

NASSAU COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PARKS MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Topic of Amendment:	Implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan
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DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:

Amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element and the Future Land Use Element of the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan consistent with the recommendations contained in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan (PROSMP) prepared by Barth Associates and approved by the County Commission in February 2021. This amendment includes:

1. Amendment to Policy ROS.01.03 to revise the parks definitions for “neighborhood park”, “community park” and “regional park” to be consistent with the PROSMP and to include intended size, use, and service areas for each type of park. The parks prototypes will be included in a new Nassau County Parks Administrative Procedures and Design Manual.
2. Amendment to Policy ROS.01.04 to revise the adopted level of service standard to be expressed as one countywide level of service standard for community and regional parks. The overall countywide level of service remains the same at 14 acres/1000 residents but is proposed to be provided as a single standard for community/regional parks. Water-based facilities are provided for as a part of the new definition and design standards for a regional park. The level of service standard was also revised to include 1) an access standard of within 5 miles of every resident within the urban/suburban area and within 10 miles of every resident within the rural area and 2) reference to minimum design requirements for community and regional parks (See new Policy ROS.01.05).
3. Amendment to add a new Policy ROS.01.05 to establish minimum design standard requirements for community and regional parks. These standards were adapted from the design standards established as a part of the William Burgess Context and Connectivity Blueprint, Appendix H, Recreation General.
4. Amendment to Policy ROS.01.05 to renumber the policy to ROS.01.06 and to establish a service standard for neighborhood parks of 4 acres/1000 residents and an access standard of within ½ mile of every resident. All new residential development of greater than 25 dwelling units is required to construct a neighborhood park. An exemption to this standard was created for rural residential developments where all lots have a minimum gross acreage of 5 acres (217,800 square feet) or more. These standards also reference minimum design requirements for neighborhood parks (See new Policy ROS.01.07). These minimum requirements provide that the minimum size requirement be met with acres that are dry, flat and free of encumbrances that would inhibit establishment of active recreation facilities, that developers are required to construct the new neighborhood parks as community infrastructure in accordance with the county’s prototype and level of service standard, and that they are fronted by local streets.
5. Amendment to add a new Policy ROS 01.07 to establish minimum design standard requirements for a neighborhood park. These standards were adapted from the design standards established for neighborhood parks as a part of the William Burgess Context and Connectivity Blueprint, Appendix H, Recreation General.
6. Amendment to delete old Policy ROS.01.07 to eliminate the level of service requirement for recreation facilities as recommended in the PROSMP.

7. Amendment to clarify Policy ROS.01.09 regarding impact fees and land dedication.
8. Amendment to delete Policy ROS 01.015 regarding land dedication which is now addressed in the revised Policy ROS 01.09.
9. Amendment to delete Policies FL.01.02.I.4 and FL.02.05.E, William Burgess Mixed Use Activity Center Overlay District park level of service requirements (these requirements are now addressed by Policy ROS.01.06).
10. Amendment to add a new Policy STM.01.06 to encourage joint use of stormwater treatment facilities and local parks.