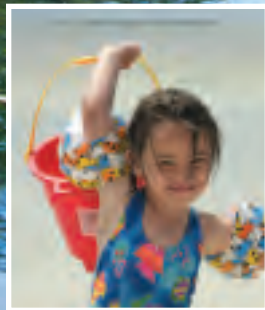


Florida Parks in the 21st Century

A Sound Investment for a Growing State

2008



The Challenge for Local Parks: Ever-Growing Needs



Dear Floridians:

Florida parks, conservation lands and open spaces are feeling the impact of Florida's rapid growth, as we strive to meet the park and recreation needs of our 18 million residents.

In all settings and geographies, from rural communities to inner cities, senior programs to after-school care to youth sports of all kinds, Florida's park and recreation departments are accommodating growth, encouraging active living and improving community health, mitigating juvenile crime and in many cases, providing a social center for neighbors. After five devastating hurricanes in 2005, parks were important gathering places as communities sought to rebuild, bringing families and neighbors together.

In addition, park and recreation programs are an economic engine for cities and counties, bringing in millions of dollars in revenue for Florida from sporting events such as athletic tournaments and other public events like outdoor concerts and festivals.

From my many years' experience as a state legislator – long involved in the policy and funding of park issues – I know first-hand that the power of local parks is enormous. As we tackle the challenges of our state's intense growth, join me in supporting the role that local park and recreation programs play in shaping individuals with a strong sense of connection to their community.

As you read this report, you will see that park and recreation funding needs are great indeed - but the benefits they provide to our communities are priceless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Pruitt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ken Pruitt
President, Florida Senate
Port St. Lucie

Fabulous Community Parks

Florida's great local parks are:

- ...the everyday places that fulfill needs for daily exercise, recreation, and simple moments of calm outdoors
- ...the essential places that host baseball and soccer games, festivals, public performances, after-school programs and summer camps
- ...where people relax, work off the stress of the day, and bring their families and neighbors together
- ...where our senior citizens remain active and connected to their community



The Need: \$10.5 Billion For Parks in Healthy, Growing Communities

Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008 documents the combined \$10.5 billion in financial need that exists for Florida’s community, neighborhood, and regional parks. This funding is necessary for local governments to undertake three priorities for our rapidly growing state: 1) purchases of the land needed to create and expand city and county parks, 2) renovation and restoration of heavily used existing parks, and 3) new park facilities.

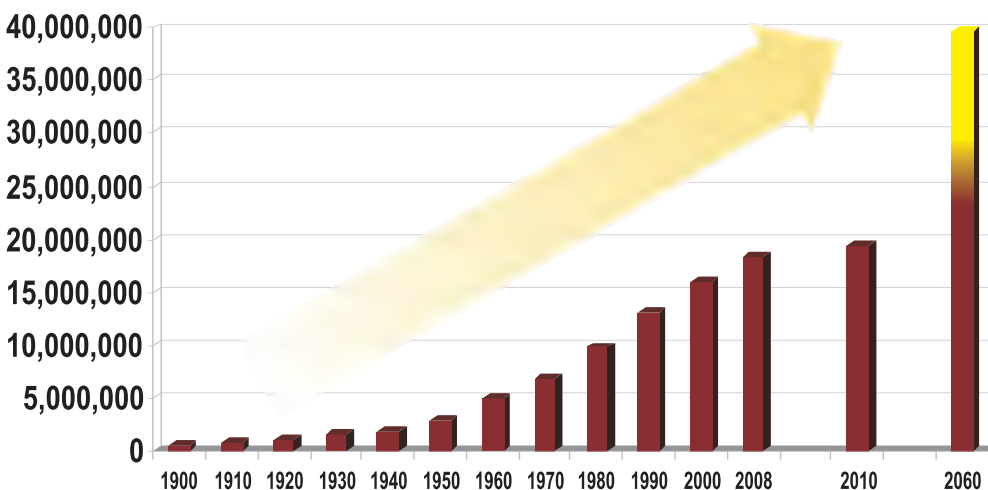
Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008 – a partnership between The Trust for Public Land (TPL), the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA), the Florida League of Cities (FLC), and the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) – is based on park needs identified by and funding data supplied by Florida’s cities and counties. The report complements other publications and data on the Florida Forever Program and the entire range of conservation, recreation, and environmental needs in Florida.



“Parks, trails, fields, recreation centers are some of the complex elements of a community that attract visitors and lure residents to Florida. They define the shape and feel of our neighborhoods, and are the engine that drives healthy lifestyles and livable communities...An investment in our parks, open space and environment is one that continues to provide the highest return to our citizens.”

