

Seminole County Parks & Recreation Department BCC Work Session

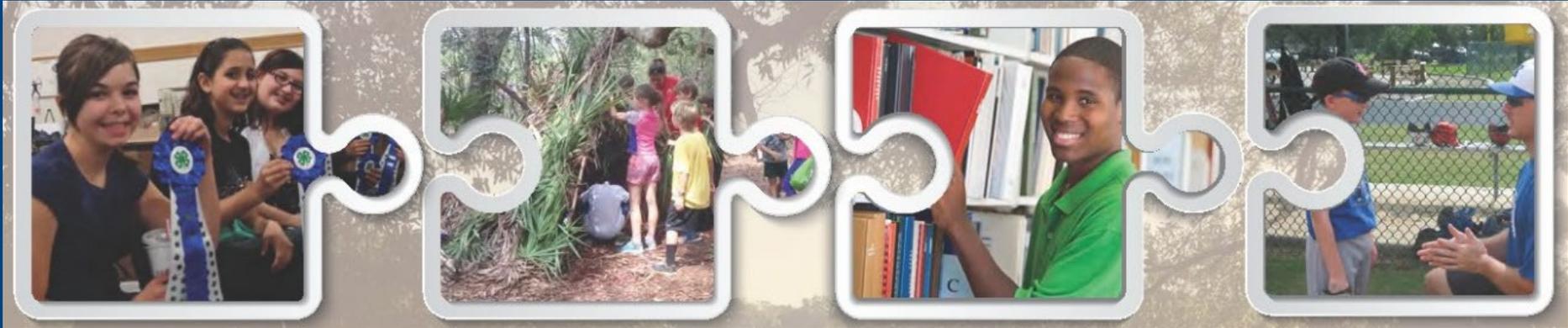
November 18, 2025

Agenda

1. Department Overview
2. Operations
3. Key Initiatives
4. Future Opportunities

Four Divisions + Business Support

Extension Services – Library Services – Recreation – Trails & Parks



Administration Office

National Accreditation

First Accredited in 2009

CAPRA accredits park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service.

Evaluation on **154** Standards of Excellence

Seminole County's Accreditation is one of:

- **222** Agencies Nationally (out of 10,000+)
- **29** in Florida
- **8** Counties



2014 Re-accredited **2019** Re-accredited **2024** Re-accredited

2025 Library of the Year

Named by Florida Library Association

Awarded the **Innovative Program and Service Award** for the entire state of Florida for a program that encouraged library patrons to visit our local museums.



Our People

- Advanced Degrees
- Licensed, Certified Professionals
- Contractors / Tradesworkers
- Trained Educators
- Certified Inspectors
- Professional Biologists
- Certified Controlled Burning
- Trained Project Managers



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By The Numbers...

- Staff Based at **17 Locations**
- **7,692 Acres** of Parks & Natural Lands
- **6 Regional Parks Staffed 7 Days/Week**
- **5 Library Branches Staffed 7 Days/Week**
- **26 Unstaffed Parks & Trailheads Maintained**
- **1 Golf Course** in Operation
- **1 Museum** of Seminole County History
- **11 Natural Lands Areas** Open for Public Use
- **1 UF/IFAS Extension Services** Operation
- **1 Ed & Imogene Yarborough Nature Center**



By The Numbers (continued)

- **51 Miles** of Paved Trails Maintained
- **85 Miles** of Unpaved and Wilderness Trails Maintained
- **60 Misc.** County Facilities – Public Grounds Maintained
- **50 Miles** of County Roadway Medians Maintained



West Branch Library Arbor Day Celebration

Seminole County Parks & Recreation Department By the Numbers

Extension	Library Services	Recreation	Trails & Parks
15,645 <i>Participants In Programs</i>	4.5 Million <i>Transactions – Library Services</i>	1.1 Million <i>Visits to Staffed Parks</i>	2.4 Million <i>Visits to Passive Parks</i>
12,417 <i>Volunteer Hours</i>	1.3 Million <i>Virtual Library Services</i>	\$55.6 M <i>In Economic Impact</i>	10,247 <i>In Natural Lands Programs</i>
491 <i>Educational Classes</i>	1.3 Million <i>Annual In-person Visits</i>	39,841 <i>Rounds of Golf Hosted</i>	355 <i>Acres of Habitat Restored</i>
7,287 <i>4-H Outreach Students</i>	327,544 <i>Registered Borrowers</i>	138 <i>Events Hosted</i>	180 <i>Playground Inspections</i>

