



## Chapter 7. Parks and Recreation Element

### 7.1. PURPOSE

The Parks and Recreation Element provides guidance and direction regarding recreation facility and park planning efforts in Orange County. The goals and objectives identified within this Element serve as the foundation for establishing future parks and recreation policies and action strategies undertaken by Orange County, its advisory boards, and staff. The specific process for developing a recreation and park implementation strategy is outlined in *Section 1.4: Administration and Implementation Guidelines*.

### 7.2. OVERVIEW

#### BACKGROUND

Orange County offers numerous natural and constructed recreational opportunities throughout the County, including state parks, local parks, and trails and greenways. The County and its towns have worked over the last several decades to cooperate on recreational facility and park planning efforts to deliver coordinated recreational services to the County’s citizens. The County’s last comprehensive park plan was adopted in 1988. Several of the municipalities have updated their park plans more recently. An updated, comprehensive, and countywide parks and recreation strategy is needed.

#### PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING IN ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County and the Towns of Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro have made parks and recreational facilities an important priority among local and County government services. This is exhibited by the strong interest and effort to plan for recreational amenities in the County. Table 7-1 shows the park planning efforts that have occurred in the Orange County.

**TABLE 7-1: PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Jurisdiction	Adopted Park Plan?	Year Adopted	Acreage of Current Parks	Other Related Plans
Carrboro	Yes	2006	80 acres	
Chapel Hill	Yes	2002	255 acres	2006 Greenways Master Plan
Hillsborough	Yes	2007	28 acres	
Mebane	No		141 acres	Master Plan for Lake Michael Park
Orange County	Yes	1988	359 acres	Lands Legacy Plan, Joint Master Recreation and Parks Report

Each of the recreation and park master plans that has been developed in Orange County have included an assessment of existing facilities, an identification of park and facilities needs, and a recommended strategy for funding projects, acquiring land, and working collaboratively with other jurisdictions, sometimes including the school districts, to do joint planning for recreational facilities.



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The 1988 Orange County Recreation and Park Master Plan recommended that the County concentrate efforts in the provision of four types of recreation and park facilities: 1) community parks (serving the more densely populated unincorporated areas of the County); 2) district parks; 3) greenways; and 4) swimming pools. The plan made specific recommendations for the number and locations of parks:

- **Six Community Parks** - One each in the Efland, University Station area of Eno/Chapel Hill Townships, White Cross, and Caldwell communities, as well as the Northern and Fairview parks;
- **Four District Parks** - One each in Bingham Township, Cheeks/Hillsborough Township, Chapel Hill Township, and Little River/Cedar Grove Township; and
- **Two public swimming pools.**

Since 1988, two park land purchase and development bonds totaling \$26 million have been approved by voters. The County has assisted with funding for pools in the Sportsplex facility as well as at Homestead Park in Chapel Hill. A community park has been built in the Efland/Cheeks area, and plans are progressing for improvements at the Northern and Fairview Parks. Land has been acquired for a new park at the Blackwood Farm, near University Station and plans for acquisition of a park site in Eno Township (North-Central Park) are in the current Lands Legacy Plan. The communities of Caldwell and White Cross remain without concrete plans for community parks. However, land acquisition for the White Cross-area park is in the current Lands Legacy Action Plan, and the new Little River Regional Park and Natural Area is in close proximity to Caldwell.

The 391-acre Little River Regional Park and Natural Area (which is larger than a district or community park) has been developed in Little River Township and plans are well under way for the Chapel Hill Township District Park, now named Twin Creeks. A district park for Bingham has not been planned to date, as land acquisition is still underway. The proposed Cheeks/Hillsborough District Park will be met through a split-site approach, combining the active recreation at the West Ten Soccer Center with future low-impact public access areas at the Seven-Mile Creek Preserve, which is located nearby. This split-site approach was confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners in early 2008.

### INTER-JURISDICTIONAL RECREATION AND PARK PLANNING

Orange County has taken a lead role in coordinating park and recreation planning with the municipalities and other jurisdictions, such as OWASA. The following historical summary charts the work of these jurisdictions to coordinate and plan for parks and recreational facilities in Orange County.

