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PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

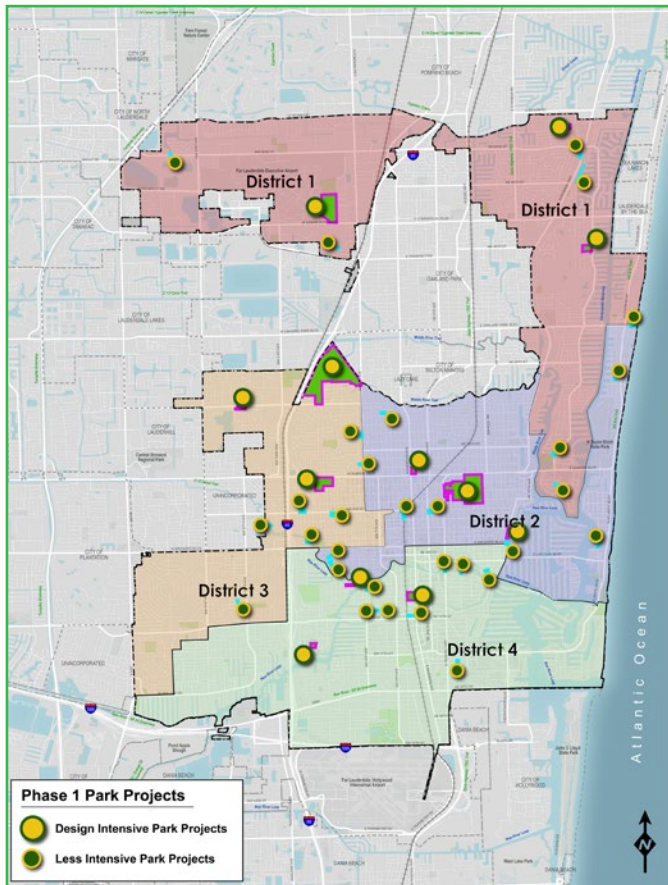
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FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS BOND PROGRAM

Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond Program – Year in Review

The Parks Bond Program has made significant progress within the past year with extensive effort spent ensuring that all project plans were shaped by the needs and expectations of the community from the start. The year was kickstarted by launching proposed renovation plans, site photos, and diagrams for all 97 parks and facilities onto a virtual open house platform for public feedback, prioritization preferences, and follow-up.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and strongly aligned with the priorities developed in prior outreach related to the needs assessment of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan which emphasized sustainable park enhancements that improve equitable access, bike and walkability, trail connectivity, and safety. Phase I enhancements focused on initiating projects at 39 parks throughout the City. Site plans have been finalized for all locations this year with 9 parks currently in the design phase, 25 projects readied for design/construct, and 5 that have been completed or continue moving forward outside the bond program. The 34 remaining capital improvement park projects within Phase I are illustrated below; approximately 24% are expected to be design intensive projects. Furthermore, proposed conceptual plans have been completed for an additional 16 parks within Phase II with design and construction running concurrently with Phase I projects.



Map of Phase 1 Park Bond Projects

Phase I Park Bond Projects

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| Annie Beck Park | Lu Deaner Park |
| Bass Park | Mills Pond Park |
| Bayview Park | Palm Aire Village Park |
| Chateau Park | Peter Feldman Park |
| Colee Hammock Park | Riverside Park |
| Cortez Triangle Park | Sailboat Bend Preserve |
| Dottie Mancini Park | Sara Horn Greenway |
| Earl Lifshy Park | Sistrunk Park |
| Florence C. Hardy Park | South Middle River Park |
| Francis L. Abreau Place | Stranahan Landing |
| Greenfield Park | Tarpon Cove Park |
| Harbordale Park | Tarpon River Park |
| Hortt Park | Townsend Park |
| Imperial Point Entranceway | Twin Lakes North Park |
| Lake Estates Linear | Victoria Park |
| Lewis Landing Park | Warfield Park |
| Lincoln Park | Westwood Heights Triangle Park |