Greg Scott
Director, Suwannee County Parks and Recreation Department & President, Florida Recreation and Park Association

Florida’s Booming Growth





“We must protect the environment for our future and the future of Florida's citizens. As president of the Florida League of Cities, I am committed to helping our cities stand on the front lines to protect Florida's green space.”

Frank Ortis

Mayor, Pembroke Pines & President, Florida League of Cities

Communities Cherish Their Parks

Providing and operating parks and recreational resources is a key responsibility of local government. Each of Florida's 18 million citizens is a resident also of one of our 67 counties and 412 municipalities, each of which provides park access and services of some type. More than 270 city departments, county agencies, and special districts across Florida exist solely to provide local parks, trails, cultural and recreational sites, and other public spaces. All local park facilities and personnel are made available through local property taxes, borrowing, and other local sources of revenue.

The combined \$10.5 billion is calculated solely on the acreage and funding needs supplied by these local governments.

Comprehensive Plans and Park Master Plans

Every city and county in Florida is required to approve a Comprehensive Plan to guide its future growth. These plans include mandatory requirements for open space and recreational opportunities. Cities and counties must identify the levels of service – in terms of land acquisition, as well as operations and maintenance of parks – that their citizens wish to receive.

In addition to these “Comp Plans,” some communities go further and adopt Park Master Plans, which identify with even greater degrees of specificity their projected needs for land and facilities for five to twenty years. *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* includes calculations of the park needs identified in both Comprehensive Plans and local Master Plans.



“In the more than twenty years I have served in public office, I have strongly advocated and promoted the importance of making public playgrounds, trails, and parks accessible and available to people from all walks of life. Through the support of local and state parks and our vitally important Florida Forever Program, each of us can play a role in assuring the protection of our green spaces while continuing to provide recreational areas to get more Floridians outdoors!”

Burt Saunders

State Senator, Naples & Chair, Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

The levels of service established in Comprehensive Plans include management and maintenance of public lands and facilities. Many agencies that report no land acquisition needs in *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* have done so because they would not be able to meet their levels of service (facilities, personnel, etc.) if additional acreage were added.

Each city and county that provided data for *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* did so in three areas:

Land Needs: \$4.36 billion

Localities calculated the amount of land necessary for public acquisition to meet the level of recreational and outdoors services identified in the local Comprehensive Plan. Based on this acreage amount – a total of 120,000 acres – the communities calculated the cost of acquiring this land. The per acre value of the land has been calculated by the local government to reflect the local real estate market.

Renovations and Restorations: \$2.29 billion

Localities also calculated the amount of money necessary to renovate and repair existing facilities in parks operated by the local government. These facilities represent a wide variety of recreational resources, including playgrounds, ball fields, trails, beaches, activity centers, and others.

New Facilities: \$3.86 billion

Finally, the sponsors of *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* surveyed local governments about the cost of designing and building new park amenities. This includes original facilities in new parks or on newly acquired parkland, as well as new facilities necessary to accommodate more users in existing or expanding parks.





and natural resource protection needs identified in Comprehensive Plans.

FCT receives \$66 million in Florida Forever funding annually. With escalating land prices and increasing local needs, FCT's impact is increasingly limited.



"The great continuing challenge for Florida is figuring out how to grow in a sustainable way that preserves community character, outdoor opportunities, and economic vitality. The state does a great deal to encourage strong growth management, and Florida Communities Trust may be the single best tool available for cities and counties to re-invest in established communities in order to provide parks and recreational amenities. I applaud the authors of *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* for helping to make the case for FCT and the importance of local parks and open space."

Tom Pelham

Secretary, Florida Department of Community Affairs & Chairman, Florida Communities Trust Governing Board

Florida Forever: A Key Partner

For 18 years Florida Forever – and its predecessor program, Preservation 2000 – has made a major contribution to funding parks in communities throughout Florida. Florida Communities Trust (FCT) and the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) are the components of Florida Forever that address local needs to acquire land for parks and to create recreational facilities, respectively. These programs have helped cities and counties create a vast network of more than 500 parks and recreational sites.

Regrettably, however, the need for state funding today has vastly out-paced available dollars. At their current funding levels, FCT and FRDAP will continue to be unable to meet demand for funding for the foreseeable future.