Our Community Partners



Partnerships & Community Support

Critical Stakeholders & Partners

1. **Volunteers** - Individuals, SERV, Corporate
2. **Foundations** - PARC's, Friends, etc.
3. **Other Non-Profits & Volunteer Orgs.** – HOF Committee, Historical Society, etc.
4. **Adopt-A-Park Program**
5. **Memorial Bench & Tree Program**
6. **Master Gardener's Program**
7. **Sponsorships** – Business Community
8. **County Advisory Committees** - PPAC, Historical Commission, Ag Adv. Board, Library Advisory Board, etc.
9. **Education Partnerships** - MOUs, etc.
10. **Youth Sports** – GO Sports!, PG, etc.



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Key Initiatives – Previous Five Years

- 2020:** Rolling Hills Vision Plan Completed
- 2021:** Countywide Trails Master Plan Update
- 2022:** Purchase of Deer Run and Wekiva Golf Club
- 2022:** ADA Transition Plan – Parks Completed
- 2023:** Trails Safety Improvement Plan
- 2023:** Library Services Master Plan Completed
- 2024:** Parks System Master Plan Completed
- 2024:** Department National Reaccreditation
- 2024:** Seminole Forever Program Launched
- 2025:** ADA Transition Plan – Libraries Completed
- 2025:** Library Impact Fee Update Study – In Process



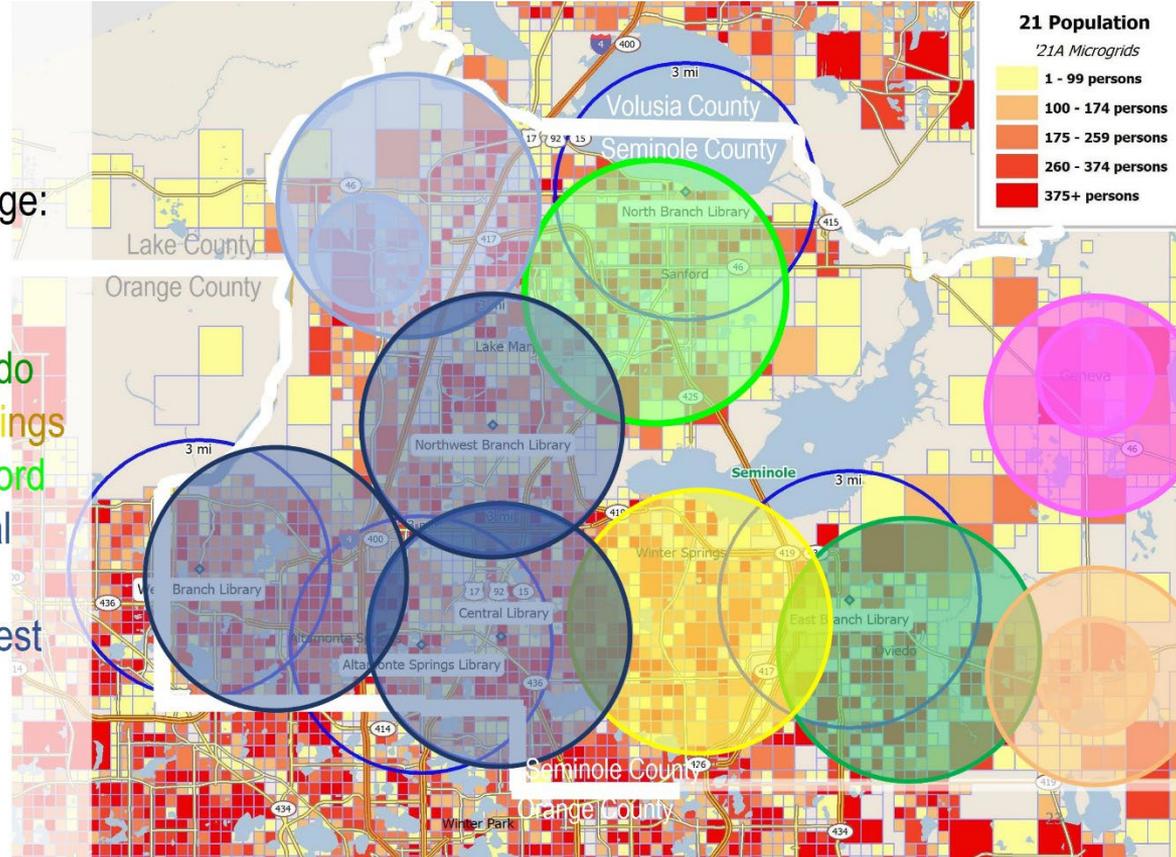
Library Services Master Plan



Phasing

Closing gaps in geographic coverage:

