



# LAUDERTRAC



## PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

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### PARKS BOND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



*Coontie Hatchee Park Playground*



The City of Fort Lauderdale, in conjunction with its multiple partners, continues to advance the community-driven initiatives of the Parks and Recreation Bond Master Plan Design and Implementation Program. Thirty-nine (39) parks have been included in Phase 1 of the program with all projects currently in the conceptual design phase. As part of the City's ongoing commitment to transparency and to implementation of public input, the initial concept plans for all parks will be available for review at [ftlparksprojects.com./Home/Design](http://ftlparksprojects.com./Home/Design). Based on the preliminary plans, which were developed following extensive community feedback, an estimated \$26,159,500 in Park Bond funding is currently allocated for Phase 1 improvements.

Although the full scope of park projects are undergoing design, a number of preliminary improvements were made immediately for community use. Coontie Hatchee Park completed a full playground replacement project this year, which includes a newly improved recreational space and upgraded equipment designed for children between ages 2-5 and 5-12. The project also included the replacement of exercise equipment within the park and additional park enhancements are in development. Hortt Park also renovated its playground by installing new equipment, replacing shade sails, and resurfacing the play area with safer poured in place rubber material to replace the outdated mulch surfacing.

Further advances have also been made on other components of the Parks Bond. Recently, the City Commission approved a five-year agreement with the School Board of Broward County for the joint use of City parks and School Board facilities in Fort Lauderdale. The agreement maximizes resources and significantly improves community access to available open space, athletic fields, and recreational amenities.

Additionally, the City is coming closer to realizing its vision of a citywide, interconnected pedestrian-friendly LauderTrail. The PATH Foundation will be scheduling multiple presentations that highlight their efforts to date, which will feature the proposed conceptual design and master plan of the LauderTrail path for community feedback.



*Hortt Park Playground*

An initial public meeting hosted by Vice Mayor Moraitis and Commissioner Sorensen was held August 23, 2021. After integration of feedback, a formal presentation will be given at the October 5, 2021, City Commission Conference meeting, followed by a final presentation and motion to adopt, which is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2021.