



GOAL 1: To provide and ensure a comprehensive system of public parks, open spaces and recreational programs, that are well planned, convenient and customized to the recreational needs of the residents of Cutler Bay while preserving and protecting valuable natural resources for future generations.

Objective ROS-1

Maintain a coordinated system of parks, recreational land and open spaces serving the residents of Cutler Bay at a Level-of-Service of 3.0 acres per 1,000 residents through the year 2030.

Monitoring Measures ROS-1

Achievement of the Recreation and Open Space Level of Service Standard.

Policy ROS-1A: The Town will provide local recreation open spaces to serve the close to home recreation and open space needs of the residents of Cutler Bay. Active open spaces shall be provided at a Level-of-Service Standard of 1.2 acres per 1,000 residents and consist of the following:

1. Local parks consisting of mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and single-purpose parks and a relative percentage of regional parks used as local recreation open space and designated in the inventory of parks maintained by the Town of Cutler Bay and the County; and
2. Public school playfields that are used as local recreation open space through written agreement.

Policy ROS-1B: The Town shall add additional active park land to the Town's inventory to meet and maintain the established Active Open Space Level-of-Service Standard of 1.2 acres per 1,000 residents.

Policy ROS-1C: The Town will ensure private open space is provided to serve the recreational and open space needs of the residents of Cutler Bay. Private open space shall be provided at a Level-of-Service Standard of 0.9 acres per 1,000 residents.

Policy ROS-1D: The Town will ensure conservation open space is provided to serve the environmental and health needs of the residents of Cutler Bay. Conservation open space shall be provided at a Level-of-Service Standard of 0.9 acres per 1,000 residents.

Policy ROS-1E: The Town will periodically review and modify the LOS standard as necessary to ensure that it accurately reflects the recreational needs of the residents of Cutler Bay.

Policy ROS-1F: In coordination with the Future Land Use Element and the Coastal Management Element, public access to Biscayne National Park will be provided where possible. Where shoreline access is to be provided through Mangrove Protection Areas, elevated boardwalks, designed to minimize the impact of wetland vegetation, shall be utilized.



Objective ROS-2

The Town will require the creation of adequate local recreation open space as a condition for the approval of residential development projects and maintain an adequate inventory of recreational areas and facilities through the standards of the Land Development Regulations, private donations and the collection of concurrency fees.

Policy ROS-2A: The Town shall maintain an updated inventory of recreation open spaces. The Park and Recreation Director shall maintain information on designated public parks and open space and associated facilities for accurate and regular measurement of levels of service and administration of the concurrency management system.

Objective ROS-3

The Town will maintain and update a Park and Recreation Master Plan that reflects the current and emerging needs of the community of Cutler Bay.

Policy ROS-3A: The Park and Recreation Master Plan will provide guidance for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of the existing Miami-Dade County controlled open space parks and recreation facilities.

Policy ROS-3B: The Park and Recreation Master Plan will include plans for future water related facilities and programs that will be available for use by residents of all ages in Cutler Bay.

Policy ROS-3C: In coordination with the Educational Facilities Element, the Park and Recreation Master Plan will provide criteria whereby the Town can focus on seeking sites for future parks which are adjacent to existing or planned public schools, community centers, libraries or other compatible civic uses for the purpose of encouraging joint use facilities or the creation of logical focal points for community activity.

Policy ROS-3D: The Town will seek private and public funding sources as may be available through various sources to fund the acquisition and development of land for future parks, recreational facilities and programs.

Policy ROS-3E: The Town will cooperate with the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department on the provision of County park facilities within or serving the residents of the Town,

Policy ROS-3F: In certain special situation, coordination between the Town and Federal agencies shall play a key role in the management of natural areas and recreational open space.

Objective ROS-4

The Town will provide improved access to parks and recreational facilities within Cutler Bay.

Policy ROS-4A: The Town will continue to improve motorized access to parks and recreation open spaces on roads and transit routes through the coordination with the Transportation Element and the Future Land Use Element.

Policy ROS-4B: The Town will provide adequate parking at all existing and future active recreational parks and facilities within Cutler Bay.



Policy ROS-4C: The Town will promote non-motorized access to all existing and future parks and recreation open spaces within Cutler Bay by creating and improving greenways, trails, bike lanes, sidewalks and improved connectivity between parks and residences, schools, community centers, activity centers and transportation hubs.

Policy ROS-4D: The Town of Cutler Bay's Park and Recreation Department shall seek to increase public awareness of available recreation opportunities through information programs, including making handouts available at Town Hall, posting information on the official Town Website, placing signage on roadways and at parks.

Policy ROS-4E: The Town shall continue to provide improved access for persons with disabilities by removing architectural, communication and program barriers to participation in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Objective ROS-5

In coordination with the Coastal Management Element, the Town shall place a high priority in the acquisition of unprotected coastal lands for use as parks and preservation that provide public access for residents and visitors to the shoreline.

Policy ROS-5A: The Town shall maintain information on environmentally sensitive land, coastal areas, historic places and archaeological sites under public and private ownership that provide public interpretive and recreational opportunities.

Policy ROS-5B: Those portions of park properties containing important natural, historic, or archaeological resources will be developed and managed for long-term viability and integrity of the resource. The Town will assure that land in the vicinity of such park properties is developed for a use that is compatible with the protection of the natural, historic or archaeological resources.

Policy ROS-5C: The Town will use native plant materials for park landscaping where appropriate and shall use it especially in developing and maintaining environmentally sensitive parklands.

Policy ROS-5D: When the Town acquires land it shall restore damaged or degraded natural areas including removing invasive plants and replacing them with native plants. The Town will rehabilitate mosquito control ditches as appropriate.

Objective ROS-6

The Town will maintain and improve communications between the Park and Recreation Department and visitors to ensure that the population's expressed needs and desires are considered in the further development and operation of the parks system.

Policy ROS-6A: The Park and Recreation Department shall periodically survey the Town residents to assess participation patterns and identify priorities for the delivery of services.

Policy ROS-6B: The Town shall include public participation in all aspects of site planning for future park and recreation open space.