### REPORT OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS WORKING GROUP

In 1996, the County initiated a process to develop a Recreation and Parks Working Group that developed recommendations to establish principles for coordinated countywide recreation and park facility planning, foster greater cooperation in use of existing facilities, and support private recreation providers and public/private partnerships. The work group developed a number of recommendations presented to the Assembly of Governments, including setting park standards, an inventory of park and recreational facilities, and the inclusion of park facilities in new school sites.



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### *REPORT ON THE COORDINATION OF RECREATION AND PARKS SERVICES IN ORANGE COUNTY (1997)*

This report described different options for the improvement of services to the community through intergovernmental coordination of parks and recreation functions, including:

- A countywide long range plan for parks and recreation;
- Acquisition and protection of good park sites;
- A lead role for Orange County in funding, acquisition, development, ownership, and maintenance of new facilities;
- Coordination and work toward partial consolidation of selected functions; and
- A countywide bond proposal, which led to the successful 1997 countywide Parks Bond.

### *REPORT OF THE JOINT MASTER RECREATION AND PARKS (JMRP) WORK GROUP*

This report followed up on many of the recommendations from the 1996 and 1997 reports. As a part of this report, an inventory of facilities and community parks needs was developed for each jurisdiction, and recommendations were forwarded on a variety of issues, including:

- Formation of an Intergovernmental Parks Work Group to share information and explore collaboration opportunities;
- Possible funding mechanisms;
- Use of the County's Lands Legacy program as a vehicle for coordinated parkland acquisition; and
- The need for a bond referendum to address parkland deficits.

### *POTENTIAL JOINT CAPITAL FUNDING FOR PARKS*

This report was presented to the Assembly of Governments in 2000. It further explored the possibilities for joint parks, and suggested a mechanism for County and town roles for future joint parks, including the County taking a lead on capital funding and land acquisition and potential town roles in operation and maintenance of joint facilities. This was a precursor to the successful 2001 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Bond.

Key objectives of these efforts that are still critical for coordinated park planning in Orange County today include:

- Ongoing work of the Inter-Governmental Parks Working Group;
- Development of Inter-jurisdictional standards;
- Joint Siting, Design and Management of School Parks and Sites;
- Public / Private Partnerships;
- Joint Capital Facilities Planning / Coordinated Land Acquisition;



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- Open Facilities Policy;
- Payment in-Lieu Changes; and
- Addressing Existing Needs.

### KEY ISSUES

Park planning has evolved since the 1988 Orange County Master Recreation and Parks Plan was adopted. Emerging issues that will need to be addressed in future recreation and park planning initiatives include:

- Coordinating with municipalities to arrange for **appropriate cost-sharing and use policies** as new parks and recreation facilities are developed that draw patrons from multiple jurisdictions;
- Coordinating with the local school districts to develop **joint use recreational facilities** on their campuses;
- Linking local greenway and trail development efforts with the **Mountains to Sea Trail**;
- Planning for and developing recreational opportunities on the **Haw River Blueway (canoe trail and hiking trail)**;
- Developing an **inter-connected system of greenways and trails** linking town and County parks and open spaces; and
- Determining what the **new recreational demands** are that are not currently being met in Orange County.

### 7.3. HISTORIC DATA, CURRENT DATA, EVALUATION OF TRENDS

Orange County has been providing park and recreational facilities to the citizens of Orange County since the 1970's. Prior to that time, the towns provided public park and recreational opportunities, such as Umstead Park, Cedar Falls Park, and Wilson Park. In 1988, Orange County adopted its first official Park plan and has subsequently developed and expanded many parks and trails.

### EXISTING AND PLANNED COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Today, the Orange County Parks and recreation Department manages more than ten parks and recreational facilities, and numerous trails. Additional parks and facilities are being developed in the future. Existing and future facilities are described in Table 7-2.