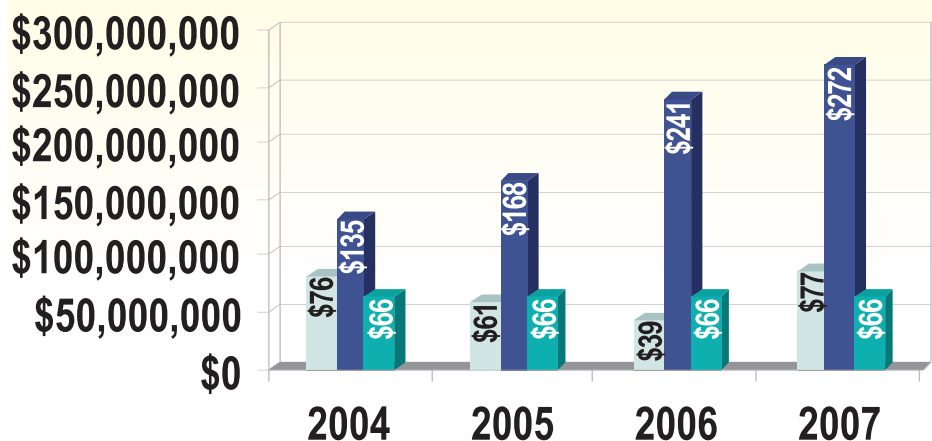
Florida Communities Trust (FCT)

Florida Communities Trust is the state's most effective tool for helping local governments protect their key natural, recreational, and cultural assets in ways that fulfill local Comprehensive Plans. A component of Florida Forever, FCT is a competitive grant program that provides funding to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations for acquisition of community-based parks, open space and greenways that further outdoor recreation

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)

FRDAP, also an element of Florida Forever, is a competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments for the development or acquisition of land for public outdoor recreational purposes. All city and county government entities that provide outdoor recreational sites and facilities for the use and benefit of the public are eligible. FRDAP receives only \$6 million under Florida Forever, though in recent years the legislature has wisely appropriated additional General Revenue funding for FRDAP. The maximum FRDAP grant request is \$200,000. Demand for funding regularly exceeds \$25 million.

Florida Communities Trust
A Growing Demand for Florida Forever



DOLLARS GRANTED

FCT grants a minimum of \$66 million annually to local governments and nonprofits.

DOLLARS SOUGHT

Local governments and qualifying nonprofits are seeking more and more FCT funding. The total dollar amount of applications has grown from \$135 million in 2004 to \$272 million in 2008.

DOLLARS LEVERAGED

The impact of FCT's funding is dramatic. Because FCT requires grantees to "match" the state dollars with local funding, the program leverages substantial additional resources for parks and recreational facilities.



A Partnership for Florida's Local Parks

Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008 represents the latest cooperative venture of its kind. In 1998, TPL, FRPA, and FLC published a report entitled *Toward Greener Florida Cities* that found that \$4.7 billion was needed for local park and recreation resources. In 2006, TPL, FRPA and FLC teamed up again, publishing *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2006* and calculating a funding need of more than \$8 billion for park land acquisition and facilities. *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* benefits from the experience of Florida's 67 county governments represented by FAC.



"Local parks and recreation facilities play an essential role in building and maintaining our sense of community and enhancing our quality of life in Florida. Not surprisingly, one of the most popular state programs funded by the Legislature is FRDAP. This program invests directly in our communities by providing financial assistance to local governments to develop or acquire land for public outdoor recreation."

Stan Mayfield

State Representative, Vero Beach & Chairman, Environment and Natural Resources Council

Report Methodology

Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008 is based on data and information solicited and compiled directly from counties and cities. Local parks departments were surveyed to identify their existing needs based on the current levels of service identified in the parks and recreation elements of their Comprehensive Plans and related Park Master Plans. Calculations of needs, and estimates of land value, were made by each local government.

Floridians treasure the wonderful sites of our nationally recognized Florida Park Service, and the state's parks and conservation needs are addressed in part through Florida Forever. In addition, Floridians are great users of the Florida units of the National



"Florida Communities Trust investments with Martin County have been used to purchase 120 acres of oceanfront and riverfront property, allowing Martin County to provide beach and river access for our community and approximately 250,000 visitors annually...It is through such cooperative efforts that restoration and conservation will be a successful reality for Florida's future."

Doug Smith

County Commissioner, Martin County

Park Service. Regardless, the focus of *Florida Parks in the 21st Century 2008* is the \$10.5 billion in local government needs. (The Florida Park Service reports separate land acquisition, renovation and restoration, and new facility needs of \$173 million, \$102 million, and \$339 million, respectively. The Florida Division of Forestry reports land acquisition, renovation and restoration, and new facility needs of \$15.3 million, \$1.4 million, and \$2.7 million, respectively.)

The Multiple Benefits of Park Investments

Parks and recreational green spaces bring innumerable dividends to Florida's communities. Park funding is an investment in creating balanced growth, increasing the health and well-being of Floridians, protecting our water and natural resources, generating economic activity, and building strong communities.

