,800		
Replacement Playground	350,000		
Splash Park	500,000		
New Restroom	425,000		
2 Pickleball Courts	70,000		
Event Lawn	157,070		
Picnic Plaza and Shade Sails	50,000		
Food Truck Staging Area	83,600		
Additional Gazebo	45,000		
Perimeter Fence and Walkway	159,150		
Central Walkway (NS)	18,000		
Central Walkway (EW)	27,900		
New Signage	20,000		
Landscape and Trees	7,500		
Estimated additional staff maintenance (405 hours) (@ \$37 per hr. loaded rate)	14,985		
Total	2,113,005	2,113,005	
Total Per Plan Year		422,601	

Proposed Park Improvements	Total Costs \$	Plan Years 1-5	Plan Year 6-10
Big Mound Park			
Convert Softball Field to Soccer	252,000		
Expand Parking	198,000		
Acquire Expansion Area	5,000		
Expand Football Field	50,000		
Rehab Baseball Fields –2	200,000		
Rehab Concessions/Restroom	175,000		
Replace Playground	250,000		
Basketball Pavilion	250,000		
Nature Trail	19,950		
Perimeter Walking Trail	49,500		
Parking Turn Around	79,200		
Exercise Pavilion and Equipment	105,000		
Picnic Pavilion	30,000		
Landscape	12,000		
Estimated additional staff maintenance (310 hours) (@\$37 per hr.loaded rate)	11,470		
Total	1,687,120	1,687,120	
Total Per Plan Year		337,424	

Park and Proposed Improvements	Total Costs \$	Plan Years 1-5	Plan Year 6-10
Future Community Park			
Land acquisition	1,200,000		
Recreation Center (20,000SF)	5,000,000		
1 baseball fields	200,000		
1 soccer field	350,000		
4 tennis courts	480,000		
1 softball field	200,000		
Parking	250,000		
2 pickleball courts	70,000		
Playground	350,000		
Concession/Restroom Building	425,000		
2 volleyball courts	60,000		
Maintenance Building	200,000		
Estimated additional staff maintenance (3,200 hours)	118,400		
Total	9,053,400		9,053,400
Total per Plan Year			1,810,680
Recreational Trail System Improvements			
Segment 1 SW Warfield Blvd	435,500	435,500	
Segment 2 SW MLK Jr Dr.	221,000	221,000	
Segment 3 SW Farm Road	409,500		409,500
Segment 4 SW Osceola St	195,000		195,000
Segment 5 SW Indian Mound Dr	97,500		97,500
Segment 6 SW Osceola St	292,500		292,500
Staff (25 hours per 1,000LF) (25,400 LF) (625 manhours) (@37/hr. loaded rate)	23,125	9,250	13,875
Total	1,674,125	665,750	1,008,375
Total Per Plan Year		133,150	201,675

Plan Year Implementation Costs Summary

Plan Years 1-5: Booker Park (\$349,640); Post Family Park (\$422,601); Big Mound Park (\$337,424); Recreational Trails (\$133, 150) = **\$1,242,815 per year for the first 5 years.**

Plan Years 6-10: Booker Park (\$309,670); Post Family Park (\$0); Big Mound Park (\$0); Recreational Trail (\$201,675); Future Community Park (\$1,810,680) = **\$2,043,325 per year in years 6-10.**

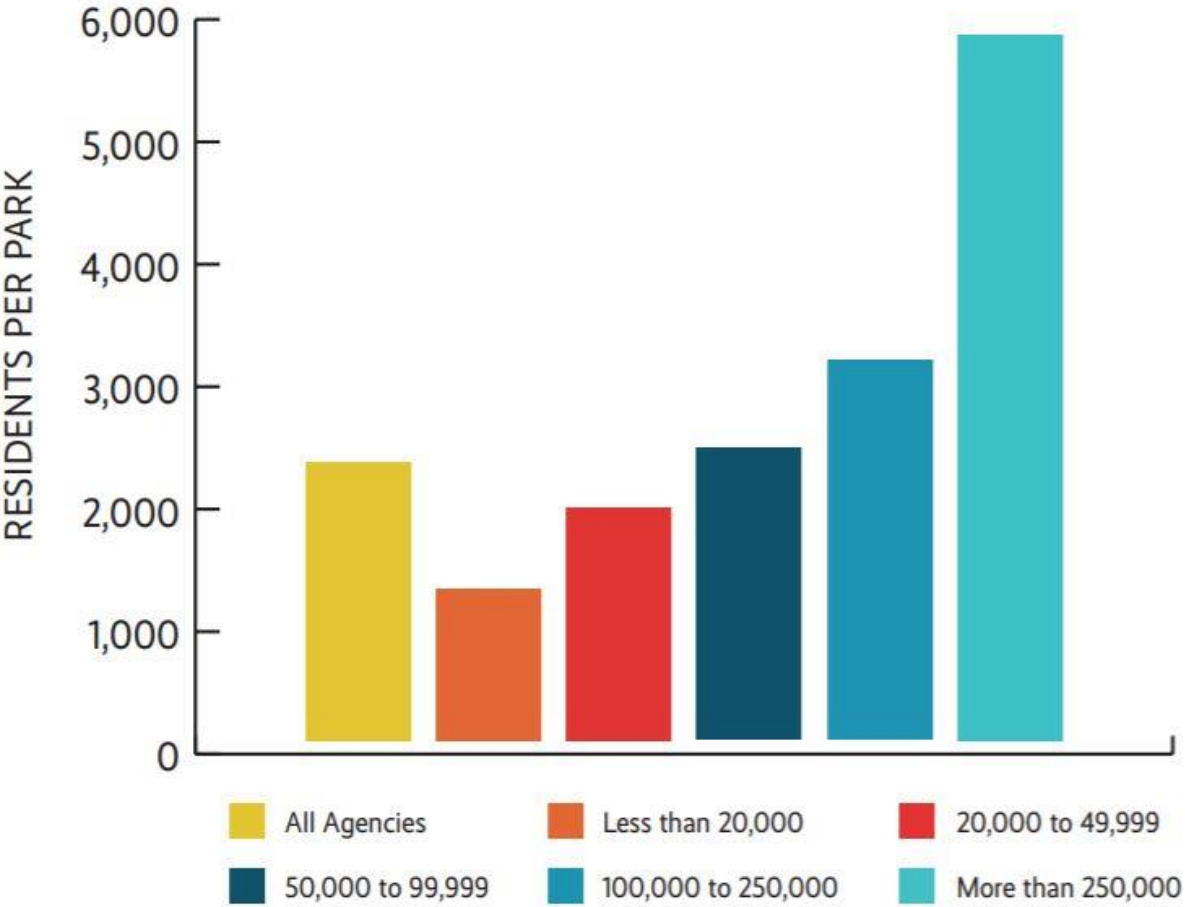
Appendix A

A good source of information regarding the status of Parks and Recreation in the United States is the **National Recreation and Parks Association** or **NRPA**. On this page and on the following pages are excerpts from the 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review.