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**TABLE 7-2: EXISTING AND PLANNED PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Park/Facility	Location	Description
<b>Central Recreation Center and Park</b>	Queen/Tryon and Hassell Streets in Hillsborough	Outdoor facilities include a multi-purpose field, children’s playground, picnic area and parking. The recreation center includes meeting/activity rooms and a gymnasium.
<b>Efland-Cheeks Park</b>	Richmond Road, off US-70 West in Efland and Cheeks Township	11-acre park is co-located with Efland-Cheeks Elementary School. It features a lighted multi-purpose field, two small ballfields, a lighted walking track, two picnic shelters, a playground, a community center, two lighted basketball courts and trails.
<b>Fairview Park (Expansion planned)</b>	Northern Hillsborough on Rainey Avenue	Joint partnership with Hillsborough. 67-acre park includes youth baseball field, picnic area, a new playground with recommended plans for “Phase 2” facilities to include lighted basketball courts, lighted youth baseball/softball field, an additional new playground, picnic shelter and restrooms, a lighted walking track, trails, three tennis courts, and a volleyball court.
<b>Homestead Park Aquatic Center</b>	Eastern end of Homestead Rd in Chapel Hill	27,000 square foot building with two pools, locker rooms, lobby, classroom, and offices to be located on the existing Homestead Park site.
<b>Little River Regional Park</b>	Along border of Orange and Durham Counties on Guess Rd	Created in partnership with Durham County and non-profit groups, the 391-acre regional park and natural area protects a natural heritage corridor along the Little River. More than 7-miles of hiking trails, a playground, two picnic shelters, ADA loop trail, more than 7-miles of bike trails, refurbished farm buildings, possible horse trails, and a group camp site.
<b>Millhouse Road Park (Planned)</b>	Millhouse Road north of Chapel Hill	69-acre park area adjoining Duke Forest. Master Plan yet to be developed.
<b>New Hope Park at Blackwood (Planned)</b>	New Hope Church Road and NC-86	152-acre park currently in master planning phase.



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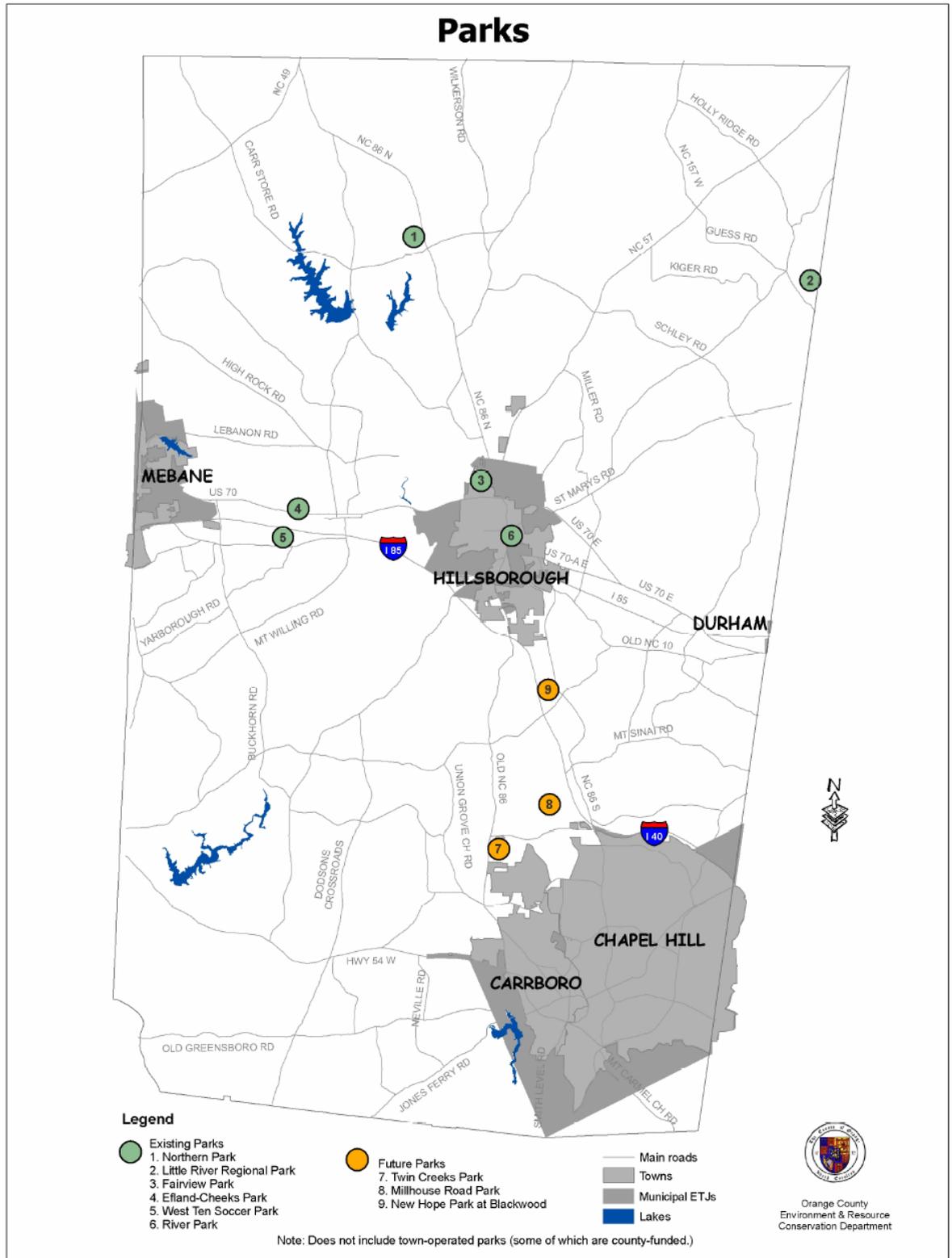
Park/Facility	Location	Description
<b>Northern Park</b>	NC-86, seven miles north of Hillsborough	Co-located on 48 acres with the Northern Human Services Center, the park features a lighted baseball/softball field, gymnasium, meeting rooms, and art and pottery rooms in the center. Currently under construction, Phase II includes a second lighted ballfield, a lighted walking track, a multi-purpose field, a picnic shelter with restrooms, two lighted basketball courts, two playgrounds, trails and parking.
<b>River Park (Planned)</b>	Margaret Lane, Hillsborough (between the Orange County Courthouse and the Eno River)	Six-acre open area will include trails, benches, and picnic tables, a performance stage, and a public market. It is adjacent to the Stillhouse Creek Ecosystem Enhancement Project, which features trail connections and environmental education signage.
<b>Skills Development Center Pocket Park</b>	503 West Franklin Street	Small pocket park along Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.
<b>Smith Playing Fields</b>	1709 High School Road (adjoining Chapel Hill High School)	Joint project of the Town of Carrboro, Orange County, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro School District. Includes two acres, with two lighted soccer fields adjacent to school.
<b>Southern Human Services Center</b>	Homestead Road in Chapel Hill	Nature trails wind around the center and the adjoining ridge. The new Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center is located on this campus.
<b>Twin Creeks Park and Educational Campus (Planned)</b>	Old 86 north of Carrboro	96-acre park will be co-located with a 97-acre educational campus. The park will include a picnic shelter, meadow and nature trail, and two full-sized soccer fields. The full park will eventually have the following lighted facilities: four full size soccer fields, two baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a street hockey court. That park will also include two playgrounds, a water "Spray-park," three picnic shelters, concession and restroom building, croquet and senior activities area, and use of old farmstead buildings.



