



LAUDERTRAC



PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2022

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SHINING A LIGHT ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Photo of a Mills Pond Park field that shows new LED lighting on the left side and halide lighting on the right side

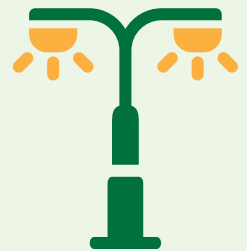
The City of Fort Lauderdale is hard at work to address needed improvements in City parks as a part of the \$200 million Parks Bond program, secured through the 2019 public-approved general obligation bond. One of the needs prioritized through community engagement was improved lighting in parks, play courts, and fields. With an infusion of resources from the Parks Bond, the City has addressed this need and completed lighting upgrades in six parks by converting its existing metal halide lamps to LED light fixtures. Metal halide lamps require a significant warmup period and cannot be easily or quickly turned off and back on. Additionally, metal halide manufacturers have been converting to LED production for several years making it harder to find parts and resulting in lower light levels. The transition to LED allows for more consistent light, focusing only on the areas that need to be lit and creating a safer environment for participants while reducing light pollution.

The transition to LED lighting in parks will also offer the City increased energy efficiency, which is expected to result in significant cost savings, and streamline maintenance and repair activities. Visitors to the parks will recognize the enhanced lighting also extends the enjoyment of City parks in the evenings.

Additional lighting upgrades at Carter Park, Floranada Park, George English Park, and Sunset Park are anticipated to be completed this fall.

PARKS WITH COMPLETED LIGHTING UPGRADES:

- ✓ Bayview Park
- ✓ Croissant Park
- ✓ Hardy Park
- ✓ Holiday Park
- ✓ Mills Pond Park
- ✓ Osswald Park



LED LIGHTING

will increase energy efficiency, reduce maintenance, and result in cost savings!