2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review Key Findings

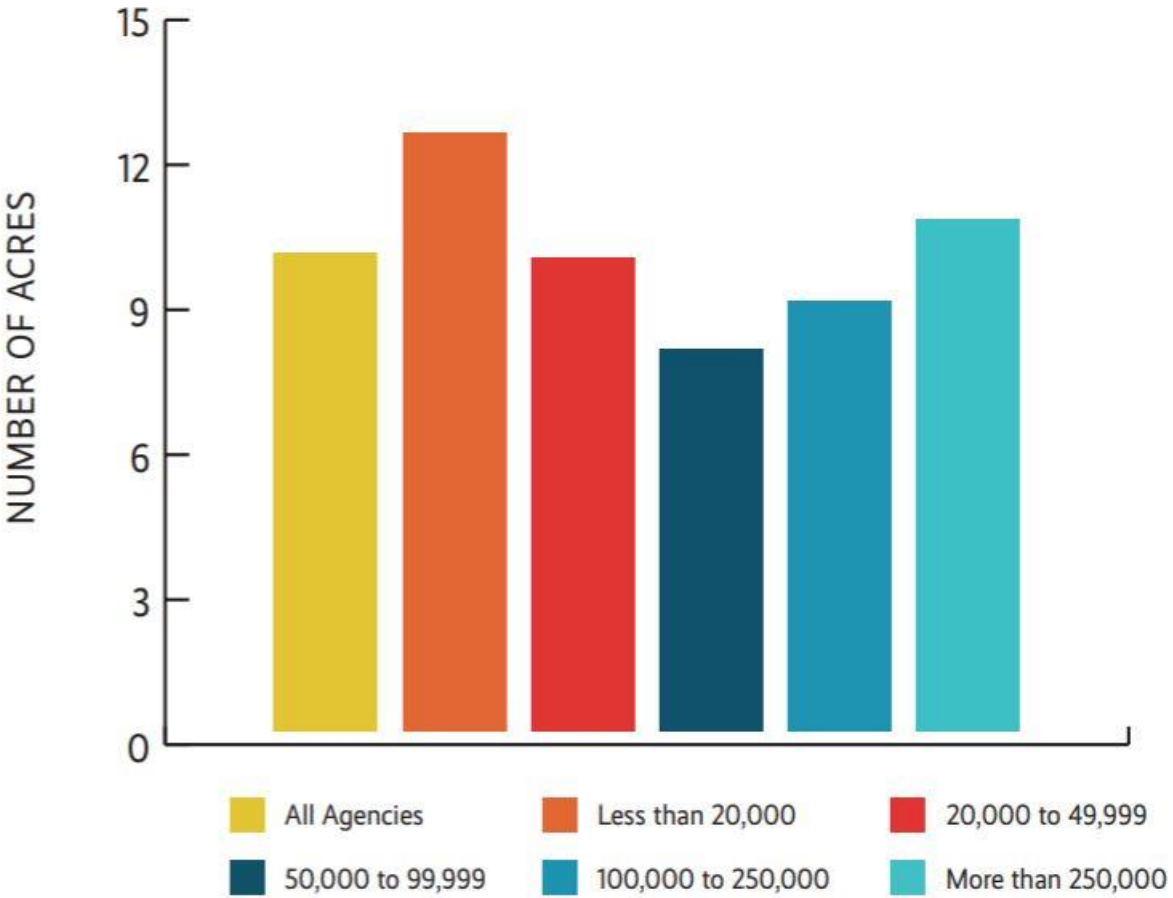


FIGURE 1: RESIDENTS PER PARK
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	2,277	1,235	1,900	2,387	3,104	5,765
Lower Quartile	1,302	776	1,207	1,483	2,042	2,760
Upper Quartile	4,359	1,948	3,083	4,367	5,869	13,146

FIGURE 2: ACRES OF PARKLAND
PER 1,000 RESIDENTS
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	9.9	12.4	9.8	7.9	8.9	10.6
Lower Quartile	5.2	5.2	5.6	4.4	4.6	5.6
Upper Quartile	17.6	21.8	15.7	15.9	15.9	17.5

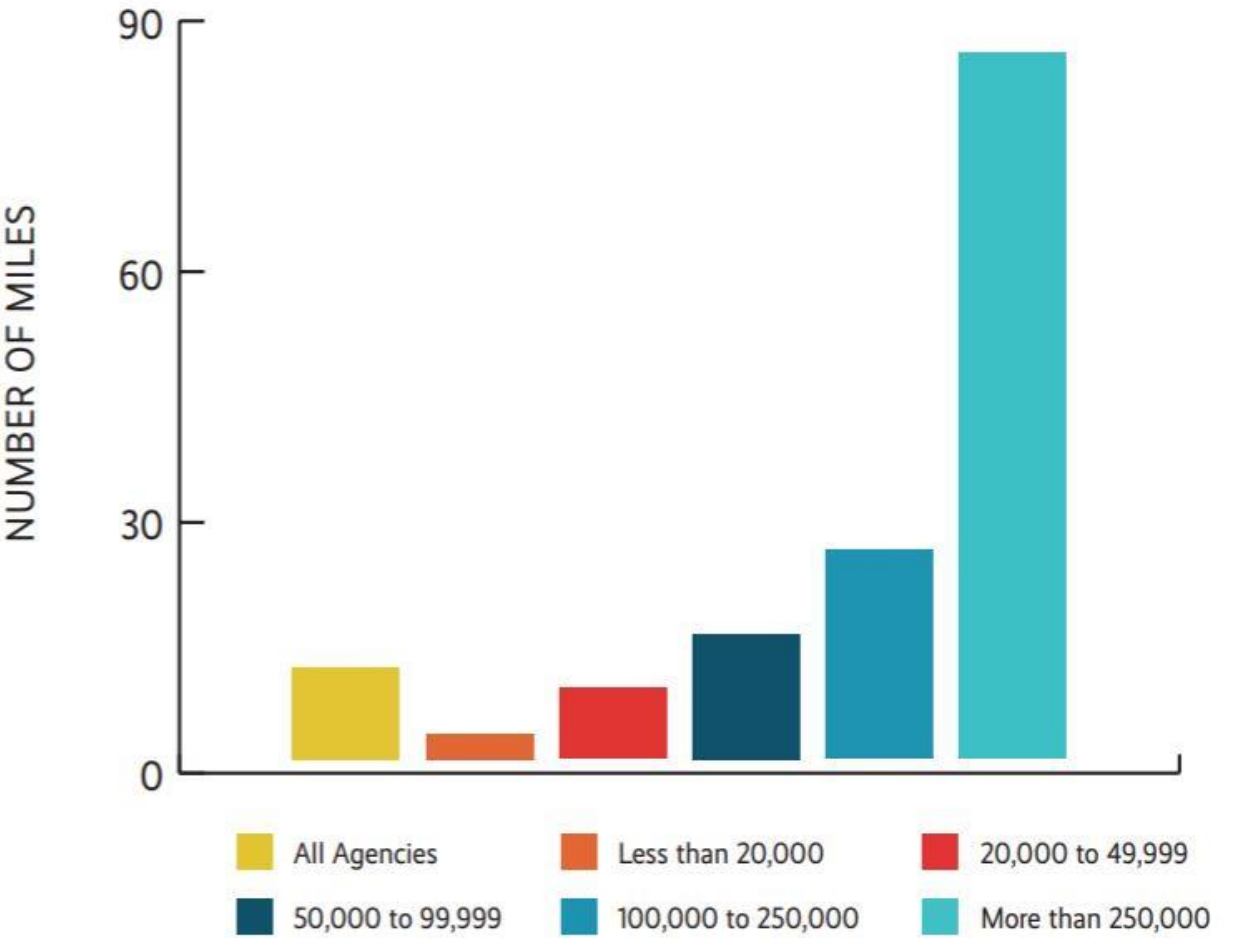


FIGURE 3: OUTDOOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES — POPULATION PER FACILITY (BY PREVALENCE AND POPULATION PER FACILITY)

Type of Facilities		Median Number of Residents per Facility					
		Population of Jurisdiction					
	Percent of Agencies	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Playgrounds	94.4%	3,607	2,132	2,961	3,672	4,804	8,271
Basketball courts	87.4	7,187	4,051	7,000	8,790	8,477	11,632
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	81.4	5,089	2,748	4,819	5,726	5,818	9,997
Diamond fields: baseball — youth	78.0	6,763	3,000	5,099	7,560	12,914	23,619
Rectangular fields: multipurpose	66.4	8,750	3,895	7,400	11,212	10,792	22,538
Diamond fields: softball — adult	65.5	13,510	5,663	11,184	16,250	28,081	35,875
Dog parks	64.9	46,000	11,148	27,528	58,926	76,610	129,506
Diamond fields: softball — youth	59.3	11,287	5,447	9,891	11,884	26,073	43,670
Swimming pools (outdoor only)	51.5	37,569	8,591	25,402	43,100	67,004	93,534
Diamond fields: baseball — adult	51.3	20,159	7,989	20,522	22,366	38,899	48,657
Rectangular fields: soccer — youth	48.9	7,192	3,433	5,833	8,291	12,646	32,649
Community gardens	48.3	31,175	9,001	25,480	51,197	72,238	96,322
Tot lots	45.1	11,000	6,194	8,974	13,701	19,122	22,163
Multiuse courts: basketball, volleyball	44.6	20,000	6,200	18,850	24,644	36,979	70,287
Rectangular fields: soccer — adult	43.6	12,943	7,541	11,161	12,800	20,000	30,092
Skate parks	39.3	49,750	11,000	31,248	66,672	109,798	247,664
Rectangular fields: football	36.5	25,977	7,917	16,584	31,972	51,719	78,656
Multipurpose synthetic fields	21.0	38,328	13,200	22,041	40,305	53,550	112,707
Ice rinks (outdoor only)	17.9	16,664	10,000	13,049	29,386	112,000	472,688
Rectangular fields: cricket	12.1	128,393	ISD*	29,404	62,958	110,936	370,119
Rectangular fields: lacrosse	11.2	29,000	7,051	13,333	33,437	63,250	174,861
Overlay fields	8.7	15,385	4,385	8,935	10,724	42,139	87,438
Rectangular fields: field hockey	3.5	23,270	ISD*	15,007	ISD*	110,558	ISD*