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Park/Facility	Location	Description
<b>Upper Eno Nature Preserves - Public Access Areas (Planned)</b>	West and southwest of Hillsborough	Future nature preserve(s) encompassing hundreds of acres are envisioned in the Seven-Mile Creek area and along the Eno River. These preserves would include areas designated for public access, including trails and low impact recreation facilities.
<b>New Hope Creek Preserve - Hollow Rock Access Area</b>	Orange-Durham County line, along Erwin Road	A 72-acre preserve would include future public access area with trails, in conjunction with Durham County and Triangle Land Conservancy. Currently in master planning stage.
<b>West Ten Soccer Park</b>	West-central Orange County, near Gravelly Hill Middle School	Co-located with the middle school, the 33-acre soccer complex features five full size lighted soccer fields, including a championship field, a practice field, a concession stand with restrooms and a lighted walking track. A future phase includes tennis courts.
<b>Adams Preserve</b>	Bolin Creek near Estes Drive Extension, in Carrboro (adjoining Carrboro's Wilson Park)	A 27-acre preserve in central Carrboro that features a forested natural area protected in collaboration with the Town of Carrboro.
<b>Starfield Conservation Area</b>	New Hope Creek, north of New Hope Church Road	A conservation easement was granted by the developer of a subdivision that includes protection of a portion of the Currie Hill Natural Heritage site, and a future public trail segment along New Hope Creek.
<b>Northeast Park (Planned)</b>	Schley and Mincey Roads, six miles northeast of Hillsborough	Future 142-acre park will feature active and low-impact recreation, may be co-located with other public facilities.

Map 7-1 depicts the locations of existing and future Orange County parks.



MAP 7-1: EXISTING AND FUTURE COUNTY PARKS



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In addition to the existing and planned parklands, Orange County has purchased additional lands through its Lands Legacy Program, or other means, that have current or future recreational components, such as the Adams Preserve.

