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PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2022

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FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS BOND PROGRAM

At their Prioritization Workshop in January 2022, the City Commission selected Parks and Public Places to continue as a Top Commission Priority for 2022. This initiative will continue the progress of the last year to implement the Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond Program. This program, following the \$200 million voter-approved general obligation bond that was passed in 2019, will improve and enhance parks, public facilities, and recreation projects citywide. The five-year program, which began in 2020, will impact nearly 100 public parks and facilities throughout the city. The City is also looking to develop shared-use agreements with Broward County Public Schools to expand access to quality parks and other recreational opportunities. This partnership would bring the City closer to its goal of ensuring that all neighbors have an available park within a 10-minute walk of their home.

This next year, the City expects to complete Phases I and II of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Center and the International Swimming Hall of Fame renovations. In addition to the iconic 27-meter dive tower which was completed last year, the newly renovated complex will feature a new diving pool, an open-air rooftop amenity deck, a teaching pool, a training pool, an expanded pool deck, a grandstand, bleachers, stadium lighting, a new bathhouse building, and parking improvements. The Parks and Public Places initiative will also focus on completing the design of Lockhart Park including a community center and expanding the variety of recreation offerings through esports and premier special events.

In addition to the key park and facility improvements brought forth through the Parks Bond, this initiative will focus on the beautification of empty lots and dormant spaces and maintenance of streetscapes, medians, and public areas to guarantee our City is an attractive, desirable place to live, work, and play.



Parks Bond Program Timeline