The Local Need

2008	\$10.5 Billion
2006	\$8.3 Billion*
1998	\$4.7 Billion*

*Includes some state funding needs.

Creating Balanced Growth

The preservation of parks and open space is essential for ensuring balanced growth in urban and suburban communities. The characteristics of our most successful communities include high quality



schools and roads, access to quality health care, a mix of housing, clean air and water, “green infrastructure,” and a system of parks and recreation that supports an active and healthy population. In addition to providing opportunities for recreation, increased open space allows for greater groundwater recharge, thus reducing the need for expensive stormwater infrastructure, and also provides increased flood protection from severe weather.

Increasing Human Health and Well-Being

Studies prove that people exercise more when they have access to parks. Regular physical activity increases good health and reduces the risk of a wide range of diseases, including heart disease, hypertension, colon cancer, and diabetes. Physical activity also relieves symptoms of depression and anxiety, improves mood, and enhances psychological well-being. A growing body of research shows that contact with the natural world improves psychological health as well.

Protecting Water and Natural Resources

Protected natural areas in urban settings provide important environmental benefits. Trees reduce air and water pollution and help keep cities cooler. Open space is a more effective and less expensive way to manage stormwater runoff than building systems of concrete sewers and drainage ditches. In 2004, FCT recognized the role of parks in managing stormwater by changing its rules to allow grant funds to be used to buy land that addresses existing stormwater problems as long as the land is designed to function as a park as well.



“Florida’s many parks, trails, conservation lands, and green spaces make our state a more enjoyable place to work, play, and live. State and local leaders have made a conscious effort to preserve and protect our valuable environmental areas and open them up for citizens to enjoy, however, our rapid growth has intensified the need for continued investment in parks and conservation lands. As we grow, we must preserve the essence of Florida – our beautiful environment, our diverse habitat, and our abundant wildlife. Nature-based tourism and recreation contributes greatly to our quality of life.”

Paula Dockery

State Senator, Lakeland & Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

Generating Economic Activity

Parks and open space increase the value of neighboring residential property. The availability of park and recreation facilities is an important quality-of-life factor for employers choosing where to locate facilities and for potential employees seeking a place to live. City parks and beaches can become important tourism draws, contributing heavily to local businesses. Furthermore, parks and open space often save local governments money. If these sites were developed as residential areas, the tax revenue derived from the neighborhood is often less than the local government spends to provide services to those residents. Fire and police service, water and sewer and other infrastructure costs can easily cost more than maintaining a park or natural area.



Building Strong Communities

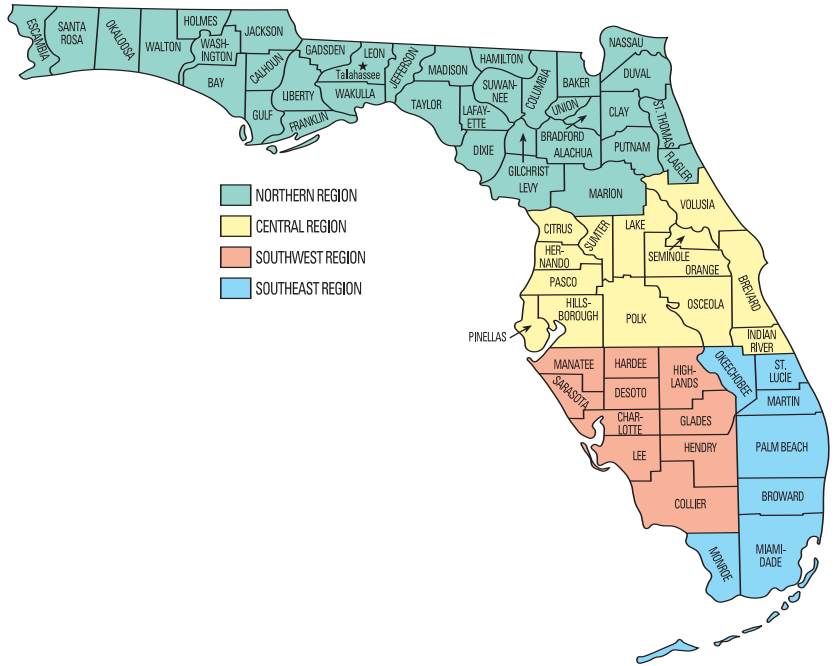
City parks produce important social and community benefits. Research shows that residents of neighborhoods with greenery in common spaces are more likely to enjoy stronger social ties than those who live surrounded by concrete. Florida’s park and recreation agencies are second only to the school systems in the impact they have on our children and young people. The mission of FCT is specifically to assist localities in implementing their local Comprehensive Plans’ goals for parks and open space.