The Triangle Sportsplex, owned by Orange County and operated by a private firm, offers wellness and fitness programs as well as a pool, ice rink and other amenities. Wellness, recreation and fitness programs targeted to seniors are also offered at multiple sites, including the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill and Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough.

### **Parks and Recreational Facilities of Other Jurisdictions**

The Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro have independent parks and recreation departments that plan for and provide park and recreation services within the Towns. The Town of Hillsborough does not have dedicated staff to manage and operate park and recreation services and relies on the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department and the Environment and Resource Conservation Department for acquisition, development and management of parks.

A comprehensive list of all public parks and recreational facilities in Orange County, including those managed by the towns, is included in a document entitled *Comprehensive Park and Recreational Facilities*. The Countywide Composite Parks Map, showing all of the jurisdiction's planned and existing parks, is also included in *Appendix M*.

Other park and recreation facilities in Orange County are provided by the following:

- Orange Water and Sewer Authority holds more than 3,000 acres of land in the County, and provides recreational facilities at University Lake and Cane Creek Reservoir;
- Duke University has several Duke Forest properties in Orange County that are used as a private research forest and provides natural areas and public trailways in the County;
- The State of North Carolina manages and operates two state parks in Orange County. The Oconeechee Mountain State Park and the Eno River State Park are both located in Orange County near the Town of Hillsborough; and
- The University of North Carolina's new Carolina North campus is expected to include open space and recreational facilities and fields. Planning for this large new research campus in central Chapel Hill is currently underway.

### **7.4. ORANGE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS**

Projections for Orange County's future population between now and 2030 could mean an additional 40,000-80,000 persons that would need parks and recreational services in the future. Approximately one-quarter of those additional residents will likely live outside of the municipalities, which means that the County



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will have primary responsibility for providing recreation facilities, services and opportunities to somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000 new residents.

To continue providing adequate opportunities for recreation in Orange County, new facilities and programs will need to be added. Planning and funding of these services and facilities will require a coordinated strategy with the towns and school districts in Orange County.

Much has changed in terms of park needs and facilities since the 1988 Master Plan. A countywide assessment of the new demands for parks and recreation, and a coordinated plan for providing those facilities and services is needed.

### 7.5. GOALS

**Parks and recreation Overarching Goal:** Regionally coordinated park facilities that provide healthy opportunities for recreation and exercise for all citizens of Orange County, and that preserve important cultural and natural resources.

**Parks and recreation Goal 1:**

Adequate parks and recreational facilities for all citizens within the County, regardless of age, gender, race or disability.

**Parks and recreation Goal 2:**

A partnership among regional recreational providers and facility owners/managers, including the appropriate co-location and sharing of school facilities, that meets the County's recreation needs.

**Parks and recreation Goal 3:**

Recreational facilities available for the public use in a manner that is multi-generational and accessible to all County citizens at both the countywide and community level.

**Parks and recreation Goal 4:**

Healthy lifestyles, quality of life and community building through the provision of a variety of affordable recreational facilities and choice of leisure activities, while responding to the changing needs and interests of County residents.

**Parks and recreation Goal 5:**

Park and recreational facilities that are environmentally-responsible, and where cultural and natural resources and open space within these sites are protected.

### 7.6. OBJECTIVES

The intent of this Plan is that the following list of objectives will help guide regular and ongoing decision-making by the County related to recreation and park planning initiatives. Each objective has a recommended timeline for



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completion.(Definitions of timelines provided in *Section 1.4: Administration and Implementation Guidelines.*)

**Parks and recreation Goal 1:** Adequate parks and recreational facilities for all citizens within the County, regardless of age, gender, race or disability.

**Objective PR-1.1:**

Acquire and /or retain public ownership of parks, recreation facilities, open space, and conservation areas that will serve Orange County. (See also Natural Areas Objective NA-9.)

**Objective PR-1.2:**

Acquire and/or retain lands suitable for siting both indoor and outdoor active recreation facilities to serve all Orange County residents.

**Objective PR-1.3:**

Develop a land use planning mechanism for securing new parks through the development approval process. (See also Natural Areas Objective NA-10 and Land Use Objective LU-4.3.)

**Objective PR-1.4:**

Consider alternative funding possibilities for future park facilities, such as non-profit foundations.