**FIGURE 4: MILES OF TRAIL
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**

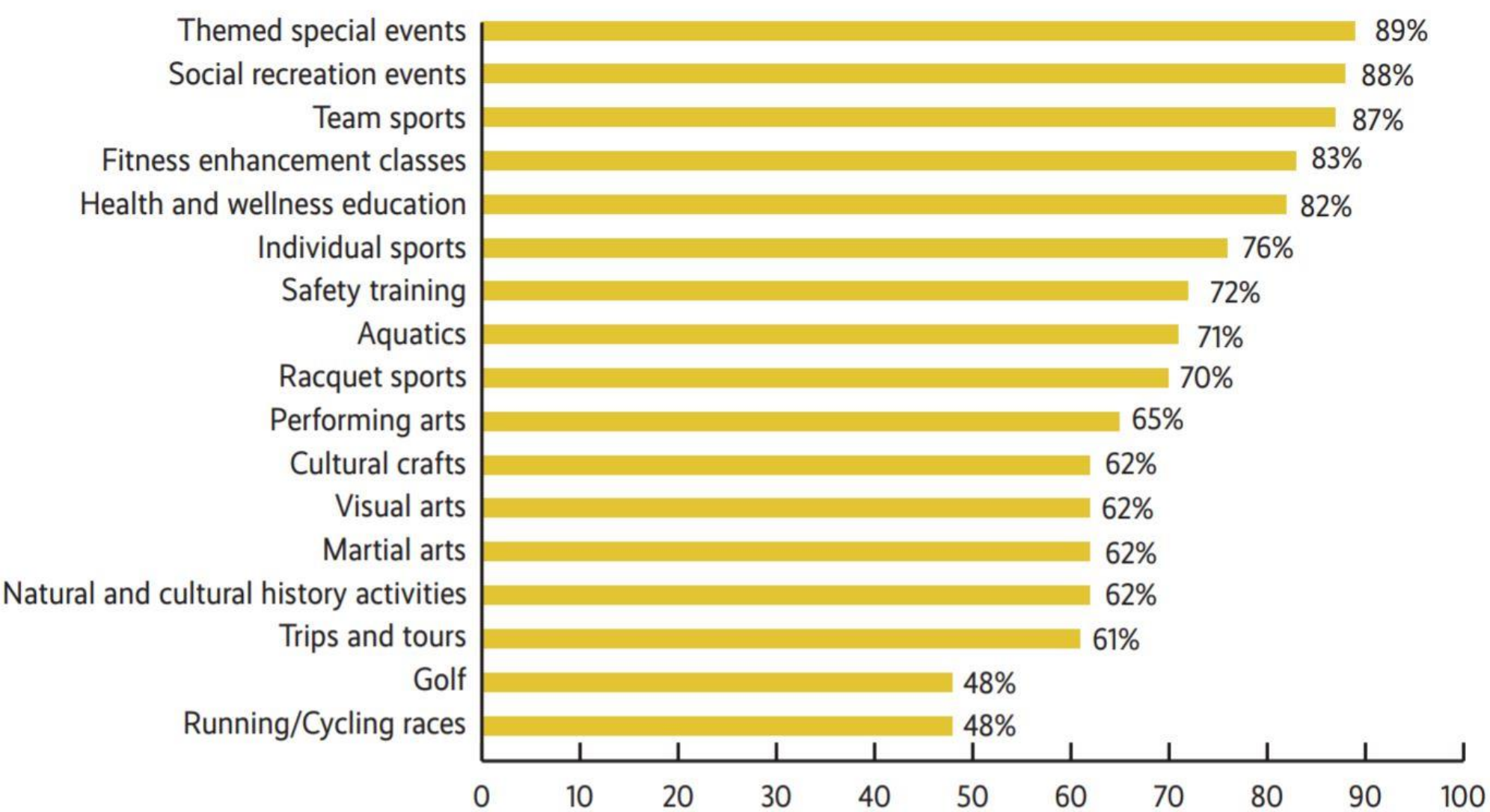


	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	12	3	8.5	15	25.5	90
Lower Quartile	4	1.7	4	5.9	11.7	40
Upper Quartile	36.2	8	15.8	30	51.5	168

**FIGURE 5: INDOOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES – POPULATION PER FACILITY
(BY PREVALENCE AND POPULATION PER FACILITY)**

Type of Facilities		Median Number of Residents per Facility					
		Population of Jurisdiction					
	Percent of Agencies	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Recreation centers	63.9%	30,709	9,800	24,545	41,452	53,550	71,514
Community centers	58.6	29,000	9,045	26,099	41,245	56,025	109,089
Senior centers	39.0	61,975	12,304	34,674	68,540	122,000	275,401
Performance amphitheaters	35.1	62,927	11,000	31,115	59,294	113,221	341,294
Nature centers	31.6	109,212	11,704	33,164	69,250	125,000	361,613
Aquatics centers	25.0	49,024	11,000	29,790	62,313	85,500	235,760
Stadiums	18.0	64,800	9,126	27,192	62,682	135,323	330,868
Ice rinks	13.2	55,174	7,911	27,000	55,174	102,543	385,525
Teen centers	12.8	57,729	12,044	32,000	57,027	152,714	343,661
Arenas	6.5	53,236	7,102	24,413	66,215	118,271	499,500

**FIGURE 6: PROGRAMMING OFFERED BY PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES)**



**FIGURE 7: TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**

		Population of Jurisdiction (Percent)				
	Percent of Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Summer camp	83%	61%	89%	92%	88%	90%
Senior programs	79	68	79	86	87	78
Teen programs	67	49	64	74	76	79
Programs for people with disabilities	62	38	56	70	81	78
After-school programs	58	40	48	67	69	73
STEM programs	57	51	48	59	63	71
Preschool	36	26	38	44	38	36
Before-school programs	20	14	21	24	19	23
Full daycare	8	6	7	11	6	13

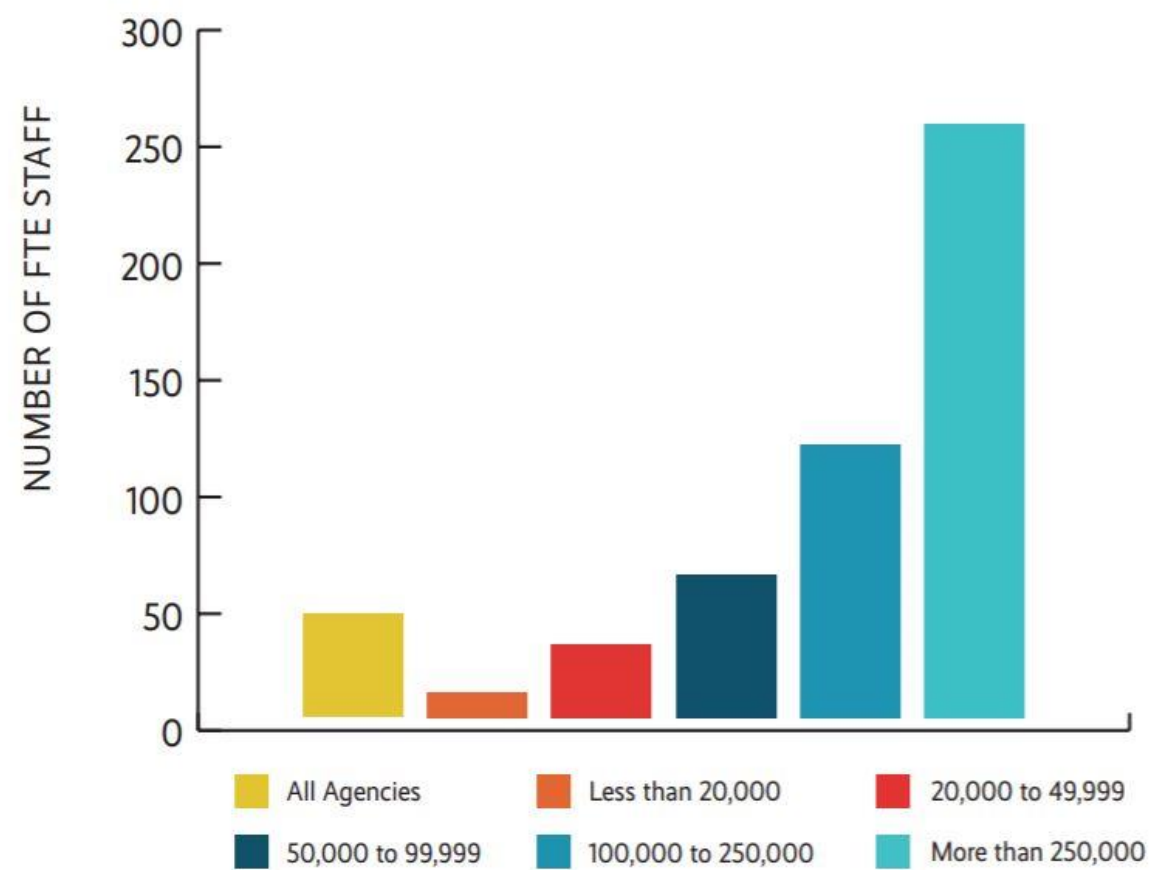
**FIGURE 8: KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES)**