A Great Legacy – and a Bright Future

Since voters approved the first Outdoor Recreation and Conservation bonds in 1963, Floridians have been united in supporting the conservation of the state’s land and water resources. In the 1980s and 90s, the combined leadership of governors, legislators, and millions of Florida citizens helped establish both Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever. Since 1997, voters in 50 individual counties and numerous cities have repeatedly voted to accept modest tax increases to fund land conservation programs, approving over \$1 billion.

Today we need to re-dedicate ourselves to protecting Florida’s irreplaceable land resources and to providing our citizens the parks and recreational facilities that they deserve.

State and Regional Park Needs



Population Category Legend

- 1 - Less than 10,000 people
- 2 - 10,001 - 49,999 people
- 3 - 50,000 - 99,999 people
- 4 - 100,000 - 499,999 people
- 5 - More than 500,000 people

North Florida

Park System	Location	Population	Land Needs Acres	Land Needs Dollars	Renovation Restoration Dollars	New Facility Needs Dollars
Alachua County Parks and Recreation	N	4	340	\$10,000,000.00	\$90,000,000.00	\$60,000,000.00
Bay County Parks and Recreation	N	4	200	\$2,500,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Chattahoochee Parks and Recreation	N	1	0	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
Clay County Parks and Recreation	N	4	40	\$1,500,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Columbia County	N	3	200	\$6,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Dixie County	N	2	50	\$800,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$800,000.00
Escambia County Parks	N	4	500	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation	N	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Flagler County Parks and Recreation	N	3	0	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
Franklin County	N	2	20	\$2,000,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Gadsden County Recreation	N	2	350	\$5,250,000.00	\$3,400,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
Gainesville Recreation and Parks	N	4	100	\$5,000,000.00	\$32,279,230.00	\$13,762,000.00
Hamilton County Recreation	N	2	0	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$200,000.00
Havana	N	1	3	\$39,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00
Jackson County	N	2	0	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Jacksonville Beach Recreation and Parks	N	2	0	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Jasper	N	1	0	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00
Leon County Parks and Recreation	N	4	600	\$12,000,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Levy County Parks and Recreation	N	2	100	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00
Lynn Haven Leisure Services	N	2	30	\$600,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Marianna Parks and Recreation	N	1	50	\$300,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Marion County Parks and Recreation	N	4	188	\$3,760,000.00	\$1,015,000.00	\$4,200,000.00
Nassau County Parks and Recreation	N	3	771	\$19,282,500.00	\$3,496,000.00	\$2,076,000.00
Niceville Recreation	N	2	20	\$600,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00
Ocala Recreation and Parks	N	3	60	\$2,500,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Palm Coast Recreation and Parks	N	3	0	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation	N	2	35	\$35,000,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$4,700,000.00
Panama City Leisure Services	N	2	150	\$6,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Pensacola Parks & Recreation Department	N	3	0	\$0.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Port St. Joe Recreation	N	1	100	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,400,000.00
Putnam County Parks and Recreation	N	3	0	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
St Johns County Recreation and Parks	N	4	80	\$2,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00	\$40,000,000.00
Santa Rosa County	N	4	210	\$4,200,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,800,000.00
Starke Recreation Department	N	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00
Suwannee Parks and Recreation	N	2	250	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$6,500,000.00
Tallahassee Parks and Recreation	N	4	0	\$0.00	\$6,686,000.00	\$5,823,000.00
Taylor County	N	2	200	\$20,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Town of Lee	N	1	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00
Wakulla County	N	2	0	\$0.00	\$950,000.00	\$3,500,000.00
Walton County	N	3	100	\$500,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$600,000.00
Wildwood	N	1	145	\$36,000,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$0.00
Total - North Florida			4,892	\$194,831,500.00	\$269,506,230.00	\$242,611,000.00