**Parks and recreation Goal 2:** A partnership among regional recreational providers and facility owners/managers, including the appropriate co-location and sharing of school facilities, that meets the County's recreation needs.

**Objective PR-2.1:**

The County will serve as the lead coordinator of regional open space and recreation facility providers in the County (including OWASA, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Duke University), and coordinate regional efforts including future parkland and recreation facility planning, acquisitions, and operations/maintenance of community, district, and regional park and recreation facilities.

**Objective PR-2.2:**

Develop a methodology to be used by regional recreational providers in determining the number of recreation and park facilities needed. The agreed upon methodology should address countywide and community-specific service areas and how needs are determined within those service areas, such as linking facility needs to population growth.

**Objective PR-2.3:**

Develop a program for land dedication/recreation payment that is effective and comprehensive.

**Objective PR-2.4:**

Establish a mechanism to promote shared use of existing public and institutional buildings and grounds for public recreation, as well as for their primary uses. (See also Education Objective E-2.)



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### **Objective PR-2.5:**

Adopt criteria for evaluating potential land acquisitions for recreation and park facilities in cooperation with other regional park providers.

### **Objective PR-2.6:**

Develop a Memorandum of Agreement among the local governments on joint capital and/or operational funding for future parks and recreational facilities. (See also Education Objective E-2.)

**Parks and recreation Goal 3:** Recreational facilities available for the public use in a manner that is multi-generational and accessible to all County citizens at both the countywide and community levels.

### **Objective PR-3.1:**

Locate parks and recreational facilities close to residential areas and transportation nodes, to increase public knowledge and accessibility to these facilities, including alternative transportation modes.

### **Objective PR-3.2:**

Implement individual park master plans, such as the 2006 Fairview Park Master Plan.

### **Objective PR-3.3:**

Create a new Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Map, to guide future parks planning and help leverage outside funding.

**Parks and Recreation Goal 4:** Healthy lifestyles, quality of life and community building through the provision of a variety of affordable recreational facilities and choice of leisure activities, while responding to the changing needs and interests of County residents.

### **Objective PR-4.1:**

Developers shall provide for adequate and appropriate open space suitable for active/low-impact recreation in residential developments. (See also Natural Areas Objective NA-10.)

### **Objective PR-4.2:**

Investigate the potential for public and/or private commercial partnerships and recreational facilities needed to serve Orange County's residents.

### **Objective PR-4.3:**

Work to keep recreational facilities and services affordable and sustainable to the general public.

### **Objective PR-4.4:**

Periodically survey the public, and conduct needs assessments, on recreation services.



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**Parks and Recreation Goal 5:** Park and recreational facilities that are environmentally-responsible, and where cultural and natural resources and open space within these sites are protected.

**Objective PR-5.1:**

Locate parks and recreational facilities close to residential areas to encourage informal interaction with nature, encourage walkability, and create areas of wildlife habitat with appropriate recreational facilities within the more populated areas. (See also Natural Areas Objective NA-13.)

**Objective PR-5.2:**

Landscape parks and recreational facilities with native vegetation and minimize water use where practical. Prohibit use of known invasive non-native species in County facilities, and take steps to eradicate occurrences of same.

**Objective PR-5.3:**

Ensure public access to County-owned parks and nature preserves, but direct facilities and trails away from the most ecologically sensitive sites.

**Objective PR-5.4:**

Encourage development of a system of private open space and conservation areas, including nature preserves, parks, linear parks, and scenic vistas compatible with the character of Orange County. (See also Natural Areas Objectives NA-11, NA-12, and NA-16, and Transportation Objective T- 1.5.)

**Objective PR-5.5:**

Develop linear parks and rustic trails in the Rural Buffer, and explore opportunities for preservation and connectivity along other identified stream corridors.

**Objective PR-5.6:**

Create a new Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan Map, to guide future parks planning and help leverage outside funding.