**FIGURE 9: OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES)**

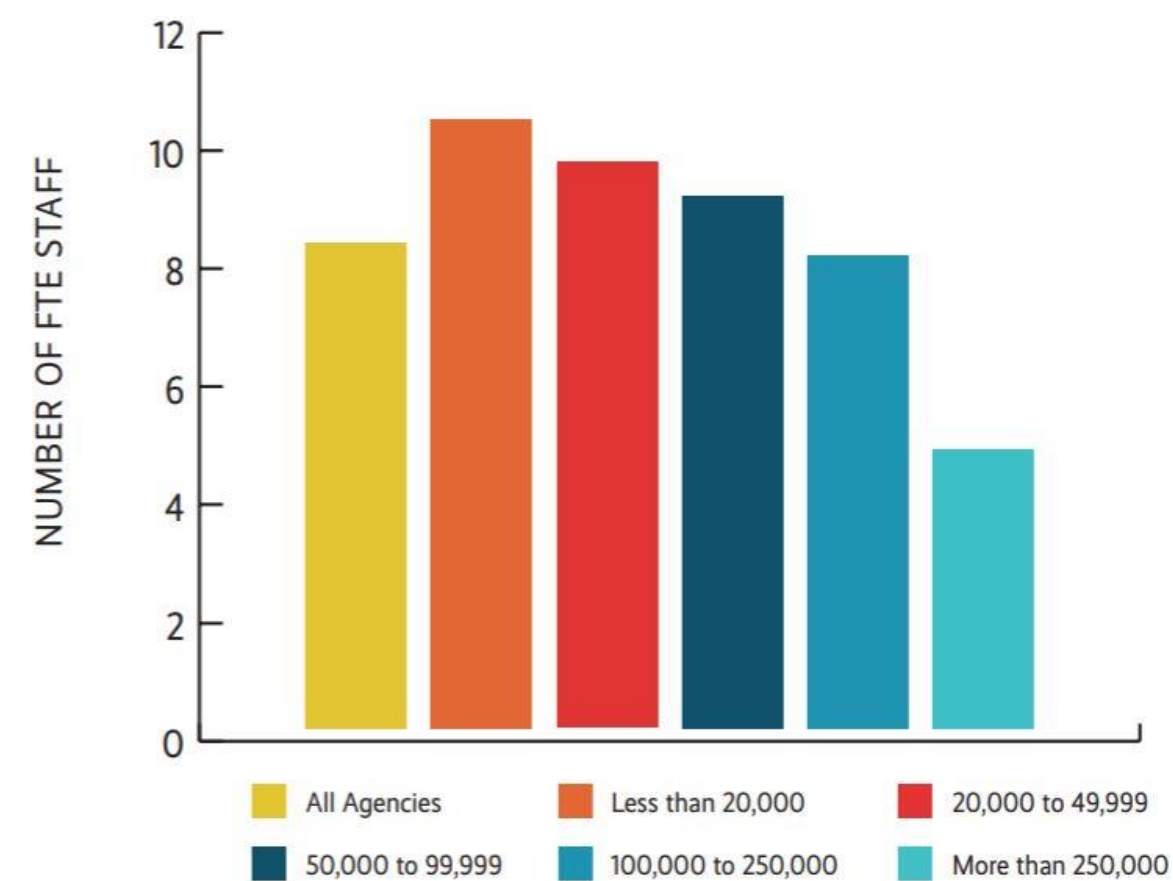
Operate, maintain or contract tourism attractions	35%
Operate, maintain or contract golf courses	35
Manage large outdoor performance amphitheaters	34
Operate, maintain or contract indoor swim facilities/water parks	32
Administer or manage farmers markets	21
Administer or manage tournament-/event-quality indoor sports complexes	19
Operate, maintain or contract campgrounds	18
Maintain, manage or lease indoor performing arts centers	18
Administer or manage professional or college-type stadiums/arenas/racetracks	17
Maintain or manage beaches (inclusive of all water-body types)	9
Manage or maintain fairgrounds	8
Operate, maintain or contract marinas	6

FIGURE 10: PARK AND RECREATION AGENCY STAFFING: FTEs (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	44.3	10.9	31.4	61.2	117	254.1
Lower Quartile	15.9	5.4	16.3	34.4	46	106
Upper Quartile	126.9	21.5	59.8	114.6	202.2	550

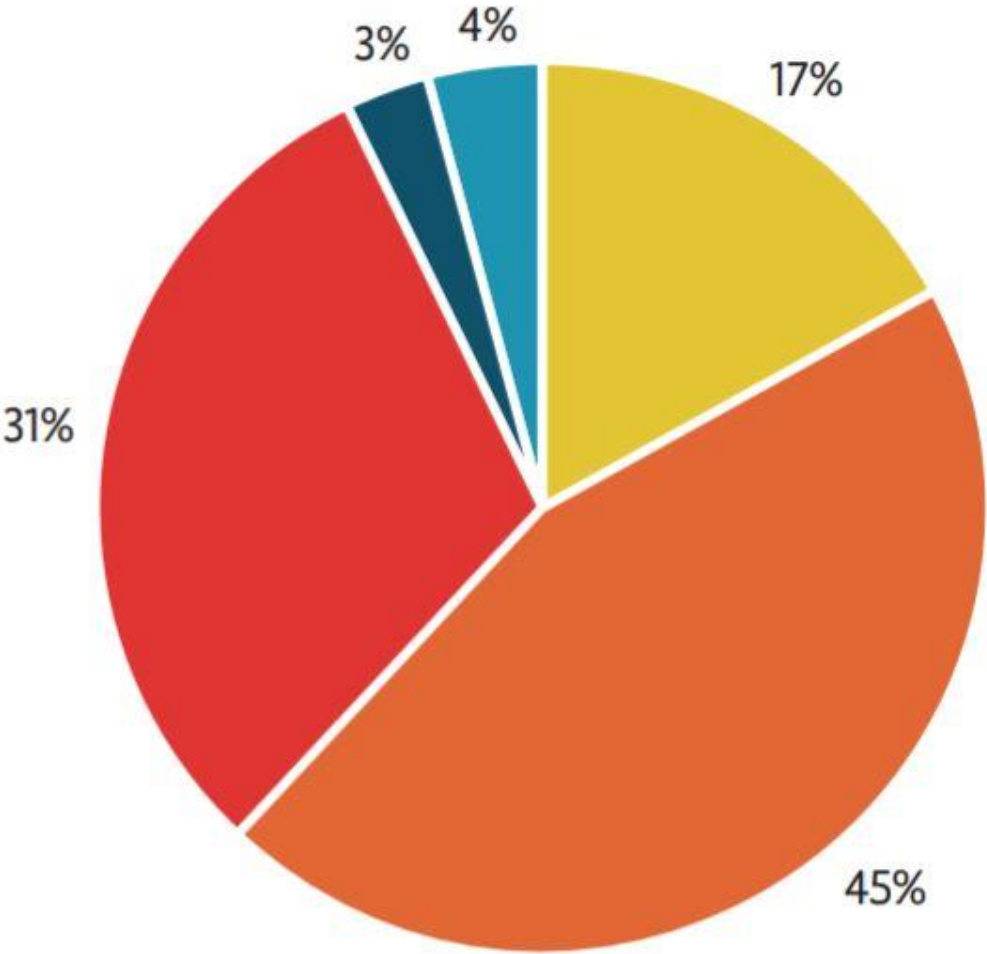
FIGURE 11: PARK AND RECREATION FTEs PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