Central Florida

Park System	Location	Population	Land Needs Acres	Land Needs Dollars	Renovation Restoration Dollars	New Facility Needs Dollars
Altamonte Springs	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Apopka Parks and Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$415,000.00	\$2,950,000.00
Bartow Parks and Recreation	C	2	50	\$1,200,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$0.00
Brevard County Parks and Recreation	C	5	50,000	\$300,000,000.00	\$46,841,510.00	\$48,170,798.00
Cape Canaveral Parks and Recreation	C	1	4	\$3,500,000.00	\$1,150,000.00	\$350,000.00
Citrus County Parks & Recreation Section	C	4	135	\$2,025,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$9,800,000.00
City of Rockledge	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Clearwater Parks and Recreation	C	4	25	\$5,000,000.00	\$35,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Dade City	C	1	5	\$500,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
DeBary Parks and Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$4,100,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
Deltona Parks and Recreation	C	3	0	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Dunedin Leisure Services	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Edgewater Leisure Services	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Fort Meade Leisure Services	C	1	50	\$175,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Gulfport Community Services	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$1,583,000.00	\$2,367,000.00
Haines City Parks and Recreation	C	2	303	\$44,091,000.00	\$70,024,500.00	\$56,160,000.00
Hernando County Parks and Recreation	C	4	75	\$2,626,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conserv.	C	5	1,000	\$50,000,000.00	\$100,000,000.00	\$100,000,000.00
Holly Hill Parks and Recreation	C	2	6.93	\$2,100,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Inverness Parks and Recreation	C	2	20	\$1,500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$100,000.00
Kissimmee Parks and Recreation	C	3	0	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Lake Mary Parks and Recreation	C	2	35	\$28,000,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$0.00
Lakeland Parks and Recreation	C	3	220.1	\$14,152,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$20,897,700.00
Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts	C	3	40	\$20,000,000.00	\$38,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00
Leesburg Recreation and Parks	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$9,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
Longwood Recreation	C	2	25	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Madeira Beach Parks and Recreation	C	1	2	\$1,100,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Maitland Parks and Recreation	C	2	40	\$6,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Melbourne Beach	C	1	0	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00
Minneola Recreation	C	1	0	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$750,000.00
New Port Richey Parks and Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$920,000.00
New Smyrna Beach Parks & Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ocoee Recreation	C	2	70	\$6,500,000.00	\$5,500,000.00	\$14,000,000.00
Oldsmar Parks and Recreation	C	2	10	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Orange City Parks and Recreation	C	1	0	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$100,000.00
Orange County	C	5	20,250	\$512,000,000.00	\$24,700,000.00	\$99,100,000.00
Orlando Families, Parks and Recreation	C	4	150	\$15,000,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$35,000,000.00
Ormond Beach Leis Services	C	2	150	\$6,000,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$475,000.00
Osceola County Parks and Recreation	C	4	9,377	\$937,700,000.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$94,000,000.00
Oviedo Recreation and Parks	C	2	100	\$2,000,000.00	\$23,962,500.00	\$51,300,000.00
Palm Bay Parks and Recreation	C	4	300	\$15,000,000.00	\$14,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Palm Harbor Parks and Recreation	C	3	20	\$40,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Pasco County Parks and Recreation	C	4	1,410	\$23,000,000.00	\$6,746,680.00	\$21,145,500.00
Pinellas County Culture, Education & Leisure	C	5	390	\$58,400,000.00	\$60,200,000.00	\$138,100,000.00
Pinellas Park Parks and Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$600,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Plant City Recreation and Parks	C	2	70	\$7,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Polk County Leisure Services	C	5	400	\$30,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$90,000,000.00
Port Orange Parks and Recreation	C	3	0	\$0.00	\$600,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Safety Harbor Leisure Services	C	2	10	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Satellite Beach Recreation	C	2	20	\$20,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Seminole County Leisure Services	C	4	400	\$65,000,000.00	\$13,000,000.00	\$11,000,000.00
Seminole Recreation Department	C	2	15	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000,000.00
South Daytona Parks and Recreation	C	2	10	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
St. Petersburg Leisure Services	C	4	115	\$51,000,000.00	\$120,000,000.00	\$198,000,000.00
Sumter County Parks and Recreation	C	3	73	\$3,139,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00
Tampa Parks and Recreation	C	4	210	\$252,000,000.00	\$192,600,000.00	\$123,100,000.00
Temple Terrace Parks and Recreation	C	2	45	\$1,125,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$8,600,000.00
Town of Ponce Inlet	C	1	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Treasure Island Recreation	C	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600,000.00
Vero Beach Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Volusia County Leisure Services	C	4	75	\$75,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$88,000,000.00
Winter Garden Recreation	C	2	26	\$3,120,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
Winter Haven Leisure & Environmental Services	C	2	100	\$7,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Winter Park Parks and Recreation	C	2	0	\$0.00	\$14,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
Winter Springs Parks and Recreation	C	2	312	\$18,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$9,250,000.00
Zephyrhills Parks and Recreation	C	2	30	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Total - Central Florida			86,174	\$2,647,453,000.00	\$954,078,190.00	\$1,522,985,998.00

