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PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

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FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS BOND PROGRAM



The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and AECOM, the Parks Bond program management team, continue to make progress toward the Parks Bond Program. Leveraging on its partnership with the Transportation and Mobility Department and their mutual goal to increase pedestrian-friendly mobility opportunities throughout the city, the Parks team is working toward improving walkability and expanding available trail systems to better promote health and wellness opportunities within the community. Multiple strategies are in development including the LauderTrail project and the Broward County Greenways Master Plan, as well as improvements and/or additions to both walking and bike trails within city parks.

Walking and biking trails were among the top five priorities that residents and community members identified within the Needs and Priorities Assessment of the Parks System Master Plan to help promote recreational activity and improve neighborhood connections. The City currently has 16 trails, 13 paths, and four walkways available within 28 parks citywide. These trails are a mix between bike, nature, walking/jogging trails, and waterfront walkways. Based on feedback received in recent public outreach efforts, Phase 1 of the Parks Bond Program will include renovations and/or added trails within the following five city parks: Dottie Mancini Park, Hardy Park, Hortt Park, Sailboat Bend Preserve Park, and Warfield Park.

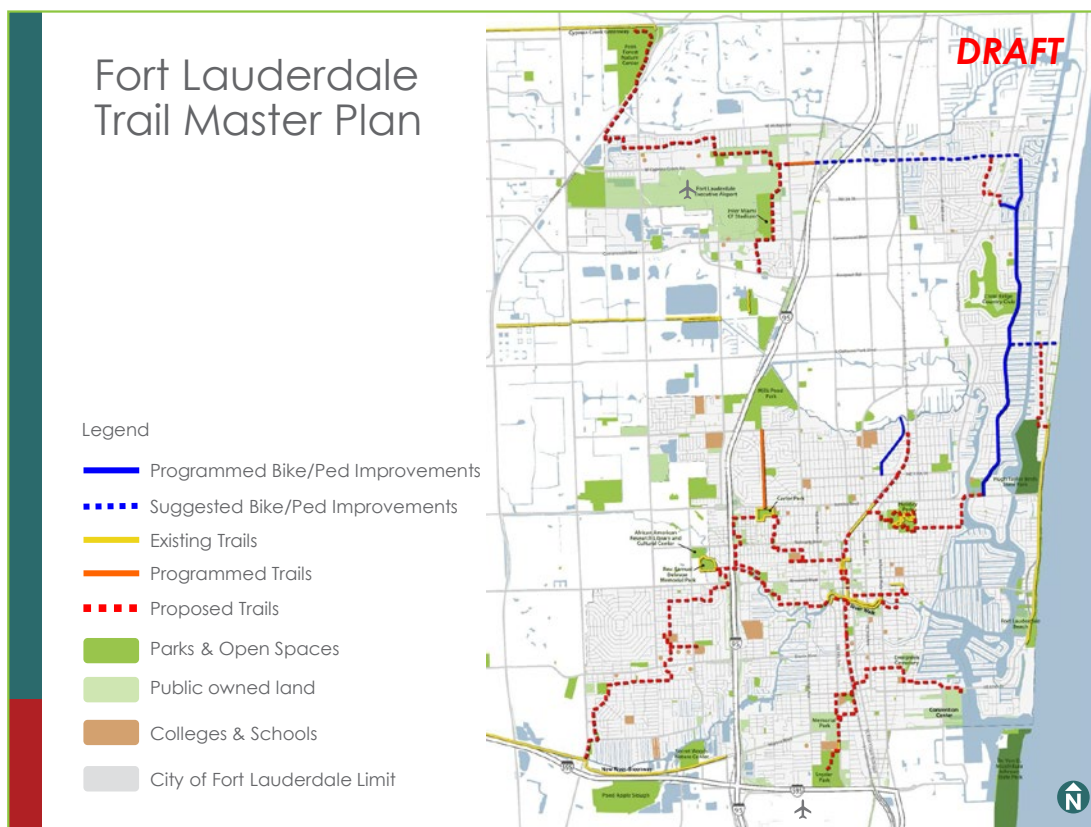
In addition to the enhancement of local neighborhood and community park trails, the City continues to advance the LauderTrail project which will be a citywide community trail with a goal of providing an inclusive, implementable, inspiring,



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interconnected, and engaging trail system safely connecting everyone in the City of Fort Lauderdale to parks, transit, local businesses, attractions, and their neighbors. The Parks Bond has allocated \$5 million in funding to the LauderTrail project, and the City has hired the PATH foundation, a non-profit group specializing in trail system master planning, to assist in the development of a LauderTrail Master Plan that promotes citywide connectivity and multi-modal mobility. The PATH team has worked with an Advisory Panel to establish the Master Planning goal, vet through the planning process on proposed trail connections, and provide direction of trail branding, development standards, and implementation strategies. The project is currently in the process of updating the master plan, outlining implementation phasing, generating a cost estimate, and coordinating with the City on projects that fit within the initial Parks Bond funding. A public meeting will be held on Monday August 23rd, 5 p.m. at City Hall, in the City Commission Chambers. An illustration of the most recent LauderTrail path is provided below.

The Transportation and Mobility Department is concurrently collaborating with Broward County on the Broward County Greenways Master Plan. The collaboration will complement the LauderTrail project since it provides the City with the opportunity to link our neighborhood and community trails to other communities within Broward County as well as Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to seamlessly create regionally connected walking trails. The initiative will expand recreational opportunities within the South Florida region and improve the existing transportation network via the creation of a countywide system of greenways, land, and water trails linking and incorporating 370 miles within Broward County.



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