- Heathrow kiosk
- Geneva kiosk
- Centralize Oviedo
- New Winter Springs
- Centralize Sanford
- Upgrade Central
- Rebuild West
- Rebuild Northwest
- Chuluota kiosk



Library Services: Current Activities & Next Steps

Projects Completed:

1. ADA assessment
2. Central Branch Kids' Zone Section Grand Opening

Projects in Process:

1. Building 302 Renovation for Carriage Collection (Museum)
2. Lighting Replacements
3. Restroom Fixture Replacements
4. A/C System Replacements

Future Projects:

1. Implement phased master plan initiatives



Library Services Master Plan

Recommended Initiatives

5-year, 10-year & 20-year horizons

1. Increased Space
2. Greater Utilization of Technology
3. Increased/Efficient Staffing
4. Increased Revenue Opportunities

Library Space Recommendations

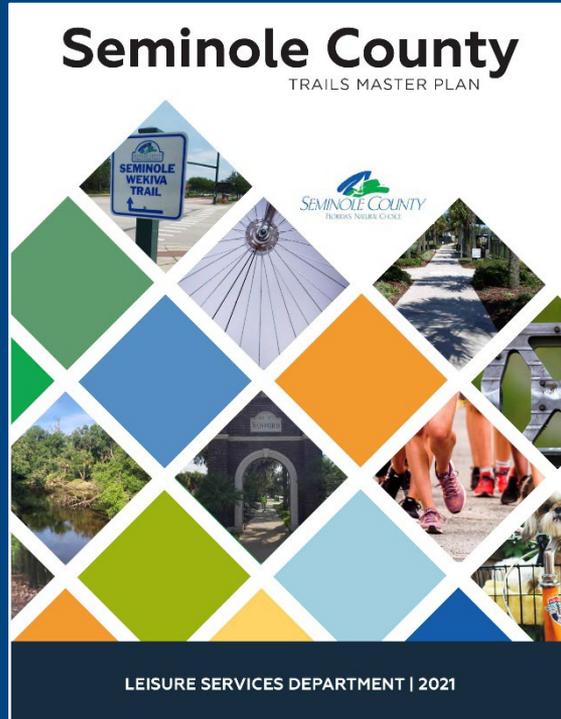
5-year, 10-year & 20-year horizons

1. Deploy 3 Kiosks
2. Construct 3 new 35,000 SF Branch Libraries
3. New Admin. Center
4. Renovate Central Library
5. Renovate/expand 2 Branches to 35,000 SF



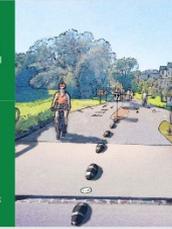
Northwest Branch Library

Trails System Master Plan



FLEXIBLE DELINEATORS AND ARMADILLOS

Trail users on wheels can easily pick up speed along downhill trail segments. Flex posts and lane dividers (sometimes called "armadillos") can help slow down these users and separate them from people traveling on foot.



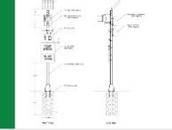
SPLITTER ISLANDS

Providing a terminating view and horizontal deflection helps slow trail users in situations where they may encounter slower moving traffic. Splitter islands help guide and slow down faster trail users along straight grades, such as those after bridges. Splitter islands also offer an opportunity to make the trail more visually interesting by incorporating brick texture into their design.



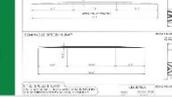
SPEED FEEDBACK DISPLAY

Speed feedback displays tell trail users to slow down when they exceed safe speeds. These feedback signs are used where a curb or a downhill grade off a bridge may obscure visibility. When a trail user exceeds the recommended safe speed the sign will flash a "SLOW DOWN" warning. These displays are used in conjunction with other measures, such as enhanced pavement markings and signing, and flexible delineators.