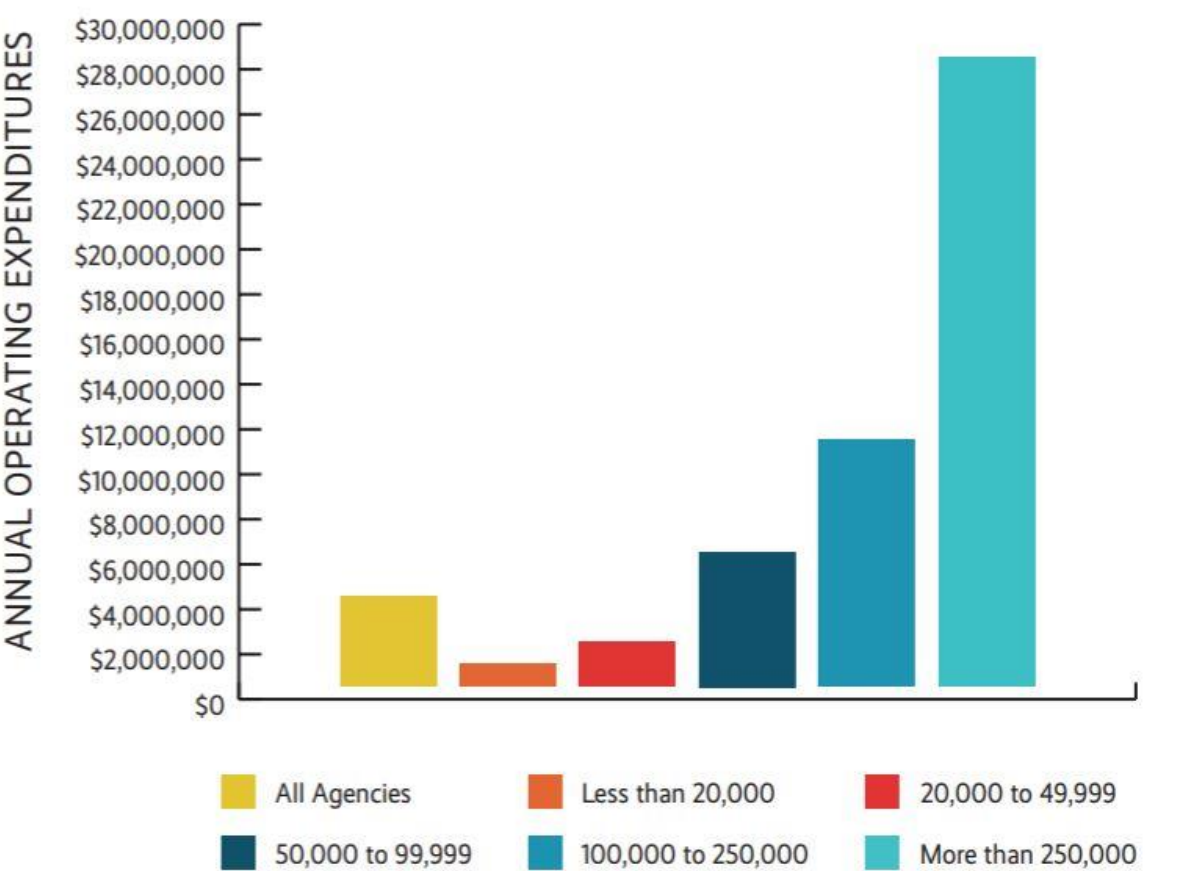
	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	8.2	10.3	9.6	9	8	4.7
Lower Quartile	4.5	6.4	5.3	5.1	3.3	2.3
Upper Quartile	14.9	22.6	17.8	15.8	13.4	8.2

**FIGURE 12: RESPONSIBILITIES OF
PARK AND RECREATION STAFF
(AVERAGE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF
AGENCY FTEs)**

45%	Operations/Maintenance
31%	Programming
17%	Administration
3%	Capital development
4%	Other