Southeast Florida

Park System	Location	Population	Land Needs Acres	Land Needs Dollars	Renovation Restoration Dollars	New Facility Needs Dollars
Aventura Community Services	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$0.00
Boca Raton Parks and Recreation	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$40,432,150.00	\$51,179,050.00
Boynton Beach Recreation and Park	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00
Broward County	SE	5	1,000	\$400,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
City of Atlantis	SE	1	0	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
City of Fort Lauderdale	SE	4	110	\$110,000,000.00	\$15,085,585.00	\$54,861,771.00
Coconut Creek Parks and Recreation	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cooper City Parks and Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Coral Gables Parks and Recreation	SE	2	3	\$10,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Coral Springs Parks and Recreation	SE	4	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Dania Beach Parks and Recreation	SE	2	10	\$4,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
Davie Parks and Recreation	SE	3	60	\$15,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Delray Beach Parks and Recreation	SE	3	1.5	\$280,224.00	\$7,472,395.00	\$12,445,582.00
Hialeah Recreation and Parks	SE	4	0	\$0.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$70,000,000.00
Hollywood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	SE	4	100	\$20,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$35,000,000.00
Homestead Parks and Recreation	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Lake Worth Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$565,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Lauderdale Lakes Parks and Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$22,000,000.00
Lauderhill Parks and Leisure Services	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$6,500,000.00
Lighthouse Point Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$400,000.00
Martin County Parks and Recreation	SE	4	20,000	\$60,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$30,000,000.00
Miami Beach Parks and Recreation	SE	3	25	\$150,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00
Miami Dade County	SE	5	791	\$185,603,000.00	\$249,358,000.00	\$812,703,000.00
Miami Parks and Recreation	SE	4	500	\$100,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00	\$75,000,000.00
Miami Gardens	SE	4	450	\$16,000,000.00	\$62,000,000.00	\$50,000,000.00
Miami Shores Recreation	SE	2	6	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$8,500,000.00
Miami Springs Parks and Recreation	SE					
North Lauderdale Parks and Recreation	SE	2	20	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
North Miami Beach Parks & Recreation	SE	2	50	\$100,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
North Miami Parks and Recreation	SE	3	76.5	\$30,500,000.00	\$12,747,900.00	\$58,701,500.00
Oakland Park Parks and Recreation	SE	2	50	\$25,000,000.00	\$60,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00
Opa Locka Parks and Recreation	SE	2	10	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation	SE	5	1.5	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Palm Beach Gardens Parks	SE	2	50	\$20,000,000.00	\$18,500,000.00	\$25,300,000.00
Parkland Parks and Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$380,000.00	\$0.00
Pembroke Pines Parks and Recreation	SE	4	20	\$6,000,000.00	\$7,500,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation	SE	4	20	\$20,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Port St Lucie Parks and Recreation	SE	4	100	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$48,000,000.00
Riviera Beach Recreation and Parks	SE	2	20	\$2,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
South Miami Parks and Recreation	SE	2	4.2	\$1,750,000.00	\$1,950,000.00	\$7,000,000.00
St Lucie County Parks and Recreation	SE	4	2,931	\$52,445,694.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$30,000,000.00
Stuart Parks and Recreation Department	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
Sunny Isles Beach Cultural & Human Services	SE	2	8	\$25,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Sunrise Parks and Recreation	SE	3	30	\$10,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Surfside Parks and Recreation	SE	1	1.5	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$24,000,000.00
Tamarac Parks and Recreation	SE	3	20	\$15,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Town of Cutler Bay	SE	2	15	\$12,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Town of Jupiter	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00
Town of Lake Park	SE	1	28	\$30,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Town of Lantana	SE	1	0	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00	\$0.00
Town of Miami Lakes	SE	2	65	\$12,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$8,500,000.00
Town of Palm Beach	SE	1	0	\$0.00	\$28,000,000.00	\$0.00
Village of Islamorada	SE	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00
Village of Key Biscayne	SE	2	3	\$19,600,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Village of North Palm Beach Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$750,000.00
Village of Palm Springs Leisure Services	SE	2	2	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$150,000.00
Village of Pinecrest	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Village of Royal Palm Beach Parks & Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$18,000,000.00
Village of Tequesta Parks and Recreation	SE	1	20	\$7,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Village of Wellington Parks & Recreation	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
West Miami Recreation	SE	1	0	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
West Palm Beach Recreation	SE	4	0	\$0.00	\$35,000,000.00	\$18,000,000.00
West Park Parks and Recreation	SE	2	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
Weston Parks and Recreation	SE	3	0	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation	SE	2	15	\$15,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Total - Southeast Florida			26,618	\$1,090,928,918.00	\$866,941,030.00	\$1,725,090,903.00