SPEED TABLES

In places where a trail crosses a road, speed tables can help alert drivers and encourage them to slow down. Speed tables help slow down vehicles approaching the crossing and increase driver awareness of the potential to encounter trail users crossing the road.



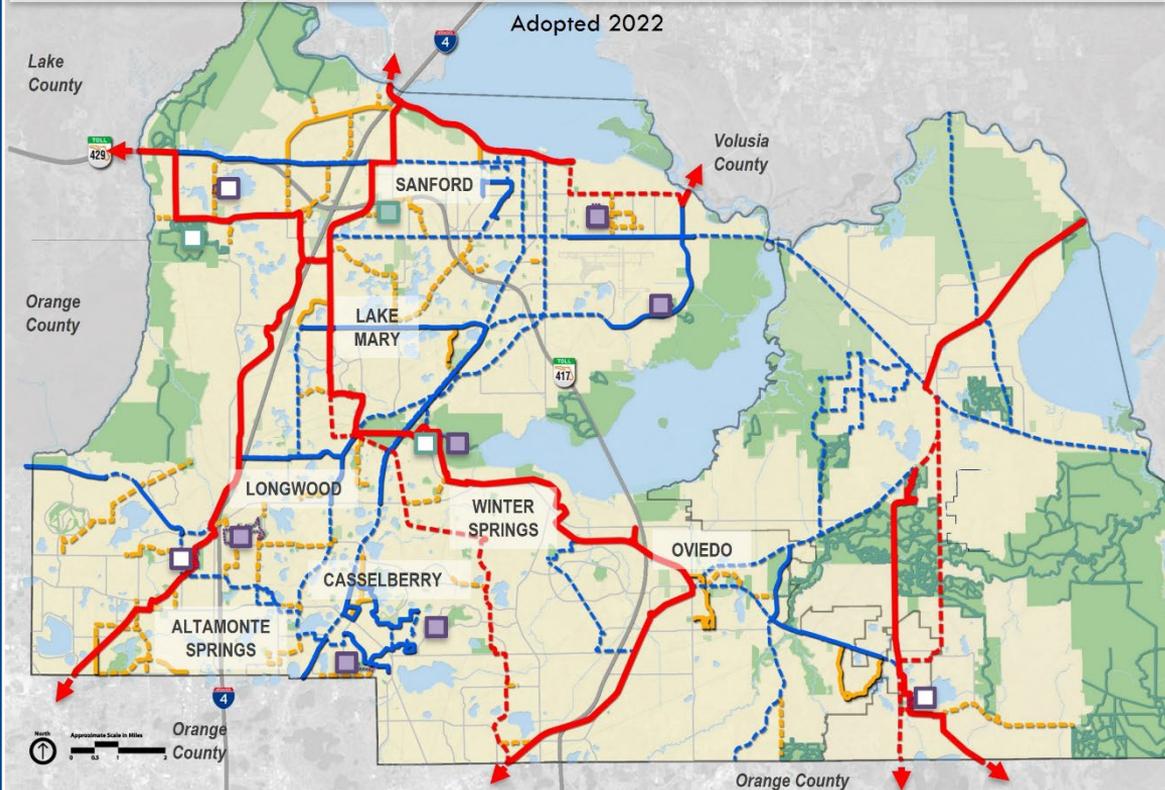
RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON

Rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) flash rapidly in an irregular pattern to alert drivers that trail users may be crossing the road. RRFBs also help improve visibility for crossing pedestrians and cyclists.



Seminole County Trails Master Plan

Adopted 2022



LEGEND

Signature Trails

- Existing
- - - Proposed

Pathways

- Existing
- - - Proposed

Connectors

- Existing
- - - Proposed

Wilderness

- Existing
- - - Proposed

Destination Trails

- Existing
- Proposed

Mountain Bike Trails

- Existing
- Proposed

County-Wide Trails Improvements Program

Projects Completed or in Process:

1. Lake Monroe Loop Trail Construction
2. Intersection Safety Projects: 7 Locations
3. ADA Trailhead Improvements: Various
4. Destination Trails:
 - Sylvan Lake Park – Completed
 - Sanlando Park Loop Trail – Completed
 - Midway Loop Trail – Phase 1 Construction
 - Rolling Hills Park – Phase 1 Construction
5. Mile Marker Refresh: Completed
6. Wayfinding Signs Update
7. Various Improvements:
 - Bicycle Grab Rails
 - Information Kiosks
 - Bicycle Repair Stations