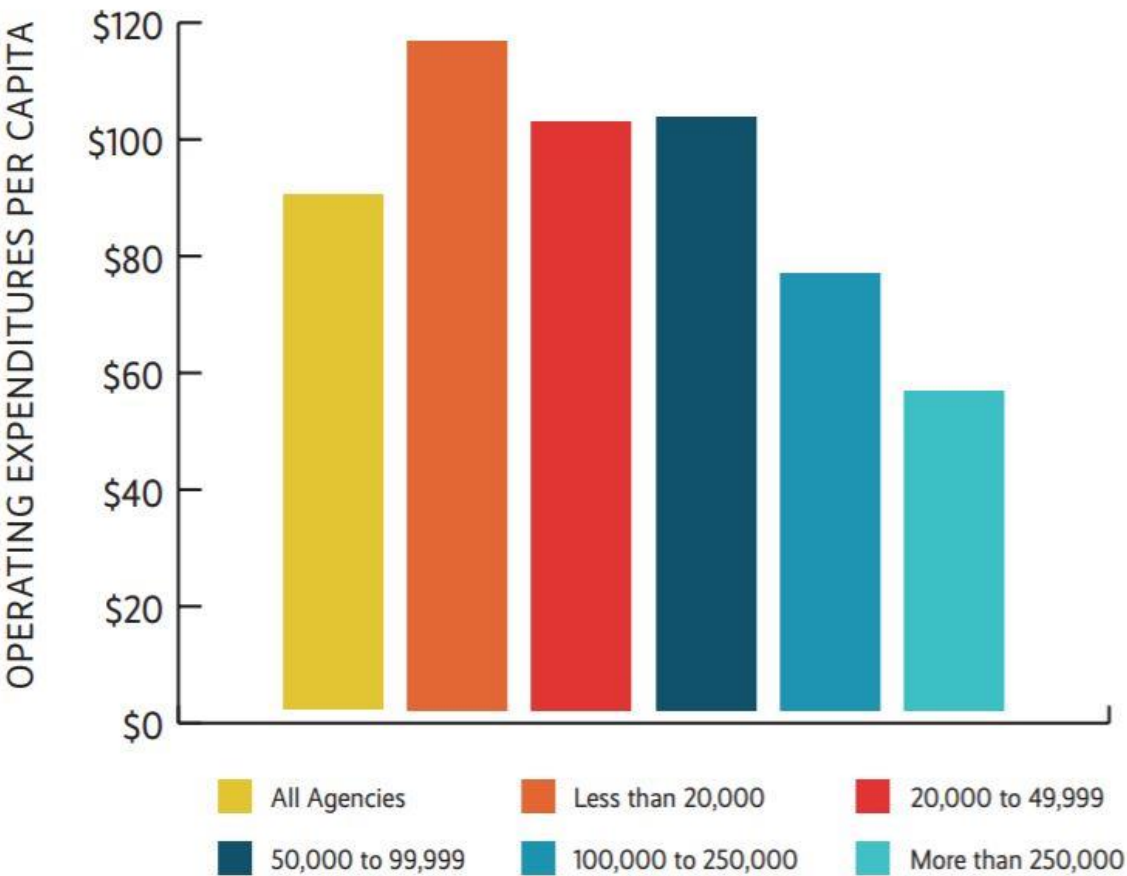


**FIGURE 13: ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**



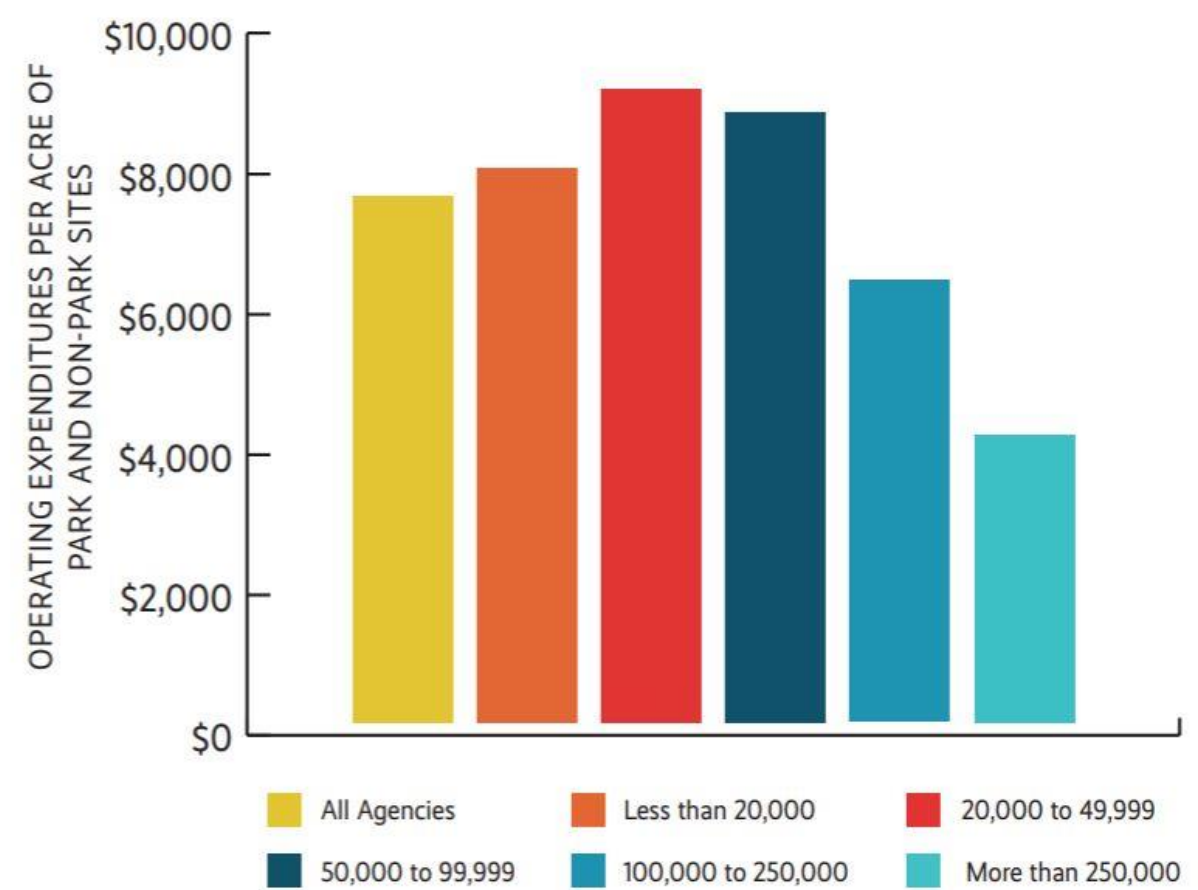
	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	\$4,898,633	\$1,209,393	\$3,234,982	\$7,150,817	\$11,862,458	\$28,564,326
Lower Quartile	\$1,863,016	\$545,821	\$1,879,595	\$3,900,154	\$5,762,630	\$13,419,026
Upper Quartile	\$13,839,293	\$2,193,932	\$6,553,308	\$11,149,210	\$22,066,712	\$52,700,000

**FIGURE 14: OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**



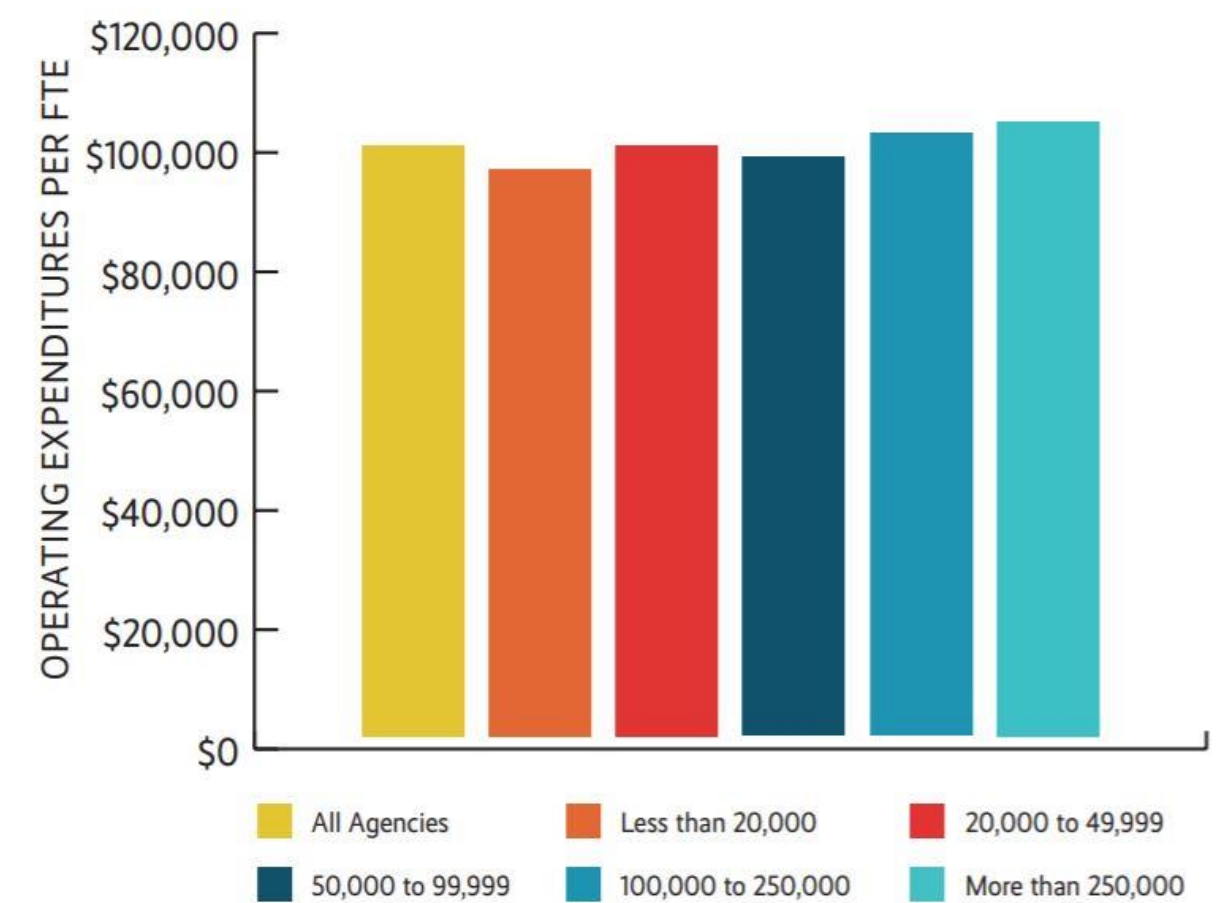
	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	\$88.30	\$114.62	\$100.93	\$101.65	\$74.87	\$54.68
Lower Quartile	\$48.84	\$64.02	\$60.04	\$58.77	\$45.39	\$21.77
Upper Quartile	\$159.07	\$222.94	\$195.81	\$166.17	\$154.56	\$85.33

FIGURE 15: OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER ACRE OF PARK AND NON-PARK SITES (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