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**TABLE 7-3: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES LINKS TO PLANNING PRINCIPLES**

GOAL/ OBJECTIVE	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PLANNING PRINCIPLES									
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Efficient and Fiscally Responsible Provision of Public Facilities and Services</li> <li>2. Sustainable Growth and Development</li> <li>3. A. Encouragement of Energy Efficiency, Lower Energy Consumption, and the Use of Non-Polluting Renewable Energy Resources B. Promotion of Both Air Quality Protection and the Development of an Effective Transportation System</li> <li>4. Natural Area Resource Preservation</li> <li>5. Preservation of Rural Land Use Pattern</li> <li>6. Water Resources Preservation</li> <li>7. Promotion of Economic Prosperity and Diversity</li> <li>8. Preservation of Community Character</li> </ol>									
	1	2	3A	3B	4	5	6	7	8	
Goal 1 and Objectives PR-1.1 – PR-1.4	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	
Goal 2 and Objectives PR-2.1 – PR-2.6	✓	✓							✓	
Goal 3 and Objectives PR-3.1 – PR-3.3	✓	✓						✓	✓	
Goal 4 and Objectives PR-4.1 – PR-4.4	✓	✓							✓	
Goal 5 and Objectives PR-5.1 – PR-5.6	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	

### 7.7. LINKS TO OTHER ELEMENTS

Park and recreational planning is interlinked to with land use, transportation, and natural and cultural systems planning in Orange County. Provided here is a listing of the objectives from other Plan Elements that are linked to Parks and Recreation objectives.

#### LAND USE

**Objective LU-4.3:**

Determine how best private developments can accommodate or provide public and private commercial recreational facilities to serve Orange County's residents.



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### NATURAL AND CULTURAL SYSTEMS

#### **Objective NA-10:**

Require that all major subdivisions (defined as having more than 5 lots according to the Orange County Subdivision Regulations) include within their boundaries open space suitable for low-impact recreation and wildlife habitat.

#### **Objective NA-11:**

Develop a comprehensive conservation plan for achieving a network of protected open space throughout Orange County, which addresses 1) threats to important natural areas; 2) connectivity between protected areas; 3) coordination with neighboring counties; and 4) sustainable management of critical natural resources.

#### **Objective NA-12:**

Establish a system of nature preserves that protect large areas of undeveloped land (including significant natural areas) surrounded by low-density development and working farms and managed forests.

#### **Objective NA-13:**

Promote clustering of residential development and dedication of large areas of undisturbed land for low-impact recreational use by residents and for wildlife habitat. Where feasible, these areas should be contiguous to neighboring tracts of undisturbed land.

#### **Objective NA-16:**

Create a system of public and private open space and conservation areas, including parks, nature preserves, and scenic vistas representative of the Orange County landscape.

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#### **Objective E-2:**

Continue to work with parks and recreation providers in the County to identify opportunities for co-location and shared funding of school and public recreational "joint use" facilities.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### **Objective T-1.5:**

Identify prime viewsheds along major transportation corridors and protect these areas for their scenic and natural resource values.

## **7.8. OTHER KEY DOCUMENTS**

Several documents were used as resources in the development of this Element and are listed below. (See *Section 1.2.5: Where to Look for Related Information* if you would like to obtain one of these documents.)

- *Master Recreation and Parks Plan* (1988)
- *Recreation Dedication/Payment-In-Lieu Report* (1995)
- *Executive Summary - Report of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group* (2000)



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- *Report to the Master Recreation and Parks Work Group (1999)*
- *Report on Potential Joint Capital Funding for Parks (2000)*
- *A New Era for Parks - Organizational Structures for Parks Coordination (2001)*
- *Report of the Master Plan Work Group on the Chapel Hill Township Park and Educational Campus (2003)*
- *Concept Plan Review Committee Recommendations for the Efland-Cheeks Park, Phase 2 (2003)*
- *Composite Countywide Plan for Parks and Trails - Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Mebane, and Orange County (2006)*
- *Fairview Public Campus Master Plan Committee Recommendations (2006)*
- *Final Draft of the New Hope Park at Blackwood Farm Master Plan Committee Report*
- *Town of Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2007)*
- *Carrboro Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan (2006)*
- *Chapel Hill Greenways Plan (2006)*
- *Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Plan (2002)*
- *Draft Orange County Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan (2005)*
- *Carrboro Greenways Plan (2007)*
- *Lands Legacy Program Action Plan (2006-2008)*

### 7.9. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Intergovernmental collaboration for the planning, funding, and maintenance of future parks and recreational facilities in Orange County is necessary if tax dollars are to be used efficiently and services are to be provided equitably throughout the County. As addressed in Goal 2, Orange County needs to continue to lead an ongoing dialogue with the Towns of Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Mebane, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County School districts, as well as other parks and recreational providers, to coordinate future park planning and funding efforts.