Future Projects:

1. 4th Generation Sales Tax Projects
2. FDOT Road and Trail Grant: \$16M for Construction of Orange Ave. Pathway Trail



Regional and Statewide Trails Connections



Signature Trails, Pathways & Lake to Lake Trail



Park System Master Plan

SEMINOLE COUNTY 2023 Park System Master Plan



PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM PLAN

2024-2027



Approved by:



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Parks and Recreation Director

March 2024

Date

Park System Master Plan Initiatives

FACILITIES

(Parks)

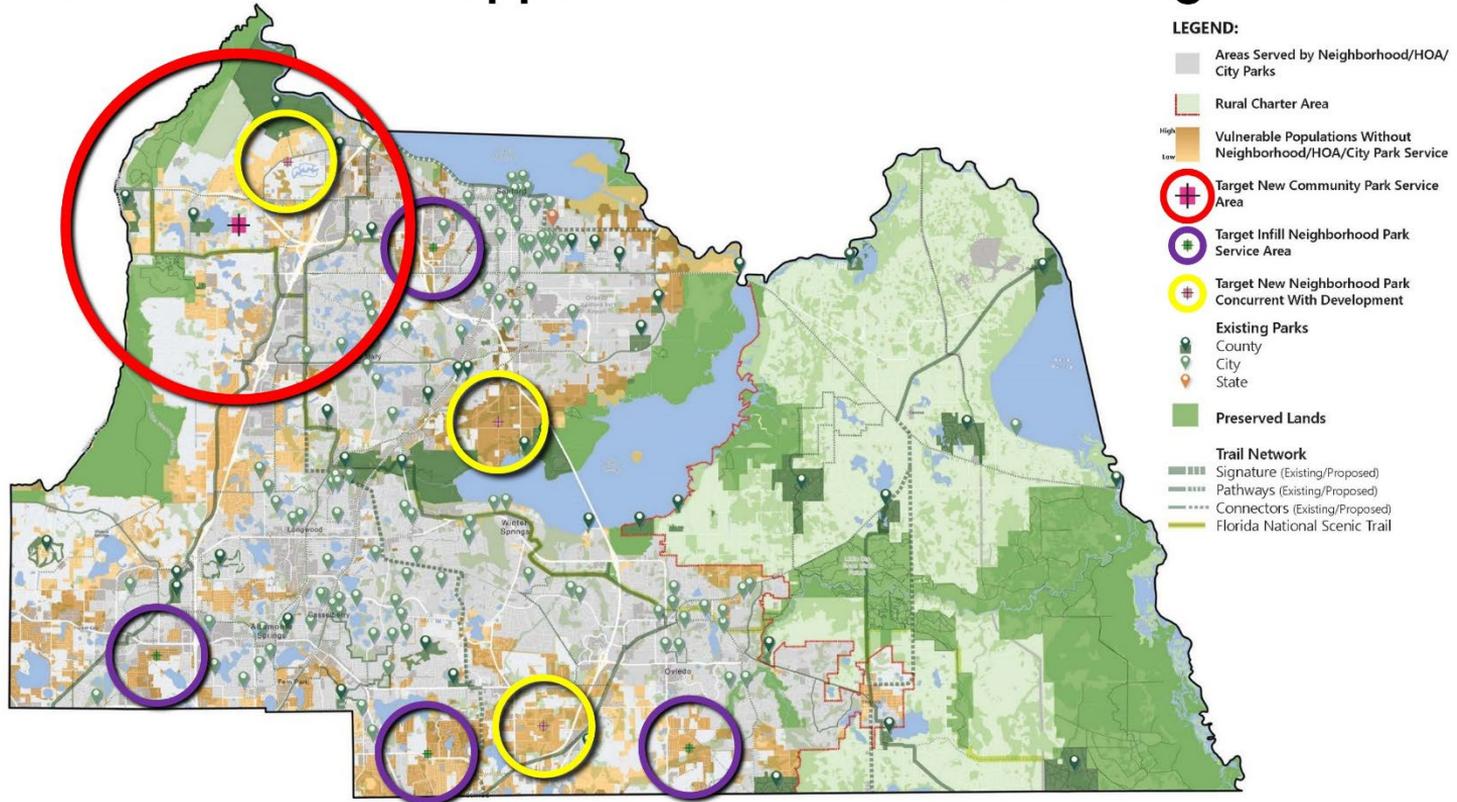
- 1 Provide Access to High Quality Parks For All Residents**
Renovations at Existing Facilities - CIP
- 2 Provide Recreational Opportunities with Focus on Target Areas**
Fill Service Area Gaps with New Facilities
- 3 Continue to Protect Natural Resources**
Build on Natural Lands Program
- 4 Provide Additional Facilities for Organized Sports Opportunities**
Add Sports Fields & Courts
- 5 Develop Indoor Recreation Opportunities**
Utilize Existing Buildings & Add New Where Needed

PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

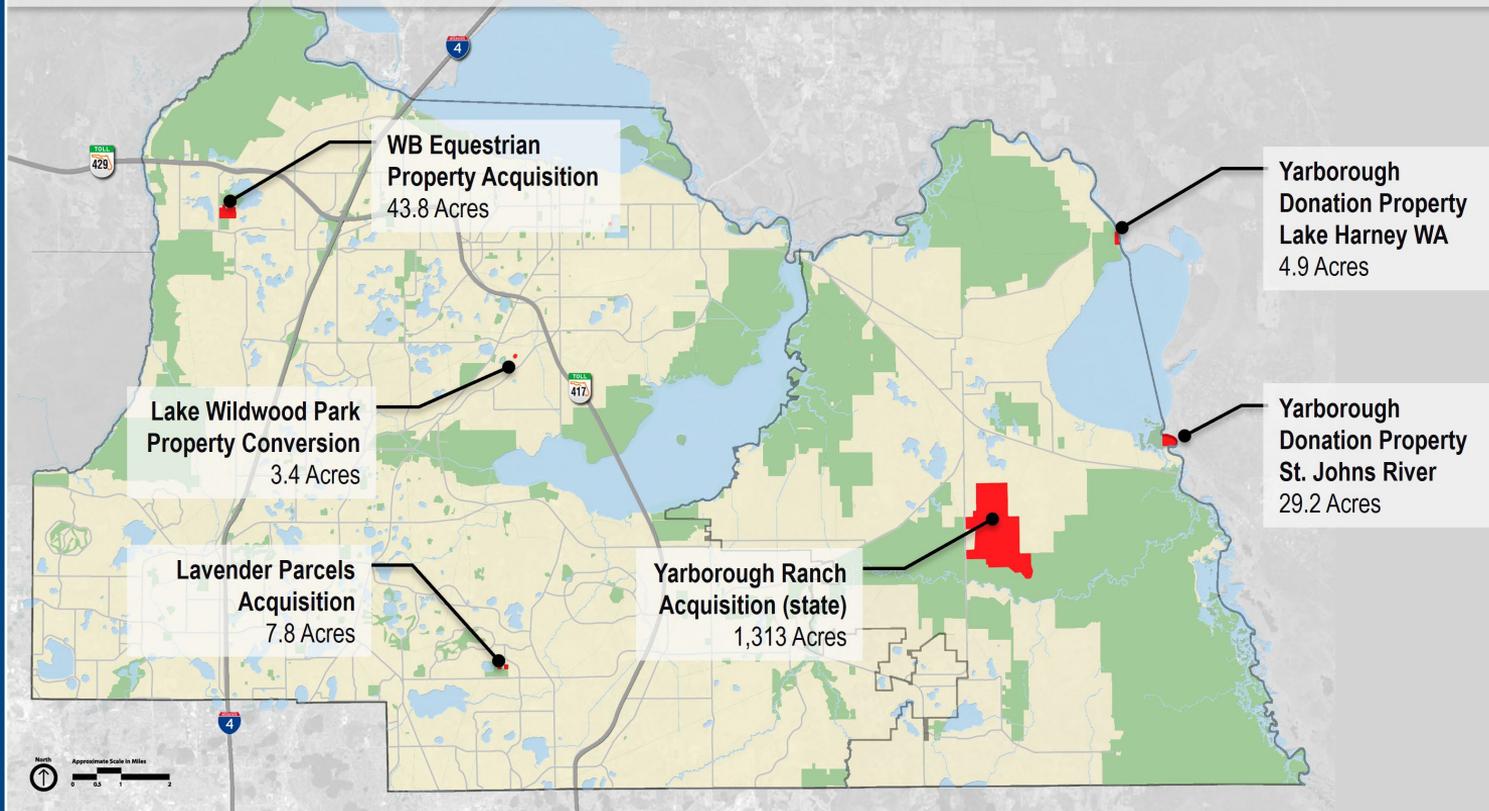
(Recreation)