Phase II Park Bond Projects

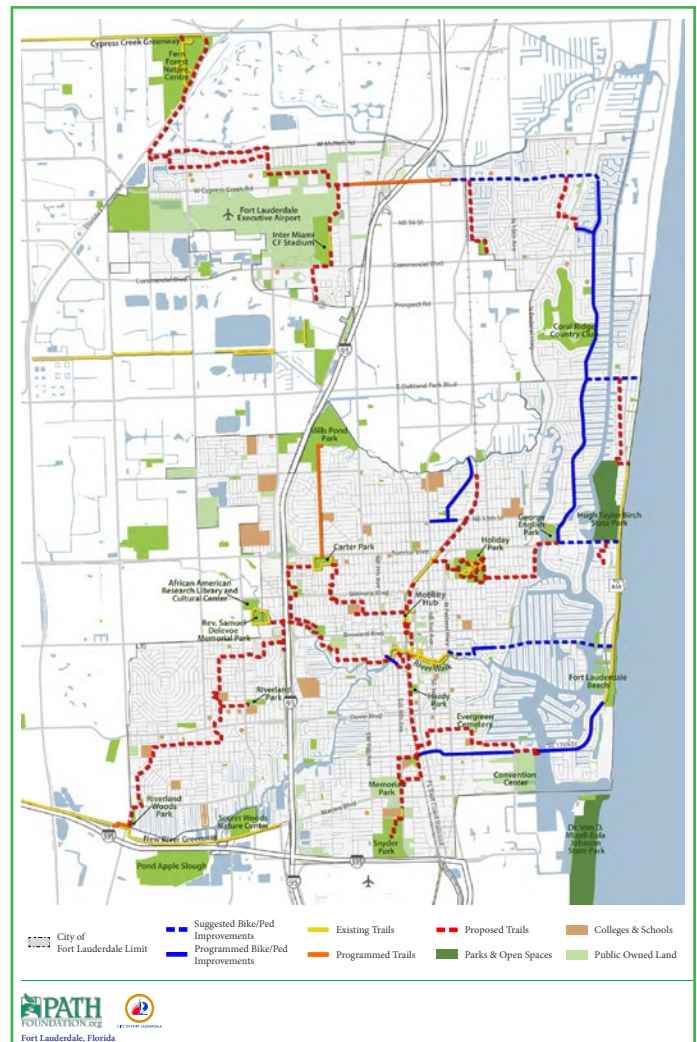
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| Ann Herman Park | Floranada Park |
| Benneson Park | Fort Lauderdale Beach |
| Bill Keith Preserve | Guthrie-Blake Park |
| Cooley's Landing Marina | Lauderdale Manors Park |
| Coontie Hatchee Park | Osswald Park |
| Croissant Park | Riverland Park |
| Esterre Davis Wright Park | Walker Park |
| Flamingo Park | Warbler Wetlands |

Signature projects have also moved forward with construction on the Tunnel Top Pedestrian Plaza Project started in September of 2021 and an anticipated completion date within 2023. Design was initiated for the Carter Park signature improvement project this year as well while community engagement efforts continue moving forward on the Holiday Park project, and proposals are reviewed for the Lockhart Park project.

Connectivity initiatives saw advancements with the Path Foundation's completion of the LauderTrail Master Plan which incorporated 42 miles of greenway trails, side paths, green alleys, neighborhood greenways, cycle tracks, and a living street that connects 35 neighborhoods, 45 parks, 12 schools, 270 businesses, 2 railroad stations, 17 bus routes, and 12 water taxi stops within the City to significantly improve bike and walkability.

The City continued to lead the way in competitive aquatic sports with its completion of the first permanent 27-meter concrete dive tower in the Western world, featuring 9 platform levels for competitive springboard, platform, and high diving sporting events.

The Bond Program also focused on additional acquisition of open space with four properties acquired by FY 2021 end, which increased available park space by 4.5 acres, making incremental improvements in community access. The shared-use initiative further leveraged partnerships and pre-existing public parks and recreational spaces to expand the availability of recreational and programming facilities to residents while minimizing overall costs incurred by the City. All programs relied heavily on community engagement, the expertise of multiple advisory boards, inter-departmental collaboration, fostering cross-jurisdictional relationships, and partnerships with public and private entities. The City of Fort Lauderdale remains dedicated to creating and maintaining partnerships that improve the community, positively impact residents, and bring the communities needs to fruition. Commission and Staff look forward to continuing to build the vision created by residents and stakeholders for Parks Bond Program Projects to life in the coming year.



LauderTrail Overall Trail Master Plan Commission Memo 21-108 Attachment

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