Southwest Florida

Park System	Location	Population	Land Needs Acres	Land Needs Dollars	Renovation Restoration Dollars	New Facility Needs Dollars
Cape Coral Parks and Recreation	SW	4	216	\$20,923,600.00	\$15,866,177.00	\$12,500,000.00
Charlotte County Parks and Recreation	SW	4	60	\$3,000,000.00	\$68,286,000.00	\$67,199,000.00
City of Sarasota	SW	3	150	\$250,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Clewiston Parks and Recreation	SW	1	0	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00
Collier County Parks and Recreation	SW	4	624	\$9,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$135,000,000.00
Ft. Myers	SW	3	28	\$4,205,591.00	\$3,865,479.00	\$16,438,200.00
Lee County Parks and Recreation	SW	5	54	\$3,500,000.00	\$11,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Manatee County Parks and Recreation	SW	4	685	\$31,475,000.00	\$7,176,198.00	\$63,685,742.00
Marco Island Parks and Recreation	SW	2	10	\$15,000,000.00	\$18,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00
Naples Community Services	SW	2	2	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
North Port Parks and Recreation	SW	3	498	\$40,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Palmetto Parks & Recreation	SW	2	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
Sarasota County Parks and Recreation	SW	4	200	\$50,000,000.00	\$8,600,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
Town of Longboat Key	SW	2	0	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Wauchula	SW	1	25	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$750,000.00
Total - Southwest Florida	-	-	2,553	\$432,604,191.00	\$157,643,854.00	\$377,192,942.00

Statewide

Funding Category	Acres Needed	Funding Needed
Land Acquisition	120,238	\$4,365,817,609.00
Renovation and Repair	-	\$2,248,169,304.00
New Facilities	-	\$3,867,880,843.00
Total	120,238	\$10,481,867,756.00

What other Florida leaders say about parks

“In a rural district like mine and elsewhere around Florida, it is essential that public dollars that go to buy public lands allow the widest possible public use of these special places. FCT and FRDAP are the two key State programs that help counties and cities invest in parks that are treasured by their citizens and future generations.”

Will Kendrick

State Representative, Carrabelle & Chair, Committee on Conservation and State Lands



“Thanks to FRDAP, Dixie County purchased conservation lands to provide much-needed public access to the Suwannee River and its beautiful natural surroundings. FRDAP grants also made it possible for Dixie County to build soccer and baseball fields, allowing hundreds of children to enjoy the outdoors, exercise, and benefit from team sports.”

Buddy Lamb

County Commissioner, Dixie County

“Having access to recreational parks and open space is essential to the citizenry of Tallahassee. Our Parks and Recreation Department was voted Best in America because we've made preserving green space a top priority.”

John Marks

Mayor, Tallahassee & Second Vice President, Florida League of Cities



“Pasco County, one of the most rapidly changing regions of Florida, must grow in a way that is smart for the long-term. Creating and maintaining parks, trails, and other public spaces is essential to that challenge. Protecting the environment – and giving residents many options for enjoying central Florida's great natural beauty – is key to protecting quality of life. FCT and FRDAP are the critically important parts of Florida Forever that are enabling the communities in my district to grow in the best, wisest possible manner.”

Will Weatherford

State Representative, Zephyrhills & Committee on Conservation and State Lands



The Florida League of Cities (FLC) was created in 1922 by city officials who wished to unite the municipal governments in the state. The aim of the FLC is to promote local self-government and serve the needs of the municipal governments in Florida. This includes advocacy at both the state and federal levels, increasing public knowledge of municipal services and issues, providing municipal officials with training and technical assistance, and providing cost-effective programs and products to local governments. Go to www.flcities.com.



The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting democratic principles by working to keep appropriate authority at the level of government closest to the people, and to increase the capacity of Florida counties to effectively serve and represent the citizens of the state through legislative action, education of public officials, and enhancement of public awareness about the role and functions of county government. Go to www.fl-counties.com.



The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural areas, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since its founding in 1972, TPL has helped protect more than 2 million acres of land in 46 states. In Florida, TPL has protected more than 300 sites - over 200,000 acres at a market value of about \$500 million. The Trust for Public Land depends on the support and generosity of individuals, foundations, and businesses to achieve its "land for people" mission. Go to www.tpl.org.



The Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA), established in 1942, provides advocacy for parks and recreation interests. FRPA prides itself as being one of the State of Florida's most highly recognized associations, as well as a national leader for the parks and recreation profession. The Association is committed to attaining industry excellence in the field of parks and recreation and provides training, education, certification, governmental representation, and other critical member services. Go to www.frpa.org.



"Because of public parks – and team sports, art classes, hiking trails, and strolls on the beach – values are learned, people are shaped, and lives are changed every single day."

Greg Chelius

Florida State Director, The Trust for Public Land