- 6 Expand Programs Offerings to Meet Current and Future Needs**
- 7 Improve Public Awareness of Department Offerings**
- 8 Maintain Ecosystems Through Best Management Practices**
- 9 Leverage Smart Technology In Parks**
- 10 Support Arts, Culture & Education In Parks**

Provide Recreational Opportunities with Focus on Target Areas



Parks System Property Additions: 2024-2025



Develop Indoor Recreation Opportunities

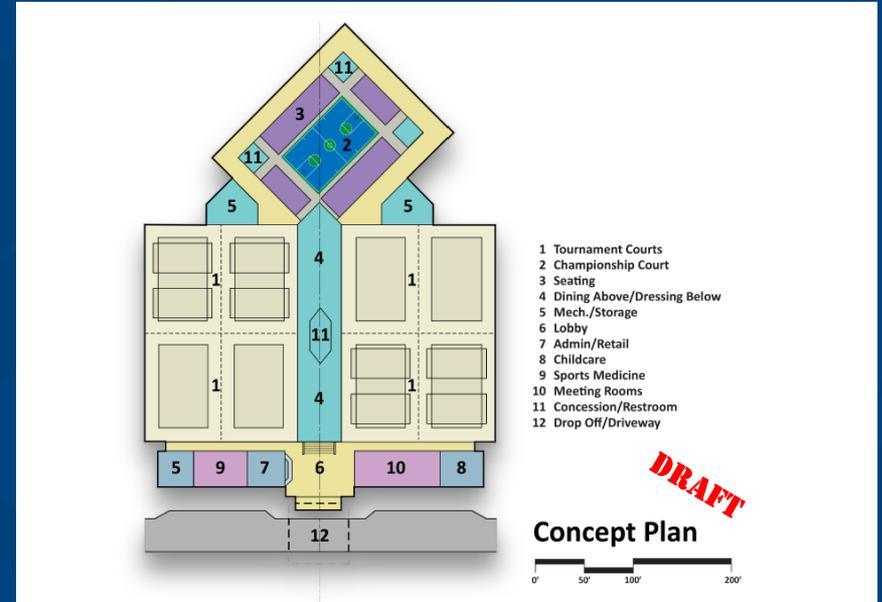
Strategies:

1. Re-examine use of existing structures:

- Sylvan Lake Park Building
- Lillie H. Green Center
- Midway Community Center

2. Potential new building projects:

- Indoor Sports Facility
- Deer Run Clubhouse
- Rosenwald (East Altamonte)
- Bookertown
- Evaluate other opportunities/needs



Deer Run: Current Activities & Next Steps

Projects Completed:

1. Required remediation
2. Vegetation, Pond/drainage cleanup
3. ADA assessment
4. Reroofing the clubhouse
5. Additional building repairs and stabilization
6. Select demolition of pool structure, etc.
7. Installation of entry pond fountain
8. Clubhouse parking lot lighting

Upcoming Projects:

1. Conversion of Clubhouse for Public Use



Deer Run Clubhouse Interior

Boombah Sports Complex: Current Activities

Artificial Turf Replacement:

