

ROS STRATEGY 1.1.4.1: The land acquisition and management program will focus on:

- » Distributing parks and environmental lands throughout the county;
- » Filling gaps in the system;
- » Connecting existing properties;
- » Impacts are avoided or mitigated;
- » No (re)development or fill is allowed within the 100 year floodway;
- » There is no increase in base flood elevation within the 25 year and 100 year floodplain resulting from the activity and flood hazard reduction provisions are met;
- » Comparable compensation is provided to offset a reduction in floodplain storage; and
- » Wetland portions of sites within 100 year floodplains are designated as conservation easements.

ROS STRATEGY 1.1.4.2: The Department of Parks and Conservation Resources will evaluate the recreational and/or environmental benefit of acquiring identified properties.

ROS GOAL 2: PROVIDE OUTSTANDING COUNTYWIDE RECREATIONAL, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS THAT ARE SUSTAINABLE, FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE STEWARDSHIP AND ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC VITALITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

ROS OBJECTIVE 2.1: Provide and manage a system of regional resource-based parks and environmental lands to balance-complement recreational activities and opportunities with environmental and heritage stewardship.

ROS POLICY 2.1.1: Establish a level of service (LOS) to meet the park and environmental land needs of the resident population.

ROS STRATEGY 2.1.1.1: Maintain a minimum LOS standard of 14.0 acres of parks and environmental lands for every 1,000 residents.

ROS POLICY 2.1.2: Develop and implement individual management plans for resource-based parks and environmental lands with a focus on the conservation, protection, restoration, management and interpretation of natural and historic resources.

ROS STRATEGY 2.1.2.1: Develop and implement management plans to:

- » Implement best management practices and strategies;
- » Emphasize the commitment to linking open spaces and creating a network of greenways and green spaces;
- » Recognize the importance of protecting the system's value to wildlife and natural resources;
- » Protect and restore critical wildlife habitat;
- » Protect and restore native vegetative communities;
- » Manage historic tree canopies and emphasize the use of native shrubs and trees in park landscaping (target utilization of 85%);
- » Incorporate public art consistent with the Pinellas County Public Art and Design Master Plan;
- » Promote and require low waste events at County-owned recreational facilities;
- » Incorporate environmental, historical, and archaeological exhibits to foster public education; and
- » Foster environmental and heritage stewardship through the education of adjacent property owners.