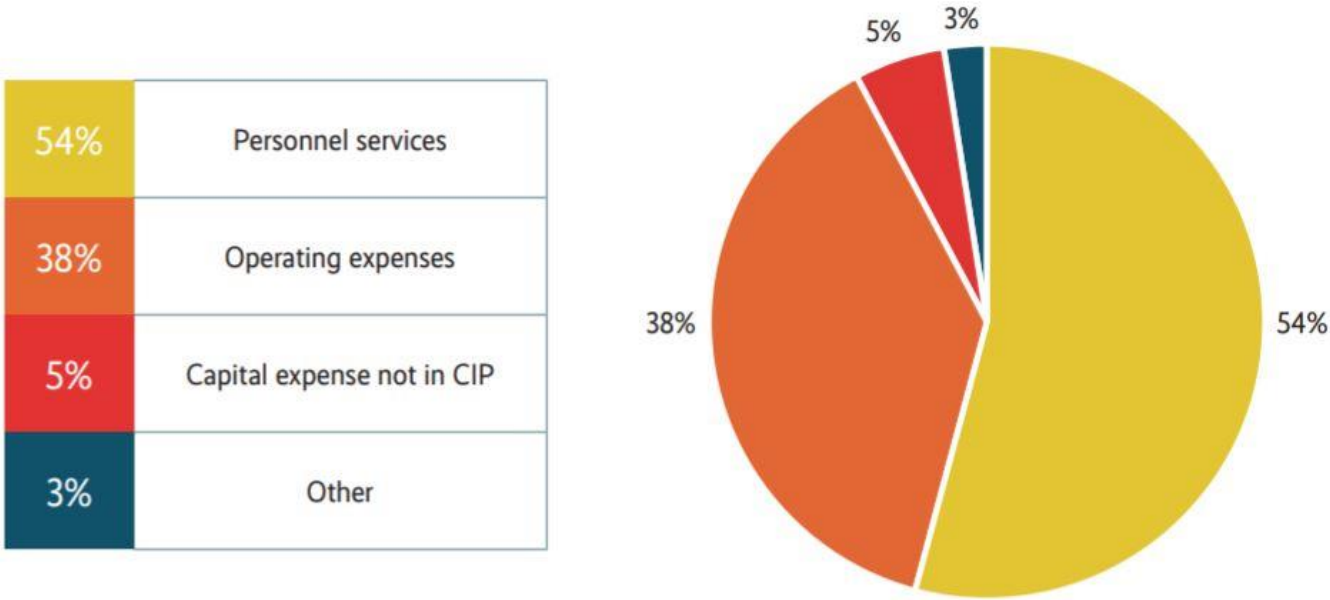
	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	\$7,556	\$7,959	\$9,002	\$8,755	\$6,300	\$4,169
Lower Quartile	\$3,586	\$3,749	\$4,458	\$4,898	\$2,916	\$1,698
Upper Quartile	\$18,346	\$21,708	\$21,147	\$20,809	\$16,422	\$9,428

FIGURE 16: OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER FTE (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)

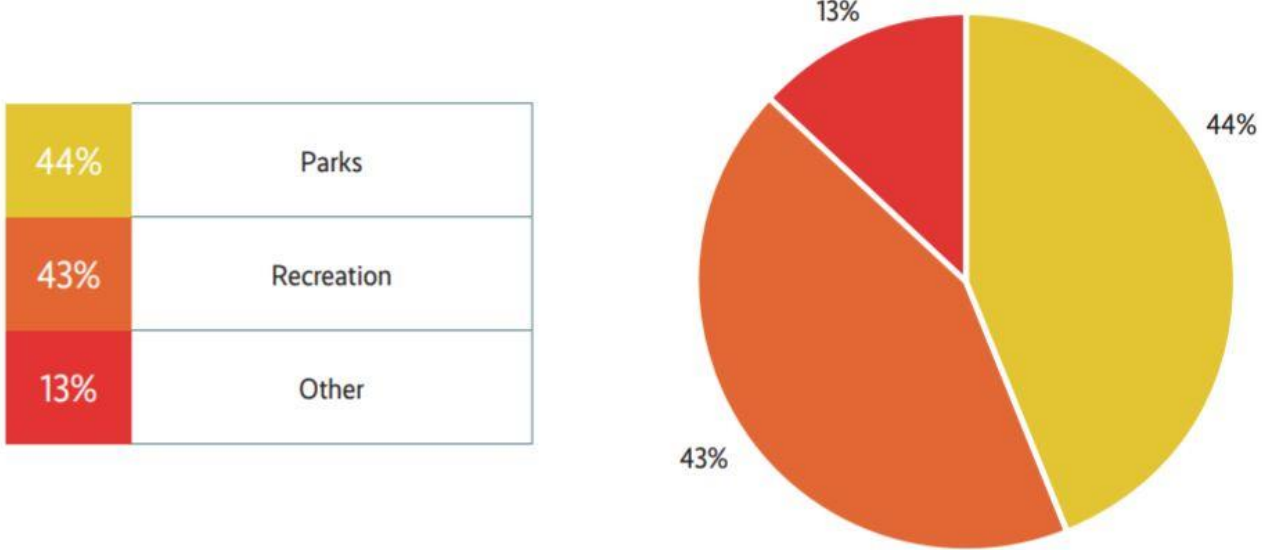


	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	\$99,016	\$95,913	\$99,644	\$97,737	\$101,069	\$103,667
Lower Quartile	\$73,391	\$67,954	\$74,626	\$70,591	\$76,040	\$77,174
Upper Quartile	\$141,938	\$137,067	\$145,953	\$139,766	\$143,621	\$145,470

**FIGURE 17: DISTRIBUTION OF
OPERATING EXPENDITURES
(AVERAGE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF
OPERATING EXPENDITURES)**



**FIGURE 18: OPERATING EXPENDITURES
DEDICATED TO PARKS OR RECREATION
(AVERAGE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF
OPERATING EXPENDITURES)**





**FIGURE 19: SOURCES OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES
(AVERAGE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES)**

61%	General fund tax support
23%	Earned/Generated revenue
8%	Dedicated levies
3%	Other dedicated taxes
2%	Grants
2%	Other
1%	Sponsorships

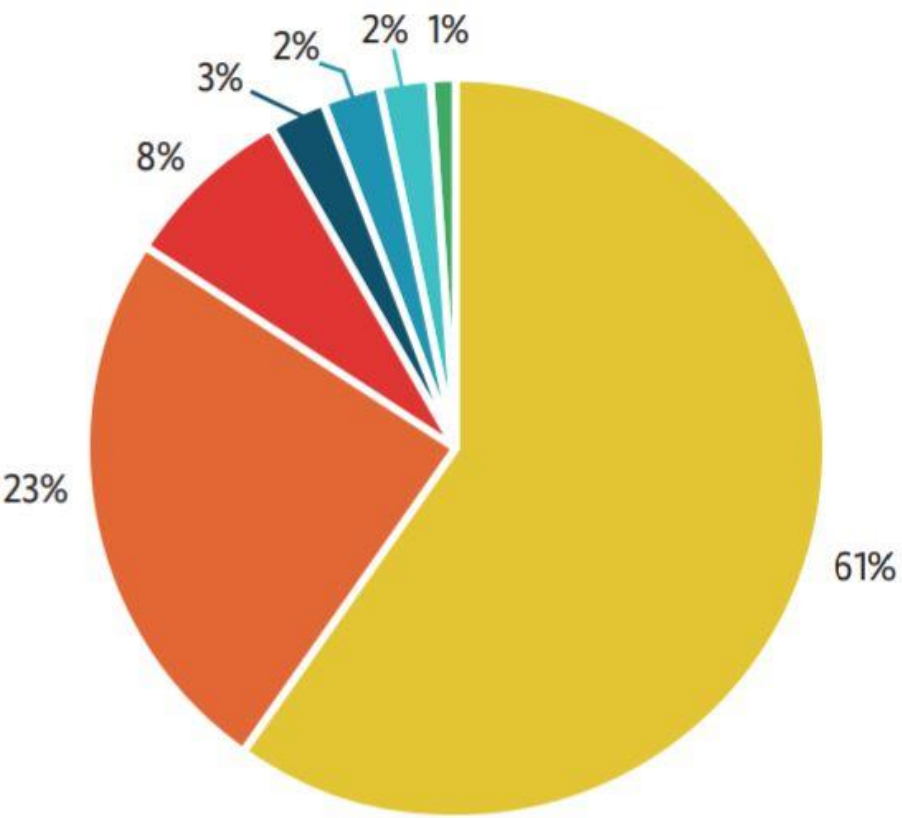
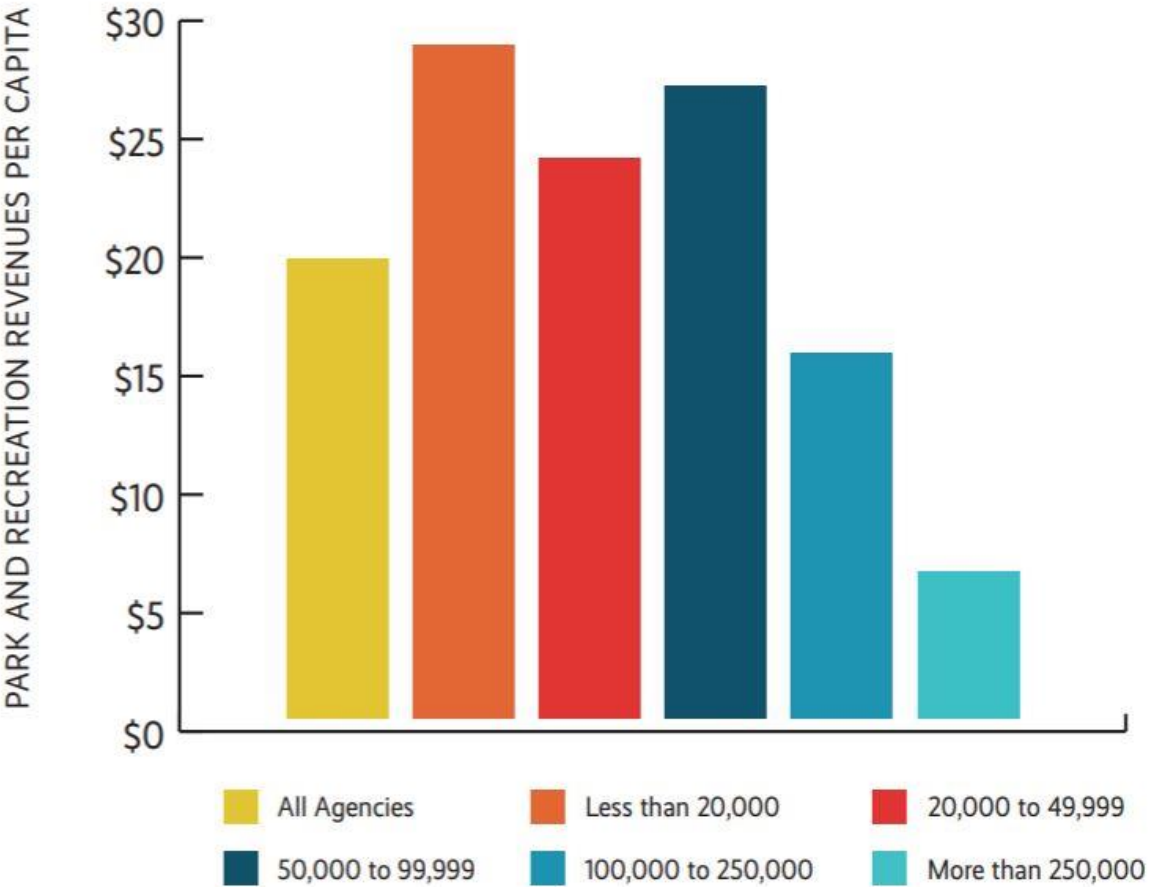


