
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 5.1

GOAL # 5: INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

Invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems

INITIATIVE 5.1: COMPLETE CAPITAL PROJECTS AT PARKS – IMPROVE PROGRAMS: DEVELOP LAND CONSERVATION AND ACQUISITION PROGRAM (BIODIVERSITY, PASSIVE RECREATION)

Champion: Steve Phillips, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Sponsoring Commissioner: Craig Lowe, Commissioner (District IV)

Committee: Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee

Stakeholders: Alachua County Forever, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT), residents and visitors, private and public organizations that use public properties and facilities.

Desired Outcome: Complete 40 designated Capital Improvement and Renovation Projects funded through the 2005 Capital Improvement Recreation Bond Funds (CIRB); Implementation of effective land acquisition programs that protect environmentally sensitive and passive recreation.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2006 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 12, 2007, then adopted again on February 25, 2008 as an on-going initiative.

Progress to Date:

Land conservation: Since, FY 2007 funds have been allocated each year for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands. During the third quarter of FY 2007, staff completed the prioritization of the City's Land Acquisition List.

Capital Projects: In October 2006, three million dollars in bond issue (CIRB) was appropriated for recreation and park improvements. In the second quarter of FY 2008, the City was 70% complete with the Capital Project improvements that were targeted for completion.

Supporting Documentation:

- [Gainesville Sensitive Lands Prioritization Project](#), January 2008
- [Gainesville Sensitive Lands Prioritization Map](#), January 2008
- [Capital Improvements Project List](#), Frequently updated

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Action Plan for Capital Improvement Projects at Parks for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Review existing Capital Improvement Projects and status	Complete
2. Develop list of those not completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I.D. action plan / time frame for completion ▪ Review funding to make sure funds available for completion 	Complete
3. Complete remaining projects	September 2009

Action Plan for Land Acquisition Program for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Meet with stakeholder to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Process (City has compared to other agencies) ▪ List ▪ Whose acquisition it is 	Complete
2. Provide list to Committee / Commission for review	Complete
3. Target lands for acquisition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pending funding ▪ City allocation ▪ State grants ▪ Other (County, etc.) 	On-going
4. Address additional funding through State Grants, City Budgeting, etc.	On-going

Critical Success Measures

- Percent of Capital Improvement Projects completed
- Percent acres of land acquired for conservation