

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT
Goal, Objectives and Policies

City of Avon Park Comprehensive Plan
Adopted December 26, 1990

GOAL: **Ensure the provision of sufficient parks, recreation facilities and open space for the City of Avon Park.**

Objective 1:

Public access will be ensured to recreation sites designated in this element. [9J-5.014(3)(b)(1)]

Policy 1.1: Recreation sites will be maintained and improved where necessary to ensure access. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Policy 1.2: Bicycle and pedestrian access will be provided and maintained at designated recreation sites. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Policy 1.3: Sufficient parking places and bicycle racks shall be provided at designated recreation sites. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Policy 1.4: Avon Park shall maintain the number and quality of public access points to the City's lakes and freshwater beaches through continued implementation of its park maintenance program. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(3)]

Objective 2:

Public and private resources shall be coordinated to meet the recreation demands of the residents of Avon Park. [9J-5.014(3)(b)(2)]

Policy 2.1: Avon Park will require future development to contribute to the recreation inventory of the City. This may be through the construction of recreational facilities, land donation, fees, or other methods. By July 1, 1991, land development regulations will be reviewed, revised or amended as necessary to ensure this objective. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Policy 2.2: Avon Park shall continue to coordinate with local, state or federal entities to identify possible sources for improving, maintaining or expanding the City's recreation inventory. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Policy 2.3: Avon Park shall continue to work with private and public entities to maintain and improve the recreation inventory. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(5)]

Objective 3:

Avon Park shall ensure that parks and recreation facilities are adequate and are efficiently provided. [9J-5.014(3)(b)(3)]

Policy 3.1: Avon Park establishes the Recreation Level of Service Standard of three acres of designated recreation land per 1,000 residents upon adoption of this Comprehensive Plan. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(4)]

Policy 3.2: By July 1, 1991, land development regulations will be reviewed, revised or amended as necessary to meet all obligations of this Recreation Element. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(4)]

Policy 3.3: Lands designated as recreation shall be protected from incompatible land uses. Enforcement of existing and future land development regulations shall be maintained to ensure this provision. This policy shall be consistent with the Future Land Use Element and other relevant policies of this Comprehensive Plan. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(4)]

Objective 4:

Lands designated as "Open Space" or "Natural Conservation Areas" will be provided by public agencies and private enterprise and will be protected from incompatible land uses. [9J-5.014(3)(b)(4)]

Policy 4.1: By July 1, 1991, Avon Park shall adopt land development regulations which include specific open space definitions and standards addressing protection of open space and addressing natural vegetation, landscaping and signage as well as the provision and use of open space for buffering. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(1)]

Policy 4.2: By July 1, 1991, Avon Park shall adopt incentives to encourage the provision of open space areas within future developed areas, and/or shall require private developments to provide a fair and adequate share of open space through the use of fees, land donations, clustering of development, or other methods. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(2)]

Policy 4.3: Identification of sites for natural conservation areas will be identified on the Future Land Use Map, and will be consistent with the Future Land Use Element and the Conservation Element. [9J-5.014(3)(c)(2)]