FIGURE 20: PARK AND RECREATION REVENUES PER CAPITA (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More than 250,000
Median	\$19.38	\$28.41	\$23.68	\$26.68	\$15.44	\$6.21
Lower Quartile	\$5.84	\$9.04	\$7.71	\$7.74	\$3.61	\$2.83
Upper Quartile	\$49.74	\$70.59	\$61.18	\$58.18	\$45.47	\$18.05



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Discuss Having a Workshop on Affordable Housing

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Councilman Carmine Dipaolo requested a workshop with the Village of Indiantown Council (Council) to discuss affordable housing within the Village boundaries.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Dependent upon direction to be provided to staff.

RECOMMENDATION: The Council discuss affordable housing within the boundaries of the Village.

PREPARED BY: Taryn G. Kryzda, Village Manager

DATE: 9/25/2023

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Approval of Amendment 2 to FDEP SRF Loan Agreement WW430310, to Authorize Leasing of Land Purchased with SRF Loan

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Amendment 2 to FDEP SRF Loan Agreement WW430310 amends the Village's FDEP SRF wastewater system acquisition loan, the effect of which is to allow the Village to enter into a lease of an undeveloped portion of the Village's wastewater treatment plant parcels with Sedron Technologies.

By way of background, the Village purchased the water and wastewater system assets of Indiantown Company, Inc. with proceeds of loans from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") State Revolving Fund Program ("SRF"), which are subject to certain loan agreements between FDEP and the Village. Specifically, the acquisition of the wastewater system assets of Indiantown Company, Inc., including the wastewater treatment plant parcels, is subject to a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Agreement (number WW430310) (the "Clean Water SRF Loan Agreement"), which provided the Village with a total of \$5,614,647.00, of which \$4,491,718.00 is Principal Forgiveness (effectively a grant, or funds that generally do not have to be paid back), and \$1,122,929 is a Loan amount to be paid back to SRF over 30 years.

The Clean Water SRF Loan Agreement prohibits the Village from selling or leasing assets acquired with proceeds of such loan without FDEP's consent. The attached amendment prepared by FDEP provides FDEP's consent to the leasing of land purchased with the loan, subject primarily to the requirement that all net proceeds from the lease shall be used solely for repayment of Loans to FDEP.

It should be noted that this FDEP offer is comparably quite advantageous for the Village. When the Village previously asked FDEP for authorization to sell a small portion of the Village's wastewater treatment plant parcels in 2022, FDEP advised that the Village would be required to pay 80% of the sale price to FDEP to pay down Principal Forgiveness (that would otherwise never have to be paid back), amounting to money down the drain from the Village's standpoint. In contrast, this amendment provides that the lease net proceeds will go toward paying down the Village's Loans with FDEP (which the Village does have to pay back in any event).

FISCAL IMPACT
STATEMENT:

Net proceeds from the lease of lands purchased with the loan will go toward the repayment of the Village's Loans with FDEP.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Approval of Amendment 2 to FDEP SRF Loan Agreement WW430310, to Authorize Leasing of Land Purchased with SRF Loan.

PREPARED BY: Wade Vose, Village Attorney

DATE: 1/18/2024

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Village of Indiantown WW430430 A3

**STATE REVOLVING FUND
AMENDMENT 2 TO LOAN AGREEMENT WW430310
VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN**

This amendment is executed by the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Department) and the VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, (Local Government) existing as a local governmental entity under the laws of the State of Florida. Collectively, the Department and the Local Government shall be referred to as “Parties” or individually as “Party”.

The Department and the Local Government entered into a State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement, Number WW430310, as amended; and

The Loan terms need to be amended to include conditions for lease of purchased land; and
Certain provisions of the Agreement need revision.

The Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. During the repayment period of the Loan, the Local Government understands that:
 - (a) All net proceeds from the lease of any portion of the land purchased with this Loan shall be used solely for repayment of Loans to the Department; and
 - (b) There will be no liens, judgements, assessments or any other encumbrances placed on any portion of the land; and
 - (c) The proposed lease agreement will be provided to the Department, prior to execution.
2. All other terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement shall remain in effect.

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This Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW430310 may be executed in two or more counterparts, any of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department has caused this amendment to the Loan Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Secretary or Designee and the Local Government has caused this amendment to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Representative and by its affixed seal. The effective date of this amendment shall be as set forth below by the Department.

for
VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN

Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

City Clerk
SEAL

City Attorney

for
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Secretary or Designee

Date

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

MEETING TYPE: Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Evaluation of the Village Manager

SUMMARY OF ITEM: The Mayor, Susan Gibbs Thomas, has inquired about the annual review of the Village Manager. The current Village Manager, Taryn G. Kryzda, does not have a contract, therefore, language on annual performance reviews is silent.

The Village Manager, Taryn G. Kryzda, was appointed by a majority of the Village of Indiantown (Village) Council on January 12, 2023, at a Village Council regular scheduled meeting. Ms. Kryzda began her first day of employment on the next day, January 13, 2023.

At the time when the Village Council appointed Ms. Kryzda, there was no employment contract executed, Ms. Kryzda has been employed with the Village on a monthly basis. Apparently, previous Village Managers received annual evaluations. The Mayor has inquired about having an annual evaluation for Ms. Kryzda.

Normally, an annual evaluation is provided to employees to identify areas for improvement and to establish specific goals and objectives for the employee to attain. The Village's Human Resources Policy provides a section on performance appraisal which upon a satisfactory evaluation, the employee may be considered for a pay increase. The language in the Human Resources manual, alludes to the Village Manager having the final determination on performance evaluations and salary adjustments.

In Ms. Kryzda's previous role as County Administrator, evaluations were not provided on an annual basis, the position was taken that the County Administrator's performance was evaluated at each County Commission meeting, and no formal evaluation was necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Dependent upon action taken.

RECOMMENDATION: The Village Council determine how they wish to proceed.

PREPARED BY: Tayn G. Kryzda, Village Manager

DATE: 1/17/2024