1. Upgraded quality over existing, including cooling agent
2. Updated appearance
3. Expected completion by end of 2025

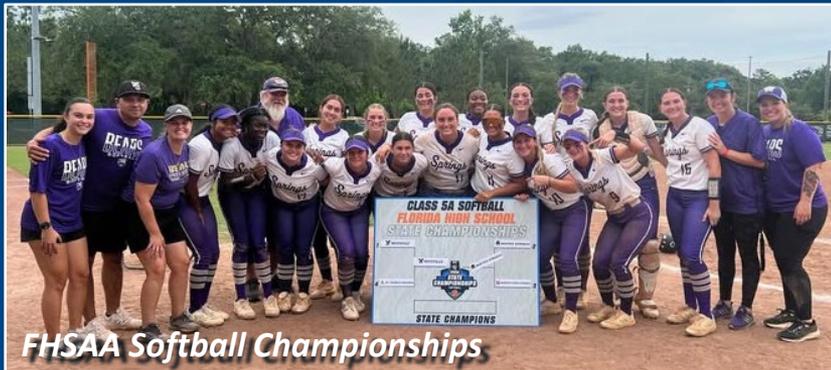


Artificial Turf Replacement Construction Photo

Youth Sports Tourism: Fiscal Year 24/25 Totals

FY '24/'25 Actuals

Location	# of Events	Teams	Visitors	Room Nights	Eco Impact
Sports Complex	46	2,587	99,136	14,197	\$30,468,132
All Other Venues	46	1,867	82,135	15,865	\$25,140,775
Total	92	4,454	181,271	30,062	\$55,608,907



Wekiva Golf Club: Current Activities & Next Steps

Projects Completed:

1. Required remediation
2. ADA assessment
3. Replace select cart paths
4. New hole signs, tee markers
5. Fence and gate replacements
6. Select tee box renovations
7. Various clubhouse repairs
8. Replace clubhouse A/C system
9. Irrigation full system replacement
10. Transition utilities connection from septic to sewer system

Projects in Process:

1. Rehab of cart barn
2. Entrance improvements

Future Projects:

1. Rehab sand traps
2. Master Plan to guide future improvements
3. Drainage improvements



Wekiva Golf Club: By The Numbers

FY 22/23

35,536 rounds

48 events

\$176,665

net income

FY 23/24

31,034 rounds

35 events

(\$186,954)*

net income

*(due to irrigation replace.)

FY 24/25

39,841 rounds

43 events

\$203,008

net income

Fri, Jun 09

Wekiva Golf Club

Search

Off

Time

Price

Golfers

Holes



Tee Times for: Wekiva Golf Club for [Fri, Jun 09](#)



Fri, Jun 09



View By:



Hot Deals at Wekiva Golf Club

7:00AM

\$44⁹⁹

12:50PM

\$33⁹⁹



Wekiva Golf Club

4100 Wekiva Club Court, Longwood, Florida, 32779

Morning Tee Times at Wekiva Golf Club

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Identified Potential 4th Gen Projects

1. Rolling Hills Park, Trails, Roadway & Utility Improvements
2. Rosenwald Property
3. WB Equestrian Center Building
4. Deer Run Clubhouse Renovation*



Rolling Hills Community Park

FY 25/26 Seminal Moments

Legacy Sports Lighting Infrastructure Replacement

- Greenwood Lakes Park (Tennis, Roller Hockey)
- Kewanee Park (Basketball)
- Red Bug Lake Park (Rectangular & Diamond Fields; Tennis, Basketball & Sand Volleyball)
- Sanlando Park (Tennis)
- Softball Complex (Diamond Fields)
- Sylvan Lake Park (Rectangular Fields, Tennis)

General Fund Financial Savings (estimated):

- \$145K annually



Existing Sports Lighting Example

Major Projects

Projects Identified in Current Master Plans – Parks, Libraries and Trails

- Neighborhood Greenspace: Rolling Hills, Deer Run
- Parks Deferred Maintenance, ADA Transition Projects, Future Expansion of Sylvan Lake and Red Bug Lake Parks, etc.
- Library Renovations, Expansions, Modernization of Service Delivery
- Natural Areas/Greenspace Expansion and Protection
- Trails Safety, Infrastructure and Expansion Projects

Sports Tourism/Economic Expansion Projects Identified in Market Studies and Economic Forecasts



Technology Opportunities

Management and AI Technologies for Efficiencies and Analysis

- Department Dashboard
- Asset Management Software
- Project Management Software
- Replacement of Lightning Prediction & Warning System (end of life)
- Next Generation of Patron Tracking and Analysis Utilizing AI (Libraries, Parks, Trails)



GPS Field Painters

Future Opportunities & Challenges

Future Budget Challenges

- **Inflationary Increase** to Utilities and Software: FY21-FY24 Utility Costs Increased **26%**
- **End-of-Life Replacements** at Libraries, Parks (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, etc.)
- Uncertainty in the State Aid to Libraries Program
- **Existing Programs in High Demand** are at Maximum Capacity (i.e., Children's 'Camp' Programs)
- **Future Operating and Maintenance** for Facilities Currently in Development Stage (Deer Run, Rolling Hills, Indoor Complex, Rosenwald, etc.)



Central Branch Library